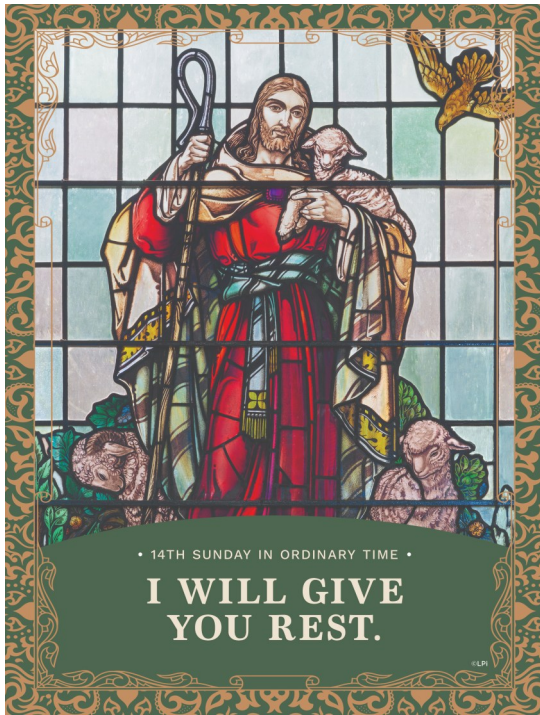




GOSPEL MEDITATION: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ

- Father John Muir

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July 5, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Connect with all 9 parishes within Holy Apostles Pastorate
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Here you will find Mass times, bulletins, a calendar of events,
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"By the Spirit put to death the deeds of the body," St. Paul writes today. For "deeds of the body" think of Gal 5:19-21: "adultery, fornication...envy, murder, drunkenness..." For "put to death" think of the word "mortification" (which literally translates "put to death"). The Catechism in #2015 says, "Spiritual progress entails asceticism and mortification..." "Asceticism" means rigorous self denial. Disciplining our will each day, perhaps many times, from custody of the eyes and withholding unnecessary negative remarks to making the time for prayer and letting a sugar coated enticement pass you by is put before us this weekend. If laxity is what we measure out to God, it may well be measured back out to us.

As I write, we've had two days of record numbers with the grade school level of Lumen

Christ!! I've heard good reports also from those returning from the Steubenville retreat. Ordering a door and windows for Dante's old sacristy (southwest corner of the church) along with the new siding has pushed the work back to probably after Harvest Fest. Speakers for under the balcony are in the works. Help us find a new janitor to hire for Dante! And find your way to the shelter on the low side of the dam for 11:30am Mass next Sunday (instead of 11am at Marty). AND at Wagner join the KC's meeting on Tuesday and the Parish Potluck next Saturday right after Mass - fellowship is so wholesome for us to do!

Fr. Jim



Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Waylon Koupal (infant son of Tyler & Tayleigh Koupal), Eleanor Andersh, Joe Morrison, Miko Kotab, Konnor Deurmier, Dustin Scheuffele, Roger Cuka. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to (or taken off) the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: JULY 5

- ◆ Saints Benedict & Scholastica
- ◆ Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth
- ◆ Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?

Answer: A Holy Hour

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 7
5:00 p.m. - Assumption
Wednesday, July 8
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, July 10
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, July 11
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, July 12
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS
Wednesday, July 22
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	July 6	Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jordon Koupal †
Tuesday	July 7	Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Delores Schrupp †
Wednesday	July 8	Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time/	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Leonard & Ayre Farke †/ Rachel Soukup †
Thursday	July 9	Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Jeanne Soulek †
Friday	July 10	Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Holy Souls †
Saturday	July 11	Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Scott McAdaragh †
Sunday	July 12	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:30 a.m. - Ft. Randall Shelter 2	Don, Elaine & Tim Cihak † Ellsworth Wayne Chytka †



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING/RENEWAL

July 12
10:00 a.m. (After 9:00 a.m. Mass at Assumption)
July 5
Noon (After 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's)

Note: This training is for all current extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and for any parishioners interested in being trained and commissioned by Bishop DeGroot to serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!

The local food pantries are in need of donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items (body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent). Parishioners of all parishes

are asked to leave their donations in the containers in the entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!

BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

August 25
The Penitent Lifestyle
Directed by Archbishop Gullickson
September 22
TBD, Directed by Father Jim Mason
October 13

Gratitude: The Gift that Keeps on Giving
Directed by Father Joe Vogel
These day-long retreats run from 10 am to 3 pm and include two conferences, Mass, built-in time for Adoration, and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch is provided. The value of these retreats is \$50/person.



CDA BINGO AT WAGNER GSC
Thursday, July 16
3:00 p.m.
GSC Dining Room

Members of our parishes are invited to assist the Catholic Daughters with BINGO at the Wagner Good Samaritan Center (helping residents watch their cards, handing out prizes). Any and all help would be appreciated - by the Catholic Daughters and by the nursing home residents!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, July 7
7:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**"Serve the Lord
with gladness"**

— Psalm 100:2

	Saturday, July 11 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, July 12 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, July 12 11:30 a.m. - Ft. Randall
EM	Sandy Seiner/ Bonnie Soukup	Volunteer	Karen
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Kim Soukup	Donna Smejkal	Amy/ Sr. Miriam/ Georgia
Altar Servers	McKinley Podzimek/ Jaylee Kafka/ Skyler Kocer	Dashel Smejkal	Emma/ Kalea
Music	Austin Genzlinger	Bernie Koupal	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Bud Koupal/ Derek Koupal	Jason/ Ridge
Greeters	Fran Podzimek		Mary Jo
Gift Bearers	Matt & Mieke Slaba Family	Derek Koupal Family	Miles, Keva, & Family
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal		
Sacristan	Ray Soukup		
Collection Counters	Dorothy Holzbauer/ Karol Kniffen	Donna Smejkal. Derek Koupal	Dave/ Ray

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, July 6

Evening Prayer at 4:40 at St. John's
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following

Tuesday, July 7

Confessions at 5:00 p.m. at Assumption
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's

Wednesday, July 8

Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following

Thursday, July 9

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center/
Daily Rosary Following

Friday, July 10

Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery

Saturday, July 11

Confessions at 4:30 p.m. at St. John's
Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's/Potluck Supper Following

Sunday, July 12

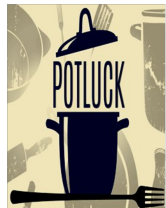
Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption
Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption
Training/Renewal for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Community at 10:00 a.m. at Assumption
Kateri Mass at 11:30 a.m. at Fort Randall Shelter/Potluck Picnic Following



Belated greetings and best wishes to Father Jim on the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 29! Father Jim was ordained in 1989. May God richly bless Father Jim for his faithful and selfless service!

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
June 27 \$1351.00
Peter's Pence * \$ 556.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:
Mass Stipends \$ 60.00
Donation \$ 50.00
**Includes Peter's Pence envelope donations and weekend's loose offerings.*



JULY POTLUCK

Saturday, July 11
6:30 p.m. (After 5:30 p.m. Mass)
St. John's Church Basement

Everyone is invited to join us and enjoy great food and fellowship!

DAILY ROSARY ON FRIDAYS

Beginning on Friday, July 3 (and continuing as long as the weather allows), the daily Rosary on Friday evenings will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery. Bring your lawn chairs and meet at the crucifix in the middle of the cemetery! We will be praying for the deceased of our parishes (as listed in the necrologies) and for all our deceased loved ones and friends. We hope to see you there! In the event of inclement weather, the Rosary will be prayed at St. John's.

THANK YOU!

The flowers in front of the altar for the Fourth of July weekend were donated by Don & Theresa Koupal in memory of their son Jordon. The flowers in front of the Sacred of Jesus statue were donated by Larry & Peggy Nedved. Thank you, everyone, for your donations!



KATERI MASS & POTLUCK

Mass at 11:30 AM at Randall
Creek Recreation Area at
Shelter RC2.

Meat, drinks and utensils will be provided. All are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share at the potluck following Mass.



12TH ANNUAL TASTE THE GOODNESS SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

5:00 – 9:00 PM

DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS

AVERA TECH BUILDING | 212 E 11TH ST
For more information, visit <https://ccfesd.org/events/taste-the-goodness/>

33RD ANNUAL BISHOP'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 17, 2026

Minnehaha Country Club – and – The Country Club of Sioux Falls

The Bishop's Cup is the longest-running Bishop's Charity event for our diocese. Established in 1994, this event is held in August of each year on the two most pristine courses in the region: The Country Club of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha Country Club. Proceeds from this event benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, located near Irene, SD. For more information, visit <https://ccfesd.org/events/bishops-cup/>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 9

Donations of vegetables and empty Cool Whip containers are needed for the Harvest Festival on August 9. Anyone who will be unable to work is asked to contact Amya Soukup 605-770-8168 or Kristi Koupal 605-491-1128!



BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, July 12

After 9:00 a.m. Mass at Assumption
There will be a free breakfast at the CCD Center in Dante to help Dorothy Andersh celebrate her 90th birthday. All are welcome.

Happy 90th Birthday, Dorothy!



BLESSING FOR OUR COUNTRY

Dear God,
Bless this land that we love,
a land You created, in love.
We are at our best when
we're close to You. Please
inspire, guide, and govern
our leaders and our vision,
that our greatness may be
founded in and defined in
You. Amen.

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Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:

July 6: Irene Krcil (A), Karen Krcil (SJ), Lauren Sees (A); July 7: Vicki Koupal (A), Bryce Soukup (SJ), Jace Kuhlman (SJ), Raelynn Kuhlman (SJ), Jayce Walloch (A); July 8: Diane Carda (A), Donna Smejkal (A), Gage Bares (A), Keely Bares (A); July 9: Dorothy Andersh (A), Jaxton Hill (A), Leo Holzbauer (SJ), Beckham Krcil (A), Kathy Zolnowsky (SJ), Trevor Lensing (SJ), Presley Slaba (SJ); July 10: Paxton Kuhlman (SJ); July 11: Philip Kafka (SJ), Bernie Koupal (A); July 12: Belinda Beeson (A), Hanna Cameron (A), Jacob Cihak (A), Chuck Eitemiller (SJ), Brenda George (A), Nicole Kafka (A), Cindy Krcil (A), Elsie Krcil (A), Maci Soukup (SJ).

Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week!



Happy Anniversary to these couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

July 7: Ray & Bonnie Soukup (SJ); July 10: Dylan & Keely Brunsing (SJ); July 11: Joe & Janelle Sees (A).

Also, Happy Anniversary to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2026

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

THE SMALLNESS OF GREAT FAITH

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old

entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, "Don't touch anything!" She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It's the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we've tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!)

And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can't read?

A thought came to me so clearly: Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

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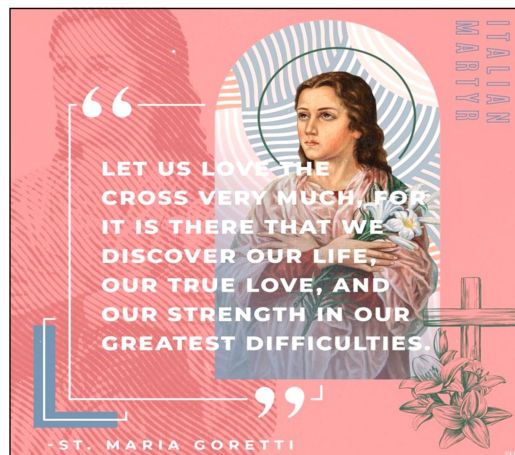
Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Mitchell

July 30, 31, & August 1

Sacred Heart Pastorate will be hosting a Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Training at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mitchell, SD in 2026 and 2027. Dates for Level I Part A are July 30, 31, & August 1 AND October 10-12, 2026. For further information and registration, visit <https://mitchellcatholic.org/whats-new/news/cgs-training-to-be-offered-in-2026-2027>.

FREE LANCE WRITERS NEEDED

Are you a writer who would like to contribute to spreading the Gospel in the Diocese of Sioux Falls? The Bishop's Bulletin is looking to add more freelance writers to their stable of writing professionals. If you have writing experience and a heart for the Church and the stories of your diocese, please contact Renae Kranz at rkrantz@sfcatholic.org. The average writer is assigned a story once every couple months. Join the Bishop's Bulletin team!



LET US LOVE THE CROSS VERY MUCH, FOR IT IS THERE THAT WE DISCOVER OUR LIFE, OUR TRUE LOVE, AND OUR STRENGTH IN OUR GREATEST DIFFICULTIES.

- ST. MARIA GORETTI

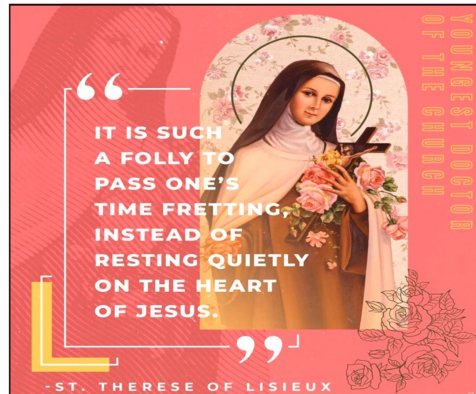
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

FAITH LIKE A CHILD

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of "mine" turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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IT IS SUCH A FOLLY TO PASS ONE'S TIME FRETTING, INSTEAD OF RESTING QUIETLY ON THE HEART OF JESUS.

- ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX