

GOSPEL MEDITATION: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?" Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: the Eucharist. We say: the Body and Blood of Christ. We say: the Real Presence. We say: the Most Blessed Sacrament. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

— Father John Muir
©LPi



**June 7, 2026
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

Holy Apostles Pastorate

Fr. Thomas Clement, Pastor
605-337-3710
Email Address:
frthomasclément@sfcatholic.org

Fr. Jim Friedrich, Parochial Vicar
384-5518 or 605-933-9042
Email Address:
frjimfriedrich@sfcatholic.org
Parish Office: 384-5518
Email Address:
wagner@holypostlessd.org

Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff, OSB
Director of Discipleship & Evangelization
605-760-5295
mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org

Marty Royston, Facilities Manager
facilities@holypostlessd.org/605-770-2595

Bailee Mogck, Business Manager
parkston@holypostlessd.org

JoNell DeHaan,
Administrative Assistant/Communications
office@holypostlessd.org

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
107 High Avenue SW (PO BOX 637), Wagner

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
416 Haines Street, Dante

St. Paul Catholic Church
102 Church DR (PO Box 266), Marty

Connect with all 9 parishes within Holy Apostles Pastorate by visiting holypostlessd.org. Here you will find Mass times, bulletins, a calendar of events, faith formation information & more!

Check out Holy Apostles Pastorate on Facebook and Instagram!



**St. John's Parish
Contact Information**

Rectory/Basement Kitchen 384-5518
CCD Center 384-5157
Bulletin:
Theresa Koupal 481-1565
dkoupal@hcinet.net
Prayer Chain:
Dorothy Holzbauer 491-2699
Parish Website: <https://stjohnthebaptistcatholicchurch.weebly.com/>



**St. Paul Parish
Contact Information:**

*Catholic Mission
of the
Yankton Sioux People*

St. Sylvester Convent 384-3305
Sister Miriam 384-3234
Prayer Chain
Alice Cournoyer 491-2453
Kateri Circle/Judy Pena 469-5755
Life/Rhonda Kuhlman 384-4257
Faith Formation
Cathy Kreeger 384-3234
Amy Doom 469-5797



**Assumption Parish
Contact Information:**

Rectory 384-5518
Church/CCD Center 384-5155
Bulletin:
Danielle Krcil 491-2202
daniellekrcil@gmail.com
Prayer Chain:
Cindy Krcil 384-3585
Marilee Krcil 286-3907

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

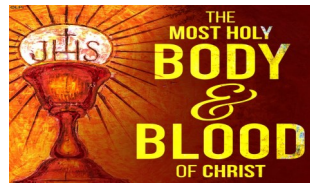
One Christmas Fr. Murtha gave me a gift of a CD of some of the conversion stories from the Coming Home Network. Occasionally when I turn on Catholic Radio (93.1) I happen upon that program; it has caught my attention how many people say that it was Jesus' words today that brought them into the Catholic Church. Either Jesus is crazy in all his words about eating his Body and Blood. Or else he is serious (letting many people stop following him at these words), and the place that we "do this" (namely Mass) must be nothing less than a connection to God in heaven!

To serve this Mystery (Christ!) as altar server or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is a supreme privilege. Wanting ALL servers and All ministers (possibly interested or long time seasoned) to come to a training renewal, I have another opportunity next Sat (13) after Mass at Wagner for ministers and another opportunity for servers

next Sun (14) after Mass at Marty. Also I'll have two opportunities for Ministers after Sun Mass at Dante on June 14 and 28. I'll ask Lumen Christi for times to do server training or renewal during their week of June 28-July 3. I'm thinking of a minister training/renewal date at Marty after Mass on Sun June 28.

We covered a lot of ground at parish councils this week. Sheets in the entry at Wagner mention the choice of a sound system from Audio Visual Integration (out of Sioux Falls) and in Dante the proposal to have church residing done by H&H (out of Yankton) - I hope to have a detailed handout made on this.

Sincerely,
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. 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: JUNE 7

- ◆ Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee
- ◆ Presence
- ◆ The Sacred Heart & the Immaculate Heart



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS

Saturday, June 6
After 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John's Sunday, June 7
After 9:00 a.m. Mass at Assumption
After 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, June 8
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Tuesday, June 9
8:30 a.m. - St. John's
Saturday, June 13
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, June 14
8:15 a.m. - Assumption



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & POTLUCK SUPPER

Thursday, June 11
6:30 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement
The daily Rosary will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Following the Rosary, officers will practice for the installation ceremony. . Installation of the new CDA officers - Barb Wiechmann, Regent; Sandy Seiner, Vice Regent; Financial Secretary, Dorothy Holzbauer; Treasurer, Jan Holzbauer; Secretary: Carol - will take place after the practice. A potluck meal will be served, and families are invited to attend!

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	June 8	Monday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	OSBS Relatives & Friends †
Tuesday	June 9	Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church	8:00 a.m. - St. John's	Bill & Gladys Slaba †
Wednesday	June 10	Wednesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS
Thursday	June 11	Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle	NO MASS
Friday	June 12	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	NO MASS
Saturday	June 13	Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary/ Saint Anthony of Padua/Priest & Doctor of the Church	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Frank & Rose Kocer †
		Vigil of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	John Den Ouden †
Sunday	June 14	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Don & Elaine Cihak †/Tim Cihak † Mary Zacharias †




FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES

First Catholic Slovak Ladies will meet on June 7th, 2026 at 12:30 pm at B Lou's for their June meeting and Luncheon. Please join us for some great food and fellowship.

BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

June 23
What God Wants Elderly People to Focus on the Most
Directed by Father Joe Vogel


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

November 10
TBD, Directed by Father Joe Forcelle

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



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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Saturday, June 13 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, June 14 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, June 14 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
"Serve the Lord with gladness" <small>- Psalm 100</small>			
EM	Bonnie Soukup/ Mieke Slaba	Volunteer	Alice
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Teddy Slaba	Daniel Soukup	Georgia/ Sr. Miriam/ Sr. Pat
Altar Servers	Hannah/Luke/ Rachel/Jacob Holzbauer	Wes Koupal/ Lane Koupal	Ridge/ Mackson
Music	Kara Hanan	Bernie Koupal	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Bud Koupal/ Derek Koupal	Bain/ Bennett
Greeters	Barb Johannsen		Mary Jo
Gift Bearers	Jamie & Char Soukup Family	Derek Koupal Family	Tim & Taya S.
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal		
Sacristan	Ray Soukup		
Collection Counters	Mary Kuhlman/ Patty Eggers	Donna Smejkal/ Lynn Stather	Dave/ Ray

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, June 8

Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Adoration at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's (Concludes at 5:00 p.m.)
 Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
This Is the Hour Mission at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption/
 Potluck Following

Tuesday, June 9

Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. John's
 Adoration & Confessions at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's
 Benediction at 9:15 a.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following
Wednesday, June 10

NO MASS

Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Thursday, June 11

NO MASS

Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Practice for CDA Installation Following
 Catholic Daughter Installation of Officers & Potluck Supper & 6:30 p.m. at
 St. John's

Friday, June 12

NO MASS

Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Saturday, June 13

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center
 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
 Minister Training/Renewal at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

Sunday, June 14

Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption
 Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption
 Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's
 Altar Server Training at Noon at St. Paul's

CORPUS CHRISTI PRAYER

O Precious Jesus, The gift of your Body and Blood, shared with us, is unfathomable. Like manna that satiated our hunger, fill us where we lack. Like the bread given to Elijah in the desert, sustain us. Grace us with a glimpse into your love for us, now and forever, present in the Eucharist. Amen.
 @LPi



**JUNE:
MONTH OF THE
SACRED HEART
OF JESUS**

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
 May 30 \$1124.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated!

PARISH POTLUCK

Saturday, June 6
 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass & Eucharistic Procession)
All are invited to join us for great food and fellowship! Please note that, because of the Fourth of July holiday, the July potluck will be moved to July 11.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN TO ATTEND

Wednesday, June 24, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist! Make plans to celebrate one of the two feast days of our patron saint (his other feast day is on August 29, the memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist). The celebration will include:
 Eucharistic Adoration - 4:15 p.m.
 Mass - 5:00 p.m./Potluck Supper Following
 Rosary at St. John's Cemetery - 6:30 p.m.



Saturday, June 13
 6:30 p.m.
 St. John's

(After 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John'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.

Altar Server TRAINING

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
 Sunday, June 14
 Noon (After 11:00 a.m. Mass)
 St. Paul's, Marty

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 rkranz@sfcatholic.org. The average writer is assigned a story once every couple months. Join the Bishop's Bulletin team!

WAGNER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Fire Hall
Tuesday, June 9
 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sponsored by
 Wagner Community Memorial Hospital



TEXT lifeserve to 515.815.7242 | CALL 800.287.4903
 VISIT lifeservebloodcenter.org



CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS
Wednesday, June 17
 6:00 p.m.
 St. John's Church Basement



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LUMEN CHRISTI

- ◆ We will be having a 5-day session this year.
- ◆ The 7-12 grade dates are Sunday, June 28 - Thursday July 2 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- ◆ The 1-6 grade dates are Monday, June 29 - Friday July 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Mass will again be daily at 11:45 p.m.
- ◆ A host family for the guys is needed.
- ◆ Volunteers to host evening meals are needed.
- ◆ Volunteers for the morning sessions are also needed.
- ◆ Contact Norma Beeson at 491-2961 and Stacy Holzbauer at 491-0401.

COMING TO ASSUMPTION PARISH, DANTE THIS IS THE HOUR MISSION

Monday, June 8
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

'This is the Hour,' a one-day Parish Mission on Monday, June 8, from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Assumption church. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter will share reflections to inspire and renew your faith. All are welcome! Potluck to follow event!





Birthdays

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

June 9: Mike Beeson (A), Dennis Payer (SJ); June 10: Jenny DeJong (SJ); June 11: Stacy Frank (A), Elliot Honomichl (SJ), Steve Krcil (SJ), Kimberly Tolsma (A); June 12: Tricia Krcil (A); Easton Sees (A); June 13: Kristi Beeson (A), Dan Kokesh (SJ), Derek Koupal (A), Judy Nedved (SJ); June 14: Steven Holzbauer (SJ).

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

Anniversaries

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

June 9: Larry & Peggy Nedved (SJ); June 10: Jay & Lori Kokes (SJ); June 11: Don & Marilee Krcil (A), John & Tracy Blaha (A); Jamie & Char Soukup (SJ), Jeff & Jolene Stewart (SJ).

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

Readings for the Week of June 7, 2026

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

©LPI

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

TRUE FOOD

Like most millennial women, I have a bizarre relationship with food.

I'm so busy and distracted that most days, I forget to eat — until nighttime, when I make some very questionable decisions, usually involving cake. I also came of age in a time when any woman without a visible eating disorder was labeled as "curvy" (and curvy was understood by everyone to be A Very Bad Thing). Thus, I have a deep feeling of shame whenever I do eat, even when I am hungry, and even when it's

something good for me.

I'm so messed up when it comes to food that I often wonder if I even have a good point of reference for understanding the Eucharist. What is "true food" and "true drink," when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful — at least for certain fortunate people like me — that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

But I suppose there's no better way to understand the Eucharist, when you really think about it. The Israelites survived on manna from Heaven — what they would have given for a grocery store. What they would have given for

redemption.

I am given both. I appreciate neither to the extent that I should.

True food, true nourishment, true life — physical and spiritual — these are things we all desperately want. And so many of us have them. But our ability to understand what they mean — well, it's hampered. This isn't Eden, after all.

We are reading a book missing half its pages, singing a harmony missing half its parts. We stumble forward, knowing that the fullness can come, will come — one day.

If we keep trying.

©LPI

GRATITUDE, EXPLAINED

How many of us have been told to "be grateful" when we look a little glum? But the truth is that gratitude is about more than just attitude. This virtue concerns our actions — how we carry ourselves in the world, how we behave toward other people, and how we submit to lawful authority.

"Gratitude answers to the moral debt," St. Thomas Aquinas writes (Sum., II:II, 106, Art. 1). We owe gratitude to those who have cared for us — children owe it to their parents in the form of respect (CCC 215) and citizens owe it to their country in the form of love and service (CCC 215).

The Eucharist is the most perfect act of gratitude. Appropriately, Jesus "gives thanks" for the bread at the Last Supper, just as we give thanks before the Eucharist — acknowledging God as the principal source of all that is good.

©LPI

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART

On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

To honor this momentous occasion, and to enable the participation of the faithful, the USCCB has published the following prayer, to be said by Catholics across the country on the day of the consecration (June 11):

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You. From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your Heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with You. We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against You and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to Yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May Your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask You to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!*