

**Holy Apostles Pastorate
Weekend Mass Schedule**

Fr. Tom Clement
Saint Ann, Geddes: Saturday 6 PM
Saint Peter the Apostle, Platte: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Mark, Lake Andes: Sunday 11 AM
Fr. Gary DeRouchey
SS Peter & Paul, Dimock: Saturday 5 PM
Sacred Heart, Parkston: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Paul the Apostle, Armour: Sunday 11 AM
Fr. Jim Friedrich
Saint John, Wagner: Saturday 5:30 PM
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Paul, Marty: Sunday 11 AM

Daily Mass

Tuesday:
St Ann, Geddes: 5 PM *Adoration 4 PM*
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: 5 PM
SS Peter & Paul, Dimock: 5:30 PM
Wednesday:
St Peter the Apostle, Platte: 8:30 AM *Adoration 9 AM*
St Paul the Apostle, Armour: 11:30 AM *Adoration 12-1 PM*
St John, Wagner: 5 PM *Adoration 4:15 PM*
Thursday:
Saint John, Wagner: Thursday 8:30 AM
Lake Andes (Nursing Home): Thursday 1:30 PM
Friday:
Saint Peter the Apostle, Platte: Friday 8:30 AM
Sacred Heart, Parkston: Friday 8:30 AM
Adoration following Mass until 1 PM
Saint Paul, Marty: Friday 1 PM *Adoration 1:30 – 5 PM*
1st Saturday:
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: Mass 9 AM
Adoration 9:30 AM
Saturday:
Parkston (NH/Assisted Living): Saturday 10 AM

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading Samuel does not expect the Lord to anoint the young David as Israel's next king. When have you been surprised by God doing something unexpected in your life?
2nd Reading Paul expects the believers in Ephesus to live as children of light and learn what is pleasing to the Lord. What could you do this week that is pleasing to the Lord?
Gospel Jesus' healing of the blind man causes confusion and even anger to those who do not see him as the Christ. Have you seen or felt God's presence in this season of Lent? ©LPi

Answer: The Temple curtain. ©LPi

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- To feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
- To give drink to the thirsty (Matthew 25:35)
- To clothe the naked (Matthew 25:36)
- To shelter the homeless (Matthew 25:35)
- To visit the sick (Matthew 25:36)
- To visit the imprisoned (Matthew 25:35)
- To bury the dead (Tobit 1)

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- To instruct the ignorant (Matthew 16:15)
- To counsel the doubtful (John 14:27)
- To admonish sinners (Luke 15:7)
- To bear wrongs patiently (Luke 6:27-28)
- To forgive offences willingly (Matthew 6:12)
- To comfort the sorrowful (Matthew 11:28)
- To pray for the living and the dead (John 17:24)

Sacraments:

St. Peter/St. Ann/St. Mark:
Fr. Tom Clement

Marriage Preparation:

Contact Fr. Tom at least six months prior to wedding.

New parishioners

Contact *Fr. Tom* to register

Anniversaries

Publish Milestone anniversaries in the Bishop's Bulletin.

Baptisms

Contact *Fr. Tom Clement*

OCIA

Catholic preparation study
Contact *Sr Maribeth Wentzlaff*

Phone Prayer Chain:

St. Ann: Eileen Carda
St. Peter: Ruth Anderson

Knights of Columbus:

St. Peter/St. Ann: Mark Hegge
St. Mark: Joe Schultz

Altar Society

St. Ann: Sandy DuFrain
St. Peter: Jennifer Fay
St. Mark: Margaret Reiser

Volunteer Schedule

St. Ann's: Jackie Slaba
St. Peter's: Kathy Hegge
St. Mark: Jenna Leibel

Music Coordinator

St. Peter: Katie DeNeui,
Donna Travis
St. Mark: Russell/Jackie Gall

Hall Rental

St. Ann: Julie Pavel
St. Peter: JoNell DeHaan

Life

St. Mark's: Alec/Sierra Weber

Religious Ed Coordinator

Platte-Geddes: Joe Tegethoff

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St. Mark Council:

Margaret Reiser
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Holy Apostles Council:

Brenda Millar, St. Ann
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Darrell Mueller, St. Peter

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Jennifer Fay, AS
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of St. Ann, St. Mark & St. Peter the Apostle**

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St Peter the Apostle
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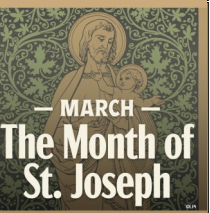
Weekend Mass: Saturday at 6 PM

Weekend Mass: Sunday at 11 AM
Mass on-line at stpaulstmark.com

Weekend Mass: Sunday at 9 AM

**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
For disarmament and peace.**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14-15, 2026**

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes;
I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

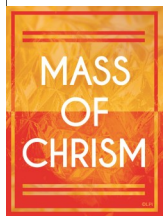
LIVE THE LITURGY

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves.

So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight? ©LPi

Mass Intentions	Confessions are heard during Adoration & 30 Minutes prior to Mass.			
		Mar 16	Monday	No Mass
 Rosary M-F Platte: noon	Mar 17	Tuesday Mass 8:30 AM		
	Mar 18	Wednesday No Mass		
	Mar 19	Thursday	LA NHCC 1:30 PM	Lake Andes
	Mar 20	Friday	Mass 8:30 AM	Platte
	Mar 21	Saturday	Mass 6 PM	Geddes
	Mar 22	Sunday	Mass 9 AM Rosary 10:30 AM Mass 11 AM	Platte Lake Andes

This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, or traditionally known as “Laetare” Sunday—meaning Rejoice! Once again, we have a moving account in the gospel of the coming to know who Jesus is. The more the blind man tells the story, and wrestles with the question of who healed him, the clearer it becomes. The first time ends with, “I don’t know.” The second time the story ends with, “He is a prophet.” By the time he tells it again, he is teaching the teachers. Jesus asks him: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” In other words, Jesus asks: Do you believe I am the love of God made visible? Do you believe my love is at work in every human being? He answered, “I do believe, Lord.”



Also, please know that this coming Tuesday and Wednesday, I will be joining other clergy from Diocese to attend a day of formation and concelebrate the Chrism Mass at our Cathedral of St. Joseph’s. This is when the Holy Oils that we use in the sacraments are blessed by the Bishop. The oils blessed are the Oil of the Sick for anointing of all those who suffer in mind and body; the Sacred Chrism—a mixture of oil and fragrant perfume, is used to anoint the crown of the head in baptism, to anoint the forehead at confirmation, to anoint the hands of priest at ordination and to be poured over the head of at the ordination of a bishop; Lastly, the Oil of Catechumens is used to anointing of all who preparing for baptism.

During the Chrism Mass the priests of the diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Please keep all the priests and deacons who serve in our diocese in prayer as we meet. I’m grateful to go and bring back the oils that will be used in the sacraments celebrated in our parishes. Blessings on your week! – Fr. Tom

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Hope

“Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations.” (Romans 4:18)
This is how Paul describes the hope of Abraham, who allowed himself to believe in and wish for what seemed like an impossible thing — all because it had been promised to him by God. In this same way, Christian hope “is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness” (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this.

Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.
A desire for happiness is a seed planted by God in each heart. The virtue of hope pours down like rain to nourish that seed, but a barrier has been created by original sin. The Holy Spirit removes the barrier, allowing the hope to pour forth upon the roots of our sprouting happiness in great abundance. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Testifying to Faith

The Bible talks a lot about “testifying” or “giving testimony” to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

The courtroom image isn’t too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God’s power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to “a reason for your hope.” Now you’re on the stand! It’s time to offer, “with gentleness and reverence,” the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16). ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If you are like me, it’s easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus’ disciples ask about the blind man, “**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**” (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: “**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**” He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus’ strange claim: “**I am the light of the world**” (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.



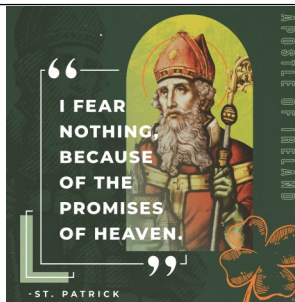
Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man’s healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ’s gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45



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2026 CFSA Goal \$13,000 Remaining \$1165.72
Reg \$1322 CFSA \$3808.28

March 21st – 6 PM

Lector: Brenda Millar
EM: Dave & Lory DuFrain
Servers: Wyatt Simon, Max & Ty Masur

TOP YOUR TATER & BAKE SALE

A huge thank you to all who attended our annual Top Your Tater Supper. A very special thank you to all who donated food and their time to work at the supper. This was all deeply appreciated. Thanks again!

No Adoration on Tuesday, March 17
Mass will be at 8:30 AM



March 15—3 PM (2 priests) in Geddes

March 22—3 PM (2 priests) in Wagner
Confessions also available

- ⇒ 30 minutes prior to Mass
- ⇒ During Adoration
- ⇒ By appointment



St. Mark Parish
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2026 CFSA Goal \$12,500 \$6750 remaining
Reg Support \$1134 CFSA \$2350

Church Cleaning for March: Nora & Erica Svatos

Sunday, March 22nd - 11 AM

Lector: Joe Schultz
EM: Rod Payer
Servers: Tyler Ronfeldt & Madelyn Ronfeldt
Counters: Jeannie Payer & Sue Schultz
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Rod & Jeanne Payer
Grounds: Jay Maynard



Fish Fry Schedule

Mar 20: Lake Andes **Mar 27:** Platte
5-7 PM or until fish is gone.



Platte-Geddes, Lake Andes
1st Communion Retreat on April 8
in Platte from 4-6 PM



CATHOLIC TRIVIA: According to Scripture, what split into two parts at the moment of Jesus’ death on the cross?



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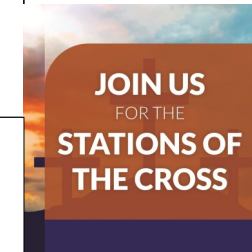
2026 CFSA Goal \$22,500/\$10231 remaining

Reg \$1285 Online \$332.50 Kid’s Rice Bowl \$27 CFSA \$5594

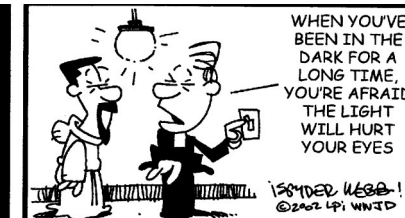
Sunday, March 22–9 AM

Lector: Mary V.
Servers: Teddy & Mila D., Miley L.
EMs: Kathy T., Susan H.
Ushers: Mark & Kathy H.
Counters: Todd L., Sherry T.

No Adoration or Mass on Wednesday, March 18



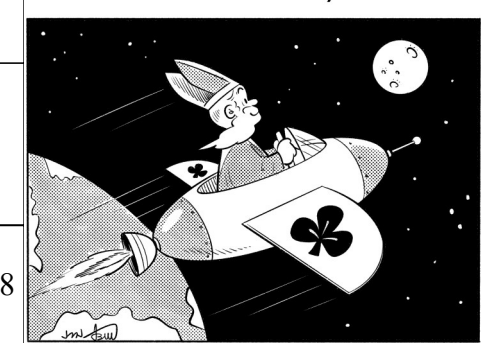
St Mark Parish CCD students will lead on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. All Welcome!
St. Peter the Apostle Parish
Sunday afternoon at 5 PM
February 22- March 29



“CABRINI”
MARCH 15, 2026
St. Peter’s Parish Hall
5:30 PM –8 PM
Baked Ziti provided.
PG 13 Realistic to the times.

Cabrini follows Italian immigrant
Francesca Cabrini’s arrival in 1889 New York, where she confronts poverty, prejudice, and political resistance while fighting to secure housing, healthcare, and dignity for marginalized communities.

“What does St. Patrick use to fly to the moon?”



Holy Thursday

- 5:30 PM -Geddes
- 7:30 PM - Platte

Good Friday

- Noon - Lake Andes
- 3 PM –Geddes
- 6 PM –Platte

Easter Vigil

- 8 PM Lake Andes
- **Easter Morning**
- 9 AM –Platte
- 11 AM Geddes

“A sham-rocket!”

FUN FACT!
According to tradition, St. Patrick used a three-leaved shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the people of Ireland.