

**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 DeRouchev
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

- 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 Wentzclaff*

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,
St. Ann: 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

Holy Apostles Pastorate Staff

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<p align="center">Councils <i>Fr. Tom Clement</i> Deacon Joe Tegethoff</p> <p align="center">St. Ann-Parish Jennifer Simon Mark Slaba Jentry VanderPol Amy Rolland Shawn DuFrain</p>	<p align="center">St. Ann-Finance Mary Beth Kok Don Millar Dan Schulte Marlys Krietlow</p> <p align="center">St. Mark Council: Margaret Reiser Steve Reiser Carla Winkler Noreen Laska Joe Schultz</p>	<p align="center">St. Peter Finance Rob Reiser Tait Sibbel Linda Whalen Matt Gerlach Todd Larsen</p> <p align="center">Holy Apostles Council: Brenda Millar, St. Ann Russell Gall, St. Mark Darrell Mueller, St. Peter</p>	<p align="center">St. Peter Parish Trisha Frandsen Darrell Mueller Corey Rabenberg Haley Stluka Mark Hegge, KC Jennifer Fay, AS Becky Erickson, Cemetery</p>
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**Holy Apostles Parishes
of St. Ann, St. Mark & St. Peter the Apostle**

Holy Apostles Website: <https://holyapostlessd.org>

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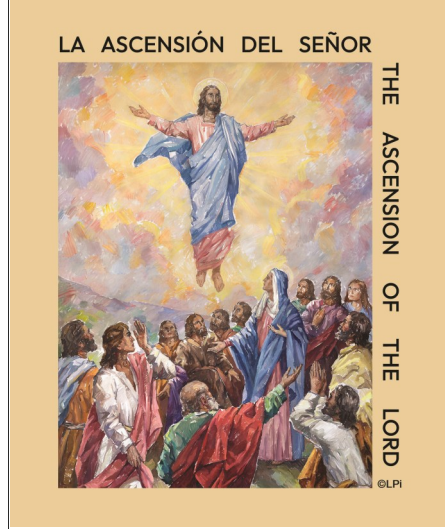
 <p>St. Ann PO Box 137 303 5th St Geddes, SD 57342</p>	 <p>St. Mark PO Box 250 251 N 3rd Ave Lake Andes, SD 57356</p>	 <p>St Peter the Apostle 321 Ohio Ave Platte, SD 57369</p>
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Weekend Mass: Saturday at 6 PM **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 11 AM** **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 9 AM**
Mass on-line at stpaulstmark.com

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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**The Ascension of the Lord May 16-17, 2026
Congratulations Graduates**

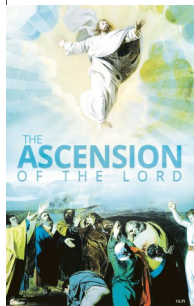
Entrance Antiphon
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Communion Antiphon
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

LIVE THE LITURGY
“Go,” Jesus said, “and make disciples of all nations.” How do we begin such an enormous task? Discipleship is not a lifestyle, but an identity. We begin by simply *being* disciples, by showing our discipleship in all that we do and all that we are. ©LPi

<p align="center">Mass Intentions</p>  <p align="center">Rosary M-F Platte: noon</p> 	Confessions are heard during Adoration & 30 Minutes prior to Mass.			
	May 18	Monday	No Mass	
	May 19	Tuesday Adoration 4 PM Mass 5PM	Geddes	Myrtle & Danita Dolejsi+
	May 20	Wednesday Mass 8: 30 AM Adoration 9-10 AM	Platte	Isaac Swanson+
	May 21	Thursday LA NHCC 1:30 Mass	Lake Andes	Mike Kirwan+
	May 22	Friday Mass 8:30 AM	Platte	Mark Pranger+
	May 23	Saturday Mass 6 PM	Geddes	Leo & Florence Mushitz+
May 24	Sunday Mass 9 AM Rosary 10.:30 AM Mass 11 AM	Platte Lake Andes	Parishioners Frank & Mabel Wiechmann+	



Congratulations to all our High School Graduates as they graduate this weekend! Welcome families and guests to our area as we celebrate their many successes.

With the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord today, the gospel tells us of the commissioning of the disciples: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." This is a reminder to us all that we are the hands and feet of the Lord in this world; let us carry Christ's light high!

Congrats and many blessings to you all!! -- Fr. Tom

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

Loyalty

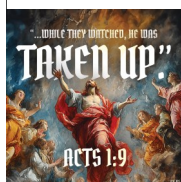
The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. As Catholics, we are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church (the Magisterium), and to the Christian way of life.

Loyalty is distinct from admiration for a person or institution, and even from respect. Admiration and respect can be rightfully earned and rightfully lost. Virtuous loyalty does not swerve from its object, and it flows forth from the one who gives it. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Ascension of the Lord

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?



This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth! ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I recently read a book called "The Defining Decade" by psychologist Dr. Meg Jay. She convincingly argues that a person's 20s are the most impactful decade of one's life. For example, a twenty-something who waits until she has absolute clarity before making commitments typically drifts and regrets it later. But those who dive into something meaningful — even with doubts and questions — tend to grow and find joy and better outcomes in life. In other words, it takes courage, not perfect certainty, to move forward.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, that insight comes alive in a new way. Matthew tells us: "When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted." (Matthew 28:17) Even standing before the risen Christ, the disciples were a mixture of adoration and hesitation. It is as though they were in their spiritual 20s...unsure, doubting, but nonetheless called to act in worship and mission.

Here is the key: Jesus does not tell them to wait until they are sure of things. He sends them anyway: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) The mission of the Church begins not with perfect certainty but with imperfect disciples who wonder and worship. Then they get going.

That is us, too. We may feel unsure of ourselves, perhaps full of hesitation about following Christ more fully. But now is not the time to wait for perfect clarity. Now is the time to worship and to go, trusting that he is with us always, even to the end of the age. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Pastorate Religious Education Staff Appreciation Mass & Meal

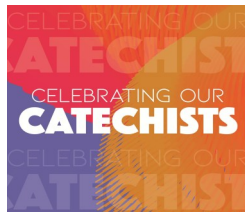
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM in Armour

Please text or email Sr. Maribeth by May 25th if you are able to attend.

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Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (Pentecost Sunday)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA:

Before the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, Catholics make small signs of the cross over which body parts?

On their forehead, lips, and chest (near their heart). ©LPi



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2026 CFSA Goal \$12,500 met
 Reg Support \$1034

Church Cleaning for May: Ruth Bergin & Carla Winckler
Sunday May 24 – 11 AM

Lector: Larry Lucas
 EM: Rita Svatos
 Servers: Tate Bennett & Taryn Bennett
 Counters: Becky Snyder & Nora Svatos
 Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Larry & Deb Lucas
 Grounds: Rick Bergin



St. Mark's Youth Group will be hosting our annual all you can eat breakfast on Fish Days Sunday, June 7 from 9:00 to 11:30. We are sending 5 of our youth to Stuebenville this summer and all proceeds will be used to fund the Stuebenville trips. Thank you for your support. St. Mark's Youth Group

St. Mark's Council Meeting-Thursday, May 21 at 4:30 PM

Novena Prayer

Almighty God, giver of every grace, who apportion every order and assign every office, who remain unchanged, but make all things new, send your Holy Spirit into our midst to make our brothers preparing for ordination ready to offer themselves forever in the ministry of the word, of the altar, and of charity, servants to all.

Grant them wisdom when they are unsure, knowledge when they are afraid, counsel when they are confused, fortitude when they are feeling weak, understanding when they are troubled, piety when they are feeling indifference, fear of you when they are proud, and your protection from every diabolical attack upon their vocation.

Help them to receive the Gospel of Christ: convince them to believe what they read; train them to teach what they believe; strengthen them to practice what they teach.

Hear the prayers of all your faithful servants and in the eternal charity that you have shown us, draw us all to that Heavenly Kingdom where all are made perfectly one at the Eternal Banquet of Christ, the Good Shepherd and Eternal King.

Grant this through Christ, our Lord Amen.



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Reg Support \$686

Saturday, May 23- 6 PM

Lector: Keith Mushitz
 EM: Sandy DuFrain, Lory DuFrain
 Servers: Trace & McKenzie Mushitz, Wyatt Simon



St. Peter the Apostle Parish
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Online Giving: <https://onrealm.org/SaintPeterApost/Give>

2026 CFSA Goal \$22,500/\$3805remaining
 Reg Support \$1334 Online \$332.50 CFSA \$885
Sunday, May 24, 9:00 AM

Lector: Tim
 Servers: Karsen K, Eden K, Vivian F
 EMs: Darrell, Trisha
 Ushers: Tim & Linda W
 Counters: Todd, Neumans



Blessings to Kash Scott Kemnitz
 Son of Carter and Michelle Kemnitz
 who was Baptized
 on Sunday, May 10, 2026



Condolences to the family of Bob Creasey.
 Prayers for the repose of his soul.



Contact Kathy Hegge at 605-770-0001
 if you can help with this ministry.



On May 31st following 9am Mass at St. Peter's there will be a demo of the new AED machine in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Certification will be offered at a later date if there is interest.
 The machine is located by the cry room.

The Diocese will be doing a **Novena** for the ordination of Deacon Alex Leschisin to the priesthood and for Andrew Mullaney and Matthew Harries to the diaconate.

Intentions for each day of the novena

- May 20 - For the success of this novena
- May 21 - For a deeper love of the sacraments in our Diocese
- May 22 - For a deeper conversion to the heart of Christ among the faithful of Diocese of Sioux Falls
- May 23 - In reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart
- May 24 - For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Diocese of Sioux Falls (pentecost sunday)
- May 25 - For a greater love of Mary, the Mother of the Church (feast day)
- May 26 - For our priest
- May 27 - For more vocations to the priesthood
- May 28 - For Andrew Mullaney and Matthew Harris on the day of their diaconate ordination
- May 29 - For Deacon Alex Leschisin on the day of his priestly ordination