

**GOSPEL MEDITATION: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

**Pentecost Challenge:** After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir

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**May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As summer begins, I have many things I'd like to do. What would God have me do? "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," Jesus says today in our Gospel. Let's not waste our time and waste our lives; daily seeking and saying yes to God's call, in the midst of so many other distractions and detours, is where we will find life to the full, forever!

Deacon Harold Burke Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peters are two big names I frequently hear on Catholic radio and EWTN. These two national speakers are coming through our area, and we've lined them up for Monday, June 8, 6-8pm, at Dante. Watch for more info and mark your calendar! After next Saturday's Mass, I'll have a training/renewal for 'communion ministers' and/or sacristans for St. Johns. Or come after Mass on Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup>. The three-year term of all our ministers has expired, so all current and any potentially interested persons need to come to one of these (or see me). Please consider assisting in this

way. And at Marty, after Mass next Sunday is altar server training/renewal. Even seasoned servers should come for at least the first few minutes. The other option is after Mass on Sun. June 14<sup>th</sup>. Dante's 9am Cemetery Mass is Monday; Memorial Day prayers will also be offered at Marty Cemetery planning on 11am. Our Holy Apostles' CCD teacher appreciation 6:30pm Mass and brats supper following is this Wednesday at Armour. Come Holy Spirit upon those being ordained for our Diocese this week!

Fr. Jim

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers



Coming to Dante June 8!



Dr. Marcus Peter



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: MAY 24**

- ◆ Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven
- ◆ The Wild Goose
- ◆ The Victory of Joan of Arc



**UNDER MARY'S MANTLE**

During the month of May, prayer intentions can be placed in the basket located by the small statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the holy water font at St. John's. Intentions can be written on cards put in sealed envelopes and dropped in the basket. These intentions will remain private and will be prayed for during the praying of the daily Rosary at St. John's during the month of May.

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

- Tuesday, May 26**  
5:00 p.m. - Assumption
- Wednesday, May 27**  
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
- Saturday, May 30**  
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
- Sunday, May 31**  
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

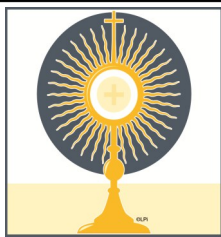
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Transitional Diaconate Ordination  
**Matthew Harris, & Andrew Mullaney**  
May 28  
11 a.m.  
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls  
Priestly Ordination  
**Deacon Alex Leschisin**  
May 29  
11 a.m.  
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls  
*Please pray for those to be ordained and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life!*



**MASS SCHEDULE**

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	May 25	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	9:00 a.m. - Dante Cemetery	Dennis Cihak †
			5:00 p.m. - St. John's	John & Beatrice Soukup †/ Leona Soukup †
Tuesday	May 26	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Steve Rezac † / Romaine Rezac †
Wednesday	May 27	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jeanne Soulek †
Thursday	May 28	Thursday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Janis Nedved †
Friday	May 29	Saint Paul VI, Pope	NO MASS	.....
Saturday	May 30	Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Janis Nedved †
Sunday	May 31	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Don & Elaine Cihak †/ Tim Cihak †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Larry Shindelar †



**MERCY HOUR**  
Sunday, May 24  
3:00 p.m.  
St. John's Catholic Church  
*Eucharistic Adoration & Confession  
Praise & Worship Music*



**ABBEY OF THE HILLS RAFFLE**

A generous Abbey donor is matching every gift, dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000 in support of the Abbey's Capital Campaign and Gift of Peace! That means your gift goes twice as far! To help bring the campaign to completion and move forward with air conditioning in the auditorium and critical repairs to the roof, windows, and front entrance, the Abbey is offering a limited raffle.

Only 500 tickets are available at \$100 each, or \$1,000 for a book of ten. If all tickets are sold, prizes include: \$5,000 cash; A four-day, three-night Black Hills cabin stay for up to eight guests' \$300 cash; Plus, bonus drawings for 4 Minnesota Vikings home game tickets - game to be determined; 4 level-one tickets to a 2026 - 2027 Timberwolves home game - game to be determined. Purchase tickets at [https://abbeyofthehills.networkforgood.com/events/100735-20226-capital-campaign-raffle-drawing?hid=NDY1Nj13NTE=&utm\\_campaign=dms\\_email\\_blast\\_4623648](https://abbeyofthehills.networkforgood.com/events/100735-20226-capital-campaign-raffle-drawing?hid=NDY1Nj13NTE=&utm_campaign=dms_email_blast_4623648)

Drawing Date: July 15, 2026 at the picnic at the Abbey (if 500 tickets are sold); Otherwise, the drawing will be held at the Banquet on October 28, 2026.

**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**

**"Serve the Lord with gladness"**  
- Psalm 100

	<b>Saturday, May 30</b> 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	<b>Sunday, May 31</b> 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	<b>Sunday, May 31</b> 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
<b>EM</b>	Gene Niehus/ Don Koupal	Joe Sees	Alice
<b>Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions</b>	Becky Brunsing	Joe Sees	Amy/ Sr. Miriam/ Sr. Pat
<b>Altar Servers</b>	McKinley Podzimek/ Jaylee Kafka/ Skyler Kocer	Easton Sees/ Hudson Sees	Bladen/ Mackson
<b>Music</b>	Kara Hanan	Emily Walloch	
<b>Ushers</b>	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Jason/ Ridge
<b>Greeters</b>	Theresa Koupal		Mary Jo
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Lynn & Kim Soukup	Joe Sees Family	Karen A. Family
<b>Rosary</b>	Ray & Bonnie Soukup		
<b>Sacristan</b>	Don Koupal		
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Fran Kocer/ Karol Kniffen	Josie Rezac/ Karen Peters	Sr. Miriam/ Emma

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday, May 25**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery, Dante Cemetery Prayers at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Cemetery, Marty Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's

**Tuesday, May 26**

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

**Wednesday, May 27**

Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's  
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following  
Pastorate Religious Education Staff Mass & Meal at 6:30 p.m. at Armour

**Thursday, May 28**

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Good Samaritan Center/Daily Rosary Following  
Diaconate Ordination Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Sioux Falls

**Friday, May 29**

NO MASS  
Ordination Mass at 11:00 at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Sioux Falls  
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

**Saturday, May 30**

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

**Sunday, May 31**

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



**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

In anticipation of the two upcoming ordinations on May 28 and 29, the Office of Vocations will be hosting holy hour for vocations at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph from 7-8 p.m on May 27. Join us in prayer as we pray for the men preparing for ordination to the priesthood and transitional diaconate, and for an increase in holy vocations in our diocese.

All are welcome.

If you are unable to attend or do not live in the Sioux Falls area, you can still join us in prayer by going to your parish and praying a holy hour for vocations.

**ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION**

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00  
May 16 \$3111.00  
**Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:**  
Mass Stipends \$ 100.00  
April EFT/Online Donations \$ 905.00



*Congratulations and best wishes to Lucas and Stephanie (Mason) Courmoyer who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 16, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Marty.*



**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.

**ABBEY OF THE HILLS  
DAYS OF RECOLLECTION**

**June 9, 2026**

Directed by Dcn. Mike McKeown  
*"Learning to Live in the Divine Will"*

**July 14, 2026**

Directed by Fr. Rodney Farke  
*"So Where Did We Come From: A Trip Through Genesis"*

**August 11, 2026**

Directed by Dr. Michael Moran  
*"Who is the man of the Shroud Turin?"*

**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**

Directed by Father Jim Mason

**October 13**

Gratitude: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Directed by Father Joe Vogel

**November 10**

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.



*The St. John the Baptist parish family extends heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Edward Novak. Ed died on Monday, April 6, in Rapid City. The funeral Mass for Ed was held on Friday, May 22, at St. John's, Wagner, with inurnment in St. John's Cemetery, rural Wagner.*

**REMINDER: UNCLAIMED PANS & BOWLS**

Please check the table in the church basement for unclaimed pans and bowls that have been left after funeral dinners and/or parish potlucks! Bowls and pans that remain unclaimed will be put to use in the basement kitchen or donated to the Community Closet.



**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!*

**ST. JOHN'S CFSA**

An additional CFSA donation has been received to bring our excess donations to \$5,737. We have had 3 fewer donations this year than we had last year. Thank you to all who have sent your pledges/donations! Remember that all of the excess stays in the parish for parish use.



**THANK YOU FROM ASSUMPTION PARISH!**

A special thank you goes out to Steve Krcil for using his talents to make the new hymn numbers and the box to hold the hymn numbers. The box was donated in memory of all deceased Krcil members.

The cover of the piano, donated in loving memory of Janet Koupal, was embroidered with a cross, treble clef sign and music notes. It was beautifully done by Embroidery Plus in Tyndall.



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

May 25: Hattie Flynn (SJ), Will Hollmann (A), Rhetta Kocer (SJ), Mollie Swier (A); May 26: Lydia Hill (A), Levi Honomichl (SJ); May 27: Ashton Frank (A), Katherine Swier (A); May 28: Chris Donlin (SJ), Rhonda Mathis (SJ); May 29: Joan Payer (SJ), Carter Smejkal (A); May 30: Kade Leines (SJ); May 31: Isabella Kreber (A).

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:**

May 25: Roland & Linda Luke (A); May 29: Robert & Evelyn Kisely (SJ)  
Also, Happy Anniversary to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week!

**Readings for the Week of May 24, 2026**

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: 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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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**PASTORATE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF APPRECIATION MASS & MEAL**  
Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
6:30 PM  
Armour

Please text or email Sr. Marbeth if you are able to attend. Cell: 605-760-5295. You can also contact Sr. Maribeth via email: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org .



**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**SIGNS OF LIFE**

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In

these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked

doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church.

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