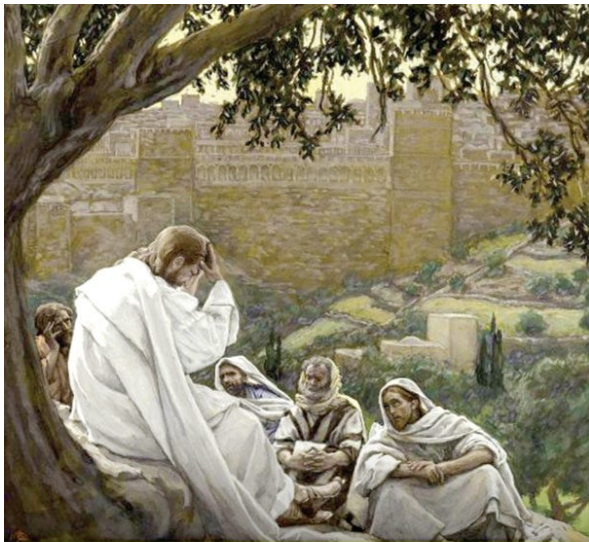




33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir
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November 16, 2025
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"They will put some of you to death...not a hair on your head will be destroyed." These sound like contradictory statements found almost one after the other in today's Gospel. Only with eternal life in mind can the two things of earthly death and a life never destroyed both be reality; how unfortunate if the tiny moment of earthly life we have here blinds us to a life that is forever!

WELCOME Fr. Dan Moris here this weekend, all during the week, and next weekend! His life has, I believe, formed in him a heart of compassion; relish your time with him. Note the Wagner Altar Society meeting Tuesday, the Ministerial Thanksgiving Meal Thursday, the KofC turkey/ham Bingo Saturday night and the 3pm Mercy Hour next Sunday (with Confessions with Fr. Moris). Also next weekend after the Masses see if you can

help box up all the 2025 missalettes/music issues and insert the new 2026 ones. This would be especially helpful at Wagner. In Dante and Wagner a Book of the Deceased is up front near the altar; feel free to write in names of loved ones as we'll remember at each Mass to offer prayer for them. You can pray for my days away: four days at New Melleray Monastery and other days seeing family and a little time in the shop; I'll be checking my email and cell phone messages until I return on Nov. 24th.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim



LOURDES CENTER HOLIDAY GRIEF PROGRAM

He Is Stable – A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace: The Lourdes Center is honored to host the holiday grief program "He Is Stable: A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace" on Dec. 2 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Sioux Falls and again on Dec. 9 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Watertown. The evening, which begins at 6:30 p.m., will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along with a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony. Christmas goodies and warm apple cider to follow. Registration is required and can be completed online at thelourdescenter.com. For more information, call 605-988-3775. Free will donations will gladly be accepted.

CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS

As mentioned in earlier bulletins, our Holy Apostles Pastorate will be starting a "Cradle Catholics Class" designed for people who have been Catholic since birth but want to do a deeper dive into their faith. We will explore topics that YOU want to cover, such as the sacraments, Mary, the Saints, Catholic Catechism material, etc. The purpose of this is to allow you to have a richer and deeper knowledge and love for the faith which you profess, and to assist you in answering questions from your non-Catholic friends. If you didn't register ahead of time, don't worry. Just come and bring a Catholic friend. We will meet once a month and will cover the same topic each month at the three trios of parishes. The gatherings will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday nights and will last approximately one hour. Feel free to bring your supper with you. If you have further questions, please contact Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff at 605-760-5295. Here is the schedule of rotation:

- 1st Wednesday of each month:
Saints Peter & Paul in Dimock, SD at 6:00 PM
- 2nd Wednesday of each month:
St. Peter in Platte, SD at 6:00 PM
- 3rd Wednesday of each month:
St. John in Wagner, SD at 6:00 PM (November 19, Wagner)

**Welcome,
Fr. Dan Moris!**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 18
5:00 p.m. - Assumption
Wednesday, November 19
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, November 21
1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, November 22
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, November 23
8:15 a.m. - Assumption
3:00 p.m. - St. John's

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: NOVEMBER 16

- ♦ *What Catholics Believe about Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity*
- ♦ *Ode to Saint Cecilia*
- ♦ *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary: Littlest Saints*



Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Jay Swatek, Ken Cotton. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.



EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be an early deadline for the November 30 bulletin. Items for the November bulletin must be submitted by noon on Monday, November 24!

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	November 17	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Sr. Donna Brown, PBVM †
Tuesday	November 18	Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles/Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
Wednesday	November 19	Wednesday of the 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jeanne Soulek †
Thursday	November 20	Thursday of the 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham †
Friday	November 21	Memorial of the Presentation of the BVM	1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	Dorothy Paulis †
Saturday	November 22	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	9:00 a.m. - Marty Convent	Deceased Oblate Sisters †
		Vigil of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Darlene Kocer †
Sunday	November 23	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Jackie Murphy †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Dorothy Paulis †

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 entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community Closet 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!

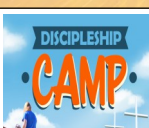


**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TURKEY BINGO**
Saturday, November 22
After 5:30 p.m. Mass
St. John's Church Basement



MERCY HOUR
Sunday, November 23
3:00 p.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
*Adoration, Confessions,
Praise & Worship Music*



MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD	
"Serve the Lord with gladness" - Psalm 100:2	Saturday, November 22 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, November 23 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, November 23 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Monday, November 17 Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following Tuesday, November 18 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, November 19 Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following CCD at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Adult Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's CCD/CCD Advent Confessions at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption Thursday, November 20 Morning Prayer at 8:10 a.m. at St. John's Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following. Friday, November 21 Mass at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Adoration & Confessions at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Benediction at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Saturday, November 22 Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Marty Convent 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 KC Turkey Bingo at 6:30 p.m. (After Mass) at St. John's Sunday, November 23 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 Mercy Hour at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's	
	EM	Bonnie Soukup/ Judy Barnett	Danielle Krcil Tana		
	Lector/Cantor/Intercessions	Buzz Durham	Danielle Krcil Cathy/ Sr. Miriam/ Georgia		
	Altar Servers	Jessica Barnett/ Cooper Slaba/ Aveleigh Slaba	Frank Krcil/ John Krcil Ridge/ Bladen		
	Music	Lisa Cihak	Pam Roth		
	Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Jarred Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Richard Nedved	Greg Krcil/ Tom Krcil Ryan K./ Ramona		
	Greeters	Barb Johannsen	Mary Jo		
	Gift Bearers	Jenni Soukup Family	Greg Krcil Family Andrea & Family/Clarissa		
	Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal			
	Sacristan	Don Koupal			
	Collection Counters	Patty Eggers/ Dorothy Holzbauer	Greg Krcil/ Derek Koupal Jason/ Ridge	BROOM TREE DAY OF RECOLLECTION December 9 - "The Pillars of Advent: A Walk with Mary and Joseph," directed by Fr. Tom Anderson. Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register. Call 605-263-1040 for more information or to register.	
ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00 November 8 \$2578.00 Archdiocese for Military Services \$ 659.00 Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received: Earmarked Donations \$ 300.00 October EFT/Online Donations \$ 1005.00				HOLY APOSTLES PASTORAL COUNCIL Copies of the minutes from the November 4 meeting of the pastoral council can be picked up in the church entryways.	
ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, November 18 5:30 p.m. St. John's Church Basement Each Altar Society Band is asked to have two representatives attend the meeting!				Happy Birthday to these Assumption parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week: November 18: Virginia Petrik; November 19: Troy Soukup, Alex Hollmann; November 20: Jordan Wunder; November 21: Marie Fennema; November 22: Nathan Kafka; November 23: Cooper Kafka.	
DECEMBER PARISH POTLUCK Saturday, December 6 6:30 p.m. (After 5:30 p.m. Mass) St. John's Church Basement				Happy Anniversary to these Assumption couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week: November 19: Brian & Doreen Kuca	
ADVENT PROJECTS The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 30. St. John's parishioners (as well as Assumption & St. Paul's parishioners) are invited to participate in one or both Advent projects at St. John's: Joy Jars and Reverse Advent Calendars. Joy Jars will be used to collect money which we donated to the local Ministerial Association for their charitable work. Money can be in containers that can be picked up in the church entryway. Copies of information about Reverse Advent calendars can also be picked up in the church entryway. Food collected with donations of various foods listed on the calendar will be donated to local food pantries. Individuals and families, and perhaps religious education classes/programs are encouraged to use the Advent season to use these Advent projects to reach out to the less fortunate in our area. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.				 DECEMBER 18-21 CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH BENEFITING BISHOP DUDLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE AND THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH GET TICKETS: 605-988-3701 CCFESD.ORG	
ANNUAL PRISON CHRISTMAS PACKAGES The SD Prison Chaplains Assoc. is once again asking for donations for those incarcerated. Christmas is a very difficult and lonely time for inmates and this small gesture lets them know they are not forgotten. For some it is the only gift they will receive. Please join us in this beautiful act of charity and Corporal Work of Mercy "visit the imprisoned". Donations can be sent by November 30 th to SD Prison Chaplains Assoc., Christmas Sacks, 601 W 57 th St., Sioux Falls SD 57108. Please write Christmas Sacks in the memo line or give electronically by visiting https://www.convergeheartland.org/donate and choose the SDPCA Christmas Sacks tab or by using the QR code below. Any questions ~ feel free to email Mo Irvine at prisonministry@sfcatholic.org .				RECRUITING FOR LUMEN CHRISTI The recruiting season for Lumen Christi - Summer 2026 is now open! We are looking for passionate and dedicated college-aged young adults who have a burning desire to share their faith with the youth throughout our diocese! If you know someone from your pastorate who has that deep desire to evangelize and catechize, we invite you to encourage him/her to apply to be a missionary. For more information, please visit: https://www.sfcatholic.org/lumenchristi/apply-to-be-a-missionary/	
 SEMINARY VISIT DATES IHM: February 21-23, 2026 Winona, MN For more information about IHM Seminary, please visit https://www.ihmseminary.org .				 2026 D-CAMP DATES June 14 - 17 (High School) July 12 - 15 (High School) July 16 - 19 (Junior High)	

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC –
BENEATH THE SURFACE**

TWO THINGS CAN BE TRUE AT ONCE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's — going — to — die — someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Post-partum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

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Women's Retreat

"Come Away"

November 21-23

Begins at 7:00 p.m. on November 21/

Ends at Noon on November 23

Suggested Donation for Retreat: \$285

(No one will be turned away for inability to pay.)

To register, please visit the website at <http://abbeyofthehills.org> or call 605-398-9200.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE SAINTS

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One's patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, "Look at me!" We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don't sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-4

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

EYES ON YOUR OWN PAPER

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place."

Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old "keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

Work quietly and eat your own food.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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