



GOSPEL MEDITATION: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

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October 11, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Catholic Church**

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St. Paul Catholic Church

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by visiting holypostlessd.org. Here you will find Mass times,
bulletins, a calendar of events, faith formation information &
more!**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I've included a question in confirmation interviews, "What do you think heaven is like?" Then I point out that the Church often speaks of the "beatific vision" i.e. the happy or blessed vision of God; as so many holy people have prayed, "O God, let me see your face!" Today Isaiah gives us the image of the messianic banquet to which all are invited, of choicest food and drink, and the elimination of death! Jesus also speaks of the heavenly wedding banquet, as does Psalm 23 today: "You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes". The banquet begins here in this life, while yet surrounded by evil foes. "Who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life!"

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd resumes this Wed. at Wagner with a blessing of the atrium to be the 'holy place' of sacred learning. And at Dante CCD we'll have a blessing of the new crucifix and angels

which will overlook the parish hall/CCD center. Next weekend we'll have the 100th World Mission Sunday. Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was our national director in the US for 16 years and invented the five color 'mission rosary' for the various continents it reaches. A record collection is our hope this year; use the special envelopes set out in the entry or know that all loose collection next weekend will go to Mission Sunday.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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, Miko Kotab, Dustin Scheuffele, Roger Cuka, Larry Beeson, Joey Koupal, Bernie Koupal, Jon Stather. 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: OCTOBER 11

- An Ardent Heart
- Saint Teresa of Avila
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Remember that you can watch FORMED for FREE! Visit www.formed.org to sign in or set up an account or download the FORMED app on your smart phone or tablet.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 14
4:15 p.m. - St. John's

Friday, October 16
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's

Saturday, October 17
4:30 p.m. - St. John's

Sunday, October 18
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS

Wednesday, October 21
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday, October 12	Monday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Tuesday, October 13	Tuesday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Wednesday, October 14	Wednesday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time/Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Leonard & Ayrelou Farke +/- Rachel Soukup +
Thursday, October 15	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Lisa Durham +
Friday, October 16	Friday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time/Saint Hedwig, Religious/ Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Dorothy Paulis +
Saturday, October 17	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Bishop & Martyr	9:00 a.m. - Marty Convent	OSBS Relatives & Friends
	Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Bob Soukup +
Sunday, October 18	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Mary Grills +
		11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Armando Iron Hawk, Jr. +

30th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral Dec. 10-13

Cathedral of St Joseph, Sioux Falls

The 30th Christmas at the Cathedral will be performed with six concerts December 10-13 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This year's theme, "Surrender", invites us to look through the eyes of St. Luke's Gospel who reminds us that the Christmas story is not just about a baby being born in Bethlehem. It's about our God who surrendered His throne to be humbly born into our world for our salvation. It's about Mary's unconditional "yes", Joseph's abiding trust, and the invitation extended to each of us: to open our hands, release our plans, and trust that God's plan is better than our own. This inspiring production features Nashville recording artist, Sarah Bailey, and we welcome tenor, Dave Purdham, in his first Christmas at The Cathedral performance. Luke will be portrayed by veteran actor, Bart Workman. We are also excited to welcome back Dr. John Flanery as the Music Director and Conductor of the Christmas at The Cathedral Orchestra; and the Choir conducted by Rachael Kramer. In addition to being an inspiring Christmas experience, Christmas at the Cathedral supports the poor and vulnerable in our midst through endowments for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House as well as the on-going care of the Cathedral of St Joseph. There are several ways to purchase your tickets: 1) On-line at www.ccfesd.org 2) Phone at 605.988.3765 3) Email at events@ccfesd.org or 4) at all Sioux Falls Hy-Vee stores (general admission only). Please also note that many volunteers are needed and if interested, you are encouraged to call 605-988-3765 or visit our website for details.

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.

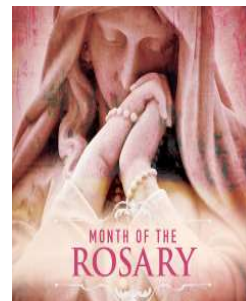
CDA BINGO AT WAGNER GSC Thursday, October 15 2:00 p.m.

GSC Dining Room

Members of our parishes are invited to assist the Catholic Daughters with BINGO at the Wagner Good Samaritan Center (helping residents watch their cards, handing out prizes). Any and all help would be appreciated - by the Catholic Daughters and by the nursing home residents!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD	
	Saturday, October 17 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 18 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 18 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Monday, October 12	
EM	Mieke Slaba/ Gene Niehus	Julie Uchytel	Alice	NO MASS Daily Rosary at St. John's at 5:30 p.m.	
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Becky Brunsing	Julie Uchytel	Tana/ Sr. Miriam/ Sr. Pat	Tuesday, October 13	
Altar Servers	Jessica Barnett/ Cooper Slaba/ Avieleigh Slaba	Josiah Krcil/ Trent Uchytel	Tegan/ Emsley	NO MASS <i>Secrets of the Sacred Heart</i> Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at Peace Shrine	
Music	Kara Hanan	Micky Hollmann		Wednesday, October 14	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Riley/ Tim S.	Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following Cradle Catholics Class at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's (Church Basement) CCD at 6:15 p.m. at St. John's Student Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption	
Greeters	Lynn & Kim Soukup		Sr. Joan	Thursday, October 15	
Gift Bearers	Jay & Kim Kafka Family	Charles Roth Family	Tim & Taya S.	Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Good Samaritan Center/Daily Rosary Following CDA Bingo at 2:00 p.m. at GSC Dining Room	
Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup			Friday, October 16	
Sacristan	Don Koupal			Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's	
Collection Counters	Becky Brunsing/ Jim Eggers	Charles Roth/ Adam Uchytel	Judy/ Ramona	Saturday, October 17	
				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 Anointing of the Sick Following	
				Sunday, October 18	
				Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption Anointing of the Sick Following Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's/Anointing of the Sick Following	



30th Anniversary
The Cathedral of Saint Joseph's
Christmas at the Cathedral
Surrender

**DECEMBER
10-13, 2026**
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

**CCFESD.ORG
605-988-3765**

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
October 3 \$2137.00

Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:

Votive Candle Offerings \$ 59.00
CCD Mass * \$ 244.00

*Earmarked for Priest Retirement Appeal

"Dear St. Anthony, please come around: something is lost, and it cannot be found."

We are currently missing TWO busy bags, both of them from the group of bags for ages 3 to 4. Please check at home to see if you might accidentally have taken one home with you - and check with friends or relatives who might have come to Mass at St. John's to see if one might have gone home with them. Please use the little prayer above to pray that the missing bags are returned! Replacement value of each bag, with the contents inside, is approximately \$50. The bags were provided to the parish by the Altar Society and two anonymous donors.

SAINT JOHN'S FALL CLEAN UP

Fall is here and fall clean up outside the church is going to be held on Monday, October 19 at 4:30 pm. This will consist of trimming bushes, cleaning out the landscape & flower beds, etc. Please bring hedge trimmers, & clippers. All help is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Parish Council
Buzz Durham Barb Johannsen Jay Kokes
Scott Doom Mike Brunsing Patty Eggers

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY IS NOW ONLINE!

Through the dedicated efforts of the Cemetery Board, St. John's Cemetery is now online at <https://stjohnscatholiccemetery.com/>. To find the location of a grave in the cemetery, go to the site, scroll down and find the Visit Our Interactive Directory button. Click that button to be taken to the directory. The directory will be updated each year. The website will be posted at the entryways to the cemetery. Contact the Cemetery Board or Theresa Koupal if you have questions.

GUIDING STAR
CYCLE SHOW

PARENT PRESENTATION & GIRL'S WORKSHOP

OCT 23 DAY

PARENT PRESENTATION
90 minute presentation designed for parents or guardians of 9-12 year old girls who want to learn more about the girl's workshop

WHERE: 206 Sheridan Ave SE
Wagner, SD 57380

WHEN: 7:00 PM - 8:30 pm

OCT 24 DAY

GIRL'S WORKSHOP
5 hour interactive and engaging workshop that gives girls ages 9-12 a behind-the-scenes look at puberty, periods, and fertility

WHERE: 206 Sheridan Ave SE
Wagner, SD 57380

WHEN: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

MEGHAN KRUEGER

605.323.7320
Meghan1@me.com

**Contact Amy Doom
at 605-469-5797 for more information!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CCD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Assumption Parish CCD program this year contact Norma Beeson 605-491-2961.

**Assumption Parish
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**
-Sunday, OCTOBER 11, 2026 -
(Following our 9:00 a.m. Mass.)

We will be serving
Tyndall Bakery rolls.
All are welcome!

**FAITH FORMATION
INFORMATION**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
St. John the Baptist CCD Classes
6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
St. Paul's Faith Formation Student Night
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Assumption CCD Classes
6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
(Father Jim Teaching)

2026 DAYS OF RECOLLECTION
October 13
"Gratitude: The Gift that Keeps on Giving,"
Directed by Fr. Joe Vogel

November 10
"Faith and Patriotism: Learn from the Past, Look to the Future,"
Directed by Fr. Joe Forcelle

Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week: October 12: Linda Soukup (SJ), Sandy Swatek (SJ), Buzz Durham (SJ), Don Kocer (SJ), Breana Beeson (A), Paul Tolsma (A); October 13: Brian Kuca (A); October 14: Karen Donlin (SJ), Peggy Eggers (SJ), Cody Horner (SJ); October 16: Wayne Scherr (SJ); October 17: Carol Rempp (A), Don Hosek (SJ); October 18: Jessica Barnett (SJ).

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



Happy Anniversary to these couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week: October 15: Nathan & Nicole Kafka (A); October 17: Tom & Linda Soukup (SJ).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



UPDATES FROM SISTER MARI BETH, PASTORATE DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION

~~Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church? Once again our Pastorate is offering **OCIA Classes** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Persons eligible for these weekly classes are those in need of baptism, those baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic, and those baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation. If this fits you, and you feel God is calling you to this next step in your life, please contact Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff, Director of Discipleship and Evangelization, at 605-760-5295 or by email at: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org by October 19th at the latest. Classes will begin by the end of October.

~~As many of you know already, for the last year, we

have been offering classes for "Cradle Catholics" (those who have been Catholic all of their lives) who may want a "refresher" about the Church for their own faith formation. However, you don't have to be a Cradle Catholic to come. We have participants who went through OCIA classes a while ago and want to know more. Some of the topics we have covered have been: Mass and the Sacraments, responses to your non-Catholic friends regarding Mary and the Saints, and other issues you just "haven't quite grasped" over the years. If you are interested but haven't been able to attend in the past, it is not too late. Anyone may join at any time. The groups meet the first Wednesday of the month at Dimock, the second Wednesday at Platte, and the third Wednesday in Wagner (all at the parish at 6:00 PM). If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff at 605-760-5295 or by e-mail at: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org.

~~When Set Ablaze first

started in our Diocese, one of the needs that surfaced from our Pastorate was Grief Support. In order to address this, we will be starting a **Grief Support Group** called "Oh, Good Grief" in each of the trios of our Parishes on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM beginning on October 7th. The first Wednesday of the month, the group will meet at Sacred Heart in Parkston, the second Wednesday of the month at St. Peter's in Platte at Fr. Tom's rectory, and the third Wednesday at St. John the Baptist in Wagner. If you, or someone you know, has experienced the loss of a loved one or any other loss, please consider attending. It is good to share our grief with others so that healing may begin. We will be using the book "Seasons of Hope: Bringing Comfort Through Catholic Grief Support" by M. Donna MacLeod. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff at 605-760-5295 or by e-mail at: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY
SOUP DINNER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
DANTE CCD CENTER
Serving from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Soups, Sandwiches, Desserts, Beverages,
Bid-A-Basket, Decorated Cakes, BINGO,
Kids' Raffle, Kids' Fish Pond

JOIN US FOR
St. Peter's Catholic Church
Home Cooked Turkey
Dinner & Bazaar

Sunday, |25| 4:30 - 7 PM
October
Adults - \$18 Kids & Under \$9

Menu includes Turkey & Dressing,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw,
Cranberry Salad, Veggie, Rolls, Pie/Dessert

Location Change:
St. Peter's Church Hall

Cake Walk
Fish Pond & more!

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Armour, SD

Annual Fall Supper
Sunday Nov. 1, 2026
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Corn,
Pie, Coffee, & Lemonade

Free Will Donation
Complete Dinners To Go:
3:30 PM to 7 PM Call (605)680-3932

Silent Auction 3:30-7pm benefitting the Altar Society
Movies for the kids in the lower level 4-7