



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir
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October 12, 2025
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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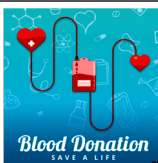
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Following D-camp, Steubenville and Todd Becker events I've heard of youth 'on fire', wanting 'more of Jesus'. Zeal can continue and deepen but it needs a solid foundation. In today's second reading, old St. Paul writes to young Timothy, "this saying is trustworthy" (2 Tim 2:11), a phrase that shows up a number of times in these letters: 1 Tim 1:15, 3:1, 4:9 and Titus 3:8. Two foundations I often remind myself of are that Scripture is inspired by God and that Holy Communion is Christ come to me. Here is where there is 'more of Jesus'; being faithful to daily prayer may not have the feel of a 'mountain top' experience but it gives the fuel that nourishes an ever deepening, lasting zeal for the Lord Jesus.

Two things for next weekend: Oct 18th being the feast of St. Luke, patron of hospitals and doctors, we will have Anoint-

ing of the Sick immediately following each of the weekend Masses. Again, I warmly welcome and encourage all to stay for these few extra minutes praying for fellow parishioners who are asking for Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery, living with dialysis, cancer treatment, diabetes, real challenges in aging or mental health, etc. or life-threatening conditions. Secondly, it is World Mission Sunday: there are special envelopes, all loose collection will go to this also, and I'd bring up the word 'tithing' -this is a good place for that.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim



WAGNER HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST SCHOLARSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

Wagner High School is partnering with LifeServe Blood Center to host a Scholarship Blood Drive that will help save lives in area hospitals while supporting students' educational goals. Scholarship award is based on the number of units collected in the school year and range from \$500 to \$5000!

The drive will take place on Tuesday, October 14 at the Wagner Fire Hall.

Blood collected at this event will stay local. Every donation makes a lifesaving difference for patients battling cancer, undergoing surgeries, or facing medical emergencies.

Each donor who participates helps Wagner High students earn scholarship dollars. LifeServe's Scholarship Program rewards schools that host successful blood drives, turning community generosity into educational support for the next generation. Students gain scholarship opportunities, and local patients in need receive lifesaving blood.

Community members, parents, students, and staff are encouraged to schedule an appointment. To donate, text 'LIFESERVE' to 999-777 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE Wednesday, October 15

4:15 p.m. - St. John's

Friday, October 17

1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's

Saturday, October 18

4:30 p.m. - St. John's

Sunday, October 19

8:15 a.m. - Assumption

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: OCTOBER 12

- ◆ Saint Luke the Artist
- ◆ Saint Teresa of Avila
- ◆ Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Rick Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Jay Swatek. 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.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The daily Rosary is prayed every day at St. John's (except for Sundays). Please check the Looking Ahead section of the bulletin for the times the Rosary is prayed each day - we invite you to come pray with us!



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 1st 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 last week of October.

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	October 13	Monday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Tuesday	October 14	Tuesday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr	NO MASS	
Wednesday	October 15	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham †
Thursday	October 16	Thursday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Hedwig, Religious/ Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	8:30 a.m. - St. John's	Lenoard & Ayrelou Soukup †/ Rachel Soukup †
Friday	October 17	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	Dorothy Paulis †
Saturday	October 18	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist	9:00 a.m. - Marty Convent	Rockie Eisenmann
		Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Bob Soukup †
Sunday	October 19	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Jon Jonas †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Margie Pavin †

ATTENTION: CRADLE CATHOLICS

Are you a "Cradle Catholic" who would like a "refresher" about the Church for your own faith formation? If so, our Holy Apostles Pastorate is going to begin having classes just for you! This is a good time to do a deeper dive into the topics you have been wondering about: 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, please contact Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff, the Director of Discipleship and Evangelization, by October 19th at 605-760-5295 or by e-mail at: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

29th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral

The Path of Peace

Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Six Performances: Thursday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, December 19, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 20, 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 21, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Learn more and get tickets at ccfesd.org/christmas-at-the-cathedral



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GUN RAFFLE

The Knights Gun raffle is going on! Tickets will be for sale at St. John's bazaar, Knights' meetings, and at So-Co Pioneer. Proceeds from the raffle are used to help pay for our yearly scholarship and other activities within the churches! This year we have a 12 gauge shotgun, and the drawing will take place at the Knights' November meeting! Only 200 tickets will be sold.

1 ticket for \$20/6 for \$100



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS PRAYER & PIZZA

Monday, October 13

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement

All Catholic women, age 18 and older, are invited to join us and assist in the praying of a living Rosary!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**"Serve the Lord
with gladness"**

— Psalm 100:2

	Saturday, October 18 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 19 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 19 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Sandy Seiner/ Gene Niehus	Danielle Krcil	Mary Jo
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Bonnie Soukup	Danielle Krcil	Cathy/ Sr. Miriam/ Georgia
Altar Servers	Hannah Holzbauer/Luke Holzbauer/ Rachel Holzbauer/Jacob Holzbauer	Tom Krcil/ John Krcil	Nariah/ Tegan
Music	Lisa Cihak	Pam Roth	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Jarred Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Richard Nedved	Greg Krcil/ Frank Krcil	Bain/ Jeff
Greeters	Dorothy Holzbauer		Mary Jo
Gift Bearers	Matt L & Mieke Slaba Family	Greg Krcil Family	Karen & Family
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal		
Sacristan	Ray Soukup		
Collection Counters	Patty Eggers/ Fran Kocer	Greg Krcil/ Derek Koupal	Sr. Miriam/ Ray

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, October 13

NO MASS

Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Daughter Prayer & Pizza at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

Tuesday, October 14

NO MASS

Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Wednesday, October 15

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

CCD at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's

CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption

Thursday, October 16

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, October 17

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, October 18

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

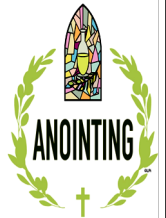
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's/Anointing of the Sick Following

Sunday, October 19

Confessions at 8:15 AM at Assumption

Mass at 9:00 AM at Assumption/Anointing of the Sick Following

Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's/Anointing of the Sick Following



BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

October 14 – "Pro Sanctity: Holiness in Everyday Life," directed by Jackie Sempek; November 11 – "Accompaniment: Walking with Others Closer to Jesus," directed by Dr. Chris Burgwald with Fr. Joe Vogel. 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
October 4 \$3781.00

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

Earmarked Donations \$ 200.00
Mass Stipends \$ 330.00
Memorial \$ 165.00
October 1 CCD Mass* \$ 136.00

*Earmarked for Ministerial Association

ST. JOHN'S FALL CLEANUP

Fall is here and Parish Council is planning a fall outside cleanup around church and rectory on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 4:30 pm. You may bring rake and clippers. All help is very much appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Patty Eggers at 491-4023.



THANK YOU!

The flowers in front of the altar at St. John's were donated by Ray & Bonnie Soukup in honor of and in memory of Farke and Soukup family members. Thank you, Ray & Bonnie!

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

Beginning with the December 28th bulletin, birthdays and anniversaries of St. John's parishioners (and those of St. Paul's parishioners, if available) will be printed in the bulletin. Parishioners are encouraged to check with to be certain that their birthday and anniversary information is correct. Contact Theresa Koupal to update information or indicate your desire not to have your birthday/anniversary listed in the bulletin. If your phone number, address, or email address have recently changed, please contact Theresa so parish records can be updated.

ST. PAUL'S MY PARISH APP

St. Paul's parishioners who have smart phones or tablets are encouraged to use the My Parish app, which comes to parishioners FREE. To download the app, simply text App to 55321. This will give you access to Mass changes, faith formation updates, and the ministry assignment list. Please pick up the cards that contain download information - the cards can be picked up in the church entryway.

ABBEY OF THE HILLS FALL BANQUET

Wednesday, October 29

Keynote Speaker: Coach John Stiegelmeier

Social: 5:30 Dinner and Speaker: 6:30 P.M.

Table Sponsor: \$1,000 per table - 6 guests*;

Business Sponsor: \$500 - 2 guests*;

Friend of the Abbey Sponsor: \$250 - 1 guest*;

Event Ticket: \$175 per person

*Name/Business displayed at the Banquet

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening of inspiration, community, and celebration. featuring former SDSU Football Coach John Stiegelmeier— better known as Coach Stig! Give the gift of peace! This annual event is an opportunity to help further the mission for all to "Rediscover Peace" at the Abbey of the Hills Please call today to reserve your seat at the Abbey banquet! 605-398-9200 or email abbey@abbeyofthehills.org



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

October 13: Brian Kuca; October 17: Carol Rempp.

Happy Anniversary to these Assumption parishioners who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

October 15: Nathan & Nikki Kafka; October 18: Pat & Cindy Krcil.



DANTE ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

SOUP DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sign up sheets for HAMBURGER, BID-A-BASKET, DECORATED CAKE, AND KIDS RAFFLE are in the back of the church.

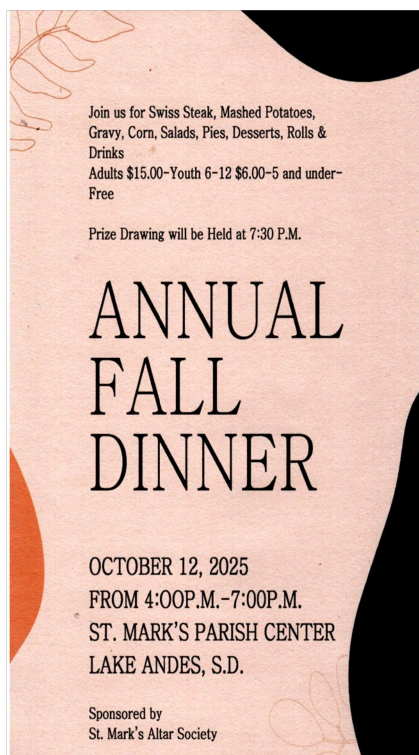
Assumption Parish Coffee Fellowship Sunday, October 12th following our 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will be serving Tyndall Bakery rolls, coffee and juice. All are WELCOME! Free will donation.



Heartfelt sympathies to the family & friends of Dorothy Dixon. Dorothy died on Monday, September 29. The funeral Mass for Dorothy was held on Thursday, October 2 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Dante, with burial to take place at a later date in the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, CA.



Heartfelt sympathies to the family & friends of Dennis Cihak. Dennis died on Friday, October 3. Funeral services for Dennis were on Thursday, October 9 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Dante, with inurnment in St. Mary's Cemetery.



Readings for the week of October 12, 2025	
Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/ 2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE ZEAL OF THE CONVERT

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as “the zeal of the recent convert.”

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Your faith has saved you. These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the

leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is — and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply believing. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith — so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith — so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, “Thank you. Now what?”

I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says “I believe” or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

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