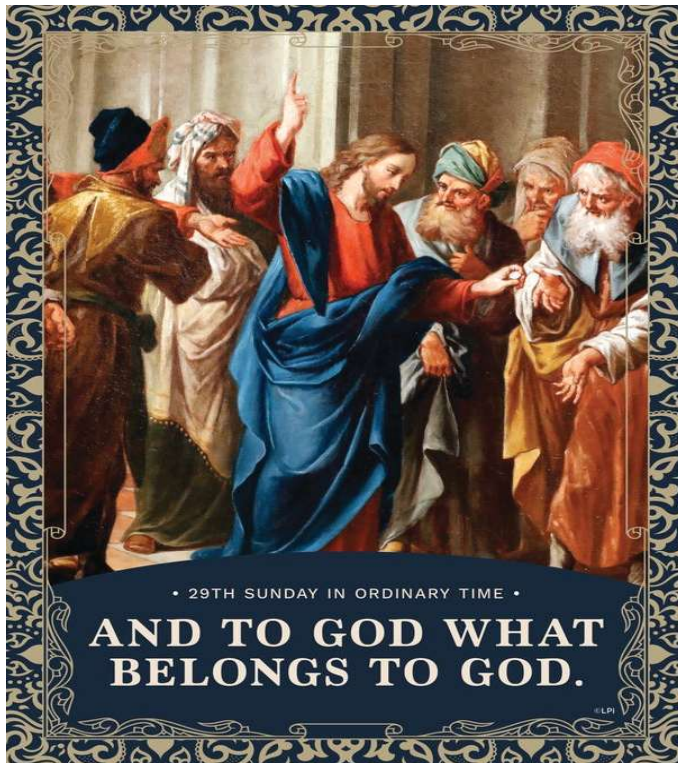




GOSPEL MEDITATION: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

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October 18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"I have called you by your name...though you knew me not" - words addressed to King Cyrus in our first reading but possibly addressed to each of us also if we think God fits into a little box once a week. Our whole person is made in the image of God, so giving "to God what belongs to God" means our whole person, our whole lives, belong to God.

In the special envelopes or as loose collection this weekend is our opportunity to take part in "World Mission Sunday". Also, at the end of each Mass you are invited to stay and pray for those who in serious illness will

be receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. I have finally gotten everything in place for the recently trained Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion so, at all Masses on Oct 24/25 and on Oct 31/Nov 1, we'll have the "Installation" ritual right after the homily. Please be at any one of these Masses for this installation. I have many things in this upcoming week; perhaps it is of interest that I've ordered wine and the memorial candles from Hurleys in Fargo; through my niece living there, it will all get brought to me freight free. Eternal rest grant to Eleanor Andersen, amen.

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), Dustin Scheuffele, Roger Cuka, Larry Beeson, Joey Koupal, Bernie Koupal. 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.



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 21
4:15 p.m. - St. John's

Saturday, October 24
4:30 p.m. - St. John's

Sunday, October 25
8:15 a.m. - Assumption
3:00 p.m. - St. John's
(Mercy Hour)



NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTER SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026



Sunday, October 18, 2026, has been formally designated as this year's National Catholic Daughter Sunday and a formal proclamation has been issued. Members of Court St. Rose of Lima #700 (Wagner/Dante) will attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass on that day. Since its beginning, the Catholic Daughters have consistently and unselfishly used their God given talents and time to work for quality of life and defense of humanity, and Catholic Daughters have worked for social justice and show compassion for those in our parishes, community, nation, world who are vulnerable, homeless, voiceless, and most in need and Catholic Daughters participate in the March for Life, pray and work effortlessly to defend the right to Life at all stages from conception to natural death as designed by God's creation.

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday, October 19	Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Ed Novak +
Tuesday, October 20	Tuesday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time/Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Sr. Anna Dangel, OSB +
Wednesday, October 21	Wednesday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Ellsworth Wayne Chytka +
Thursday, October 22	Thursday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint John Paul II, Pope	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Jim Koupal +
Friday, October 23	Friday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint John of Capistrano, Priest	NO MASS	
Saturday, October 24	Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Jennie Merkwan +
Sunday, October 25	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Don, Elaine, & Tim Cihak +
		11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Faith Formation Families

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.

MERCY HOUR
Sunday, October 25
3:00 p.m.
St. John's

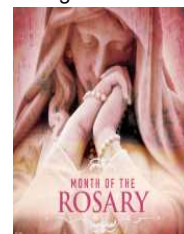


THIS WEEK ON FORMED: OCTOBER 18

- Saint Luke: Catholic Saints
- Pope John Paul II
- Slaves and Kings

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD	
	Saturday, October 24 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 25 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 25 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Monday, October 19	
EM	Alice Koupal/ Jim Thornton	Joe See	Tana	Evening Prayer at 4:40 p.m. at St. John's	
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Ray Soukup	Joe Sees	Emma/ Amy/ Georgia	Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following	
Altar Servers	McKinley Podzimek/ Jaylee Kafka	Easton Sees/ Hudson Sees	Bladen/ Ridge	Tuesday, October 20	
Music	Lisa Cihak	Bernie Koupal		Secrets of the Sacred Heart Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Bud Koupal/ Derek Koupal	Jason/ Briggs	Evening Prayer at 5:10 p.m. at Assumption	
Greeters	Jeff & Julie Doom		Mary Jo	Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption	
Gift Bearers	Jeff & Julie Doom	Derek Koupal Family	Amy, Riley, & Family	Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's	
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal			Dante Parish Council at 7:00 p.m.	
Sacristan	Jim Thornton			Wednesday, October 21	
Collection Counters	Mary Kuhlman/ Patty Eggers	Lynn Stather/ Josie Rezac	Sr. Miriam/ Emma	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	
				CCD at 6:15 p.m. at St. John's	
				Adult Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's	
				CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption	
				Thursday, October 22	
				Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Good Samaritan Center/Daily Rosary Following	
				Friday, October 23	
				NO MASS at St. Paul's	
				Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's	
				Saturday, October 24	
				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, October 25	
				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	
				CDA FALL RETREAT: "THE BETTER PART"	
				Saturday, October 25	
				Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Parkston	
				Featured Speaker: Dr. Carole Brown.	
				Director of Sioux Spiritual Center,	
				Diocese of Rapid City	
				Registration by October 21 st	
				Open to All Women: Free Will Donation	
				To JoAnn Hoffman Text 605-770-7928	
				Email sdcdevice1@gmail.com	
				PLEASE NOTE - SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31!	
				The Saturday evening Mass will be moved to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Octo- ber 31. Father Jim will hear confessions, starting at 3:00 p.m. The daily Rosary will be prayed at 3:30 p.m. A candle service for the deceased will follow the 4:00 p.m. Mass.	



ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION
Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
October 10 \$2237.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:
Earmarked Donations \$ 325.00
Priest Retirement Appeal \$ 360.00

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

In Loving Memory
Heartfelt sympathies to the family & friends of Eleanor Andersh. Eleanor died on Sunday, October 11. Funeral services for Eleanor were held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Wagner, with burial in St. John's Cemetery, rural Wagner.

The next parish potluck will be Saturday, November 7, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John's. Please join us for great food & fellowship!

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.

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

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With her parents and the Assumption parish family, we welcome, through the waters of Baptism, Koveah Jo Van Winkle. Koveah is the daughter of Scott & Kimberly Van Winkle and was baptized on Sunday, October 11, at Assumption. We rejoice in welcoming Koveah to the family of God!

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY SOUP DINNER
Sunday, October 25
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Assumption CCD Center
See back page for more information!

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
St. John the Baptist CCD Classes
6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
(Father Jim Teaching)
St. Paul's Adult Night
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Assumption CCD Classes
6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION
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 19: Dean Abdouch (SJ); October 20: Tenley Van Winkle (A), Trish Lensing (SJ); October 21: Logan Blaha (A), Lincoln Holzbauer (SJ); October 22: Kalee Mixon (A), Tyler Cuka (SJ); October 23: Vicki Swatek (SJ), Jim Thornton (SJ); October 24: Clay Lukkes (A), Misty Kocer (SJ); October 25: Sandy Eitemiller (SJ), Taya Stone (SJ), Vick Roth (A), Jessica Cihak (A).

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 18: Pat & Cindy Krcil (A); October 20: Scott & Kimberly Van Winkle (A); October 21: Larry & Sylvia Beeson (A); October 25: Sam & Angie Fousek (SJ)

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

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
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-4

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WHOSE IMAGE WE BEAR

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise

the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than \$200.

It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the im-

age we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image we bear.

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EVERYDAY STEWARSHIP: THE WEIGHT OF OUR ACTIONS

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate that oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately. Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure he broke down and confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit. Of course, it was my own son.

My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others that loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about

how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and that respects others. When we are children this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest—it isn't always so easy as adults either.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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BLESSING FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

O God, You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared. Amen.
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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

OTHER UPCOMING DINNERS/SUPPERS

St. Peter's Catholic Church (Platte) Home Cooked Turkey Dinner & Bazaar

Sunday, October 25
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Church Hall

Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Coleslaw, Cranberry Salad, Vegetable, Rolls, Pie/Dessert

Adults: \$18/Kids: \$9

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (Armour) Annual Fall Supper & Silent Auction

Sunday, November 1
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Pie, Coffee; Lemonade
Complete Dinners to Go
Free Will Donation

Saints Peter & Paul Altar Society (Dimock) & Catholic United Financial Team 143 Annual Meal & Silent Auction

Saturday, November 14
(After 5:00 p.m. Mass)
Chicken Alfredo, Spaghetti, Garlic Pull Aparts, Fruit, Desserts & Beverages.
Free Will Donation



"How is confession like autumn?"



"You turn over a new leaf."

