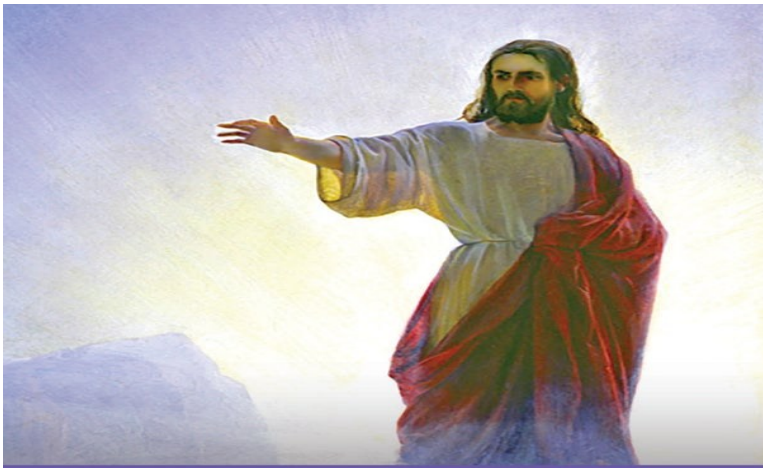




29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done

— Father John Muir
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October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I asked CCD students this past week if we should have polyandry (many husbands), infant baptism, or abortion: for those who would say "only Scripture" is inspired by God, there are many different answers given. But we've been hearing Paul's letters to Timothy which commend keeping the 'traditions you received both by letter (Sacred Scripture) and by word of mouth (Sacred Tradition)' and the 'household of God, the church, the pillar and bulwark of truth (the Magisterium)'. Without the unity of these three we get as many churches as there are people interpreting things; we find the three together in the 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic church'.

As I wrote last week, we have World Mission Sunday collection this weekend and Anointing of the Sick following all the Masses: we love and pray for each other near & far. Perhaps you can help with fall clean-up at St. Johns on Monday at 4:30pm. We meet for Dante Parish Councils Tuesday at 7pm. Let us pray for many youth going to Chris Stefanick's "Reboot" at Mt. Marty on Wed night. Plan on Dante's "Soup Dinner" from 10:30-1pm next Sunday.

Keep the faith,
Fr. Jim

MERCY HOUR
Sunday, October 26
3:00 p.m.
St. John's

NATIONAL CDA SUNDAY
Sunday, October 19

National Catholic Daughter Sunday is observed on Sunday, October 19, 2025. This day has been formally designated as the annual celebration, and a recent proclamation has been issued to recognize the contributions of Catholic women. CDA is a national organization dedicated to spiritual growth, charitable work, and parish involvement. The local court, Court St. Rose of Lima #700, is made up of Catholic women from the Wagner and Dante parishes. If you would like more information, contact one of the local officers: Halie Kirwan, Regent; Therea Koupal, Vice Regent, Karol Kocer, Treasurer; Dorothy Holzbauer, Financial Secretary; Kara Hanan, Recording Secretary. We invite all Catholic women, ages 18 and older, to join us in our work!

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Wednesday, October 22

4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, October 24
1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, October 25
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, October 26
8:15 a.m. - Assumption
3:00 p.m. - St. John's
(Mercy Hour)

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: OCTOBER 19

- ◆ Pope John Paul II
- ◆ Slaves and Kings
- ◆ Saint John Paul II: Lukas Storyteller

Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary 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.

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.



PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

O God,
Bless, protect, guide, and uphold those who bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. Fill them with Your strength and love, give them fresh inspiration each morning, and safe and restful sleep each night. Amen.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	October 20	Monday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint John of the Cross, Priest	NO MASS	
Tuesday	October 21	Tuesday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Wednesday	October 22	Wednesday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint John Paul II, Pope	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jim Koupal †
Thursday	October 23	Thursday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint John of Capistrano, Priest	8:30 a.m. - St. John's	Don Novak Family
Friday	October 24	Friday of the 29 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	David Pettit †
Saturday	October 25	Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Clara Kafka †
Sunday	October 26	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Charlie & Mary Cimpl † Holy Souls in Purgatory †

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



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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**"Serve the Lord
with gladness"**
- Psalm 100:2

	Saturday, October 25 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 26 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 26 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Barb Johannsen/ Bonnie Soukup	Volunteer	Tana
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Kim Soukup	Donna Smejkal	Emma/ Amy/ Sr. Pat
Altar Servers	McKinley Podzimek/ Jayle Kafka/ Skyler Kocer	Dashel Smejkal	Ridge/ Bladen
Music	Guitar Choir	Micky Hollmann	
Ushers	Jim Eggers/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Dean Abdouch	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Ryan K./ Ramona
Greeters	Jay & Kim Kafka		Sr. Joan
Gift Bearers	Jenni Soukup Family	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Andrea & Family/Clarissa
Rosary	Jeff Stewart		
Sacristan	Volunteer		
Collection Counters	Karol Kniffen/ Peggy Eggers	Donna Smejkal/ Karen Peters	Dave/ Jason

LOOKING AHEAD Monday, October 20

NO MASS
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21

NO MASS
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
Assumption Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22

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/Grades 10 & 11 to MMU for Reboot
St. Paul's Students, Age 12 and Higher to MMU for Reboot
CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption/High School to MMU for Reboot

Thursday, October 23

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 24

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 25

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 26

Confessions at 8:15 AM at Assumption
Mass at 9:00 AM at Assumption
Soup Dinner at Assumption,
Serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's
Mercy Hour at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's

**MERCY
HOUR**



BROOM TREE DAY OF RECOLLECTION

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 11 \$1060.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amount was also received:
Votive Candle Offerings \$ 56.00

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.

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.

CDA ALL SAINTS PROJECT

Parishioners of all ages are invited to participate in this year's CDA All Saints Project. Please pick up copies of coloring sheets in the entryways of the churches and return them to the church entryway when they are colored. The colored sheets will be used to create All Saints Day luminaries at St. John's and votive candle wraps at Assumption and St. Paul's. There will not be a coloring contest this year.



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 20: Tenley VanWinkle; October 21: Logan Blaha; October 22: Kalee Mixon; October 24: Clay Lukkes; October 25: Vicki Roth, Jessica Cihak; October 26: Ashley Soukup.

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

October 20: Scott & Kimbely VanWinkle; October 21: Larry & Sylvia Beeson.

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.

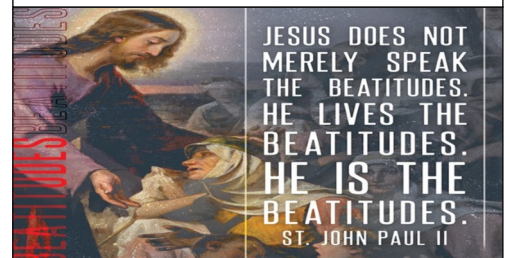


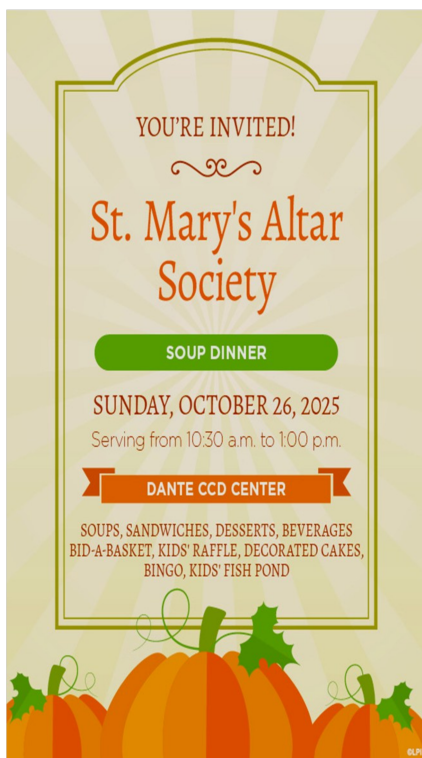
Heartfelt sympathies to the family & friends of Stephen Rezac, formerly of Assumption parish. Stephen died on Tuesday, October 7, in Sioux Falls. The funeral Mass for Stephen was held on Tuesday, October 14, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Sioux Falls, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Sioux Falls.



ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

There are still several jackets and sweaters on the coat rack in St. John's church basement and unclaimed bowls, containers, and pans on the table in the church basement. If you are missing any of these items, please check the church basement to reclaim items that might be yours. Also, please check the lost and found container in the church entryway and claim items that might be yours.





Readings for the week of October 19, 2025
 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
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,
 17/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/
 Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-1

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WHAT IS A CHALICE VEIL?
 The chalice veil is a liturgical cloth matching the priest's vestments. It covers the sacred vessels until the Offertory, symbolizing the temple curtain and the reverence due before the sacred mysteries are revealed.

Want to know more about the chalice, liturgical cloths and their functions? Check out the article below for a deeper explanation.

<https://aleteia.org/2017/09/14/heres-different-parts-of-a-chalice-and-their-functions-explained/>

Next time you're at Mass, pay close attention to the use of the chalice veil.

Taken from Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls Facebook page.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: SPARKING HOLINESS

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

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

THE PRAYERS WE DON'T SAY

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer — specifically constant, unwearying prayer — with the marginalized person who

doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force his way into our

problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance — adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying

prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too — but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

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