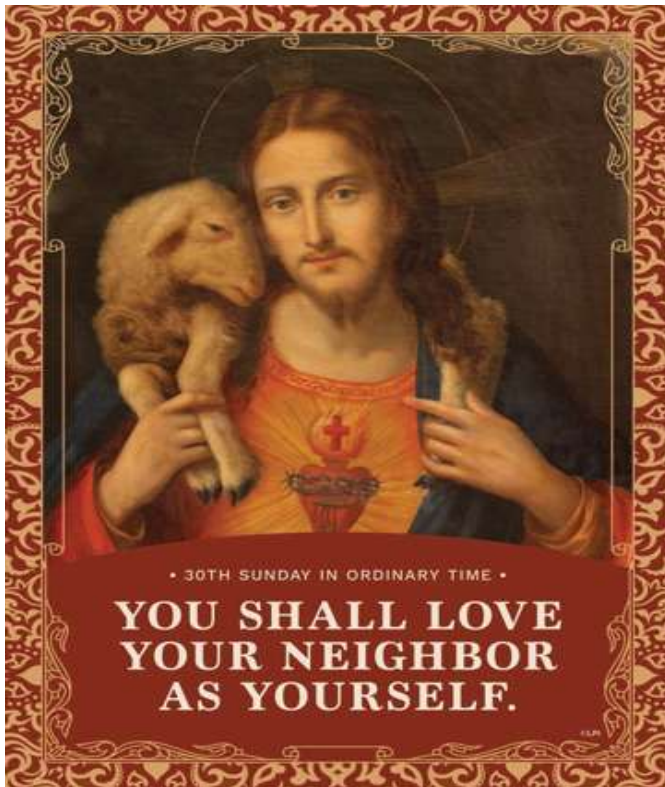




GOSPEL MEDITATION: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John Muir

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October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit," Paul says of the Ephesians. If in our comfortableness, the great commands of love of God and love of neighbor just sound like nice, sugary words, we need the Ephesians as a "model for all believers". In a world of abuses and injustices, deep needs and deception, love of neighbor and love of God who allows such things is anything but nice, sugary words; rather, they are costly, calling forth our best amid unceasing trusting prayer.

In our parishes we make part of our prayer the eternal life of Jon Stather and Delores "Dee" Staudenmier. For the whole Church All Souls' Day brings all the faithful departed to our prayer: a candle memorial for the deceased whose services we've had this past year will be held right after each of the Masses next weekend. At all the Masses this weekend and also next weekend we will have

the Installation of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who (re)trained earlier this summer. Remember the earlier time, 4pm, for Wagner's Mass next weekend, Oct 31st, Halloween. Many things were 'brought to the table' at Dante's Parish Council, one I'll underline is that no Christmas decorating, nativity scene, etc. will go up IN THE CHURCH until after the Dec 20th, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Mass. Christmas Day is on Friday so we have plenty of time before then to set up. Also, I'll put copies in the entry of the updated rates and procedure for using the parish hall. 7pm Tues Nov 17th is the next meeting. Wagner Parish Councils meet this Tues. the 27th at 7pm. Always, all are welcome.

Fr. Jim



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



PLEASE NOTE - SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31!

The Saturday evening Mass will be moved to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 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.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 27
5:00 p.m. - Assumption

Wednesday, October 28
4:15 p.m. - St. John's

Friday, October 30
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's

Saturday, October 31
3:00 p.m. - St. John's

Sunday, November 1
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
Daylight Savings Time ends at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to set your clocks back!



MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday, October 26	Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - Grey Eagle Apartments	Kateri Circle Members
Tuesday, October 27	Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Gladys Slaba +
Wednesday, October 28	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Bonne Novak +
Thursday, October 29	Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Robert Peterka +
Friday, October 30	Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Benefactors
Saturday, October 31	Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints	3:00 p.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham +
Sunday, November 1	Solemnity of All Saints	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Delores Schrupp +
		11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Elaine Little +

THE GUARDIAN PRAYER, EXPLAINED!

CDA BINGO AT WAGNER GSC
Thursday, November 19
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!



The Guardian Angel Prayer, also known as the Angel of God Prayer, invokes the protection of one's guardian angel. Often one of the first prayers taught to children, it consists of two rhyming couplets: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide."

The exact authorship of this prayer is unknown. Scholars previously attributed it to St. Anselm of Canterbury, though many now believe a version composed by Reginald of Canterbury in his "Life of Malchus" serves as the prayer's inspiration.

Guardian Angels are referred to in Scripture in the Book of Daniel (Dan. 12:1), the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18:10) and the Psalms (91:10-13). "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 336).

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MERCY HOUR

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



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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: OCTOBER 25

- What Catholics Believe About Halloween
- Eternal Rest
- Who Is St. Jude: Catholic Saints

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 31 4:00 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, November 1 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, November 1 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Monday, October 26	
EM	Don Koupal/ Sandy Seiner	Danielle Krcil	Tana	Daily Rosary at 4:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments	
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Charlene Soukup	Danielle Krcil	Georgia/ Amy/ Sr. Pat	Tuesday, October 27	
Altar Servers	Clarah Soukup/ Windsor Soukup/ Willow Soukup	Frank Krcil/ John Krcil	Emsley/ Emma	Secrets of the Sacred Heart Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's 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 Wagner Parish Council at 7:00 p.m.	
Music	Kim Soukup	Pam Roth		Wednesday, October 28	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Greg Krcil/ Tom Krcil	Bain/ Bennett	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 6:15 p.m. at St. John's Family Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption	
Greeters	Barb Johannsen		Judy	Thursday, October 29	
Gift Bearers	Matt & Mleke Slaba Family	Greg Krcil Family	Andrea & Family	Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Good Samaritan Center/Daily Rosary Following	
Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup			Friday, October 30	
Sacristan	Don Koupal			Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Adoration 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	Paul Eggers/ Cletus Wiechmann	Greg Krcil/ Derek Koupal	Jason/ Dave	Saturday, October 31	
				Confessions at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Daily Rosary at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's/ Candle Service for the Departed Following	
				Sunday, November 1	
				Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption/ Candle Service for the Departed Following Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's/ Candle Service for the Departed Following	



30th Anniversary
The Cathedral of Saint Joseph
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 17 \$ 997.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amount was also received:
World Mission Sunday * \$ 605.00
*Includes Loose Offerings

NOVEMBER POTLUCK
Saturday, November 7
6:30 p.m.
(After 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John's)
Please join us for great food & fellowship!

SAINT JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING
Tuesday, November 17
5:30 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement
Each Altar Society Band is asked to have two of its members attend the meeting. Chairmen & Co-Chairmen, please contact members of your bands!

FAMILY FUN DAY DONATIONS
Thank you to all of you who have turned in your donations to the St. John's Family Fun Day! If you would still like to make a donation, please get your donations to Jenni Soukup or Bonnie Soukup. Donations can all be placed in the collection basket at Mass - please put donations in an envelope clearly marked "Family Fun Day Donation."

PRIEST RETIREMENT APPEAL
Thank you to the St. John's parishioners who have already made donations to the CCFESD Priest Retirement Appeal. To date, \$3,460 has been received. Donations are still being accepted. You can drop your donation (in the envelope provided by CCFESD) into the collection basket at Mass or you can mail your donations to CCFESD in the envelope provided.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
St. John the Baptist CCD Classes
6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
(Sister Maribeth Teaching)
St. Paul's Family Night/Potluck
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Father Jim Teaching)
Assumption CCD Classes
6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

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!



**Assumption Parish
Coffee Fellowship
POTLUCK BRUNCH**
Sunday November 8, 2026
Assumption CCD Center
Following our 9:00 a.m. Mass,
All are welcome!



2026 SDPCA CHRISTMAS SACK PROJECT

For many who are incarcerated, this treat sack is the only special gift they receive at Christmas. Every gift helps. Help fill Christmas sacks and remind someone they are not forgotten. Your gift at work: \$12 fills one sack; \$25 fills about two sacks; \$50 fills about four sacks; \$100 fills about eight sacks. Give by November 20, 2026. Mail donations to SDPCA Christmas Sacks, PO Box 89331, Sioux Falls, SD 57109, Check memo: Christmas Sacks.



FALL BANQUET WED | OCT 28

Keynote Speaker:

CHAD GREENWAY

Faith after Football

Finding deeper purpose, faith and service beyond professional achievement—a message that beautifully complements The Abbey's mission.

Chad Greenway is an 11-year NFL veteran who played his entire career with the Minnesota Vikings. A SD native, he is also an entrepreneur, community leader, and philanthropist.





Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:
October 26: Amber Hill (SJ), Michale Barnett (SJ); October 27: Alvin Rezac (A); October 28: Max McNinch (A), Bonnie Soukup (SJ), Samuel Kafka (SJ); October 31: Dan Cimpr (A), Ila Blaha (A); November 1: Eugene Slaba (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 27: Todd & Barb Johannsen (SJ)

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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BLESSING FOR HARVEST

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness. Amen.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz
Dorman

LOVE GOD FIRST

In writing this column, I spent a When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people

first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace some of the other people. Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LOVE

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

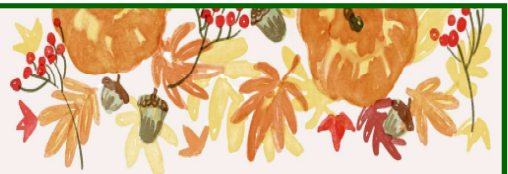
In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away.

It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Ro-

mans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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. Leo Altar Society (Tyndall)
Annual Soup Kitchen

Sunday, November 1

Father Cronin Memorial Center

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

3 Kinds of Soup, Sandwiches, Desserts, Beverages
Free Will Offering

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 Apart, Fruit, Desserts &
Beverages.

Free Will Donation

