



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"The Lord hears the cry of the poor." I certainly do not see myself as financially poor; compared to humanity as a whole, few reading this would qualify as poor. But the troubles and challenges that may confront us may bring us to cry out in our own way. And let us cry out for other great needs we do see around us. Best of all, let us humble ourselves, let us be the lowly before God Almighty, all holy, all gracious. Let us marvel that we can have even the very notion that God would notice you or me; nonetheless come to die for you and me!

I will soon contact the couple at Wagner interested in being extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion as well as being sacristans; let me know of anyone else possibly interested. Our pilot maiden voyage of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd begins this week; may it grow strong and verdant! One person is talking of coming with me to Monday evening's Right to Life meeting at Dakota Christian at 7pm; I have room for more! Keep Halloween indeed the all "hallowed eve" of All

Saints day by coming to Mass (even though not obligation this year) for this feast on Friday: 5pm Martyr/6:30 Wagner or on Sat. 9am Dante. Weekend Masses will be for All Souls so we'll have a Litany of the Deceased of our parish this past year immediately following Mass at each parish. Home schoolers are organizing again this year an all saints activity after the 9am Sat. Mass & adoration - just let us know if you'd like to take part in it. Half of parish council made it to the Dante meeting as well as a number of other parishioners; a proposal to wall & window off a cry room in the southeast corner of the church seemed to be unanimously supported. Let me or council members know of any concerns or ideas or interested carpenters; they'll need to have the proper liability coverage. This Sunday is our Dante Soup Dinner and a special Wagner Mercy Hour!

Peace,
Fr. Jim



Parishioners: Empty brown holy water bottles should be returned to the church so that they can be refilled and reused. Thank you!

FCSLA DISTRICT MEETING

First Catholic Slovak Ladies will hold their District meeting on November 2, 2025 in Tabor at the Beseda hall starting at noon. RSVP to Doug Cimpl if you are interested in attending, Doug's cell number is 605-481-0164.

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.



All Saints Day



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 28

5:00 p.m. - Assumption

Wednesday, October 29

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

Friday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 1

8:30 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. - Assumption

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

Sunday, November 2

8:15 a.m. - Assumption

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: OCTOBER 26

- ◆ *Practicing Catholic Podcast*
- ◆ *All Saints Day*
- ◆ *Who Is Saint Jude: Catholic Saints*

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.

BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

November 11 - "Accompaniment: Walking with Others Closer to Jesus," directed by Dr. Chris Burgwald with Fr. Joe Vogel; December 9 - "The Pillars of Advent: A Walk with Mary and Joseph," directed by Fr. Tom Anderson. 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	October 27	Monday of the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - Grey Eagle Apts.	Kateri Circle Members & Their Families
Tuesday	October 28	Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Bill † & Gladys Slaba
Wednesday	October 29	Wednesday of the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jerry Barnett †
Thursday	October 30	Thursday of the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m. - St. John's	Jack Kuhlman †
Friday	October 31	Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints	5:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	For the People
			6:30 p.m. - St. John's	Jeanne Soulek †
Saturday	November 1	Solemnity of All Saints/First Saturday Mass	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Don & Tim Cihak †
		Vigil of the Commemoration of All Souls' Day	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham †
Sunday	November 2	Commemoration of All Souls' Day	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Rosalie Soukup †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Larry Shindelar †

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



FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, November 4
7:00 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement

The drawing for the 12-gauge shotgun will be held at the November meeting!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

	Friday, October 31 6:30 p.m. - St. John's	Saturday, November 1 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Saturday, November 1 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, November 2 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, November 2 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Gene Niehus/ Don Koupal	Mike Beeson	Judy Barnett/ Mieke Slaba	Pam Roth	Alice
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Ray Soukup	Mike Beeson	Buzz Durham	Pam Roth	Georgia/ Amy/ Sr. Pat
Altar Servers	TBD	Ethan Blaha/ Logan Blaha	Jessica Barnett/ Cooper Slaba/ Avieleigh Slaba	Vera Beeson/ Vivian Beeson	Emma/ Kalea
Music	TBD	Open	Kim Soukup	Marilee Krcil	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Jarred Niehus/ Collin Soukup/ Richard Nedved	Clayton Rados/ Volunteer	Jim Eggers/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Dean Abdoudh	Ross Beeson/ Travis Krcil	Jason/ Briggs
Greeters	Theresa Koupal		Fran Podzimek		Judy
Gift Bearers	TBD	Ushers	Jeff & Julie Doom	Ross Beeson Family	Tim & Taya S.
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal				
Sacristan	Don Koupal		Don Koupal		
Collection Counters	Cletus Weichmann/ Paul Eggers		Ray Soukup/ Becky Brunsing	Ross Beeson/ Travis Krcil	Ramona/ Judy

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, October 27

Daily Rosary at 4:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apts.
Mass at 5:00 at Grey Eagle

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

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
Family Night/Potluck at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption

Thursday, October 30

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 31

Adoration & Confessions at 1:30 p.m. at
St. Paul's
Benediction at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Daily Rosary at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

Saturday, November 1

Confessions at 8:30 a.m. at Assumption
Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption
Adoration & Confessions at 9:45 a.m. at
Assumption

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 */Potluck After

Sunday, November 2

Confessions at 8:15 AM at Assumption
Mass at 9:00 AM at Assumption *
Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's *

***The Litany of the Deceased will follow the
weekend Masses on November 1-2.**

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
October 18 \$ 466.00
World Mission Sunday* \$ 417.00
**From Special Envelopes & Loose Collection*
**Thank you for your generosity - every gift
matters and is appreciated!**

NOVEMBER POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, November 1
After 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. John's
Please join us for great food and fellowship!

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

We still have 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.

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. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, November 18
5:30 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement



Heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Nerissa Zephier. Nerissa died on Sunday, October 19, in Sioux Falls. The funeral Mass for Nerissa was held on * Friday, October 24, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Marty, followed by a celebration of her life in the church basement.

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 27: Alvin Rezac; October 28: Max
McNinch; October 31: Dan Cimprl, Ila Blaha;
November 2: Brayden Kreber.

DANTE ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS SOUP DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

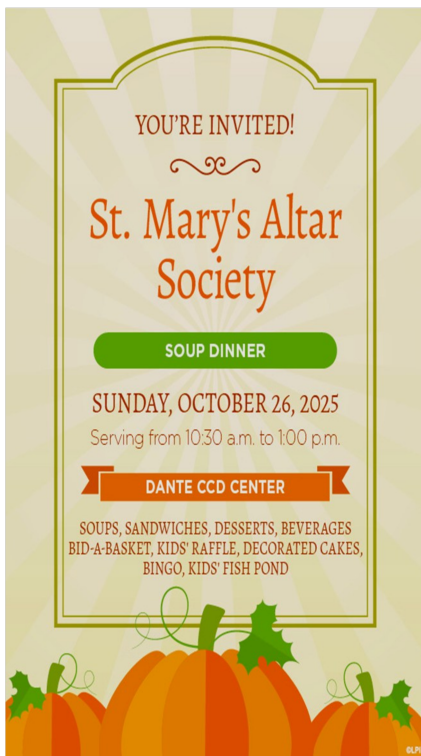
Serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sign up sheets for HAMBURGER, BID-A-BASKET, DECORATED CAKE, AND KIDS RAFFLE are in the back of the church.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

ALL SAINTS PARTY

Children of all ages, join us for an All Saints Day party in Dante following 9am Mass and half hour adoration on Saturday, November 1st. Dress as a Saint of your choice and gather at the CCD center around 10:20 for a Litany of the Saints. Prizes, games and fellowship to follow! Please bring a food dish to share. Drinks will be provided.





EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS MORE THAN A BUZZWORD

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE TUNNEL VISION

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the

right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't become righteous.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

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Parents:
If your child did not receive a backpack blessing tag for his/her backpack, please contact Theresa Koupal.

"What did the birds say to St. Francis on Halloween?"



"Twick-or-Tweet!"



St. Francis of Assisi is often depicted with birds, a nod to his witness of preaching God's goodness to all creation.

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SOUP KITCHEN

Sunday, November 2, 2025

10:30am - 1:30pm

St. Leo the Great Parish
Father Cronin Memorial Center
100 E 20th Ave
Tyndall, SD





Chili, Chicken Noodle (homemade noodles), **and Potato Dumpling,**

Chicken Salad Sandwiches,

Taverns, and Hot Dogs

Desserts - Pies

Beverages