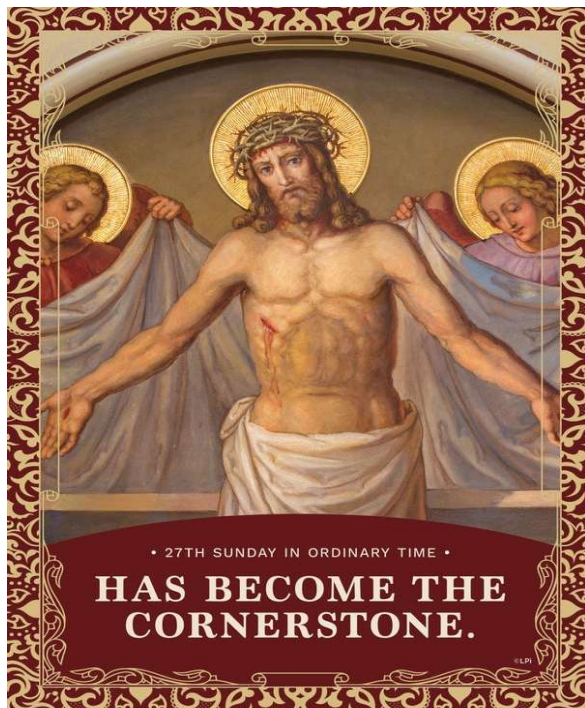




GOSPEL MEDITATION: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

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October 4, 2026

Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When I began college, with no morning farm chores to do, it occurred to me that I should do some exercises instead to keep fit. I have done that ever since. And each morning I'm tempted to not do what takes the most exertion, a series of push-ups and chin-ups. But I've experienced that it bears good fruit. St. Paul tells us to "keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen" in the faith. Whether it be a discipline of monthly setting some savings aside or making daily prayer happen, the call to persevere, to "keep on doing" what we know to be right is a most important thing; God bless you in this!

A warmest welcome to our Holy Apostles Pastorate pastor, Fr. Tom Clement, this weekend! I'll be back from Geddes, Platte and Lake Andes by Sunday afternoon to lead our public "Life Chain" at 2pm at the Peace Shrine east of Wagner. Holding pro-life signs and pray-

ing the rosary, we'll also pause at the half-hour to consciously unite ourselves to the "Rosary Rally for our Country" also happening this Sunday afternoon. Wear warm clothing and join us! Due to Clergy Days this week (pray for graced days for this gathering), note the Monday morning Mass and the Thursday evening Mass AND the Good Sam Mass being held this week on Friday. Finally, a BIG announcement: St. John's Cemetery, Wagner, is now on-line at <https://stjohnscatholiccemetery.com/>. Go to the site and see how handy the directory is for locating graves. How dedicated are those on the Cemetery Board!

Peace,
Fr. Jim

Look for more information about the cemetery website in next weekend's bulletin.

**Welcome,
Father Tom!**



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), Eleanor Andersh, Miko Kotab, 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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: OCTOBER 4

- Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy
- Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi
- Into Great Silence

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.



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Friday, October 9
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's

Saturday, October 10
4:30 p.m. - St. John's

Sunday, October 11
8:15 a.m. - Assumption



CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS

Wednesday, October 21
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday, October 5	Monday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time/Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin/Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest	8:30 a.m. - St. John's CCD Center Chapel	Keith Schroeder +
Tuesday, October 6	Tuesday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Bruno, Priest/Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin	NO MASS	
Wednesday, October 7	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	NO MASS	
Thursday, October 8	Thursday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Fred & Ann Eggers +
Friday, October 9	Friday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time/Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs/Saint John Leonardi, Priest	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Sister Norma Norton, OSB +
		1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Cancer Patients
Saturday, October 10	Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Bonnie Novak +
Sunday, October 11	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Don, Elaine & Tim Cihak +
		11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Jan Eggers +



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
Tuesday, October 6
7:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

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. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!

CDA BINGO AT WAGNER GSC
Thursday, October 15
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!



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING
Thursday, October 8
6:30 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

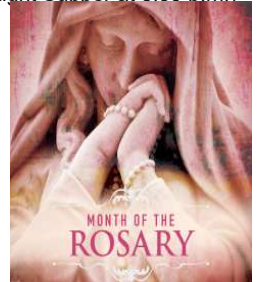
A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (after Mass & before the meeting).

respect life *sunday*
domingo de respeto a la vida

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD	
	Saturday, October 10 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 11 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 11 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Monday, October 5 Morning Prayer at 8:10 a.m. at St. John's CCD Center Chapel Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's CCD Center Chapel/Daily Rosary Following	
EM	Sandy Seiner/ Bonnie Soukup	Pam Roth	Karen	Tuesday, October 6 NO MASS Secrets of the Sacred Heart Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's	
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Kim Soukup	Pam Roth	Cathy/ Amy/ Georgia	Wednesday, October 7 NO MASS Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's CCD at 6:15 p.m. at St. John's Student Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption	
Altar Servers	Hannah, Luke, Rachel & Jacob Holzbauer	Vera Beeson/ Vivian Beeson	Nariah/ Sahveya	Thursday, October 8 Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Daughter Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's (Light Supper at 6:00 p.m.)	
Music	Austin Genzlinger	Emily Walloch		Friday, October 9 Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Mass at 10:00 a.m. at GSC/Daily Rosary Following Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Ross Beeson/ Steven Koupal	Jeff/ Dave L.	Saturday, October 10 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	
Greeters	Fran Podzimek		Judy	Sunday, October 11 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	
Gift Bearers	Matt & Mieke Slaba Family	Ross Beeson Family	Miles, Keve, & Family		
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal				
Sacristan	Ray Soukup				
Collection Counters	Dorothy Holzbauer/ Karol Kniffen	Ross Beeson/ Steven Koupal	Dave/ Ray		



LIFE CHAIN & NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR COUNTRY

Sunday, October 4
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wagner Peace Shrine

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
September 26 \$1319.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:
Earmarked Donations \$ 175.00
August EFT/Online Donations \$ 867.00
Priest Retirement Appeal \$ 750.00

OCTOBER POTLUCK

Saturday, October 3
6:30 p.m.

(After the 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Everyone is welcome to come and share delicious food and good company!

**"Dear St. Anthony, please come around:
something is lost, and it cannot be found."**

We are currently missing TWO busy bags, both of them from the group of bags for ages 3 to 4. Please check at home to see if you might accidentally have taken one home with you - and check with friends or relatives who might have come to Mass at St. John's to see if one might have gone home with them. Please use the little prayer above to pray that the missing bags are returned! Replacement value of each bag, with the contents inside, is approximately \$50. The bags were provided to the parish by the Altar Society and two anonymous donors.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make St John's Family Fun Day a success! Thank you for everyone who purchased raffle tickets, made donations, and attended our event. Special thanks to Kara for the beautiful music, the KCs who fried the fish, the Kocer Family for doing the grilling, and all the volunteers who helped with games, raffle, set up, serving, and clean up. We look forward to seeing you all next year. Thank you, M ay, June, July, and August band members. A list of raffle winners will be posted in the church entryway and on Facebook. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a copy.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

St. John the Baptist CCD Classes
6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

St. Paul's Faith Formation Student Night
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Assumption CCD Classes
6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Join us for Real Presence Radio's Fundraising

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Real Presence Radio's Fundraising
Social Hour 3:30-5:00 CT
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FEATURING SPEAKER
DR. DAVID ANDERS

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CCD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Assumption Parish CCD program this year contact Norma Beeson 605-491-2961.

HELP WANTED

JOB OPENING: DANTE

Position opening: Janitorial job for Assumption Parish in Dante. Please contact Arlis Kafka at 605-491-3180.

Assumption Parish

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, OCTOBER 11, 2026 -
(Following our 9:00 a.m. Mass.)

We will be serving Tyndall Bakery rolls.
All are welcome!



Life's better when you stop to smell the roses.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux was a young French woman whose gentle spirituality taught that each of us is like a flower in God's garden.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week: October 5: Michael Hill (SJ), Aubrey Medricky (SJ); October 6: Eleanor Andersh (SJ); October 7: Mary Merkwan (A), Emily Walloch (A); October 8: Tom Culver (A), Patricia Sides (SJ), Allen Fuchs (SJ), Stephenie Cuka (SJ); October 10: Logan Kafka (SJ), Ericka Kotab (A), Karen Peters (A), Joe Sees (A); October 11: Daniel Krcil (A); October 12: Crew Kocer (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 6: Allen & Susan Fuchs (SJ), Mavrick & Amber Hill (SJ), Courtney & Kelli Pazour (SJ); October 9: Mike & Becky Brunsing (SJ), Jake & Jessica Peters (SJ).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-1

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UPDATES FROM SISTER MARIBETH, PASTORATE DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION

~~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 First 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 end of October.

~~As many of you know already, for the last year, we have been offering classes for "Cradle Catholics" (those who have been Cath-

olic all of their lives) who may want a "refresher" about the Church for their own faith formation. However, you don't have to be a Cradle Catholic to come. We have participants who went through OCIA classes a while ago and want to know more. Some of the topics we have covered have been: Mass and the 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 but haven't been able to attend in the past, it is not too late. Anyone may join at any time. The groups meet the first Wednesday of the month at Dimock, the second Wednesday at Platte, and the third Wednesday in Wagner (all at the parish at 6:00 PM). If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff at 605-760-5295 or by e-mail at: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org.

~~When Set Ablaze first started in our Diocese, one of the needs that surfaced from our Pastorate was Grief Support. In order to address this, we will be starting a **Grief Support Group** called

"Oh, Good Grief" in each of the trios of our Parishes on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM beginning on October 7th. The first Wednesday of the month, the group will meet at Sacred Heart in Parkston, the second Wednesday of the month at St. Peter's in Platte at Fr. Tom's rectory, and the third Wednesday at St. John the Baptist in Wagner. If you, or someone you know, has experienced the loss of a loved one or any other loss, please consider attending. It is good to share our grief with others so that healing may begin. We will be using the book "Seasons of Hope: Bringing Comfort Through Catholic Grief Support" by M. Donna MacLeod. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff at 605-760-5295 or by e-mail at: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org.



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



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

Sunday, |25| 4:30 - 7 PM
October
Adults - \$18 Kids & Under \$9

Menu includes Turkey & Dressing,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw,
Cranberry Salad, Veggie, Rolls, Pie/Dessert

Location Change:

St. Peter's Church Hall

Cake Walk

Fish Pond
& more!

