



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Guard this rich trust (or deposit) with the help of the Holy Spirit," Paul admonishes Timothy today. Letting this gift of God, the very life blood of our eternity, be ignored, delayed, half-understood, compromised, watered down, etc. is the work of the enemy and the reason we, with Timothy, must guard this rich trust and faithfully live & teach it to those following in our footsteps.

We've lifted up Patty Buus and, this past week, Dorothy Dixon to the saving mercy of God; may we one day see you in heaven! I've had others concur in my disappointment with the focus on gruesomeness and the lack of clarity

(for those not already familiar with Maximilian Kolbe) in the movie. May he pray for us. A great effort went into the Family Fun Day - how smoothly it went in the beautiful weather last Sunday! TODAY, Sun Oct 5, is our LIFE CHAIN from 2-3pm at the Peace Shrine east of Wagner. Join us in praying the rosary and holding signs for life! Following a morning Mass on Monday, I'll head to Chamberlain for the annual Clergy Days. A presentation Wed night at the Theatre (refreshments after) is aimed at parents' role in battling against human trafficking.

Peace,
Fr. Jim

WAGNER HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST SCHOLARSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

Wagner High School is partnering with LifeServe Blood Center to host a Scholarship Blood Drive that will help save lives in area hospitals while supporting students' educational goals. Scholarship award is based on the number of units collected in the school year and range from \$500 to \$5000!

The drive will take place on Tuesday, October 14 at the Wagner Fire Hall.

Blood collected at this event will stay local. Every donation makes a lifesaving difference for patients battling cancer, undergoing surgeries, or facing medical emergencies.

Each donor who participates helps Wagner High students earn scholarship dollars. LifeServe's Scholarship Program rewards schools that host successful blood drives, turning community generosity into educational support for the next generation. Students gain scholarship opportunities, and local patients in need receive lifesaving blood.

Community members, parents, students, and staff are encouraged to schedule an appointment. To donate, text 'LIFESERVE' to 999-777 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

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

Sunday, October 12

8:15 a.m. - Assumption

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: OCTOBER 5

- ♦ John XXIII: The Pope of Peace
- ♦ The Joyful Mysteries
- ♦ Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

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

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a year-long process of prayer, learning, and reflection designed for those seeking to become Catholic, those seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, and for those simply exploring the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+. Contact Fr. Tom, Fr. Jim, Fr. Gary or Sr. Maribeth if interested.

He is Stable is an evening vigil for individuals experiencing grief. This annual evening of prayer, fellowship and remembrance offers a place of peace amidst the fullness of the season. This year's event features two short speakers followed by a candlelit vigil. Registration opens Wednesday, October 1st. Visit <https://thelourdescenter.com/grief-and-loss-support>

December 2 - St. Therese Catholic Church, Sioux Falls

December 9 - Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watertown

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	October 6	Monday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time/ St. Bruno, Priest/Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin	8:30 a.m. - CCD Center Chapel	Jerry Barnett †
Tuesday	October 7	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	NO MASS
Wednesday	October 8	Wednesday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS
Thursday	October 9	Thursday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time/ St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs/ St. John Leonardi, Priest	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Jack Kuhlman †
Friday	October 10	Friday of the 27 th Week in Ordinary Time/	1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	Benefactors
Saturday	October 11	Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Scott McAdaragh †
Sunday	October 12	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Living & Deceased of FCSLA
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Jack Kuhlman †

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Religious education classes will begin soon! All members of the diocese who are required to be compliant with the Safe Environment Policy (all clergy, religious, employees, as well as those whose ministry serves minors or vulnerable adults) are required to renew their compliance. Log in to CMG Connect and renew your compliance: <https://siouxfalls.cmgconnect.org/> For all those who periodically minister (like religious education catechists or Catholic school staff), they must be compliant BEFORE they are in ministry or are active in their employment capacity. New teaches/volunteers must also authorize background checks. Please note that sacristans are now required by the Diocese to complete the necessary Safe Environment training/background check.

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



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

PRAYER & PIZZA

Monday, October 13

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement

All Catholic women, age 18 and older, are invited to join us and assist in the praying of a living Rosary!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement

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REBOOT
A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

Chris Stefanick

Wed Oct. 22, 7 - 9 p.m.

Mount Marty University Cimpl Arena
Yankton, SD



FREE MEAL!
Hot Dogs & Chips
6:00 - 6:45 PM



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Scholarships available at: rebootyankton2025@gmail.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD Monday, October 6
"Serve the Lord with gladness" <small>- Psalm 100</small>	Saturday, October 11 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 12 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 12 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Morning Prayer at 8:10 a.m. in St. John's CCD Center Chapel Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's CCD Center Chapel/Daily Rosary Following
	EM	Alice Koupal/ Don Koupal	Joe Sees Karen	Tuesday, October 7 NO MASS (Clergy Days) 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	Becky Brunsing	Joe Sees	Wednesday, October 8 NO MASS (Clergy Days) Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's CCD at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's CCD at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's CCD at 6:45 p.m. at Assumption Stop Human Trafficking Presentation at 6:00 p.m. at Wagner Theater/ Meal Served at 5:30 p.m.
	Altar Servers	Clarah Soukup/ Windsor Soukup/ Willow Soukup	Easton Sees/ Hudson Sees	Thursday, October 9 Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following
	Music	Austin Genzlinger	Emily Walloch	Friday, October 10 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
	Ushers	Jim Eggers/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Dean Abdouch	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Saturday, October 11 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 Supper Following
	Greeters	Barb Johannsen	Judy	Sunday, October 12 Confessions at 8:15 AM at Assumption Mass at 9:00 AM at Assumption Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's
	Gift Bearers	Jay & Kim Kafka Family	Joe Sees Family	BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION October 14 - "Pro Sanctity: Holiness in Everyday Life," directed by Jackie Sempek; 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.
	Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal	George, Tana & Family	
	Sacristan	Don Koupal		
Collection Counters	Dorothy Holzbauer/ Jim Eggers	Josie Rezac/ Lynn Stather	Ramona/ Judy	

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION	
Amount Needed Each Week	\$2750.00
September 27	\$1083.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amount was also received:	
August EFT/Online Donations	\$1085.00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH POTLUCK
Saturday, October 4 6:30 p.m. (After Mass) St. John's Catholic Church Basement Please join us for great food and fellowship (and a belated celebration of Father Jim's birthday).

We would like to thank everyone who helped make St John's 1st Family Fun Day a success! Special thanks to the Raffle committee for all of their organization, and for all of the people who volunteered to help set up, grill, serve, and clean up. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, made donations, and attended our new event. God blessed us with a beautiful day, and we can't wait to see what next year's event brings!
 Thanks again,
 Family Fun Day Committee

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.

Heartfelt sympathies to the family & friends of Patricia Buus. Patricia died on August 20. The funeral Mass for Patricia was held on Friday, September 26, with inurnment in St. John's Cemetery.

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 DAY OF RECOLLECTION
 Tuesday, October 14
 The Rosary: Living the Mysteries
 Presented by Fr. Jerome Ranek
 Day of Recollection will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. The day-long retreat will consist of two conferences, Mass, time for Adoration and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lunch is provided. Free will donation. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. For those who can give, your donation will help "pay the gift of peace" forward to help those with limited means.

ABBEY OF THE HILLS RETREAT FOR FAMILIES
 Begins on Friday, October 10th - 5 p.m.
 Concludes on Sunday, October 12th-10:30 a.m.
 Resilient Kids, Resilient Futures: A Workshop for Parents Carnival Extravaganza for the kids! Learn effective strategies and techniques to help children bounce back from adversity. Join us for a supportive and educational event focused on promoting resilience in children. The weekend will include a Carnival Extravaganza for the kids! Step right up to a day of carnival games, puppet performances and theatre, movie magic and live music. Due to a grant - there is NO CHARGE; however, free will offerings will be accepted.

Happy Birthday to these Assumption parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:
 October 7: Mary Merkwan; October 8: Tom Culver; October 10: Ericka Kotab, Joe Sees, Karen Peters; October 11: Dan Krcil; October 12: Paul Tolsma, Breana Kotab.

Happy Anniversary to these Assumption parishioners who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:
 October 8: Dennis & Pat Cihak

 **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.

TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 Teachers and volunteers needed to help with the CCD program at Assumption Parish. Contact Norma Beeson 605-491-2961 for details.



Christmas Cathedral
 DECEMBER 18-21, 2025
 CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

"The Path of Peace"

SIX PERFORMANCES

Thursday, December 18 th	7:30pm
Friday, December 19 th	7:30pm
Saturday, December 20 th	1:00pm & 7:30pm
Sunday, December 21 st	2:00pm & 7:30pm

BENEFITING
 Proceeds benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospice House and the Cathedral of St. Joseph ongoing care and maintenance endowments.

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JOIN US FOR
St. Peter's Catholic Church
Turkey Dinner & Bazaar
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 11AM-1:30 PM
 Platte Community Center
 Catered by Central Catering
Adults-\$18 Kids 12 & under \$9
 Menu includes Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Cranberry Salad, Veggie, Rolls, Pie/Dessert
BOOTH & GAMES
 Bingo and coffee from 10:15-11 AM & 12:15-1:30 PM
 Country Store, Games, Raffles, Cake Walk & more!

WEEKLY READINGS: WEEK OF OCTOBER 5
 Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-1

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PRAYER TO RESPECT LIFE

Dear God,
 Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE. Amen.

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Join us for Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salads, Pies, Desserts, Rolls & Drinks
 Adults \$15.00-Youth 6-12 \$6.00-5 and under-Free
 Prize Drawing will be Held at 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

OCTOBER 12, 2025
 FROM 4:00P.M.-7:00P.M.
 ST. MARK'S PARISH CENTER
 LAKE ANDES, S.D.

Sponsored by
 St. Mark's Altar Society



Respect All Life

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A reflection-connection between an ancient beloved painting of Mary and our own statue:



THE MOST FAMOUS SHRINE IN POLAND IS THE SHRINE OF THE BLACK MADONNA. THE BLACK MADONNA IS A PAINTING OF OUR LADY. THIS OLD, OLD LEGEND TELLS HOW THE PAINTING WAS BROUGHT TO POLAND.
 ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, THE PICTURE WAS MADE BY ST. LUKE.

THE MONKS BUILT A SHRINE FOR THE PAINTING AT A PLACE CALLED CZESTOCHOWA (SAY CHAN STAW HAW YAH). MANY WONDERFUL HAPPENINGS TOOK PLACE. SOON IT BECAME THE MOST FAMOUS SHRINE IN POLAND.

THE PAULITE FATHERS BUILT A SHRINE FOR THE PAINTING AT A PLACE CALLED CZESTOCHOWA (SAY CHAN STAW HAW YAH). ONE TIME BANDITS BROKE INTO THE SHRINE, THEY TRIED TO CARRY AWAY THE PICTURE.
 THE WAGON WON'T MOVE!

ONE OF THE BANDITS BECAME ANGRY. HE THREW THE PAINTING ON THE GROUND. TWICE HE SLASHED IT WITH HIS SWORD. THE THIRD TIME...

HE IS DEAD!
 WHEN THE BANDITS SAW THIS, THEY FLED IN TERROR.

The painting was returned to the shrine. Attempts were made to repair the sword cuts but, inexplicably, the cuts reappeared; it was discerned that they were to remain. They are visible still today. LIKE ST. JOHN'S outside shrine with the elegant statue of Mary vandalized last year, Mary's face painstakingly pieced back together yet shows the 'scars' of imperfection – or rather, reveals her heart of compassion!

STOP
 HUMAN TRAFFICKING


COME JOIN US!

HELPING PARENTS EDUCATE CHILDREN ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEN: OCTOBER 8, 2025
TIME: 5:30PM - SOUP WILL BE SERVED
6:00PM - PRESENTATION
PRESENTERS: CALL TO FREEDOM
LOCATION: WAGNER THEATER

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SOUTH CENTRAL COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND NACW WOMEN'S LODGE

awareness today - safety tomorrow



Wagner-Dante Catholic Daughters will provide desserts!