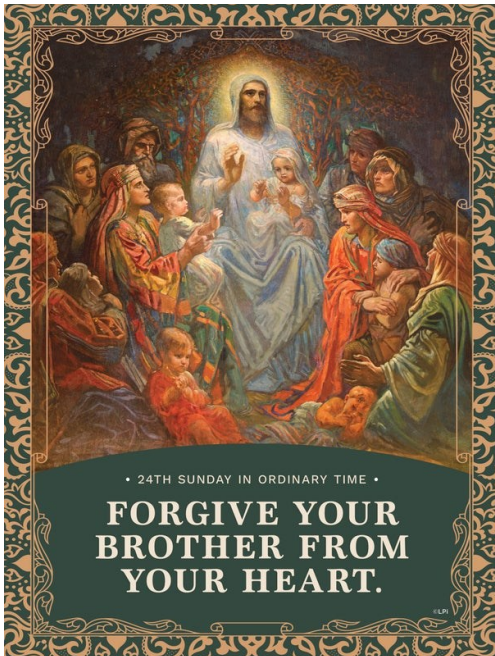




GOSPEL MEDITATION: TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it..

- Father John Muir

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September 13, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are the Lord's, in life and in death we belong to him. How wonderful to savor this reality: let it lighten our load, warm our hearts, and draw us together. Some time back a parishioner loaned me their vehicle when my blue one was getting some work done on it. I remember being extra concerned to take care of their vehicle. How much more ought to be my concern to be a good steward of this life the Lord has given to me.

Over Labor Day I custom made five padded oak pews home on the farm for the Marty chapel (my brother soon to make the

delivery). Let us hold in prayer infant Elliot Philip Holzbauer (Steven & Tricia) and Amando Iron Elk, Jr. We are the Lords! We'll resume monthly Mass in the Wagner CCD chapel on Monday, have a new server training Tuesday at 7pm in Dante, and have our opening Faith Formation Mass for Marty Wednesday at Todd Dooms. With all the parishes in mind, I'll take in part of the Right to Life state convention in Sioux Falls on Friday and Saturday, then celebrating weekend baptisms with Jordon & Alexa Wunder and Randall & Lindzie Fuhrer.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim



A BLESSING FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear God,
Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen. ©LPI



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, Jennifer Wiley, Larry Beeson, Craig Berglin, Joey Koupal, Bernie Koupal, Jon Stather. 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: SEPTEMBER 13

- ◆ The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - ◆ Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori
 - ◆ Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer
- 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

Wednesday, September 16
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, September 18
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, September 19
6:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, September 20
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

CRADLE
CATHOLICS CLASS
Wednesday, September 16
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church
Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	September 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	5:00 p.m. - CCD Center Chapel	Waldon & Norma Eggers †
Tuesday	September 15	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Oscar & Theresa Slaba †
Wednesday	September 16	Memorial of Saint Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Bonnie Novak †
		St. Paul's Faith Formation Mass	6:00 p.m. - Todd & Amy Doom Residence	St. Paul's Faith Formation Program
Thursday	September 17	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church/ Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Ralph & Emma Koupal †
Friday	September 18	Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Dorothy Paulis †
Saturday	September 19	Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	For Our Country
Sunday	September 20	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Don, Elaine & Tim Cihak † Phyllis Ramona Sully †

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TIME

On July 1, 2026, 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. Click the link below to login to CMG Connect and renew your compliance. 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. Login to CMG Connect and renew your compliance - <https://siouxfalls.cmgconnect.org>. If you need help completing your Safe Environment compliance, contact your local safe environment coordinator.

MY PARISH APP

The St. John the Baptist My Parish app is still available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications. Also enjoy additional features like digital access to the weekly bulletin, prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more! Help foster a stronger parish life at St. John the Baptist and better engage the New Evangelization. To download the app to your phone or tablet, text APP to phone number 55321.



FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES

First Catholic Slovak Ladies will hold their September meeting on Saturday, September 19, 2026. A short meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Dante CCD Center. We will then provide a morning brunch for all participants of Race for a Reason. Please join us for a great cause!



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!

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

	Saturday, September 19 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, September 20 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, September 20 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Bonnie Soukup/ Alice Koupal	Volunteer	Alice
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Matt Slaba	Daniel Soukup	Emma/ Sr. Miriam/ Sr. Pat
Altar Servers	Jessica Barnett/ Cooper Slaba/ Avieleigh Slaba	Wes Koupal/ Lane Koupal	Nariah/ Emsley
Music	Austin Genzlinger	Bernie Koupal	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Bud Koupal/ Derek Koupal	Riley/ Ryan
Greeters	Barb Johannsen		Mary Jo
Gift Bearers	Jay & Kim Kafka Family	Derek Koupal Family	Stacy & John Holzbauer Family
Rosary	Don & Theresa Koupal		
Sacristan	Ray Soukup		
Collection Counters	Mary Kuhlman/ Patty Eggers	Josie Rezac/ Donna Smejkal	Judy/ Ramona

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, September 14

Evening Prayer at 4:40 p.m. at St. John's CCD Center Chapel
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's CCD Center Chapel/
Daily Rosary Following

Tuesday, September 15

Evening Prayer at 5:10 p.m. at Assumption
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption
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

Wednesday, September 16

Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following
St. Paul's Faith Formation Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Todd & Amy Doom Residence

Thursday, September 17

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center/ Daily Rosary Following
Catholic Daughter Bingo at 2:00 p.m. at Good Samaritan Center Dining Room

Friday, September 18

Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery

Saturday, September 19

Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's/Confessions Following Mass

Sunday, September 20

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



MISSING FROM ST. JOHN'S

One of the busy bags is missing from the entryway at St. John's. Parents (or grandparents), if you picked up a busy bag to occupy your child at Mass and forgot to return the bag after Mass, please return it as soon as possible!



CDA BINGO AT GSC
Thursday, September 17
2:00 p.m.
GSC Dining Room

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
September 5 \$2508.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated!

In Loving Memory

The St. John the Baptist parish family extends heartfelt sympathies to Steven and Tricia Holzbauer on the loss of their son, Elliot Philp Holzbauer. Elliot was born on Friday, September 4, and received the Sacrament of Baptism before returning to God's loving arms. Private family services were held with burial in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Wagner. May Steven and Tricia and all of Elliot's family be comforted by the loving care and support of the St. John's parish family.

RAFFLE DONATIONS

The August Band will collect donations for raffle prizes on Saturday, September 12, and Saturday, September 19. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and for your support of the raffle for this year's Family Fun Day!

FAMILY FUN DAY LETTERS

Please pick up your Family Fun Day letters in the church entryway! Letters that are not picked up will be mailed, so picking up your letter at the church can help save costs for postage.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

St. Paul's Opening Faith Formation Mass

Wednesday, September 16
6:00 p.m.

Todd & Amy Doom Residence

Assumption Opening CCD Mass

Wednesday, September 23
6:45 p.m.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church

St. John's Opening CCD Mass

Wednesday, September 30
6:15 p.m.

St. John's Catholic Church

Please watch future bulletins for additional information regarding the start of religious education classes for all parishes! Teachers and volunteers are reminded to log in to complete Safe Environment training before classes begin.

"Thank you,
Father."

Caring for those who
have cared for us.



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Catholic Community
Foundation for Eastern
SD at 605-988-3788

www.ccfesd.org/priest-retirement



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.

PARISH COFFEE FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK BRUNCH

Assumption Parish Coffee Fellowship **POTLUCK BRUNCH** at the Parish Hall--
Sunday September 13, 2026, following our 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring something to share (the Tyndall Bakery is CLOSED for vacation). **All are WELCOME!**



JOB OPENING: DANTE

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



**South Dakota
Right to Life**
2026 STATE CONVENTION

SD RIGHT TO LIFE STATE CONVENTION 2026

The South Dakota Right to Life Convention is coming to Sioux Falls on Sept. 18-19, hosted at LifeChange Church. Keynote speakers include Dr. George Delgado, Sister Dede Byrne, and Norman Woods. More information and registration can be found at <https://www.sdrightrighttolife.org/sdrtl-convention-2026>.



Birthdays

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Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:

September 14: Beau Brunsing (SJ), Beth Krcil (A), Jasmin Frank (A), Jared Soukup (SJ), Roc-co Ulrich (SJ); September 15: Julie Tolsma (A); September 16: Angela Deurmier (A), Tyler Koupal (A); Larry Nedved (SJ); September 17: Claire Koupal (A); September 19: Chance Blaha (A), Theresa Koupal (SJ), Terri Rezac (A); September 20: Kathy Anderson (SJ), Patty Eggers (SJ), Clayton Rados (A), Windsor Soukup (SJ).

Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week!



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

September 14: Allen & Lori Cihak (A), Shawn & Donna Smejkal (A), Troy & Shirely Soukup (A); September 18: Jordan & Alexa Wunder (A); September 20: Fran & Karla Kocer (SJ).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

Sunday, September 13
Scotland, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Broasted Chicken & Ham
Tickets - \$15 (Ages 3 to 10 - \$7)

RAFFLE

BAKE SALE

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

MERCY YOU CAN FEEL

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was

pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with

theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief.

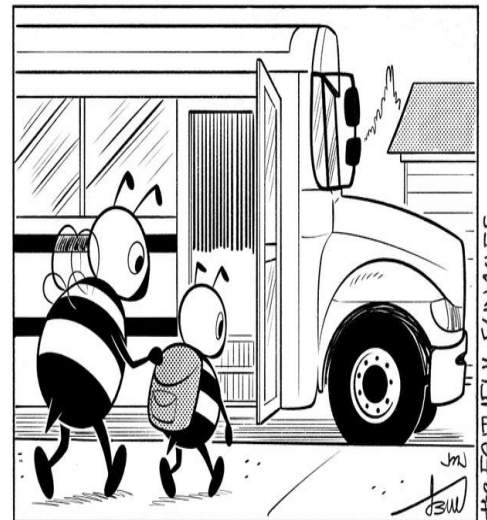
Well, yeah. That's forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies."

If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

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"How do bees get to school?"



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"By taking the school buzz."



Say a prayer for the students and teachers returning to school this season. May God bless their comings and goings!

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