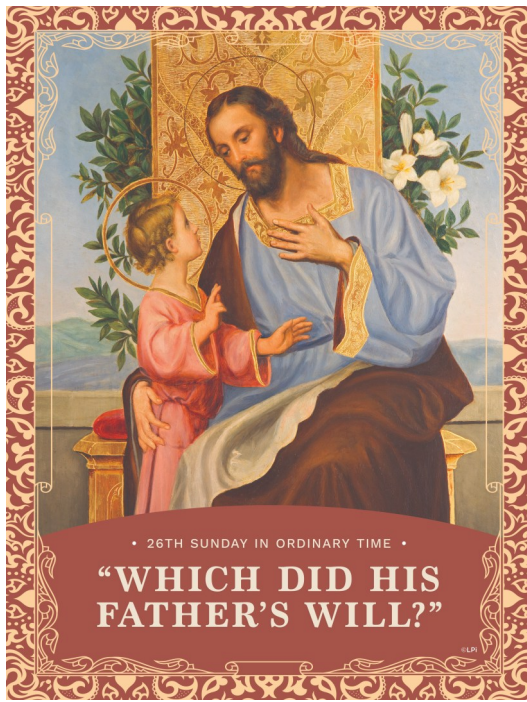




GOSPEL MEDITATION: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir

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September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In earlier years of priesthood I was with a person dying of cancer. The individual was well known: "What a powerful witness it would be for you to connect again with the Church and the sacraments," I encouraged. The answer was "No, I'd be a hypocrite if I came back now." As Jesus speaks today about the disobedient son who later changed his mind and went into the vineyard, I'm making a point to pray again for this person who has remained in my mind all these years. What a gift that the Lord continues to call us: "Follow me."

It's good for a person to have sisters. I had no clue it was my brother's birthday this past week when he and I were 'batching it' on the farm; my sister made a point to treat him to a meal when he delivered a load of beans to Sioux City. Baptisms for Lora Rae Wunder and Emmet Allen

Fuhrer were part of a graced and very full week - even a parishioner to see in Sacred Heart Hospital on the way to Iowa Sunday night. May we cherish a time to catch our breath when it comes; let us find our renewal, daily, in the Lord!

Fr. Jim



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 27

- ◆ Saint Therese: Littlest Saints
- ◆ Saint Jerome: Catholic Saints
- ◆ Who Are the Archangels?

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

Tuesday, September 29
5:00 p.m. - Assumption
Wednesday, September 30
5:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, October 2
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, October 3
8:30 a.m. - Assumption
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, October 4
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	September 28	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr/ Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs	5:00 p.m. - Grey Eagle	Kateri Circle Members †
Tuesday	September 29	Feasts of Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
Wednesday	September 30	Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	6:15 p.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham †
Thursday	October 1	Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Bonnie Novak †
Friday	October 2	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels/First Friday Mass	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	OSBS Relatives & Friends †
Saturday	October 3	Blessed Virgin Mary/First Saturday Mass	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
		Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Jerry Barnett †
Sunday	October 4	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Ernie Kocer †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	For the People

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.

RESPECT
LIFE

St. Joseph,
defender of life,
pray for us!

respectlife.org



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!

Mary, Mother of Life

Respect Life Month

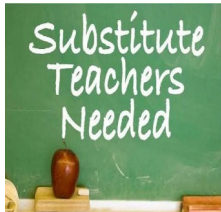
October 2026
respectlife.org/celebrate

Mary, Mother of Life, pray for us!
October is Respect Life Month, and
October 4, is Respect Life Sunday!
Please pray for the protection of all life,
from conception to natural death.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD	
"Serve the Lord with gladness" — Psalm 100:2	Saturday, October 3 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 4 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 4 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Monday, September 28	
	Barb Johannsen/ Jim Thornton	Volunteer	Mary Jo	Daily Rosary at 4:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments	
	Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Bonnie Soukup	Donna Smejkal	Tuesday, September 29	
	Altar Servers	Clarah Soukup/ Windsor Soukup/ Willow Soukup	Dashel Smejkal	Secrets of the Sacred Heart Book Study at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's	
	Music	Lisa Cihak	Marilee Krcil	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	
	Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Don Krcil/ Volunteer	Wednesday, September 30	
	Greeters	Theresa Koupal	Mary Jo	Adoration & Confessions at 5:15 p.m. at St. John's (Rosary at 5:30 p.m.) St. John's CCD Mass 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	
	Gift Bearers	Lynn & Kim Soukup	Don Krcil/ Volunteer	Thursday, October 1	
	Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup	Andrea & Family	Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center/ Daily Rosary Following	
	Sacristan	Jim Thornton		Friday, October 2	
Collection Counters	Ray Soukup/ Fran Kocer	Donna Smejkal/ Adam Uchytel	Jason/ Sr. Miriam	Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's First Friday 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 Cemetery	
				Saturday, October 3	
				Confessions at 8:30 a.m. at Assumption First Saturday Mass at 9:00 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 Supper Following	
				Sunday, October 4	
				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 Life Chain at 2:00 p.m. at Peace Shrine National Rosary Rally (For Our Country) at 3:00 p.m. at Peace Shrine	
				 LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 4 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. National Rosary Rally (For Our Country) 3:00 p.m. Both events will take place at the Peace Shrine east of Wagner!	

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION
 Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
 September 19 \$1579.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 30 CCD MASS
 EM: Judy Barnett, Mieke Slaba; Lector(s): CCD Students; Altar Servers: Clarah Soukup, Windsor Soukup, Willow Soukup; Music: Kara Hanan; Greeters: CCD Students; Gift Bearers: CCD Students; Ushers: CCD Students; Sacristan: Ray Soukup; Collection Counters: Karen Kuhlman, Peggy Eggers.

 Wagner's CCD program is in need of substitute teachers! If you feel called to support the K-12 religious education program, please contact Stacy Holzbauer at 491-0401 by September 28.

 **OCTOBER PARISH POTLUCK**
 Saturday, October 3
 6:30 p.m.
 (After 5:30 p.m. Mass)
 St. John's Church Basement
Everyone is invited to join us for great food and fellowship (Father Tom Clement will be our celebrant for Mass)!

SURPLUS DÉCOR ITEMS
 Surplus décor items will be available "for sale" at Family Fun Day on September 27. Make a donation for each item and take the items home with you. Donations for each item should be at least \$1.

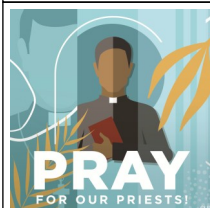
FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 ♦ St. John's Opening CCD Mass 6:15 p.m.
 (Following Adoration & Confessions at 5:15 p.m.)
 ♦ Student Night at St. Paul's 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 ♦ CCD Classes at Assumption 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Teachers and volunteers are reminded to log in to complete Safe Environment training before classes begin.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER JIM, WHO WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2!



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 -

PRAY FOR & CELEBRATE OUR PRIESTS!

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE!
ASSUMPTION SOUP DINNER
 Sunday, October 25
See back page of bulletin for more information!

 *With her parents and the Assumption parish family, we welcome, through the waters of Baptism, Lora Rae Wunder. Lora is the daughter of Jordan and Alexa Wunder and was baptized on Saturday, September 19, at St. John's. We rejoice in welcoming Lora to the family of God!*

 *With his parents and the Assumption parish family, we welcome, through the waters of Baptism, Emmet Allen Fuhrer. Emmet is the son of Randall and Lindzie Fuhrer and was baptized on Sunday, September 20, at Assumption. We rejoice in welcoming Emmet to the family of God!*



Birthdays

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

September 28: Delores Kotab (A), Veretta Kelly (A), Tyler Krcil (A), Amy Blaha (A), Penny Mixon (A), Josiah Krcil (A); September 29: Rick Zolnowsky (SJ), Knox Kocer (SJ); September 30: Michael Blaha (A), Raymond Soukup (SJ), Francis Kocer (SJ); October 1: Dawn Soukup (SJ), William Woods (SJ), Trenton Soukup (A), Walker DeBey (A); October 2: Fr. Jim Friedrich; October 3: Richard Rysavy (A), Paul Cimpl (A), Michelle Hollmann (A); October 4: Karen Andersen (SJ), Geri McAdaragh (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 30: Jared & Sayde Soukup (SJ); October 4: Jim & Bernie Hill (SJ).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

THE GOD OF CHANGED MINDS

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so

important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We

will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

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You're Invited

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
FAMILY FUN DAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ON THE LAWN BEHIND THE CHURCH & CCD CENTER

Wagner - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free Will Family Friendly Meal, Raffle, Games, Music

Serving grilled hot dogs & hamburgers, fried fish (provided by the KC's), salads, desserts, water! Bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy food and fellowship!!



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

