



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gut; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Perhaps I am an emotional guy. I feel it when I see things at home Mom always used to do or use, or when I use tools that Dad gave me for presents over the years. Our readings show people "not made ill by the collapse of Joseph" and a rich man unmoved by the beggar Lazarus at his door. Oftentimes our culture goes just by emotions, but we are given intellects and conscience to govern our actions, not simply to go by blind emotions. Rightly we felt greatly regarding Charlie Kirk's death; intellectually, though, we must be mindful that we choose each day in our country to take 1717 lives by abortion (says Google not counting those not reported to the CDC). This past week 40 Days for Life began a new prayer vigil, Sept 24-Nov 2, at the Planned Parenthood in Sioux Falls which remains open with access to abortion in neighboring states. As we come to Respect Life Month, with our own "Life Chain" from 2-3pm on Sun Oct 5th at the Peace Shrine, once again holding pro-life signs as I lead us in the Rosary, we must act according to our faith inform-

ing our intellect and forming our conscience.

This Wed is St. John's opening CCD Mass followed by a blessing in the CCD Center of the chapel's large painting of "Jesus and the Children". With a couple interested, we're planning a training for new ministers of Holy Communion at St. John's; contact me if interested. I'm open and would be happy to join any sophomore or older young men or women to the Tues Nov 25th Operation Andrew/Miriam 5:15pm Mass and meal in Vermillion - a chance to hear sharing over a meal about priesthood or religious vocations; contact me. A \$100,000 CD has been renewed for Dante at Avon bank for 4.3%. I believe you'll see me at the 7pm movie on St. Maximilian Kolbe this Sun the 28th! From 11am-2pm lets enjoy the Family Fun Day and meal at St. John's - perhaps including tours of the rectory basement 'classroom' we've set up for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Peace,
Fr. Jim

Join us for St John the Baptist Catholic Church's Family Fun Day! Sunday September 28th in the backyard of the church from 11am to 2pm. Enjoy a meal, fellowship, music, and games with friends and neighbors. Everything is provided, just bring yourself and your family. Can't wait to see you there!

We hope to see you at St. John's Family Fun Day on September 28 - please bring your lawn chairs!

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.

EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE FOR OCTOBER 5 BULLETIN

The deadline for the October 5 bulletin will be noon on Tuesday, September 30!

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 5
2:00 p.m. at Peace Shrine

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 1

5:30 p.m. - St. John's

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

8:30 a.m. - Assumption

9:30 a.m. - Assumption

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

Sunday, October 5

8:15 a.m. - Assumption

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: SEPTEMBER 28

- ◆ *Saint Therese: Littlest Saints*
- ◆ *Saint Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction*
- ◆ *Saint Jerome: Catholic Saints*

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	September 29	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	5:00 p.m. - Grey Eagle Apts.	Kateri Circle Members †
Tuesday	September 30	Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	To Be Announced
Wednesday	October 1	Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church/Opening CCD Mass	6:30 p.m. - St. John's	Scott McAdaragh †
Thursday	October 2	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels	8:30 a.m. - St. John's	Don & Bonnie Novak †
Friday	October 3	Friday of the 26 th Week in Ordinary Time/ First Friday Mass	1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	To Be Announced
Saturday	October 4	Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi/ First Saturday Mass	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Clara Kafka †
		Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Richard Podzimek †
Sunday	October 5	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Ernie Kocer †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	To Be Announced

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.



SPECIAL SHOWING: TRIUMPH OF THE HEART

Sunday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Wagner Theater

Ages 14!




For more movie information, look on Facebook or call 384-4321.

A story of hope. Of love that heals what the world breaks. Of hearts that ache, and hearts that find their way back to life again. The tears will come. The silence will break. The wounds will begin to close. Go see Triumph of the Heart. Let it remind you what's still possible.

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

 **Priesthood
SUNDAY**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD	
"Serve the Lord with gladness" <small>- Psalm 100</small>	Saturday, October 4 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, October 5 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, October 5 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Monday, September 29	
	EM	Mieke Slaba/ Judy Barnett	Volunteer	Daily Rosary at 4:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments	
	Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Matt Slaba	Julie Uchytel	Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments	
	Altar Servers	Jessica Barnett/ Cooper Slaba/ Avieleigh Slaba	Wes Koupal/ Lane Koupal	Tuesday, September 30	
	Music	Kara Hanan	Bernie Koupal	Evening Prayer at 5:10 a.m. at Assumption	
	Ushers	Gene Neihus/ Jarred Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Richard Nedved	Bud Koupal/ Derek Koupal	Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption	
	Greeters	Jeff & Julie Doom		Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's	
	Gift Bearers	Jeff & Julie Doom	Charles Roth Family	Wednesday, October 1	
	Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup		Adoration & Confessions at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's	
	Sacristan	Ray Soukup		Daily Rosary at 5:45 p.m. at St. John's	
Collection Counters	Mary Kuhlman/ Karen Kuhlman	Charles Roth/ Adam Uchytel	Dave/ Jason	Opening CCD Mass 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	
				<i>Triumph of the Heart at 7:00 p.m. at Wagner Theater</i>	
				Thursday, October 2	
				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 3	
				First Friday 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	
				Saturday, October 4	
				Confessions at 8:30 a.m. at Assumption	
				First Saturday Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption/	
				Adoration & Confessions Following	
				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 5	
				Confessions at 8:15 AM at Assumption	
				Mass at 9:00 AM at Assumption	
				Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's	
				Life Chain at 2:00 p.m. at Peace Shrine	
				BROOM TREE DAY OF RECOLLECTION	
				October 14 – "Pro Sanctity: Holiness in Everyday Life," directed by Jackie Sempek. Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask that you please register. Call 605-263-1040.	
				Happy Birthday to these Assumption parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:	
				September 30: Michael Blaha; October 1: Trenton Soukup, Walker DeBey; October 3: Richard Rysavy, Paul Cimpl, Michelle Hollmann; October 5: Danielle Krcil, Kensley Deurmier.	
				TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
				Teachers and volunteers needed to help with the CCD program at Assumption Parish. Contact Norma Beeson 605-491-2961 for details.	
					
				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.	
					
				With his parents and the Assumption parish family, we welcome, through the waters of Baptism, Beckham Jon Krcil. Beckham is the son of Terrance and Kayla Krcil and was baptized on Saturday, September 20, at St. John's. We rejoice in welcoming Beckham to the family of God!	
				HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. JIM!	
				May God richly bless you on your birthday on October 2 and every day!	
					
				ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION	
				Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00	
				September 20 \$2168.00	
				Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amount was also received:	
				Votive Candle Offerings \$ 49.00	
				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 celebration of Father Jim's birthday, on October 2)!	
				THANK YOU!	
				Thank you to Peggy Nedved who has provided and continues to provide the flowers and pots that adorn the top step of the steps leading into our church! Thank you, Peggy, for you faithfulness in providing these floral arrangements for us!	
				ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?	
				There are still several jackets and sweaters on the coat rack in St. John's church basement, unclaimed bowls, containers, and pans on the table in the church basement, and lost and found items in the church entryway. Please check the church basement or church entryway to reclaim items that might be yours.	
				MINISTRIES FOR OCTOBER 1ST CCD MASS	
				Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Judy Barnett; Sacristan: Don Koupal; Collection Counters: Patty Eggers, Mary Kuhlman. Other ministries will be filled by St. John's CCD students.	
				<i>Priesthood Sunday is Sunday, September 28. Please pray for Fr. Jim and for all priests! Please also pray for an increase in priestly vocations!</i>	
				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.	

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!

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.

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was born in France, the youngest of nine children. Her mother died when she was four. Thérèse was described as being sensitive and precocious as a child.

Thérèse experienced a transformative conversion early on when she saw a vision of Mary, Mother of God. She had fallen ill, and the doctors of her time were unable to diagnose or treat her. She experienced fevers, convulsions, and fearful visions. This lasted until, turning her face to the statue of the Blessed Mother near her bedside, she asked Mary to take pity on her. According to her writings, Thérèse said that she experienced a beautiful vision of Mary. In this vision, when Mary smiled upon her, all her pain and illness disappeared. This experience, The Healing of Our Lady of the Smile, contributed to setting Thérèse's heart on pursuing religious life.

WEEKLY READINGS: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next 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

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When Thérèse was 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux, France. She took the name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face and began a life of prayer and intimacy with God. Despite her struggles with depression, she always put her best foot forward. She tragically died of tuberculosis at age 24 but, before her death, she said "My mission — to make God loved — will begin after my death. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Now, she is fondly known as Thérèse the Little Flower of Jesus and roses have become a symbol of her intercession.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS COMPETING LIKE A STEWARD

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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 NACB WOMEN'S LODGE

awareness today - safety tomorrow



**Wagner-Dante Catholic Daughters will
provide desserts!**

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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.

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