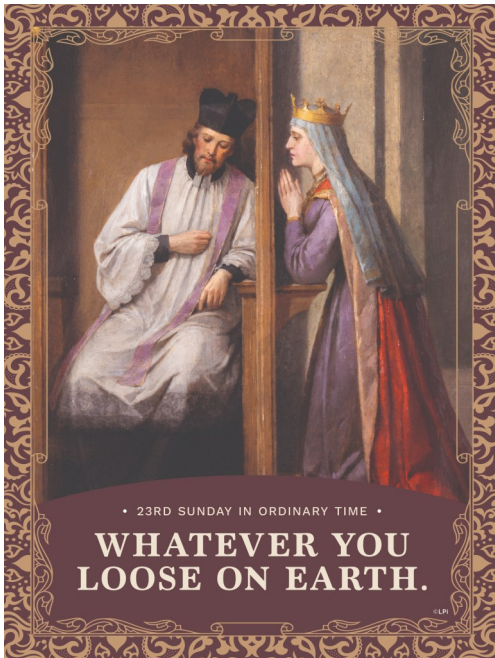




GOSPEL MEDITATION: TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen

.- Father John Muir

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"If he refuses to listen even to the church..." Jesus' words today give a final authority to the church in correcting sinners; at the same time, the first reading speaks of dire consequences if God's anointed doesn't warn the sinner: "I will hold you responsible for his death." Last Sunday's homily spoke strongly about breaking free from pornography. I am now putting some slips of paper in the church entry for assistance to HELP STOP PORN. Let this be the 'still, small voice' of God.

If I am conscientious, it seems 110% percent of myself can be poured into ministry; I believe we've all been blessed by priests somewhere along the

way who have chosen to do this; for those in retirement we are asked to provide a stable fund. \$10 million has been silently raised across the Diocese in the past year toward a \$13 million projected need. You'll be receiving an appeal letter from the Diocese to support this; God bless this effort. Our prospect for Dante's church/hall cleaner has fallen through; pray, ponder, spread the word for a cleaner! Council minutes are in the Dante entry; we welcome Arlis Kafka and Don Krcil; we thank Andrew Krcil and Gene Soukup for serving generously! This year I won't be here for Labor Day; look for the float with the church "built on rock" and the crosses "glowing strong"!

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, Joe Morrison, 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 6

- ♦ What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity
- ♦ Mary of Nazareth
- ♦ Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 9
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, September 11
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, September 12
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, September 13
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 7	Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September 8	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	NO MASS	
Wednesday	September 9	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jeanne Soulek †
Thursday	September 10	Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Lisa Durham †
Friday	September 11	Friday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Doug Kafka †
Saturday	September 12	Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time/ The Most Holy Name of Mary/Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 a.m. - Marty Convent	OSBS †
		Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Robert Peterka †
Sunday	September 13	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Ernie Kocer †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Michael Hanan †

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.

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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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

	Saturday, September 12 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, September 13 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, September 13 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Jim Thornton/ Sandy Seiner	Danielle Krcil	Karen
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Becky Brunsing	Danielle Krcil	Cathy/ Amy/ Georgia
Altar Servers	Clarah Soukup/ Windsor Soukup/ Willow Soukup	Tom Krcil/ John Krcil	Emma/ Sahveya
Music	Kim Soukup	Micky Hollmann	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Greg Krcil/ Frank Krcil	Jeff/ Dave L.
Greeters	Jeff & Julie Doom		Judy P.
Gift Bearers	Jenni Soukup Family	Greg Krcil Family	Ray, Alice & Family
Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup		
Sacristan	Jim Thornton		
Collection Counters	Jim Eggers/ Becky Brunsing	Greg Krcil/ Derek Koupal	Dave/ Ray

LOOKING AHEAD Monday, September 7

NO MASS

Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Tuesday, September 8

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 Assumption

Wednesday, September 9

Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's

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

Thursday, September 10

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center/ Daily Rosary Following

Friday, September 11

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 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery

Saturday, September 12

Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Marty Convent

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

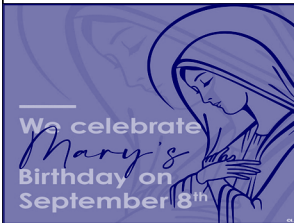
Sunday, September 13

Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption/

Morning Coffee Fellowship Following

Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption

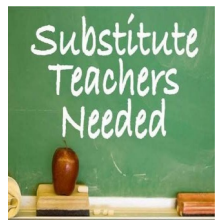
Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's



Dear God, We thank You for this Labor Day. Bless the men and women who serve in our workforce, and grant them strength and protection in their work. Bless, too, those who courageously seek to build fairer and more just working environments for all our brothers and sisters. Bless all of us as we gather to rest and recreate during this holiday weekend. Amen. ©LPi

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
August 29 \$1171.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated!



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 10.



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!



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!

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



FALL BOOK STUDY AT ST. JOHN'S: SECRETS OF THE SACRED HEART

Starting Tuesday, September 8
4:00 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement

We have room for a few more participants! Cost of the study is \$10 to cover the cost of the book. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like to join the group!



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

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

September 7: Alice Kafka (A), Landon Mudder (A); September 8: Jerry Seiner (SJ), Ravyn Medricky (SJ); September 9: Bonnie Carda (SJ), Weston Frank (A), Janet Harmon (SJ), Theresa Kocer (A), Asher Krcil (A), Cooper Slaba (SJ); September 10: Linda Krcil (A), Larry Uherka (A); September 12: Jaylee Kafka (SJ); September 13: Jenny Barnett (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 7: Ryan & Abby Kocer (SJ); September 10: Anton & Donna Stastny (SJ).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3

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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!!

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32ND ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITY HUNT

September 14 & 15
Horseshoe K Ranch
Near Kimball, SD

This is not just a hunt.

It's a memorable outing with lodging, meals, a trap shoot, pheasant hunting and cleaning, and unique fellowship. You will connect with fellow hunters, attend daily Mass, and interact with priests and Newman Center Directors from our diocese. All proceeds benefit the Newman Catholic Ministry in our diocese. For more information or to register, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3769 or visit www.ccfesd.org.



WIN THE ULTIMATE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE

Here is a chance to win a trip of a lifetime! The raffle package includes: private jet travel to and from South Bend, IN, from Sioux Falls; a private tour of the ND campus, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and the Grotto; tailgating on campus; four tickets to the game; meals and travel expenses included. The drawing will be held on October 7, 2026 - you need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. To purchase a raffle ticket, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3769 or visit www.ccfesd.org.



“PEOPLE SHOULD
EAT AND DRINK
AND ENJOY THE
FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR,
FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.”

**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY!**

-ECCLESIASTES 3:18

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

TREAT HIM LIKE A GENTILE

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my

family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past.

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