



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION: 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir  
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August 3, 2025  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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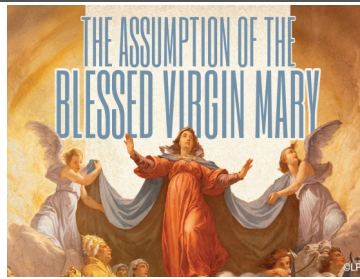
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Teach us to number our days aright," is our prayer in today's Psalm. Receiving a call right after Dante's Tuesday night Mass, I was able with no advance notice to go straight on to Sioux City for an overnight for some things that were happening with my brother-in-law just diagnosed with ALS - I believe this special trip will number high among days of value for me. How wonderful if we are doing things in our lives which the Lord will store up as heavenly treasure. We may question at times if patience, prayer, perseverance, purity, etc. are efforts we have made in vain (vanity of vanities!); be assured they "count" in the Lord's eyes!

Our Holy Apostles Pastorate "Pastoral Council" meets this Tues. in Armour while the KofC meeting is in Wagner. Wed. is

the 5pm Wagner Mass and a 6pm outdoor opening CCD Mass for Marty at the Todd Doom residence (all are welcome). Bonnie Novak's Wake is Thurs. at 7pm, funeral Mass is Fri. at 10am at St. Johns. On Sat. at 10am is the funeral Mass for Bob Filipek at St. Johns (and then I have a 2pm wedding in Mitchell). Join us this Sat Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Potluck following Wagner's 5:30pm Mass. Next weekend partake of the servings at Dante's Harvest Fest (4-7pm) and enjoy the games (5-9pm). We rejoice with Duaine Lee Turner in his First Holy Communion this Sun. at Marty! This Mon Aug 4 pray with St. John Vianney, patron for parish priests; including Fr. Dale Sieverding, my classmate, whose burial I'll attend in St. Ann Cemetery in Humboldt on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm.

Peace,  
Fr. Jim



### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, August 14

6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's, Lake Andes  
7:00 p.m. at Assumption, Dante  
7:00 p.m. - at Sts. Peter & Paul,  
Dimock

#### Friday, August 15

7:00 a.m. - at Sacred Heart, Parkston  
7:30 a.m. at St. John's, Wagner  
8:30 a.m. - at St. Peter's, Platte  
5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's, Marty  
6:30 p.m. - at St. Ann's, Geddes  
7:00 p.m. - at St. Paul's, Armour



### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, August 5

5:00 p.m. - Assumption

#### Wednesday, August 6

4:15 p.m. - St. John's

#### Friday, August 8

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

#### Saturday, August 9

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

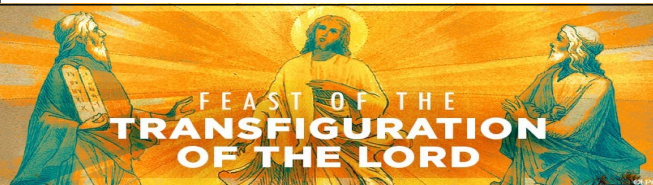
#### Sunday, August 10

8:15 a.m. - Assumption

### THIS WEEK ON FORMED: AUGUST 3

- ◆ *The Transfiguration: Sacred Heart*
- ◆ *Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*
- ◆ *St. John Vianney: Catholic Saints*

Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Bishop DeGrood, Mary Hurd, Rick Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca. 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.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, August 5

7:00 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement



### MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	August 4	Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest	NO MASS	.....
Tuesday	August 5	Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Monsignor Steve Barnett †
Wednesday	August 6	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Lenoard & Ayrelou Farke †/ Rachel Soukup †
			6:00 p.m. - Todd & Amy Doom's	Joanne Kirchgasser †
Thursday	August 7	Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest	8:30 a.m. - St. John's	Richard Podzimek †
Friday	August 8	Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest	1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	Oblate Sisters' Relatives & Friends
Saturday	August 9	Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Jack Kuhlman †
Sunday	August 10	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Wesly & Elsie Kocer †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Pope Francis †



### BISHOP'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting Broom Tree Retreat & Conference Center

Monday, August 18

Minnehaha Country Club &

The Country Club of Sioux Falls

For more information or to register, visit Bishop's Cup  
Charity Golf Event | Catholic Fundraiser Near Me, SD |  
CCFESD

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our 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 Closet 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!

### PRAYER FOR OPEN HANDS

Lord, I do not know what any day holds, I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given. Help me to use them, then, as You would have me. Help me to live according to Your invitations. Amen.  
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IF TODAY YOU  
HEAR HIS VOICE,  
HARDEN NOT  
YOUR HEARTS.

PSALM 95

### WAGNER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 5

Noon to 5:30 p.m.

Wagner Fire Hall

Sponsored by Wagner Community Memorial Hospital. Appointments are encouraged. Text LIFESERVE to 999-777, call 8-00-287-4903, or visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org).

### MONDAY EVENING STUDY/DISCUSSION GROUP: "THE ONE THING IS THREE"

Join Sr. Mary Ruth for study and discussion on Fr. Michael Gaitley's video series: "The One Thing is Three." We will meet **Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** through the month of August and after a two-week break, resume on September 15. We will finish on October 20. **This is open to both in-person** (St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND) **and online participants.** For more information, or to register, contact Sr. Mary Ruth at [smmaryruth@sfcetreats.org](mailto:smmaryruth@sfcetreats.org) or (701) 242-7195.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**"Serve the Lord  
with gladness"**

— Psalm 100:2

	<b>Saturday, August 9 5:30 p.m. - St. John's</b>	<b>Sunday, August 10 9:00 a.m. - Assumption</b>	<b>Sunday, August 10 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's</b>
<b>EM</b>	Judy Barnett/ Bonnie Soukup	Volunteer	Mary Jo
<b>Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions</b>	Ray Soukup	Donna Smejkal	Amy/ Sr. Miriam/ Georgia
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jessica Barnett/ Jaylee Kafka/ Skyler Kocer	Carter Smejkal/ Dashel Smejkal	Ridge/ Bladen
<b>Music</b>	Kim Soukup	Pam Roth	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Eggers/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Dean Abdouch	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Jeff/ Bain
<b>Greeters</b>	Jeff & Julie Doom		Mary Jo
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Jeff & Julie Doom	Clayton Rados/ Doug Cimpl	Ryan, Abby, & Family
<b>Rosary</b>	Don & Theresa Koupal		
<b>Sacristan</b>	Ray Soukup		
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Karen Kuhlman/ Fran Kocer	Donna Smejkal/ Karen Peters	Ray/ Emma

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, August 4**

NO MASS

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

**Tuesday, August 5**

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's

**Wednesday, August 6**

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

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

St. Paul's Faith Formation Mass at 6:00 p.m. at

Todd & Amy Doon Residence/Waterslide Following Mass/

Potluck Supper at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, August 7**

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, August 8**

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, August 9**

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

**Sunday, August 10**

Confessions at 8:15 AM at Assumption

Mass at 9:00 AM at Assumption

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

Harvest Festival at Assumption, Serving Begins at 4:00



## DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Anyone who wants to or can donate cabbage, cucumbers, peppers, carrots, tomatoes, onions, etc. for the Harvest Festival on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 please contact Steven & Taylor Koupal 605-831-9985 or Angela Deurmier 605-880-6849. We would like the items at the CCD Center no later than 9:00 am on Sunday if you plan to donate. Thank you!

The Harvest Festival Committee would appreciate anyone who could donate cool whip bowls and ice cream pails for left-overs.

## ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00  
July 26 \$2869.00  
**Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amount was also received:**  
Mass Stipends \$ 50.00

## AUGUST POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, August 2  
6:30 p.m. (After 5:30 p.m. Mass)  
St. John's Church Basement

## ST. JOHN'S MY PARISH APP

St. John's parishioners who have smartphones or tablets are encouraged to use the My Parish app, which comes to all parishioners FREE because the Altar Society has paid for the subscription. To download the app, simply text App to 55321. This will give you access to Mass times, the weekly bulletin, daily readings, favorite prayers and much more! We would like to use My Parish app groups to relay information regarding schedule changes, the prayer chain, funeral committee, and other parish groups. Contact Theresa Koupal if you have questions or need help downloading the app.

## ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, August 19  
5:30 p.m.  
St. John's Church Basement



## 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.

## 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.



## ST. PAUL'S FAITH FORMATION ANNUAL PICNIC

Todd & Amy Doon Residence  
Outdoor Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
Waterslide after Mass  
Potluck at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your own chair and side dish!

Please note that all ministries will be "Volunteers."

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

August 4: Laura Soukup; August 5: Rita Krcil;  
August 8: Pam Roth; August 9: Paige McNinch;  
August 10: Dennis Merkwon, Garret DeBay.

## Happy Anniversary to these Assumption parishioners who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

August 7: Charles & Vicki Roth; August 9: David & Erika Kotab.

## DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Anyone wishing to donate toward the 2025 Harvest Festival chances, please contact one of the following committee members or write it down in the notebook in the back of the church entry:

Charlie & Vicki Roth 286-3768

Dante Harvest Festival is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If anyone knows that they will be gone, unable to work at their assigned duty due to other conflicts, or will be unable to donate their assigned food (now or at any time before the festival), please contact one of the dinner chairmen ASAP: Steven & Taylor Koupal 605-831-9985 or Angela Deurmier 605-880-684.

For those young adults that have graduated from high school but are home for the summer, please consider serving your church by helping out at the Harvest Festival. The donation of your time would be greatly appreciated and is a wonderful gift of your service.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Matt and Steph Hill for the sweetcorn for the parish! It was greatly appreciated!





### DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 10  
ABVM CCD Center, Dante

Broasted Chicken Meal with Homemade  
Kolaches, Rollicky, Salads, Pies, Desserts  
Serving from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adults:  
Children 12 & Under:

Downtown Games 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Raffle, Bingo, & Other Games for All Ages

### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! HOLY HOUR

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at [usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion](http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion).

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE: THE BARN

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

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And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

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### WEEKLY READINGS: WEEK OF AUGUST 3

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21  
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36  
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20  
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS WHAT WE STORE IN THE BARN

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

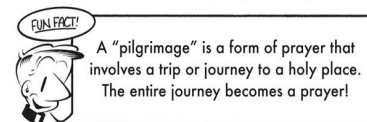
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"What's gray, has four legs and a trunk?"



"A mouse on a pilgrimage!"



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