



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

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION: 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

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**August 10, 2025**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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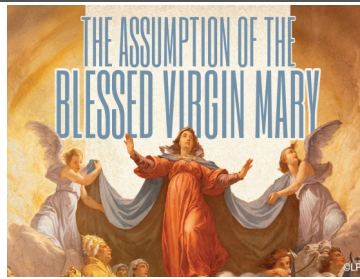
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I myself did not think of the Mass (the wedding banquet) when I read today's Gospel about the servants who were found vigilant before a wedding so the master proceeded to seat and wait on them at table. But the Church certainly connected today's Gospel with the Mass, matching it up with a 'classic' first reading about the Passover (which became the Last Supper/Mass). If you and I more deeply imbued with the Mass as the "source and summit", as the highest prayer and the open door to the heavenly liturgy, then I think we, too, would recognize this connection even as Jesus tells the parable.

How good that we can gather again for the "Harvest Fest" this

Sunday, serving from 4-7, games from 5-9pm! We meet the date closest to the Assumption Holy Day with Masses: Dante at 7pm (Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>) and Wagner 7:30am / Marty 5pm (Fri 15<sup>th</sup>). Come! This Sunday I will be in Lake Andes while Fr. Clement is at Marty for Mass followed by Parish Council & and the annual report. Parish councils will meet in Dante for their annual report this Wed at 7pm. Note we do not have Mass this Thursday in Wagner and on Friday there is no 1pm Mass at Marty. After Monday's Mass, I'll give a 'show & tell' of the newly put up painting of "Jesus and the Children" in Wagner's CCD Chapel.

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, Amour

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, August 13**

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

**Thursday, August 14**

6:15 p.m. - Assumption

**Friday, August 15**

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

**Saturday, August 16**

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

**Sunday, August 17**

8:15 a.m. - Assumption

### THIS WEEK ON FORMED: AUGUST 10

- ◆ *Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe*
- ◆ *Clare and Francis*
- ◆ *The Assumption of Mary*

*Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Bishop DeGrood, 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.*



### STUDENT BACKPACK BLESSINGS

After Masses on  
Saturday, August 23 &  
Sunday, August 24

### FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES MEETING

First Catholic Slovak Ladies will be joining in with Race For A Reason on August 16, 2025. We will have a short meeting at 9 AM at the Dante CCD Center. We will then provide breakfast for all participants in the race.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	August 11	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham †
Tuesday	August 12	Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Sister Delores Rush, OSB †
Wednesday	August 13	Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Don Geaghan †
Thursday	August 14	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 p.m. - Assumption	Ernie Kocer †
Friday	August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:30 a.m. - St. John's	Don Bittner †
			5:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	Margie Pavin †
Saturday	August 16	Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Emma Koupal †
Sunday	August 17	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Frank Krcil †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Benefactors

### HELD: GRIEF THROUGH GRACE

This eight-week grief series will begin Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 6-8 p.m. at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Sioux Falls. The series will blend education and faith surrounding the loss of a loved one through death. Each session will allow for small group discussion according to your particular loss (loss of a child, spouse, parent, sibling). Registration is required. Free-will donations accepted. Register online at [thelourdescenter.com](http://thelourdescenter.com) or call (605) 988-3775 for more information



### 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 |  
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### WOMEN'S HEALING RETREAT: JUST AS I AM

Join the Lourdes Center Staff at the Abbey for a healing retreat for women September 5-7. All women 18 years and older are invited to encounter God's love, at the beautiful Abbey of the Hills. Registration is open now. Cost is a suggested donation of \$315; however, no one will be turned away for inability to pay. To register visit, <https://abbeyofthehills.networkforgood.com/events/89779-women-s-healing-retreat-just-as-i-am> or for more information call 605-398-9200.

### RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual South Dakota Right to Life convention will be held September 26-27 at Faith Evangelical Lutheran church in Pierre. There is also a youth event on Saturday, September 27 for middle school and high school students. Register at [sdrighttolife.org](http://sdrighttolife.org).

### BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

August 19 – "Mary: the Embodiment of God's Tenderness," directed by Fr. Nick Haiar; September 16 – "Devotion to the Holy Face," directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer; October 14 – "Pro Sanctity: Holiness in Everyday Life," directed by Jackie Sempek; November 11 – TBD, directed by Dr. Chris Burgwald; December 9 – TBD, directed by Fr. Tom Anderson.



# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Thursday, August 14 7:00 p.m. - Assumption	Friday, August 15 7:30 a.m. - St. John's	Friday, August 15 5:00 p.m. - St. Paul's	Saturday, August 16 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, August 17 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, August 17 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
<b>"Serve the Lord with gladness"</b> <small>- Psalm 100</small>						
<b>EM</b>	Pam Roth	Don Koupal		Alice Koupal/ Jim Thornton	Mike Beeson	Karen
<b>Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions</b>	Pam Roth	Bonnie Soukup		Ted Slaba	Mike Beeson	Cathy/ Amy/ Sr. Pat
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kate Swier/ Josiah Krcil	Volunteers		Clarah Soukup/ Windsor Soukup/ Willow Soukup	Wes Koupal/ Lane Koupal	Bennett/ Briggs
<b>Music</b>	Marilee Krcil	Volunteers		Guitar Choir	Open	
<b>Ushers</b>	Clayton Rados/ Don Krcil	Volunteers		Gene Niehus/ Jarred Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Richard Nedved	Ross Beeson/ Derek Koupal	Jason/ Dave K.
			<b>VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES</b>			
<b>Greeters</b>		Theresa Koupal		Barb Johannsen		Judy
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Clayton Rados/ Don Krcil			Matt & Mieke Slaba Family	Ross Beeson Family	Riley, Amy, & Family
<b>Rosary</b>		Don & Theresa Koupal (After Mass)		Ray & Bonnie Soukup		
<b>Sacristan</b>		Don Koupal		Jim Thornton		
<b>Collection Counters</b>		Karol Kniffen/ Karen Kuhlman		Patty Eggers/ Dorothy Holzbauer	Ross Beeson/ Derek Koupal	Ramona/ Judy

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What is the name for the short stories Jesus would tell to teach a spiritual lesson based on familiar life experiences?  
**Answer:** Parables.

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**ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION**  
Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00  
August 2 \$1515.00  
**Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:**  
Mass Stipends \$ 60.00  
Votive Candle Offerings \$ 52.00  
Other Donations (2) \$2946.88

*With Heartfelt Sympathy*  
The St. John the Baptist parish family extends heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Bonnie Novak. Bonnie passed away on Monday, July 28. The funeral Mass for Bonnie was prayed at St. John's on Friday, August 8, with burial in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner.

*With Heartfelt Sympathy*  
The St. John the Baptist parish family extends heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Bob Filipek. Bob died on September 2, 2024. The funeral Mass for Bob was prayed at St. John's on Saturday, August 9, with inurnment in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner.

**THANK YOU!**  
The flowers in front of the altar at St. John's were donated by Ray & Bonnie Soukup in honor of and in memory of Farke and Soukup family members. Thank you, Ray & Bonnie!

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**  
Tuesday, August 19  
5:30 p.m.  
St. John's Church Basement  
Each Band is asked to have two representatives attend the meeting.

*Congratulations to Duane Lee Turner who received his First Holy Communion on Sunday, August 3, at St. Paul's! May God continue to richly bless Duane and his family!*



**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.

**NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE**  
The Notre Dame Football Experience offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for fans of Notre Dame Football to travel to South Bend, Indiana, and attend a Notre Dame Football game in person. There are two chances to win—each offering an incredible experience! Both packages are nearly identical and include:

- \*Round-trip flights on a private jet for four guests
- \*Four game tickets with seats on or near the 50-yard line
- \*Exclusive tailgating at the stadium
- \*A private guided tour of the Notre Dame campus
- \*All meals and beverages provided throughout the day

The drawing will be held on September 11 (you do not need to be present to win). A similar package will be auctioned off. To purchase a raffle ticket or learn more about the auction, call 605-988-3701 or visit [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org). Proceeds benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

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

August 12: Kristi Hilzendeger

## DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

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.

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.

Even though additional workers are not assigned – except for the committee members, we would welcome any volunteer help setting up on Friday evening or cleaning up following the supper on Sunday evening.

## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITY HUNT

Monday & Tuesday, September 15-16  
Horseshoe K Lodge, Kimball

The event includes guided hunt with transportation, breakfasts & dinners on Sunday & Monday, on Monday & Tuesday, social on Sunday & Monday with open bar/unlimited heavy appetizers, one (1) night lodging, trap shoot, lunch in the field, bird cleaning, Mass with Bishop DeGrood. To register or become a sponsor, please visit <https://ccfesd.org/events/bishops-charity-hunt/>. Proceeds benefit Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in our Diocese.



### 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! HOUSE BLESSING

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it.

The Roman Ritual (Book of Blessings) provides two formats for house blessings: one during the Easter or Christmas season (specifically for the Epiphany) and one for Ordinary Time. Those who live in the home must be present for a house to be blessed. A priest, deacon or lay person can administer the blessing, although if a lay person does so they must use the rites accorded to lay ministers in the Roman Ritual.

A house blessing includes Scripture readings, intercessions and a prayer of blessing.



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### PLEASE NOTE!

The Wagner-Dante Catholic Daughters will serve the Fellowship Meal at the Methodist Church on Thursday, August 28. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE: ARE YOU TALKING TO ME? By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to embrace the hunger.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud.

And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the others. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

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### WEEKLY READINGS: WEEK OF AUGUST 10

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  
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1  
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-5

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### LOOKING AHEAD Monday, August 11

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

### Tuesday, August 12

Evening Prayer at 5:10 p.m. at Assumption  
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption  
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

### Wednesday, August 13

Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 PM at St. John's  
Mass at 5:00 PM at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following

### Thursday, August 14

Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's  
Confessions at 6:15 p.m. at Assumption  
Assumption of the BVM Holy Day Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption

### Friday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass at 7:30 a.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following  
Adoration & Confessions at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Benediction at 3:45 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

### Saturday, August 16

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 17

Confessions at 8:15 AM at Assumption  
Mass at 9:00 AM at Assumption  
Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's



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### SAVE THE DATE: ABBAY ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

October 29

Coach John Stiegelmeier (Coach Stig), the winningest head coach at SDSU is the Keynote Speaker for the evening. For more information regarding purchasing tickets and sponsorships, visit [ABBAY FALL BANQUET | The Abbey](http://ABBAY FALL BANQUET | The Abbey), or, call Margaret 605-398-9200. You can also email [margaretartz@abbeyofthehills.org](mailto:margaretartz@abbeyofthehills.org).

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