

Liturgical Schedule for Aug. 3-9, 2015

Mon No Mass St. Lydia Purpuraria
 Tues AB 10am St. John Vianney
 Wed Sma 6pm St. Mary Major
 Thurs SP 7:15am The Transfiguration of the Lord
 Intent: d. Linda Schuman
 Fri SJ 7:15am St. Sixtus II &
 Sat SP 6pm St. Dominic
 Intent: d. Jack Schuman
 Sun Sma 8:30am St. Eidth Stein
 SJ 10:30am
 Intent: d. William (Gene) Koch
 SMi 5:30pm
 Intent: d. Fredericksen Family Members
 Unspecified mass intentions are *for the parish*

Liturgical Ministers for Aug. 8 & 9, 2015



St. Peter's
 Greeter - Perry & Karen Peterson Family
 Lector - Ron Gillen
 Servers - Levi & Kathryn N.
 Euch Min - David R., David G., Tammie M.
 Gifts - Perry & Karen Peterson Family
St. Mary's
 Greeter - Ries Family
 Lector - Barry Moller
 Servers - Madi O., Tye H.
 Euch Min - Stacey Hosman, Joe Koch
 Gifts - Lance Hosman Family
St. John's
 Greeters - Gary Kristensen & Dave Saville
 Lector - John Steele
 Servers - Carson & Courtney O., Vanessa H.
 Euch Min - John & Susan Steele, Peggy Freidal
 Gifts - Rayne & Jennifer Guindon Family
 Rosary - Tony Erpenbach
St. Michael's
 Greeter - Dan Weiss, Craig Pickart
 Lector - Lisa Mathis
 Servers - Haley & Tessa P.
 Euch Min - Deb Baker
 Gifts - Dan & Dawn Weiss Family

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING

Humanity has entered a new era in which our technical prowess has brought us to a cross-roads. We are the beneficiaries of two centuries of enormous waves of change... It is right to rejoice in these advances and to be excited by the immense possibilities which they continue to open up before us, for "science and technology are wonderful products of a God-given human creativity". (LS, 102).

Technoscience, when well directed, can produce important means of improving the quality of human life, from useful domestic appliances to great transportation systems, bridges, buildings and public spaces. It can also produce art and enable men and women immersed in the material world to "leap" into the world of beauty (LS, 103).

LS = Laudato Si: <http://tinyurl.com/o6sowft>

 OFFERTORY 				
St. Mary's				
July 25-26, 2015	Envelopes		\$1135.25	
	Youth		\$ 5.00	
	Loose		\$ 9.00	
	Total		\$1149.25	
St. John's				
Envelopes	\$2305.00			
Youth	\$ 71.26			
Loose	\$ 157.36			
Stipend	\$ 10.00			
Dir. Deposit	\$ 450.00			
Total	\$2993.62			
St. Peter's				
Envelopes		\$2158.81		
Youth		\$ 12.00		
Loose		\$ 15.00		
Stipend		\$ 20.00		
Total		\$2205.81		
CFSA				
	Pledge	Given	Goal Total	% participation
SP	\$17212.50	\$15212.75	\$21400	67
SJ	\$20469.00	\$19201.00	\$15500	48
SM	\$ 5312.50	\$ 4786.25	\$ 6150	70

St. John Plankinton, SD	St. Mary Stickney, SD		St. Michael Mt. Vernon, SD	St. Peter White Lake, SD
August 1 & 2, 2015			18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

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Fr. Bob's Blotting's

I want to thank all the St. John's Parishioners of Mount Vernon for the religious education discussion last Sunday evening. As I said at the meeting, the concern I have for St. John's Parish - really all our linked parishes - is that we run the danger of dissipating our energies in the proclamation of the kingdom of God.

A recent CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) study said that 22% of Catholic parents ATTEND MASS WEEKLY. This is not a surprising number to me - when I see the church attendance swell for Christmas and Easter and know that each church is experiencing the same reality, I know that it is far more than family home for the holidays.

This low attendance is very concerning, though. You and I have been sedated to believe that we can love God from the comfort of our Sunday morning arm chair. When we are on vacation, we have been told that it is okay to miss Holy Mass, because God understands. When we are eating out as a family we are complimented on praying together before the meal, because so few do give thanks.

This critique of AMERICANIZED faith is a necessary corrective. You and I have an obligation to worship God as a people He has gathered together - an *ekklesia*, where we get the word 'church.' To fail in this obligation is not only a missing out on grace for ourselves, it is also a cutting ourselves off from the life of grace - a mortal sin. Only by Sacramental Reconciliation can Jesus restore us to a state of grace and then return to receiving communion.

There are circumstances where missing is not a sin, and extreme cases where a sincere act of contrition is sufficient for a return to grace, but I do not wish to miss this point: we are suffering a HEMORRHAGE in the Body of Christ, the Church. We are called to bring people back to a lived experience of God - that is our purpose a Parish Church - the people in *this* parish. Will you help?

CHAPLAINCY, further explained: SD Army National Guard chaplains are clergy from SD who serve with the men and women of their units. I expect to be away for 4-5 more weekends each year. I will not leave you as your pastor. You will not be far from my heart when I am with your Guard neighbors and relatives on drill. I am not being moved from our parishes!

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

ST. MICHAEL'S POTLUCK:

Sun, Aug. 9th after the 5:30pm mass to review the responses to the questionnaire.



DESSERTS WANTED: A dessert sign up sheet is in the back of the church for anyone wishing to furnish a dessert for the Pheasant Fest on Aug. 15th.



CLEANING CHURCH BASEMENT FLOOR:

The week of Aug. 24th, we are redoing the church basement floor. We will need help moving the tables/chairs on Sun., Aug 23rd after mass. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

DRE NEEDED: St. John's Parish is in need of a new Director of Religion Education (DRE) for the 2015/2016 school year. As parents, we have an important role in shaping our children's religious life. Our program would not be successful without all the many parents that have volunteered their time, talent and resources over the years to help out. Thank you all for saying "yes". We are now looking for someone to say "yes" to take over as the new director of religion education. Please contact Fr. Bob if interested.



AUGUST CHURCH CLEANING:

Kerri Konechne, Lori Jones, Maxine Schroeder, Holy Wulf, Wendy Nedved, Amy Boyd, Alejandrina Rodriquez.

At St. Michael's-Linda Vermeulen, Allison Sandland, Deb Wiczorek.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

CHURCH CLEANING:

Aug.-Jean Moller, Kathy Schroeder; Sept.-Brittani Dyce, Rita Beckman, Beth Beckman



ST. PETER'S NEWS

CHURCH CLEANING:

Church cleaning is scheduled for Tues., Aug 4th. Please check the list to see if your name is listed. Chairperson please call the names on your list and remind them of the date/time. If that day doesn't work for you, feel free to go up anytime that week. Thank-you, Altar Society Officers.



KC'S OUTING: For Altar Servers, Squires or anyone interested in being a Squire on Wed., Aug. 5th leaving from St. Margaret's in Kimball at 3pm and going on a tour of Big Bend Dam at Ft. Thompson. Returning around pm to the Red Barn Retreats in Kimball for food and fun. Sign up sheet can be found on the entrance table. For questions, please call Lee Pulse at 730-2704.



PRAIRIE PEOPLE NEWS



LEGACY 125 YEARS: Aug. 14-16 in Sioux Falls. Diocesan-wide gathering with keynote speakers, multiple educational, spiritual and prayer opportunities, liturgical celebrations, banquet, youth component, priest, deacon and teacher continuing education components at

the Sioux Falls Convention Center and Arena. Registration Info: www.sfcatholic.org/legacy or 605-334-9861

POPE FRANCIS COMING TO USA:

Sept. 22nd-28th in Philadelphia, PA. World Meeting of Families Package Includes: Round-trip airfare from Sioux Falls Regional Airport; Hotel for 5 nights at the Holiday Inn Express in Lansdale, PA; breakfast daily at hotel; 2 dinners at restaurants in PA area; Luxury Motor Coach Transportation; Assistance of a Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Representative while in PA; Sight-seeing in Historic PA as well as visits to the various Shrines. If you would like to see the Pope, please call 800-653-0017 at Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours, Inc. for further information. Per person cost \$1625.75 (double occupancy) not included in the cost are the following: WMF Conference Registration Fee, anything not listed above.



CONFIRMATION: Confirmation Mass has been scheduled for Oct. 4th at 2pm at St. John's Church. We will have 22 people getting confirmed from our parishes. 12 from St. John's; 3 from St. Mary's; 7 from St. Peter's.

AVERA HOSPICE CARE: We are in need of volunteers to be a part of our hospice team in providing comfort, care and compassion for those in Hospice Care. Each volunteer is free to choose how much time they'd like to give. If interested call Monica



Toth at 605-622-2815 or send email: monica.toth@avera.org

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR CFSA PLEDGE CARDS:

Thank you to all who have already given so generously. Every gift, regardless of the size, is important to the success of CFSA and the many ministries of the diocese. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Everyone's participation supports the many works of our Church. Please participate by filling out our card and offer a prayer for the success of CFSA even if you can't join financially. Our goal is 100% participation offered through our time, talent or treasure. Again, any amount raised above the assessment will stay in the Parish.

