

**Liturgical Schedule for July 6-12, 2015**

Mon No Mass St. Maia Goretti  
 Tues AB-No Mass Bl. Ralph Milner  
 Intent: d. Fred Schoenfelder  
 Wed SJ-No Mass St. Grimbald  
 Thurs SP-No Mass St. Augustine Zhoo Rong  
 Fri SJ 7:15am Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz  
 Intent: d. Fredericksen Family Members  
 Sat SP 6pm St. Benedict of Nursia  
 Intent: d. Elaine Kristensen  
 Sun SM 8:30am St. John Gaulbert  
 Intent: All Servicemen  
 SJ 10:30am  
 SMi 5:30pm  
 Intent: d. Alvin Hohn

**Liturgical Ministers for July 11&12 2015**

**St. Peter's**  
 Greeter - James & Stephanie McCord Family  
 Lector - David Reuland  
 Servers - Beau K., Nolan K.,  
 Euch Min - Joan S., Joe & Paulena H.  
 Gifts - James & Stephanie McCord Family  
**St. Mary's**  
 Greeter - Don Odens Family  
 Lector - Doris Schrank  
 Servers - Mason O., Abby D.,  
 Euch Min - Vicki Gerlach, Darla Prien  
 Gifts - Leon Overweg Family  
**St. John's**  
 Greeters - Kerri & Roger Konechne  
 Lector - J.P. Studeny  
 Servers - Kody & Meredith K., Matt K.  
 Euch Min - J.P. Studeny, Jan/Gary K., Tim S.  
 Gifts - Vince & Shirly Assmus  
 Rosary - Leanne Payne  
**St. Michael's**  
 Greeter - Dan Pollard, Terry Pollard  
 Lector - Lynne Schmidt  
 Servers - Sydney & Logan T.  
 Euch Min - Dean Baker  
 Gifts - Dan Pollard & Tabitha Amiday

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING

The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator.

Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes.

These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics.

"The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life." (GS 47 §1). #1603.

The number of men and women who have deep seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.

Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition. #2358. www.kofc.org/un/en catechism search CCC#

**OFFERTORY**

<b>June 27-28, 2015</b>		<b>St. Mary's</b>	
		Envelopes	\$560.00
		Youth	\$ 4.00
		Loose	\$111.00
		Cemetery	\$ 50.00
		<b>Total</b>	
		<b>\$725.00</b>	
<b>St. John's</b>		<b>St. Peter's</b>	
		Envelopes	\$1300.00
		Youth	\$ 18.50
		Loose	\$ 142.00
		Dir. Deposit	\$ 450.00
		<b>Total</b>	
		<b>\$1973.09</b>	
<b>St. Peter's</b>		<b>St. John's</b>	
		Envelopes	\$ 960.00
		Youth	\$ 4.50
		Loose	\$ 32.00
		Candles	\$ 29.05
		<b>Total</b>	
		<b>\$1480.55</b>	

**St. John**  
Plankinton, SD

**St. Mary**  
Stickney, SD



**St. Michael**  
Mt. Vernon, SD

**St. Peter**  
White Lake, SD

July 4 & 5, 2015

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Bob's Blotting's

A blessed Independence day to you!

I was talking with a friend from the east coast who was doing the usual bit of complaining about the weather, politics, and religion. I was feeling none too excited about recent events either, when I asked him: "Well, what would you say if you were a pastor?" He grew quiet and said: "I don't know."

In light of the Supreme Court's recent decisions, what do each of us, as faithful Catholics, say? What is your 15 second elevator speech? And are our thoughts in line with Christ's and his Church's? As you all know, I'm long winded, so these are my 30 seconds:

The easy route for us is not to walk the middle line. It is not to say we wholeheartedly agree and be just culturally Catholic as millions of our fellow Catholics have done. It is not to say that we disagree with all that has happened and it was better back in the good old days.

Marriage is a beautiful institution ordered to the union of spouses and the generation of children. The "in case you were wondering" sidebar helps to flesh out the perennial teaching of the Church. Government has the duty of protecting its future generations - procreation of children - this is one of the reasons nations have, for millennia, legalized marriage.

Being gay is not a sin. For years, church leaders and members have over-moralized the issue. In 1997, the Catechism of the Church highlighted the reality that many gay men and women experience: having the inclination is a cross that they bear. Again, see the sidebar.

Fortunately, bloggers are telling the story of faithful gay Catholics. I invite you to this man's two part interview: Part one - "What does it look like to be gay - and a practicing Catholic?" <http://tinyurl.com/oxt3l6b> Part two: "Why Choose Celibacy?" <http://tinyurl.com/njobw2z>

Our nation may repeat history. Some will recall that Catholics have lived on the margins of society as an underclass minority. The 1840's were a time of severe marginalization; many Catholics left their pews because of the hostility they faced. <http://tinyurl.com/ov3pue2>

We have entered a new era, one that is as old as the Church is young, a time when Catholics face adversity for living faithfully to Christ and his Church. I'll be praying for you!

## ST. JOHN'S NEWS

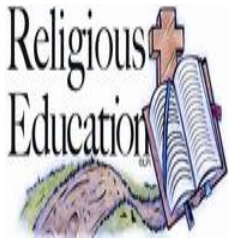


### ST. MICHAEL'S POTLUCK:

We ask our parishioners to please fill St. Michael's church on July 12th for the 5:30pm Mass followed by a potluck.

### THANK YOU FROM MARY

**MAYCLIN:** Thank you for the gifts I received for my time as DRE. The cross necklace and geraniums are beautiful. The gifts were very much 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.

### JULY CHURCH CLEANING:

Susan Urban, Mary P. Krell, Gayle VanGendern, Kama Bruns, Mary Mayclin, Wendy Overweg. At St. Michaels Church-Darcy Deinert, Rhonda Deinert, Suzanne Weber



## ST. MARY'S NEWS



### CHURCH CLEANING:

July-Becky Muck, Cheryl Dethlefsen; Aug.-Jean Moller, Kathy Schroeder

## ST. PETER'S NEWS

### MASS TIME CHANGE:

Sat., Jul. 11th, mass will be at 5pm. "School Reunion" after mass.



**HELP WANTED:** We are in need of someone to be on the funeral committee. If you are interested, please contact Chairperson, Jeanie Schroeder.

## PRAIRIE PEOPLE NEWS



**COMMUNITY VBS:** July 12-16 @ Salem Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon for Grades: K-6th. Join us for a week of church camp experience, complete with a group of seasoned camp counselors from Lutherans Outdoors.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Cost per child is \$40. Register before JUNE 30 and we'll cover 100% of the registration fee. To register/email [courtneydeinert@gmail.com](mailto:courtneydeinert@gmail.com) the following: child's name, grade and your contact information. We've also set up a Facebook event page. We'll post more information to our Facebook event page as we get closer to VBS. Or call VBS COORDINATORS: Courtney Deinert (999-5248) Angela Klumb (999-1942) Sarah Bode (461-9500). Please feel free to

forward this to your friends and neighbors.

UPDATE: St. Michael's Altar Society will pay for the registration of any St. Michaels child.

**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](http://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.



**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](mailto:monica.toth@avera.org)

**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.



### THANK YOU FROM AU. CO. CANCER

**EVENT:** Thank you to all who helped make the Au. Co. Cancer Event a success. Whether you sponsored, donated, attended, bought, helped or kept the Event in your prayers, it was very much appreciated. Thanks to the United Methodist Church for hosting the Community Church Service. Because of your generosity, Thrivent will be able to donate about \$11,000.00 to the Au. Co. Cancer Fund. God Bless you all.



"STILL HAVING PROBLEMS FINPING PAY CARE?"