**For Reflection**

*How am I being connected with the three orders of worship, law, and ethics?*

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WELCOME!

Please join us often; “Truly this is an abode of God, the gateway to heaven!” (Gen. 28:17)

Use form in entry to register so you can receive a Bishops Bulletin, envelopes, a warm welcome and be a parish member.

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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 22: 19-23
Rom 11: 33-36
Mt 16: 13-20

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**Mass Times and Intentions**

### ARTESTIAN

- **Saturday, August 22**
  - 5:00pm (FrK) People of the Parishes
- **Saturday, August 29**
  - 5:00pm (FrK) +Rex Unterbrunner

### WESS SPGS

- **Sunday, August 23**
  - 8:30am (FrP) +Jacob Kolousek
- **Monday, August 24**
  - 5:30pm (FrP) St. Joseph's Altar Society L&D
- **Tuesday, August 25**
  - 5:30pm (FrP) +Eleanor Viereck
- **Wednesday, August 26**
  - 5:30pm (FrP) +Velma Kieffer
- **Thursday, August 27**
  - 5:30pm (FrP) +Tucker and Tyler Easton
- **Friday, August 28**
  - 5:30pm (FrP) +LaVaughn Grieve
- **Sunday, August 30**
  - 8:30am (FrP) +Mary Parsley

### WOONSOCKET

- **Sunday, August 23**
  - 9:30am Rosary
  - 10:00am (FrK) +Jack Mann
  - 5:00pm (FrK) Wake Service for Myrna Knigge
- **Monday, August 24**
  - 10:00am (FrK) Funeral Mass for Myrna Knigge
- **Tuesday, August 25**
  - 5:15pm (FrK) Prayers for Fr Kevin & his parishes
- **Wednesday, August 26**
  - 5:15pm (FrK) [ Open Intention ]
- **Thursday, August 27**
  - 5:15pm (FrK) Livg & Dec'd of Burkel Family
- **Friday, August 28**
  - 5:15pm (FrK) For the Souls in Purgatory
- **Saturday, August 29**
  - 8:30am (FrK) For a Special Intention
- **Sunday, August 30**
  - 9:30am Rosary
  - 10:00am (FrK) People of the Parishes

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**CONFESSIONS - Artestian**

Anytime upon request.

**CONFESSIONS - Woonsocket**

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**CONFESSIONS – Wessington Springs**

Anytime upon request.
**Bishop DeGrood’s vision of Lifelong Missionary Discipleship through God’s Love**

NET Ministries has agreed to send us a team of eight missionaries for this upcoming academic year. These missionaries are trained in the work of evangelization, leading small groups, putting on retreats, prayer ministry, worship, etc.

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 175 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET).

**Eric Gallagher** (Director of Youth Discipleship & Evangelization, Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls) will be hosting a Zoom meeting for Priests and Parish Catechetical Leaders at 1pm next Tuesday, August 25th where he will introduce the high level vision and planning for these missionaries and explain how you, as a parish, can invite the missionaries to serve in your area. This meeting will be recorded if you’re unable to make it.

If you are interested in attending the Zoom meeting, please contact Gay Lynne Ames at stwilfrid@sfcatholic.org or call 605-999-4067.

For more information about NET: https://netusa.org/

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**Prayer – Participation – Generosity**

**St. Joseph & Duncan:** 8/16 – Env. (16) $960; Loose $160; $52 Assumption; T - $1172

**St. Charles:** 8/15 – Env. $100; Loose $5; T - $105

**St. Wilfrid:** 8/16 – Env. (21) $720; Loose $550; T - $1270

**Coming Events**

**Fr. Kevin will be planning liturgical ministries’ training**

sessions/reviews in the near future. Those who would like to volunteer contact Gay Lynne Ames.

**Sept 21 & 22, 2020 – Bishop’s Charity Hunt,**

Horseshoe K Ranch – Kimball, SD. All proceeds go to supporting the Newman Centers college campus outreach throughout South Dakota.

**Oct 2, 3 & 4, 2020 – SD Right to Life 50th Year Convention,** “Seeing Life Clearly.” Location: Sioux Falls First Church,

5300 W. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD

More info: [https://www.us Sioux Falls rightolife.org/](https://www.siouxfallsarearightolife.org/)

**Jan 31, 2021 - SD Right-to-Life Annul Rally and Hour of Reflection.**

Gather and march 12:30-1:30 pm. Hour of reflection 2:00-3:00 pm. All CCD classes (7th-12th) required to attend.

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**St. Joseph Ministry Schedule**

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**Scripture Search**

**Gospel for August 23, 2020**

Matthew 16: 13-20

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: mountain-top light. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

**CAESAREA**
**OTHER**
**SON OF JONAH**
**REVEAL THIS**
**PREVAIL**
**THE KEYS**
**HEAVEN**

**DISCIPLES**
**ONE OF**
**FLESH**
**CHURCH**
**AGAINST IT**
**BIND**
**ON EARTH**

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**Venerable Bruno Lanteri,**
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

**“Discouragement is the greatest obstacle on the way of salvation.”**
**Fr. Kevin’s Reflections:**

This week’s first reading calls out to us in the 21st century … why? Well, you know, man doesn’t change very much. St. Thomas Aquinas uses the fancy word: *concupiscence* (a strong desire, a tendency or attraction, usually arising from lust or sensual desires). I always like demonstrating this principle of people who move in and out of two states (oh … let us say North Dakota and Canada). Those on the Dakota side know this state very well … but … because we don’t travel much in Canada, we tend to stay away … because we don’t go where we have to study (experience) the ways and rules of Canada (I still have problems converting miles into Km). This is similar to mankind. We can live in the state of Virtue or the state of Vice. We know the roadmap of the state of Vice very well. However, the state of Virtue calls us to live, learn and practice life in a different way. And, we lean (our *concupiscence*) to Vice over Virtue because we lazily stick to the old road and trails we know so well (even though we know the state of Virtue is far better place to exist).

We have been reflecting on why we (as Catholics) do what we do in our worship and prayer. We have been looking at the People of Israel in the Old Testament. (In particular, we have been thinking of Moses and his message of being a free people in the Promise Land.)

Three things are important for the question we are considering. First of all, on Sinai the people receive not only instructions about worship, but also an all-embracing rule of law and life. Only in these recognizable observances given to them by God can it become a people unique in this world. A people without a common rule of law cannot live. It destroys itself in anarchy, which is a parody of “freedom”, this pretending “freedom” is too often exalted to the point of obliteration (just look at Seattle, Portland, Chicago, St. Louis, etc).

When every man lives without law, every man lives without freedom. This brings me to my second point. In the ordering of the covenant on Sinai, the three aspects of: worship, law and ethics are inseparably interwoven. This is the greatness of the Sinai covenant … but also its limitation, as is shown in the transition from Israel (Old Testament) to the Church of the Gentiles (New Testament), where the interweaving was to unravel … to make room for a diversity of legal forms and political structures. In the modern age this necessary unraveling has led finally to the total secularization of the law and the exclusion of any God-ward perspective (or any God focus) from the fashioning of the law.

But we must not forget that there is an essential connection between the three orders of: worship, law and ethics. Law without a foundation in morality becomes injustice. When morality and law do not originate in a God-ward perspective (being God focused), such laws will degrade man, because they rob him of his highest measure and his highest capacity (deprive him of any vision of the infinite and the eternal).

This “freedom”, this *seeming* liberation subjects him to the dictatorship of the ruling majority, to shifting human standards … which inevitably end up doing him violence. (Have you been watching TV recently?) Now we come to a third point … which takes us back to where we started … to the question of the nature (the why) of worship and liturgy. When human affairs are so ordered that there is no recognition of God, there is a belittling of man. That is why, in the final analysis, worship and law cannot be completely separated from each other. God has a right to a response from man … a response from man to man himself ... and ... where that right of God totally disappears, the order of law among men is dissolved, because there is no cornerstone to keep the whole structure together.

**Sunday Mass Dispensation Changes – Effective August 17th**

Effective August 17th, 2020, Bishop Donald DeGrood has changed the Sunday Mass dispensation to apply only to those at increased risk for severe illness and those responsible for their care. To hear Bishop Donald DeGrood’s message and find the full guidelines, please go to link: [https://www.sf catholic.org/bishop-degrood/redefining-dispensation/](https://www.sf catholic.org/bishop-degrood/redefining-dispensation/)

**Summary of This Week’s Council Meetings**

Please be mindful of social distancing. Mask and hand sanitizers are available in various locations in the church. Please take your missalettes home with you and keep them with you.

CCD Classes will resume at the beginning of October 2020. Details to follow.

(Fr. Kevin appreciates all of those who took the time to come to the parish council meetings.)
### St. Wilfrid Parish

#### Update on the Adoration Chapel:
All of the baseboard and the inside wood trim of windows have been refinished. Fr. Kevin has been fixing window frames. We are looking for volunteers to help with making some final decisions on the design and colors of the Adoration Chapel.

#### Altar Society Meeting on Sunday, August 23rd
Meeting will be in the kitchen in the basement after Mass. Will make decisions regarding the items in the kitchen.

#### Mass Intentions
Please email Mass Intention requests two weeks prior to: kclarson@santel.net or call Cindy at 605-796-4169.

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### St. Joseph Parish

#### Volunteers needed and appreciated by the WS Church Concession Group for the following events:
- **Friday, Sept 11** - Breakfast and Supper for Kyle Evan Wagon Train at Crow Lake campsite
- **Saturday, Sept 12** - Breakfast for Kyle Evans Wagon Train at Crow Lake campsite
- **Saturday evening Sept 12** - Bull Bash Concessions at Foothills Arena in WS

**All profit split between WS congregations**
Please call Cindy Hine 350-9294 or 539-9032

#### St. Joseph’s Knights of Columbus
Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month. All men are welcome to attend, whether you are a Knight or not. We would love to have you.

#### Ministry Schedules
Please contact Gay Lynne Ames at stwilfrid@sfcatholic.org or 605-999-4067 for signing up on the future ministry schedule.

### St. Charles Parish

#### Mass Intentions
Please email Mass Intentions requests two weeks prior to: kclarson@santel.net or call Cindy at 605-796-4169. Several weekday Mass intentions are open at St. Wilfrid’s, and Fr. Kevin would be happy to remember loved ones at these Masses.

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### St. Placidus - Duncan (St. Joseph)

Mass – Saturday, Aug 22nd at 6 pm (Fr. Paul)
Intentions will be announced at Mass.

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