

ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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January 2nd ~ The Epiphany of our Lord

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 & 9:30 AM

Confessions: 1/2 hour before Mass

DAILY MASS (see bulletin weekly schedule)

5:30 PM Tuesday

7:00 AM Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

8:00 AM Saturday (with Eucharistic Adoration)

SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH - PIERRE

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM, 11:45 AM at Mary House

Readings

Sunday, January 2nd

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Ephesians 3: 2 -3a, 5 - 6

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Monday, January 3rd

1 John 3: 22 - 4: 6

Matthew 4: 12 - 17, 23 - 25

Tuesday, January 4th

1 John 4: 7 - 10

Mark 6: 34 - 44

Wednesday, January 5th

1 John 4: 11 - 18

Mark 6: 45 - 52

Thursday, January 6th

1 John 4: 19 - 5: 4

Luke 4: 14 - 22a

Friday, January 7th

1 John 5: 5 - 13

Luke 5: 12 - 16

Saturday, January 8th

1 John 5: 14 - 21

John 3: 22 - 30

Sunday, January 9th

Isaiah 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7

Acts 10: 34 - 38

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

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Parish Council: Katherine "Kit" Schmidt

Finance Council: Pat Durkin

JustFaith: Pat Storms

Sainthood: Shirley Gross

Grand Knight: John Lott

Altar Society: Linda White and Karen Pogany

*Parish
Team*

St. John's Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, January 4th

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 5th

5:45 pm TGIF and Edge/Life Teen

8:00 pm Knight's of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, January 6th

6:00 pm Adore Young Adult Gathering

Saturday, January 8th

2:00 pm Prayer for Priests

Monday, January 10th

7:00 pm Altar Society Meeting

YOUTH NEWS:

PLEASE - We need more 1 more volunteer for January (4 Wednesdays) to help Jeanette cook the Wednesday meal:

Call Josie at 223-2176.



ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: WE NEED YOUR REGISTRATION AND SPONSOR FORMS TURNED IN BEFORE JANUARY 1ST. FORMS CAN BE MAILED IN OR DROPPED OF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Upcoming Dates to remember:

January 5th TGIF Night

January 16th & 17th Confirmation Retreat

Thank-you to Frank and Diane Larson and Kelly and Teresa Madsen for the delicious meals for the month of December! To Vivian and Jake Foell, and Lori and Lance Roberts, John and Patti Duffy, Eric and Deanne Booth, Rob and Kim Davis and Mary Welsh for setting up, serving and cleaning up!

We couldn't feed the kids every Wednesday with out all of you giving up your time and talents!

We still need one person to help cook the hamburger for January's meals. Call Josie at 223 -2176

Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance Saturday, February 12, 2011!

Join us for this year's event, "Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Married Sweethearts". Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The dinner-dance will follow Mass at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Rapid City. Registration is required! Registration fee: \$55/couple. **Registration deadline: Friday, February 4, 2011!** No late registrations will be accepted after the deadline! For more information, please call Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541 or e-mail at kcordes@diorc.org. *Note: We are collecting photographs from past Married Sweethearts events.*

Integrity of Action! Clarity of Thought! Learn about marriage in today's world and God's desire for YOUR marriage. Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, February 11-13, 2011** at Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. *A Weekend of Discovery ... A Lifetime of love!*

CDA 1st meeting of the new year, Tuesday Jan. 4th 7 p.m. We will be sorting the Advent Baby Shower gifts to donate to Birthright, Catholic Family Services and Missouri Shores.

From Father
Fawcett



I would like to express a very sincere thank you to all of you for your various Christmas cards, greetings, and gifts. They were all greatly appreciated. I told many of my relatives and friends that I am enjoying my new assignment, and I am deeply grateful for all of the many ways in which you have helped to make me feel at home at St. John's as your pastor.

I would like to also take this opportunity to again thank all those who helped in any way to decorate the church or help with the various liturgies during the Christmas season. Your hard work as always was greatly appreciated. In the Christmas bulletin there were various ministries and organizations in our parish, if you would like to become involved in any of these ministries or organizations please contact the person listed or the parish office. We have a very active parish family and there are many gifts and graces to be gained by everyone bringing forth his or her gifts for the greater good of the parish community.

I wish you and your families many blessings during the new year of 2011.

Have a good week, Fr. Brian

Football Winners - Weeks 15 and 16

Monday: 20 James Walti, Pierre-64 Bernie Duffy, Ft. Pierre

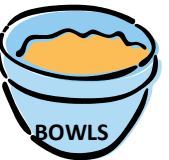
Sunday: 12 Louis Young, Pierre - Darrell Reinke, Ft. Pierre

Vikings: 88 Charlie McGuigan, Pierre - 30 Leslie Murphy, Pierre



PANS AND BOWLS!!! Please pick yours up. There are many other unmarked items so please stop in and "clean" up the church kitchen!

Belle Jacobsen	Patti Stoesser
Mary Bisson	Robyn Thorpe
Pat Jesso	Barb Poches
Carly Sommars	Cara Gray
Edith Hoffman	Joyce Hanson
Pat Storms	Jean Petersen
Barb Rose	Lexi Sack



Sunday, January 2nd – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord :World Day of Peace, January 1st: "Religious Freedom, the Path to Peace, is the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's 2011 Message for the World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 each year. The Church teaches that religious freedom is grounded in the inherent dignity of the human person. The Holy Father's message affirms that all people have a duty and a right to seek religious truth and to practice religion in accordance with their conscience. Religious freedom allows deep and healthy relationships with God, oneself, others, and the world, and helps to form a society where peace can prevail, human development can occur, and the life and dignity of all can be respected."

To read the full text of the Pope's message, see: www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/peace/index_en.htm

Monday, January 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, January 4th

5:30 PM No Mass

Wednesday, January 5th

7:00 AM SI Special Intention
By: Cheryl Sorenson

Thursday, January 6th

7:00 AM SI Adam Hofer
By: JustFaith

Friday, January 7th

7:00 AM + Shawn Sack
By: Frank and Lexie Sack

Saturday, January 8th

8:00 AM Mass and Adoration
5:30 PM + Pete Petersen
Patti Petersen

Sunday, January 9th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
9:30 AM + Ann Minaert
By: Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation 1/2 hour before Masses
or by appointment

Mass intentions: Masses can be offered for special intentions of someone living who may be struggling with illness, is in need of extra prayers, for special needs, or in thanksgiving. They can also be offered for deceased family members or friends. The usual stipend is \$10 which may be dropped off at the parish office along with your intention. Mass envelopes are at entrances or call the church office with requests.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING - December 26

Regular Envelopes \$1,360.00
Student Envelopes \$ 2.00
Plate \$ 227.96
Total \$ 1,589.96
Building Fund: \$50.00
Christmas Collection 3,274.57



"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

Our Military Members



That God's loving hands protect them as they protect us and heal those who have returned to us physically or emotionally wounded.

We especially pray for the safety and well-being of:

- Cody Byrum (Rachel Byrum - Husband) - Afghanistan
- Joshua Coleman (Josie Huck-Tardiff - son) - Bosnia
- Chris Gross (Derald and Cindy Gross - Son) - Afghanistan
- Justin Walters (Teresa Hogeland - Nephew) - Afghanistan



Please kneel down after Mass and pray
Three Hail Mary's

Birthdays

Tue.28 Colton Cass, Kim Davis, Rod Dowling, Lois Knudsen, Wed.29 Matthew Coverdale, Elijah Hand, Troy Roberts
Thu.30 Lena Buschbom, Christy Kramer, Benjamin Meyer
Fri.31 Teresa Cass, Rory Ehlers
Sat.01 Tom LeFaive
Sun.02 Jery Wieczorek
Mon.03 Nicholas Gray
Tue.04 Kirk Leichtnam, Carley Malm Karen Pogany
Wed.05 John Ackley, Bill Fischer
Fri.06 Trevor Nold
Sat.07 Brooke Severyn, Dale Wiskur

Anniversaries

Mon.27 Terry & Mary Turman
Wed.29 Ron & Lee Calkins
Thu.30 Kelly & Jack Cross
Fri.31 Bernie & Peggy Duffy, Derald & Shirley Gross, Ole & Angie Redden
Sun.01 Darrell and Michelle Metzinger

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday, Jan 1, 5:30 PM	DIANE LARSON GLENDA MARKS LORI ROBERTS	BONNIE FISCHER	JACE WERNSMAN
Sunday, Jan 2, 7:30 AM	SHIRLEY GROSS DIANE SMITH KATHERINE ANDERSON	MARY GIDDINGS	HANNAH BOOTH MATT BOOTH
Sunday, Jan 2, 9:30 AM	SARAH LIHS PATTY LIHS PAT DURKIN	NOREEN PLUMAGE	JAMES BARNETT JOHN BARNETT WILSON KOLBECK
Sunday, Jan 2, 10:30 AM		COUNTER	ROD AND MEGAN ANDERSON TWYLA BARTHOLOMEW

For all the sick and suffering: Sue Pospisil, Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Judy Hobbs, Maddox Rowland, Kelsey Spurlin, Dennis Carlson, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Doris Ogan, Dorothy Brown, Cindy Foreman, Francis Bies, Lois Zimmer, Jace Nickolas, Loren Pospisil, Leona Jacobsen, James Garrity, Geraldine Kokesh, Bryan Ice, Beverly Russell, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund, Stella Nagel, Jesse Keckler, Max Roberts, Jim Palmer, Les Welk, Reva Maher, Alice Gannon, Ian Dedrick, Bill Roscoe, Peg Logan, Michael Leonard, Terry Hughes, Marie Dargen, Frank Sack Sr., Frank Sack Jr., LeAnn Nelson, Gene Zimmer, Deborah Syed, Leo Lehrkamp, Sharon VanWinkle, Milo Hoenscheid, Sylvia Moisan and all who have asked for our special prayers. For Prayer Chain requests call Marsha Knight-223-2478. When you make a request and the person no longer needs to be on the list please notify the church office. If you'd like to be included on or remain on the prayer chain please Call Marsha Knight - 223-2478.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BY POPE BENEDICT XVI -
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE - 1 JANUARY 2011
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, THE PATH TO PEACE**

At the beginning of the new year I offer good wishes to each and all for serenity and prosperity, but especially for peace. Sadly, the year now ending has again been marked by persecution, discrimination, terrible acts of violence and religious intolerance. My thoughts turn in a special way to the beloved country of Iraq, which continues to be a theatre of violence and strife as it makes its way towards a future of stability and reconciliation. I think of the recent sufferings of the Christian community, and in particular the reprehensible attack on the Syro-Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Baghdad, where on 31 October two priests and over fifty faithful were killed as they gathered for the celebration of Holy Mass. In the days that followed, other attacks ensued, even on private homes, spreading fear within the Christian community and a desire on the part of many to emigrate in search of a better life. I assure them of my own closeness and that of the entire Church, a closeness which found concrete expression in the recent Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops. The Synod encouraged the Catholic communities in Iraq and throughout the Middle East to live in communion and to continue to offer a courageous witness of faith in those lands. I offer heartfelt thanks to those Governments which are working to alleviate the sufferings of these, our brothers and sisters in the human family, and I ask all Catholics for their prayers and support for their brethren in the faith who are victims of violence and intolerance. In this context, I have felt it particularly appropriate to share some reflections on religious freedom as the path to peace. It is painful to think that in some areas of the world it is impossible to profess one's religion freely except at the risk of life and personal liberty. In other areas we see more subtle and sophisticated forms of prejudice and hostility towards believers and religious symbols. At present, Christians are the religious group which suffers most from persecution on account of its faith.

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Many Christians experience daily affronts and often live in fear because of their pursuit of truth, their faith in Jesus Christ and their heartfelt plea for respect for religious freedom. This situation is unacceptable, since it represents an insult to God and to human dignity; furthermore, it is a threat to security and peace, and an obstacle to the achievement of authentic and integral human development. Religious freedom expresses what is unique about the human person, for it allows us to direct our personal and social life to God, in whose light the identity, meaning and purpose of the person are fully understood. To deny or arbitrarily restrict this freedom is to foster a reductive vision of the human person; to eclipse the public role of religion is to create a society which is unjust, inasmuch as it fails to take account of the true nature of the human person; *it is to stifle the growth of the authentic and lasting peace of the whole human family.* For this reason, I implore all men and women of good will to renew their commitment to building a world where all are free to profess their religion or faith, and to express their love of God with all their heart, with all their soul and with all their mind (cf. Mt 22:37). This is the sentiment which inspires and directs this *Message for the XLIV World Day of Peace*, devoted to the theme: *Religious Freedom, the Path to Peace.* **A sacred right to life and to a spiritual life: 2.** *The right to religious freedom is rooted in the very dignity of the human person, whose transcendent nature must not be ignored or overlooked.* God created man and woman in his own image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:27). For this reason each person is endowed with the *sacred right* to a full life, also from a spiritual standpoint. **Religious freedom and mutual respect: 3.** *Religious freedom is at the origin of moral freedom.* Openness to truth and perfect goodness, openness to God, is rooted in human nature; it confers full dignity on each individual and is the guarantee of full mutual respect between persons. Religious freedom should be understood, then, not merely as immunity from coercion, but even more fundamentally as an ability to order one's own choices in accordance with truth. Freedom and respect are inseparable; indeed, "in exercising their rights, individuals and social groups are bound by the moral law to have regard for the rights of others, their own duties to others and the common good of all". A freedom which is *hostile* or *indifferent* to God becomes self-negating and does not guarantee full respect for others. A will which believes itself radically incapable of seeking truth and goodness has no objective reasons or motives for acting save those imposed by its fleeting and contingent interests; it does not have an "identity" to safeguard and build up through truly free and conscious decisions. It should never be necessary to deny God in order to enjoy one's rights". **The family, the school of freedom and peace 4.** The family founded on marriage, as the expression of the close union and complementarities between a man and a woman, finds its place here as the first school for the social, cultural, moral and spiritual formation and growth of children, who should always be able to see in their father and mother the first witnesses of a life directed to the pursuit of truth and the love of God. Parents must be always free to transmit to their children, responsibly and without constraints, their heritage of faith, values and culture. The family, the first cell of human society, remains the primary training ground for harmonious relations at every level of coexistence, human, national and international. Wisdom suggests that this is the road to building a strong and fraternal social fabric, in which young people can be prepared to assume their proper responsibilities in life, in a free society, and in a spirit of understanding and peace. **A common patrimony 5.** It could be said that *among the fundamental rights and freedoms rooted in the dignity of the person, religious freedom enjoys a special status.* When religious freedom is acknowledged, the dignity of the human person is respected at its root, and the *ethos* and institutions of peoples are strengthened. On the other hand, whenever religious freedom is denied, and attempts are made to hinder people from professing their religion or faith and living accordingly, human dignity is offended, with a resulting threat to justice and peace, which are grounded in that right social order established in the light of Supreme Truth and Supreme Goodness. *Religious freedom is, in this sense, also an achievement of a sound political and juridical culture.* **The public dimension of religion: 6.** *Religious freedom, like every freedom, proceeds from the personal sphere and is achieved in relationship with others. Freedom without relationship is not full freedom.* Religious freedom is not limited to the individual dimension alone, but is attained within one's community and in society, in a way consistent with the relational being of the person and the public nature of religion. **Religious freedom, a force for freedom and civilization: dangers arising from its exploitation -7.** *The exploitation of religious freedom to disguise hidden interests, such as the subversion of the established order, the hoarding of resources or the grip on power of a single group, can cause enormous harm to societies.* Fanaticism, fundamentalism and practices contrary to human dignity can never be justified, even less so in the name of religion. The profession of a religion cannot be exploited or imposed by force. States and the various human communities must never forget that *religious freedom is the condition for the pursuit of truth, and truth does not impose itself by violence but "by the force of its own truth".* **An issue of justice and civility: fundamentalism and hostility to believers-compromise the positive secularity of states: 8.** The same determination that condemns every form of fanaticism and religious fundamentalism must also oppose every form of hostility to religion that would restrict the public role of believers in civil and political life. It should be clear that *religious fundamentalism and secularism are alike in that both represent extreme forms of a rejection of legitimate pluralism and the principle of secularity.* **Dialogue between civil and religious institutions: 9.** The patrimony of principles and values expressed by an authentic religiosity is a source of enrichment for peoples and their *ethos*. It speaks directly to the conscience and mind of men and women, it recalls the need for moral conversion, and it encourages the practice of the virtues and a loving approach to others as brothers and sisters, as members of the larger human family. With due respect for the positive secularity of state institutions, the public dimension of religion must always be acknowledged. A *healthy dialogue between civil and religious institutions* is fundamental for the integral development of the human person and social harmony. **Living in love and in truth: 10.** In a globalized world marked by increasingly multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies, the great religions can serve as an important factor of unity and peace for the human family. The public space which the international community makes available for the religions and their proposal of what constitutes a "good life" helps to create a measure of agreement about truth and goodness, and a moral consensus; both of these are fundamental to a just and peaceful coexistence. *Christians, for their part, are spurred by their faith in God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, to live as brothers and sisters who encounter one another in the Church and work together in building a world where individuals and peoples "shall not hurt or destroy ... for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Is 11:9).* **Dialogue as a shared pursuit: 11.** For the Church, dialogue between the followers of the different religions represents an important means of cooperating with all religious communities for the common good. **Moral truth in politics and diplomacy: 12.** Politics and diplomacy should look to the moral and spiritual patrimony offered by the great religions of the world in order to acknowledge and affirm universal truths, principles and values which cannot be denied without denying the dignity of the human person. **Beyond hatred and prejudice: 13.** Despite the lessons of history and the efforts of states, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the many men and women of good will who daily work to protect fundamental rights and freedoms, today's world also witnesses cases of persecution, discrimination, acts of violence and intolerance based on religion. **Religious freedom in the world: 14.** Finally I wish to say a word to the Christian communities suffering from persecution, discrimination, violence and intolerance, particularly in Asia, in Africa, in the Middle East and especially in the Holy Land, a place chosen and blessed by God. I assure them once more of my paternal affection and prayers, and I ask all those in authority to act promptly to end every injustice against the Christians living in those lands. In the face of present difficulties, may Christ's followers not lose heart, for *witnessing to the Gospel is, and always will be, a sign of contradiction.* **Religious freedom, the path to peace: 15.** The world needs God. It needs universal, shared ethical and spiritual values, and religion can offer a precious contribution to their pursuit, for the building of a just and peaceful social order at the national and international levels. A society reconciled with God is closer to peace, which is not the mere absence of war or the result of military or economic supremacy, much less deceptive ploys or clever manipulation. Peace brings to full fruition the deepest qualities and potentials of the human person, the qualities which can change the world and make it better. It gives hope for a future of justice and peace, even in the face of grave injustice and material and moral poverty. May all men and women, and societies at every level and in every part of the earth, soon be able to experience *religious freedom, the path to peace!* *From the Vatican, 8 December 2010*