

**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
**3 January 2021 Epiphany**

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has  
parish bulletins  
and audio at 'click to listen to daily  
reflections from Fr. Ron'

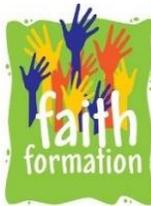
Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm  
or by calling 223 2176 for  
Fr. Ron Garry. Office email:  
main.stjohns@midconetwork.com  
206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532  
Eucharistic Adoration 1:00pm Sunday 3 January



Mass schedule all Central Time

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am  
Monday – 5:30pm **Tues – 10am funeral Ollie Redden**  
Wed 7am & 10am Thu and Fri – 7:00am  
Sat 1/2 welfare of Allen & Dot Hansen  
Sun 1/3 + Crew Heiss & Hunter Stoesser & For parishioners  
Mon 1/4 + Bud Whitney  
Tue 1/5 welfare of Keith Block  
Wed 1/6 Respect for Life & welfare of Mary Welch  
Thu 1/7 + Don Even  
Fri 1/8 Reparation for clergy sexual abuse

- Bible Study: 6pm Monday, Padre Hall
- Students in grades 1-8, come to Padre Hall or church, with worksheets & Bibles, Sunday 10 January 9:00am - 9:30am
- Students in grades 9-12, come to Padre Hall Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm



**Vocations Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in the Diocese of Rapid City. Look upon us with favor and choose from our homes those who are needed for your work. Send your Spirit to strengthen us and give us open hearts and minds ready to say "Yes" when you call. Help our parishes and families encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to our Patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Through Christ Our Lord.

**May the angels lead you into paradise... Ollie Redden**  
limited seating funeral, and public burial Tuesday 5 January,  
about 11:10am at the Pierre Riverside Cemetery

**Catholic Daughters host a blood drive**

Tuesday 12 January 2021,  
11:30am -5:00pm at the KC Hall, 1221 E Broadway.  
online appointment: bloodhero.com, search for SS Peter and Paul, Pierre. For more info, call Carol at 220 – 2012

**From SD Bishops Muhich & DeGroot:**

The last year has been a time of great suffering for many, yet also cause for much gratitude: it has been an occasion for deeper conversion, to turn to God and say, "save us Lord!" (c.f. Ps. 106:47.) In this time as we prayerfully seek the common good, the Church reminds us that the highest common good is not of this world, but is eternal. The highest good is friendship with God, a joyful friendship that takes root and grows day by day when we open our hearts evermore to His saving love. In confidence that God hears our cries, we entrust our prayers to the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety. HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

**REFUEL: Lost & Found.** Rapid City Diocese retreat for catechists and parish ministers. Friday – Saturday, January 22-23, at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Call Josie Huck for more info

SD Catholic Conference statement on the **ethics of the covid-19 vaccine** is in the church entryway.

**Feeding South Dakota** needs volunteers to assemble boxes for food distribution. Go to website [feedingsouthdakota.org/volunteer](http://feedingsouthdakota.org/volunteer), click on "Join the Fight Against Hunger" and choose the Pierre location. We need people 9am to noon and 1-4pm all weekdays. The warehouse is in Northeast Pierre, south of highway 14, at 20562 Grace Avenue, east of Truck Stop and Titan Machinery.

From Terra Sancta, **a prayer for the changing of the years:**

Gracious and loving God - Jesus be with us - as we close this year and put it behind us, help us to prepare our hearts for the year ahead.

Throughout these months you have walked beside us, our refuge and strength in trouble, our comforter in sorrow, our friend in loneliness, our companion in joy, our challenger in complacency, and our guide in the pursuit of justice and peace.

We acknowledge with grateful hearts the blessings we have received from you this year. For every experience that has brought us a fresh realization of your presence, we thank you.

For the sense of dependence that has accompanied our increased awareness of human frailty, for the spirit of penitence when we have strayed from your path for hearts that are restless until they find their rest in you, we thank you.

For home, friends, and the gift of community, for technology that has kept us connected with each other, for valiant health care and essential workers, for truth tellers, justice seekers and peacemakers we thank you.

Above all, we thank you for the revelation of your love made known to us in Jesus Christ. O God, as we move forward into the New Year, empower us to let go of what lies behind us, and prepare our hearts for all that lies ahead, that we may be your faithful followers, trusting that you remain closer to us than our own breath, and that your love will never let us go.

As Jesus taught us: Our Father....