



Jesus in Bethlehem

By appearance,
 firstborn infant of Mary and Joseph
 By circumstance,
 poor and lowly
 By name, dedicated
 to save his people from sin
 By radiance, in angels song,
 starlit, peaceful

God among us

Shows his face in Jesus,
 omnipotent and humble
 Eternal and immanent
 Pure and holy, powerful and tender
 Present everywhere, loving &
 desiring to reconcile all
 to God and others

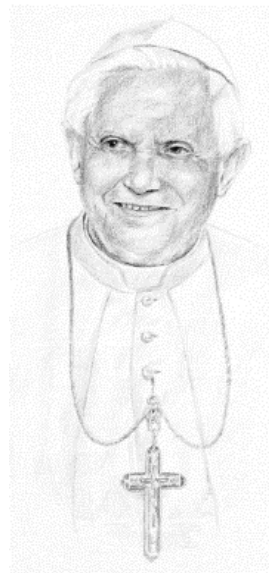
Where there is love, there is God.

May the angels lead you into paradise...

Pope Emeritus Benedict, who died 12/31/22, Vatican funeral was Thursday 1/5, and entombed in St. Peter's Basilica basement level. We maintain 9 days of mourning in the church through Monday "Holiness does not consist in not making mistakes and never sinning. Holiness grows with capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness."

Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict, who governed your Church with love. In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care to the reward you have promised your faithful servants. May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth, rejoice with you for ever in heaven.

In your wise and loving care, you made your servant teacher of all your Church. He did the work of Christ on earth. **May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.** May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom. Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love. We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence. In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love. May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Amen.



**Ft. Pierre St. John Draper St. Anthony
 8 January 2023 Epiphany Sunday**

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Sunday 2pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sat 1/7	5:30pm	Tom LeFaive birthday
Sun 1/8	8:00am 10:00am	Draper For parishioners Ft Pierre Harlyn Bauer
Mon 1/9	5:30pm	+ Noah James Clausen
Tue 1/10	5:30pm	Poor souls in purgatory
Wed 1/11	7:00am	+ Jana Jones of Philip
Thu 1/12	7:00am	+ Amaya Larson
Fri 1/13	5:30pm	+ Rose Nelson



the three gifts of the Magi:
 symbols of Jesus
gold for the royal King
 of the Universe,
frankincense proclaiming
 His divinity, and
myrrh as the foretaste of His
 redeeming death and burial.

Birth of Baby Jesus Play at the start of the 10:00am Mass Sun January 8

Wed Jan 11th, high schoolers 6:30-7:45pm meet in Padre Hall

Sun Jan 15th No Classes

Wed Jan 18th, high schoolers 6:30-7:45pm meet in Padre Hall

Sun Jan 22nd K-8th 8:30-9:45am in Padre Hall

In Concert for Christmas Sunday 8 Jan. 2-4pm, at First United Methodist Church, Free will offering for the Church of Hope Ministry in Pierre Women's Prison.

Liturgical Ministers

1/7 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Need EM: Irma LaFaive	Servers: need
1/8 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Lillie Kellar EM: Jean Peterson	Servers: Lucas and Lincoln Kellar

Young Adult Bible Study Tuesday this week, 7-8pm in Saint John's Church basement. Our series is The Story of Salvation. All ages are welcome. For more info, call Brian Pontious 609-556-5977

Women's Bible Study is planning their next bible study through Formed and Lectio: Eucharist by Brandt Pitre. For our preparation of diving into the second year of the church's Eucharist Revival, this course instructs us in the biblical roots of Scripture and church teachings. While this is an intense study, we welcome you to come as you are, where you are, and when you have time as the videos during the study are instrumental in the lesson as well. We will plan for Sunday nights at 7pm. Please text/call Jeri Fosheim if you're interested in joining or want information. 605-280-4328.

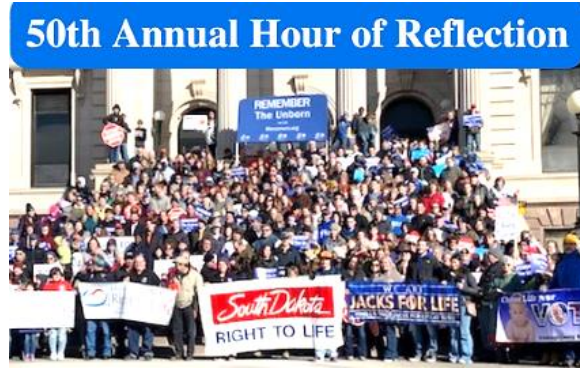
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Sunday 29 Jan, 1pm in Parkview gym. Ages 9-14. Winners receive a basketball. Contact Rob Coverdale 280-0372 or John Duffy 280-2559

Knights of Columbus **NFL** scorebook winners. Week 17.

Thursday Night: Barb Cummings Sunday Night: Mark Leiferman Monday Night: Postponed

Fr. Ron is grateful for the blessings of prayers, good wishes, and gifts received during the last month. He will be out of town on vacation January 16-27. Msgr. Michael Woster will be here for the weekend.

Your 2022 Financial donation statements are available. If you don't get yours, email main.stjohns@midconetwork.com



Hour of Reflection for Life Sunday 29 January. Walk starting from Capitol north steps at noon, talks in Rotunda at 2pm. Keynote Speaker: Carol Tobias, National Right to Life office

Theology on Tap Fr. Tom Anderson, 'How to Know and Love the Lord Better'. Monday Jan 16th 7pm at St. Charles Hotel (note: new location)

Thanks for donations to St John's: Income by month, July to December 2022:
17,743 19,114 16,776 22,020 16,765 22,958 total \$115,376
Expenses for July – December 2022... \$98,226

New Year's resolution for 2023 - listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz podcast **Catechism of the Catholic Church in a daily study**. The soundfiles are online with your favorite podcast app, or on Youtube channel The Catechism in a Year, so you can proceed at your own pace. For the reading plan go to ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear Transform your relationship with the Church that Christ founded. This will help **understand what it means to be Catholic** and allow those truths to shape your life.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 the **"Truth and Racial Healing Conference"** will cover historical and theological perspectives on indigenous communities and Catholicism. It will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City, beginning at 9 a.m., closing with Mass at 4 p.m. This is sponsored by the Red Cloud School, "Truth and Healing Project," the diocesan Office of Native Ministry, and the diocesan Social Justice Commission. To register visit rapidcitydiocese.org/sjc

The Eucharistic Revival in our nation focuses us on the gift of Jesus in each Mass celebrated, and in enduring presence in the Blessed Sacrament. A teaching from the Council of Trent: "The faithful of Christ venerate this most holy sacrament . . . For in this sacrament, we believe that the same God is present whom the eternal Father brought into the world, saying of him, 'Let all God's angels worship him' (Heb 1:6; cf. Ps 97:7). **It is the same God whom the Magi fell down and worshipped** (Mt. 2:11)" St. Gregory Nazianzen wrote: "Let us remain in adoration; and to him, who, in order to save us, humbled himself to such a degree of poverty as to take our flesh, let us offer him not only incense, gold and myrrh (the first as God, the second as king, and the third as one who sought death for our sake), but also spiritual gifts, more sublime than those which can be seen with the eyes." St. Peter Chrysologus wrote: "Today, the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question."

In St. John's parish, we need a team of people to discern and guide our ministry. Call Fr. Ron

Set the World on Fire: A Retreat for Women Feb 11th at Terra Sancta Retreat Center 9:30am-3:30p.m. Learn from Megan Bickel, Christa Biegler, Kristen Gill and Becky Maciejewski (from the Timber Lake & Firesteel area) ...moved by the Holy Spirit after reading the book "Set the World on Fire" by Vinita Hampton Wright. Register on-line terrasancta.org/onfire2023. There is no cost to attend; a suggested donation of \$25 helps support this ministry.

LIFE in the SPIRIT Retreat Feb 24-26th at the Sioux Spiritual Retreat Center, Howes, SD. The retreat begins on Friday at 6pm MT and ends at 1pm on Sunday after Mass. Cost is \$100 and includes lodging and all meals. Call Carole 605-985-5906 or Patty 605-295-1392 with questions. Register: siouxspiritualcenter.org

MARANATHA (Come, LORD) Prayer group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of the month in the basement of St. John's Church at 6:30pm. It is a time of praying with and over people, sharing, teaching and fellowship. ALL are welcome. Questions: Karen 605-280-3975 or Patty 605-295-1392

Friday, February 10, 2023 deadline to RSVP for **Marriage Matters Weekend Retreat** for married couples. Weekend to be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 18-19. Optional early Friday check in. Go to terrasancta.org/event/marriage-matters-7/ or phone 605-716-0925

20 + C + M + B + 23. The letters **C, M, B** have two meanings. three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, **"May Christ bless the house."** The "+" signs represent the cross and 20 23 is the year.



Thank you highschoolers for marking our doors, in blessing.