

St. John the Evangelist Church
17 Jan 2021 2nd Sunday Ordinary time

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has parish bulletins, and audio: '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:
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206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532
Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday at 1pm



Mass schedule all Central Time

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am

Monday and Tuesday 5:30pm

Wed, Thu, and Friday – 7:00am

Sat 1/16	Kimberly Morin welfare
Sun 1/17	+ Crew Heiss & Hunter Stoesser & For parishioners
Mon 1/18	+ Bud Whitney
Tue 1/19	+ welfare Dianne Larson family
Wed 1/20	+ Steve Zentner
Thu 1/21	+ Ollie Redden
Fri 1/22	holiness of Fr. Ron and priests



- Students in grades 1-8, come to Padre Hall or church, with worksheets & Bibles, Sunday 7 February 9:00am - 9:30am
- **Students in grades 9-12, come to Perkins on Wed 20 Jan, 6pm: safe environment info & meal**

May the angels lead you into paradise...

Mary Welsh, who died in Colorado Springs January 3. Funeral pending. She served St John's parish family faithfully for many years.



From SD Bishops Muhich & DeGrood: 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.

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, 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.

Annual Hour of Reflection: The Sanctity of Human Life. Sunday 31 January. Walk for Life starts at noon in Capitol north parking lot. Speakers begin at 2pm in the Capitol Rotunda.

St. Joseph School registration for the 21/22 school year is now open. Please contact the school office for a registration form: 224-7185 or Clare.Charlson@k12.sd.us. We would love to have your family join us!

If you want to help those hurt by the fire at Edgewater Apartments, funds can be given to Oahe Federal Credit Union, or some home items can be donated to PARS (call first 224-8731)

On behalf of **Birthright**, thank you all for your generosity from the Advent Baby Shower sponsored by the Catholic Daughters. We at Birthright can continue to help so many. Thank you so much for all your continued support for the families in our communities, and in supporting life at every stage. We are serving many especially during this past difficult year. We are maintaining our open hours with the help of faithful volunteers.

If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact us at **Birthright** or Sts Peter and Paul parish. We will need diapers and blankets all year long so if anyone is looking for a groups service project, this is an easy one. Thank you again for all prayers, monetary and material donations, may you be richly blessed for your kindness to others. Open Mon., Tue, Thur. 2 - 5 pm at 314 South Henry St., 224-6828

at respectlife.org – prayer for 9 Days for Life: January 21-29

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium Vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). **The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis.** For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person & the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2)

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that **human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.**

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: Accept nothing as truth if it lacks love. Accept nothing as love if it lacks truth.

Prideful response: Anger run amuck: "Don't tell me what to do"

Humble response: Come Holy Spirit, begone Satan