

St. John the Evangelist Church
24 Jan 2021 3rd 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: main.stjohns@midconetwork.com
206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532
Eucharistic Adoration 3pm this Sunday

Mass schedule all Central Time
Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am
Monday 5:30pm **Tuesday Morning 7am** Fri – 7:00am
No mass Wednesday or Thursday this week

Sat 1/23	Paul Rayman	
Sun 1/24	+ Regina Iversen	& For parishioners
Mon 1/25	+ Bud Whitney	
Tue 1/26	welfare of Bess Wyzynski	
Fri 1/29	reparation for clergy sexual abuse	

- 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 Padre Hall on Wednesdays, 6:30pm



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.
Sun 31 January. Walk for Life starts at noon in Capitol north parking lot. Speakers begin at 2pm in the Capitol Rotunda.



Dr. Pat Castle speak on
FACE-IT: Faith, Activism, Courts and Education Saturday, Jan. 30, 7pm at Good Shepherd Hall (Sts P&P Basement)
social distancing, masks encouraged.
Please arrive early to find a seat;
bottled water and snacks served!

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!

To help those hurt by the fire at Edgewater Apartments, funds can be given to Oahe Federal Credit Union

Parish Finance Council meets 24 Jan, Sunday 1pm.

On web respectlife.org – **prayer for 9 Days for Life: Jan 21-29**

Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation: For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

The Visitation: That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

The Nativity: That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty, and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

The Presentation: That fathers of young children will model St. Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith, so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: For all children who have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to a place where they are treasured, protected and loved.

The Luminous Mysteries The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan: That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

The Wedding Feast at Cana: For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God: That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

The Transfiguration: That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

The Institution of the Eucharist: That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

The Sorrowful Mysteries The Agony in the Garden: For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

The Scourging at the Pillar: That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

The Crowning with Thorns: That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for the religious freedom and conscience rights of all.

The Carrying of the Cross: For all who labor under burdens that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

The Crucifixion: For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

The Glorious Mysteries The Resurrection: For all who have lost loved ones, and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

The Ascension: For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit: That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of those who now reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of all that the Church professes concerning human life.

The Assumption of Mary: For mothers who have died at the hands of abortion providers, that they may experience reconciliation and together with their children know God's peace.

The Coronation of Mary: For all mothers, that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation (Usccb.org)

3rd Sunday of the Year: the Word of God

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the-word-of-god

Psalm 119:8-15 Good and upright is the LORD, therefore he shows sinners the way, He guides the humble in righteousness, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth toward those who honor his covenant and decrees. For the sake of your name, LORD, pardon my guilt, though it is great. Who is the one who fears the LORD? God shows him the way he should choose. He will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. The counsel of the LORD belongs to those who fear him; and his covenant instructs them. My eyes are ever upon the LORD, who frees my feet from the snare.



Longer obit than was in this week's Capital Journal **Mary Welsh**, a longtime resident of Ft Pierre, died Jan 3, 2021 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mary, age 83, was the mother of eight children. She had been a homemaker, teacher, daycare provider, newspaper employee, and caretaker for St. John's Catholic Church and rectory in Fort Pierre.

Mary was born in Mitchell, South Dakota, to Leo Benjamin and Gertrude Johanna (Mohr) Scheich of Ethan, South Dakota. She grew up on a farm, south of Mitchell, that had been homesteaded by her grandfather. She attended nearby Tyler School through eighth grade graduation in 1951, which was the year electricity finally came to the family farm. Before that, she spent many years studying and doing homework by the light of an oil lamp.

She went on to Ethan High School and was the valedictorian of the Class of 1955. She enrolled in Southern State Teachers College, in Springfield, South Dakota, in 1955, and earned her two-year teaching certificate in 1958. Her first experience with teaching came in a one-room schoolhouse. She taught in a rural school in South Dakota's Prosper Township.

She married George Francis Welsh at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Ethan on July 26, 1958. Mary taught in the Rapid City, South Dakota school system until George earned his engineering degree from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 1959. Then they traveled through and lived in several states while George worked on setting up microwave towers. In 1964, they moved to Pierre and to Fort Pierre a year later. Though rather quiet, and small in stature, Mary made a big impact on that community, mostly by working behind the scenes.

The frequent moves early in her marriage, and a growing family, made it difficult to keep her teaching certificate up to date, but Mary still found ways to work with children. She took her children on nature hikes and organized the family's camping trips. She encouraged them to pursue their diverse interests - everything from playing in a rock band and fixing up classic cars to fishing and doing needlework. Mary supported them when they chose to get involved in sports, school activities and community organizations. Education was

important to her, and she was proud that all eight children went on to earn at least one post-secondary degree.

She also operated an in-home daycare center, which served many children in the area, until August 1979. Most days, there were far more kids at the Welsh home than Mary was paid to watch. Neighborhood kids still came to her house after school, either out of habit or because all their friends were there. Mary was the co-leader of the first Junior Catholic Daughters of America group at St. John's Catholic Church. She volunteered time to work with the local Junior American Legion Auxiliary, and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary herself for fifty-five years. She often cooked meals for St. John's youth groups.

In 1979, she resumed her career outside the home when she was hired to lay out and design pages for the Capital Journal newspaper in Pierre, South Dakota. She held that job until she retired in 2006. She especially enjoyed donating time to work on the paper's "Across the River in Stanley County" page. The Stanley County High School Pep Club presented her an award in 1985, in recognition of her work in promoting news about SCHS.

Mary was always a woman of deep faith and an active volunteer with St. John's Altar Society. In retirement, she worked part-time for St. John's Catholic Parish and lovingly cared for the church, the rectory and the priests and staff who worked there. She immersed herself in bible studies and ministries. The Diocese of Rapid City recognized her as a graduate of their four-year Ministry Formation Program.

Mary was known for her dry sense of humor and her love of animals. She raised cocker spaniels, and it made her extremely happy to see her puppies going to loving families. Many people benefited from her amazing gardening and culinary skills. Her family could not gather without Mary's rhubarb pie sitting on the table as the centerpiece, and they would head for home with boxes full of her chokecherry jam and perfectly-made salsa. Mary began baking pies at age ten, so they could be served at lunch to the people working in the fields, and kept perfecting them for seventy-three years!

Mary sewed numerous costumes, church clothes, curtains, and prom dresses, made homemade toys, wedding decorations and games and refinished furniture. She had a knack for being able to look at something and create it from scratch, without even using a pattern - everything from gym bags and car seat covers to a sofa and armchair. The projects created by her hands, both whimsical and useful, will be treasured forever. Mary will be greatly missed by her many friends and family members.

Her husband, George Welsh; her parents; a brother, Jack; and her sister, Shirley, preceded her in death. Mary is survived by her children, Trudy (Kelly) Welsh, Timothy (Kathy) Welsh, Patrick (Teresa) Welsh, Daniel (Nina) Welsh, Colleen (Bill) Wilson, Karen (Doug) Taylor, Gregory (Flory) Welsh, and Kevin (Katie) Welsh; fifteen grandchildren, Lindsey, Ben, James, Karly, Nicholas, Cameron, William, Ella, Luke, Heather, Ashlene, Majella, Hannah, Kris and Maridith; four brothers, Conrad (Kathy), Joe, Ron (Cherie), and Len (Patty) Scheich; and sister-in-law, Kate Scheich.

A Catholic Memorial Service is planned for this summer in Fort Pierre. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mary's memory may be made to St. John's Catholic Church in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, or to the nuns who serve St. Joseph's Catholic School in Pierre, South Dakota, which all of her children attended. Memorials can be mailed to the Welsh Family at 685 Pony Lane, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904. (tsfs.co)