



Almighty and eternal God, you blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

St. John the Evangelist Church

13 February 2022 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has parish bulletins & audio:
'click to listen to Sunday sermons from Fr. Ron'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm, or call 605 223 2176 for
 Fr. Ron Garry. Email is main.stjohns@midconetwork.com
 206 W. Main Ave., Fort Pierre SD 57532

St. John Weekend Mass (Fr. Ron at Draper Sun. 8:00am)

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

Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Weekday Mass this week: Monday 5:30pm

Tues & Wed No Mass. Thursday, Friday 7:00am

Sat 2/12 + Dennis Lott

Sun 2/13 + Zay Norman

Mon 2/14 + Bob Garrity

Thu 2/17 welfare Lynette Singleton

Fri 2/18 belated happy birthday Patty Lihs

January 2022 parish donations were \$23,712.73. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday is March 2...90 days until Pentecost June 5

Fr. Ron and Josie ask for your input on planning our Lenten Sunday themes and saintly examples to focus our understanding, devotion, and service for these weeks. Please write on paper and get to the parish office, or email to ron.stjohns@midconetwork.com your suggestions for the items of focus, and **how saintly people have been a good example**. For instance, first Sunday of Lent is Jesus being tempted by the devil. What saints have been through conversion, and how has their example inspired you?

Catholic Social Services Palm Sunday speaker on Sunday 10 April is Dr. Tim Gray. cssrapidcity.com (605) 348-6086

Married Sweetheart Dinner at Terra Sancta Sat. 19 Feb. 5:30pm mass, dinner follows. \$70 per couple. Register online rapidcitydiocese.org/MS2022

Marriage Matters Retreat at Terra Sancta Sat Feb. 26-27th \$230 per couple. 605-343-6086 Terrasancta.org/MM22

For young men, grades 9-12, to experience life at a seminary for a weekend: at IHM seminary in Winona Minnesota a **live-in weekend coming up March 18- 21**. Call Fr. Ron ...

Inner Healing Retreat Sioux Spiritual Center. Led by Dr. Clare TenEyck. Cost \$150. Begins 10am Friday 25 March, ends 3pm Sun 27 March. SSC@diorc.org 605-985-5906

Be Not Afraid: New Evangelization in the Areopagus of Our Times. **Pastoral Ministry Days at Terra Sancta in Rapid City is Sunday night April 3 – Tuesday April 5**. If you wish to attend in person, please contact Josie Huck 605 280 9428. The keynote speaker is Mother Adela Galindo, SCTJM, the founder of the Sisters of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who came to Rapid City this past year. (See Acts 14 for the Areopagus reference.)

Thankyou from St. Joseph School Principal Mrs. Darlene Braun: Dear Neighbors, At St. Joseph School we are working on showing the children how to love their neighbors. What a beautiful example your parish family is of this. I was so touched to come home and find a box of treats on my doorstep. It was a bright spot in my Christmas season.

Women's bible study will be canceled this week due to parent teacher conferences and other conflicts. Homework is still to complete Revelations Session 4, chap 6-7 this week in preparation for 7pm Mon February 21. Reading it from the beginning is our challenge for next week to reconnect with where we've been and how it connects moving forward. Anyone is welcome to join for fellowship and discussion.

MAGDALENE Feminine Product Drive Feb. 7 - 21. Donations will be given to women exiting the SD Women's Prison in Pierre as they make their transition back into their communities. Monetary donations can be given via Cash App and Check . Mail to: Magdalene, PO Box 921, Pierre, SD 57501. For more info and how you can help, email MagdaleneDakota@gmail.com

Rachel's Vineyard- Next Retreat April 2022 "Healing abortion trauma through compassion and God's merciful love" For more info. Contact ckling@sdplains.com

Courage Ministry: Confidential support for Catholic men & women with same-sex attraction and desire to live chaste lives. **EnCourage** : is a Ministry dedicated to spiritual needs of relatives & friends of persons who identify as LGBTQ+. rapidcitydiocese.org/courage 605-787-3837

If we don't teach
our children to follow
Christ, the world will
teach them not to.

@GodhealsGirl



Grades 1-8 Sunday, February 13th Class 8:45-9:45

Grades 9-12 Wednesday, February 16th **NO CLASS**

Age 4-5 CGS Wednesday, February 16th **NO CLASS**

Grades 1-8 Sunday, February 20th **NO CLASS**

Age 4-5 CGS Wednesday, February 23rd Class 3:30-4:30

Grades 9-12 Wednesday, February 23rd Classes 6:30-7:45

Grades 1-8 Sunday, February 27th Class 8:45-9:45

St. Valentine. When he lived under Roman pagan law, the names of Roman girls were placed into a “hat.” Each young man would draw a girl’s name from the jar to find his “date” for the festival. In celebration, young women would take to the streets where they would be ceremoniously whipped with strips of goat or other skins in order to have their fertility blessed. Young men would come out to claim their draws and often further “bless their fertility.” Some of these couples would remain together only for a time but others would stay together and marry naturally. However, after the edict, such marriages were no longer allowed.

The Church, wanting to protect marriage as sacred, between one man and one woman for life, found the edict contrary to the natural law and the sacramental right of Christians. Valentine encouraged the youth to marry in the Sacramental bond through the Church and performed marriages secretly to avoid the edict. He was eventually caught performing such marriages and was imprisoned at the command of Emperor Claudius II

According to accounts of the martyrs, before his arrest, Valentine was approached by a Roman judge Asterius, who later became his jailer. Because Valentine was a man of spiritual and medical learning, Asterius asked that Valentine treat his daughter, Julia, who had been blind from birth. Valentine was also asked to give Julia lessons on everything from arithmetic to nature. Eventually, the young girl began to have faith and prayed that she be given sight. While in prison awaiting his death sentence, Valentine managed to write a last note to young Julia. In it, he encouraged her in her faith and signed the note, “from your Valentine.” His death sentence was carried out the next day, February 14, 269 A.D., near a gate that was later named *Porta Valentini* (now *Porta del Popolo*) in his memory. When Austerius went home, his daughter received the note and was healed of her blindness. cultureoflife.org/2014/02/13/st-valentine-lover-marriage/

Faith Formation Highlight

On Wednesday night our High School youth had a Valentine’s Day party. They worked in pairs of two and had different activities to do regarding Valentine’s Day. One activity was to write what they knew about Saint Valentine.

This article was written by Sheridan Nickolas and Kara Weiss

Saint Valentine

Many years ago, there was a Saint who walked the earth. He led a life of love and compassion for others. He led such a good example that we still celebrate a holiday in his honor on his feast day, February 14th. He had many miracles that connected people to the Lord. He was a good Priest. He is the patron Saint of love and died a holy death and led a holy life of priesthood.

