

St. John the Evangelist Church

27 February 2022 8th 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
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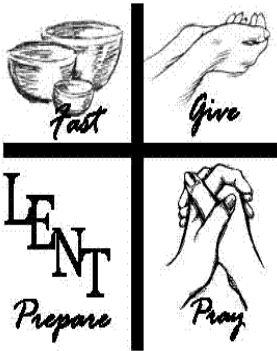
St. John Weekend Mass (Fr. Ron at Draper Sun. 8:00am)

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

Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Weekday Mass this week: Mon & Tue 5:30pm
Wed, Thurs & Fri 7:00am. Saturday 7:45am

Sat 2/26 + Dick Sabers
Sun 2/27 + Sam Hoffart
Mon 2/28 Marie Sylva 95th birthday
Tue 3/1 Evelyn Garry 95th birthday
Wed 3/2 Pro Life ministries
Thu 3/3 Sr Elaine Garry welfare
Fri 3/4 + Patrick Lowin
Sat 3/5 + Cassie VanHooser Kleiss



Ash Wednesday is this week

Ft. Pierre Ash Wed: 7am Scripture
& ashes, 7pm full mass
Draper Ash Wednesday: 8:30am
Scripture & ashes

**The Ash Wednesday
Collection received all goes
to Rapid City Catholic Social
Services.**

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.**

May the angels lead you to paradise...

Patrick Lowin, with funeral February 25 in St. John's

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.)

Grades 1-8 Sunday, Feb 27th Class as usual 8:45-9:45am

Age 4-5 CGS Wed, March 2nd Atrium 3:30-4:30pm

Grades 9-12 Wed, March 2nd Come to 7pm Mass

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

KC Sundays of Columbus breakfast starts Sunday March 13 and will be on the second Sunday of each month. On **Saturday March 5 after Mass, there will be a pork loin meal** as fundraiser for local charities. Raffle tickets for the charities supported statewide by the Knights are on sale after each Mass this weekend in Padre Hall.

**Welcome to disciples of
Jesus through baptism**
... Crue Chiantarrato, son
of Colton and MaKenna



...Kolton Bower, son of
Austin and Emily

Sunday, the Christian Initiation Rite of **Catechumenate** is prayed for **Samson and Shiloh**, sons of Brian & Rochelle Kenzy. They will join with 80 others of our diocese at the Rapid City Cathedral next Sunday, as they continue their prayer and learning for baptism and confirmation into the Catholic Church

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

Women's Bible Study: In Padre Hall Mon. Feb 28th
7:00pm -Revelation

**Pilgrimage of the Relic of the Blood of St. John
Paul the Great** Friday, April 1st.

Immaculate Conception church in Winner.
Veneration: 2:00-8:00pm Holy Mass: 7:00pm
Confessions:3-8pm.

Prolife contact Senators, before Monday's vote, to oppose "women's health protection act, " which would enshrine Roe v Wade into federal law.

From Pope Francis 22 Feb 2022

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests.

I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.

I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute. And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike.

Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting.

I invite everyone to make 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace.

I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer & fasting that day.

May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned to create ashes which will be imposed on the faithful's foreheads.

WHY USE ASHES Since the Old Testament, ashes have been a symbol of repentance. Imposing it upon the faithful's forehead is a reminder and an invitation to repent, and follow God.

WHAT IS FASTING One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed 1 full meal
WHAT IS ABSTINENCE Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST Ash Wednesday Good Friday
WHO ARE REQUIRED Catholics aged 18 to 59 The sick are excused from fasting

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday and All Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday
WHO ARE REQUIRED Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old



A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

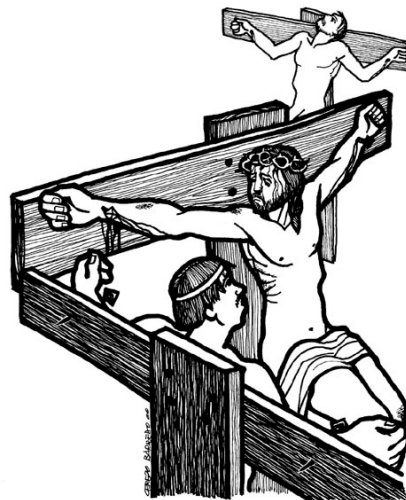
Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us *"Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God."* In this time of great worry, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit sustain all the people of Ukraine to be vigilant and dedicated to peace and justice. Grant their leaders wisdom and prudence. Yet, may they also have the strength and perseverance to defend their land from all adversity and foreign attacks. Help us all to live according to your Divine Will.

O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over our Ukraine. Amen.

Catholic men's conference
Saturday, March 26, 2022 At Terra Sancta Retreat Center
Restored: The role of man in restoring a catholic culture in his home, parish, and in the world
Register online at: journeymensd.org
Cost: \$40.
Guest speaker: Richard Meloche, Ph.D.
alcuinstitute.org
We hope to become a bastion for authentic catholic culture.

St Francis Mission on the Rosebud Reservation is searching for an Executive Director. Fr. Jim Kubicki, SJ, is leaving and there will be another Jesuit priest to serve. The Director of St. Francis Mission may be a lay person. For more info, call 605 747 2361

The Sacred Heart Center in Eagle Butte is also searching for a Director of their Domestic Abuse Shelter and charitable ministries. For info email apply@stjo.org



How does the good thief on the cross fit into your theology? No baptism, no communion, no confirmation, no speaking in tongues, no mission trip, no volunteerism, and no church clothes. He couldn't even bend his knees to pray. He didn't say the sinner's prayer and among other things, he was a thief. Jesus didn't take away his pain, heal his body, or smite the scoffers. Yet it was a

thief who walked into heaven the same hour as Jesus simply by believing. He had nothing more to offer other than his belief that Jesus was who he said he was. No spin from brilliant theologians. No ego or arrogance. No shiny lights, skinny jeans, or crafty words. No haze machine, donuts, or coffee in the entrance. Just a naked dying man on a cross unable to even fold his hands to pray. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.