

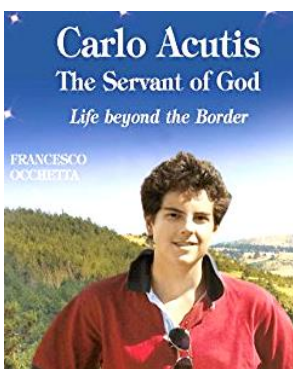


(John 6:34) Jesus said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." (Matthew 28:20) "behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Justin Martyr (died 165) "The food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him ... is both the Flesh and the Blood of that incarnated Jesus."

Catechism of the Catholic church 1374: The mode of

Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the **whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained. This presence is called 'real'** - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but **because it is presence in the fullest sense:** that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."



In the short 15 years of his life, Carlo Acutis (died 2006) touched thousands of people with his testimony of faith and deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He is declared venerable. He had a PlayStation. He made ridiculous videos of his dogs where he pretended to talk for them. He played soccer. If he were alive today, he'd be 32.

Carlo's family never went to church, but as a preschooler he began to beg to stop in and visit Jesus. So they did. And as Carlo grew in holiness, he dragged his mother with him. "He was like a little savior to me," she said. After Carlo made his first communion, he never missed a day of Mass again. As an 8-year-old boy, he was walking the streets of Milan alone to go visit Jesus.

As he got older, Carlo began to realize how few people went to Mass. He knew that if they understood that Jesus was really present in the Eucharist, they wouldn't be able to stay away. So Carlo began to research Eucharistic miracles.

He read computer programming when he was 10. He built a website. miracolieucaristici.org

Carlo was an ordinary kid. He had to figure out how to use the internet for good. He had to balance screen time with real life (he allowed himself an hour of video games a week--his rule, not his parents'). He lived in the same world we live in, and he figured out how to become a Saint.

For good catechesis and inspiration, search Youtube for "Bishop Barron Real Presence"

COME VISIT ME!

When you Visit Jesus

Upon entering your Parish Church or Chapel, make the Sign of the Cross with Holy Water.

Make a proper genuflection.

If Jesus is hidden in the Tabernacle, then genuflect on one knee.

If Jesus is Exposed in the Sacred Monstrance, as a special sign of love, you may genuflect on both knees and bow your head reverently.

Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St.Anthony
5 March 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent

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no Adoration this Sunday

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| Sat 3/4 | 5:30pm | + John Holzhauser |
| Sun 3/5 | 8:00am 10:00am | Draper For parishioners FtPierre + David Gross |
| Mon 3/6 | No mass | Pastoral Ministry Days |
| Tue 3/7 | No mass | at Terra Sancta Rapid City |
| Wed 3/8 | 7:00am | + Alex Singleton |
| Thu 3/9 | 7:00am | + Ambrose Warborg |
| Fri 3/10 | 7:00am | Barb Kleinsasser birthday |

Fri March 10 Soup Supper Padre Hall 6pm
Stations of the Cross in church 7pm

Stations of the cross: Thursday 6:45pm & Friday 7pm

Sun. March 5th K-8th 8:30-9:45am

Wed. March 8th HS 6:30-7:45pm Life Lounge

Thu. March 9,16,30 Makeup Confirmation Class

6:00pm Class and snack in Hall, 6:45-7:20pm Adoration and Stations of the Cross in church

Sun. March 12th K-8th 8:30-9:45am Sponsors & Confirmands' meet in Church

Saint reports are due. (Bp. Peter Muhich is here for confirmation on Sat April 22)

Sunday 12 March KC Breakfast

You are invited to join the youth in Adoration of Jesus & Stations Thursday March 9,16, & 30

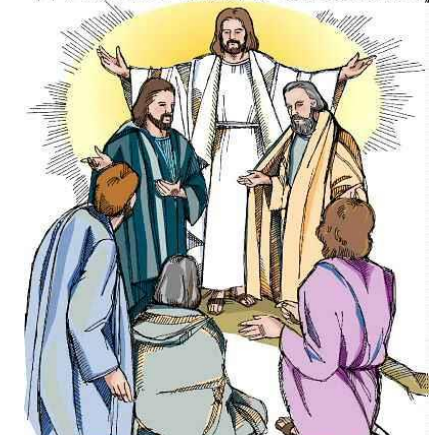
Thu March 23: Adoration of Jesus & Lenten Confessions with 4 priests 6:30-7:30pm

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| 3/4 Sat: 5:30pm | Lector: Lori Roberts EM: Irma LaFaive | Liturgical Ministers Servers: need |
| 3/5 Sun: 10:00am | Lector: Lily Kellar EM: Need | Servers: Lincoln and Lucas Kellar |
| 3/11 Sat: 5:30pm | Lector: Steve VanMullem EM: Mary Giddings | Servers: Need |
| 3/12 Sun: 10:00am | Lector: Mike Weisgram EM: Judy Weisgram | Servers: Sam & Ben Maxwell |

St John's has a parish subscription for online Catholic faith formation. Go to **formed.org**
 Sign up as a parishioner Type zip 57532 Parish code 3KHGCJ Create a username and password
Women's Bible Study: We meet Sunday 3/5 at 7pm, Discovering the Mass in the Bible. Please text/call Jeri Fosheim for information. 605-280-4328.

Young Adult Bible Study Tuesday, 7-8pm in Saint John's Church basement. Call Brian 609-556-5977

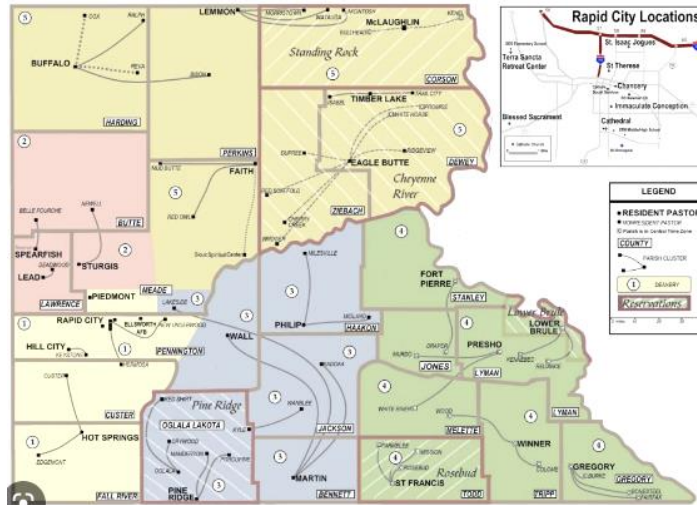
**"THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;**



LISTEN TO HIM."

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

Chrism Mass is in the Rapid City Cathedral Monday 3 April, 3:30pm MT. All are invited.



The response to our current Annual Diocesan Financial Appeal is much less than in past years. Our diocesan wide goal is \$1.6million; donated dollars as of 2/27/23 is \$.85million, only 53% of the goal is in hand. If you did not respond last fall, you'll soon get a letter from the Rapid City Chancery, asking for a donation for the Catholic ministries throughout western SD. Donation envelopes are in the entry.

Flourishing Parish Families Planning Process Moves Ahead Over the past year a committee of priests, deacons and

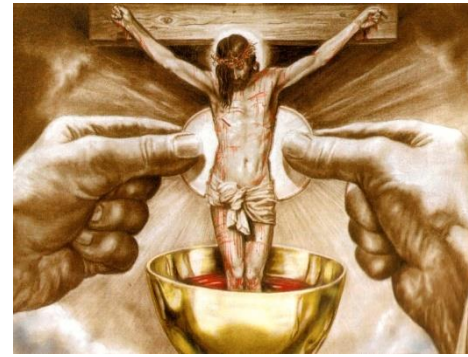
laity have been busy organizing a strategic planning process for our diocese at my request. The committee has put together a great deal of information about what parish life looks like today as well as the challenges we face across the Diocese of Rapid City. With the assistance of this committee, pastors have held town hall meetings in their parishes to share this information with all of you. I hope you were able to attend one of these town halls. The "Flourishing Parish Families" planning process is about to enter a new phase. I have asked pastors to choose two lay representatives from each of their parishes to engage in regional meetings to discuss how they can better work together to introduce people to Jesus Christ and help them deepen their relationship with Christ and his church.

The priority of this phase of the planning process is to find ways to grow and flourish. By creatively and intentionally finding new ways to share the faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can look forward to building up the church in western South Dakota. Our goal is to allow the Spirit to work more powerfully through us to renew the church in our time.

A second task of this phase of the planning process is for those regional meetings to generate recommendations for me about how we might work together if we have fewer priests able to serve the needs of our people. I sincerely hope that we will experience a growth in vocations – and we have seen the number of seminarians grow in the last two years, which is a hopeful sign. But it is also good to grapple with how we might be able to proclaim the Gospel if we experience a decline in priests.

I encourage you to speak to your pastor and your parish representatives so that they can hear your ideas as they do their work. I look forward to receiving the recommendations that the regional/deanery planning groups will make. I will then review them prayerfully and approve a strategic plan for the diocese which I will share with you. Please pray that the work we are doing will please God and help us better proclaim Jesus Christ to those around us. +Bishop Peter rapidcitydiocese.org/families

St John's delegates are Jeri Fosheim and Connie Batchelder. St Anthony's delegates are Kevin and Elaine Meyers. We meet in Murdo the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in March and April.



The Real Presence of Jesus in the Mass and reserved in the Tabernacle.

Since Christ wanted to remain present to his Church, he left us His sacramental presence, a memorial of his love to the end. Jesus awaits us. Let adoration never cease. (CCC 1380)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me,
 and bid me come to you, that with your saints I may praise you, for ever and ever.

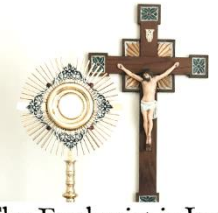
Iamhere.org is a website with people's stories of the love of God in eucharistic adoration. The Hallow app for digital devices has many prayer helpers, and is a \$60 annual subscription fee.

Knights of Columbus sponsor a camp at Broomtree Retreat Center, Irene, SD for 13 - 19 year old boys June 23-25, 2023. The state KofC council is covering the cost so it's free for the kids. If you know anyone interested, go to broom-tree.org and find out more information.

Pierre Area Right-to-Life is raising money to promote the prolife message, protecting the unborn. For info and opportunities to donate, go to humanfromdayone.com

There is a non-profit organization with a branch in Pierre called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" SHP that **makes bunk beds free for kids who need them.** For more information, go to shpbeds.org You can e-mail chapter president Brian Lueking brian.lueking@shpbeds.org

US bishope urge us to contact US department of Health and Human Services to **strengthen conscience protection for health care workers** voterveice.net



"The Eucharist is Jesus Christ waiting for us to come to Him day and night, waiting to share the treasures of His grace with us and with the people we love."

— FR. BILL CASEY, CPM, *MAKING A HOLY LENT*