

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal supports the work of over 20 ministries serving our parish families such as those featured below. These beautiful programs benefit parishioners and help strengthen their walk with Christ. Your love gives faith, hope, and healing to so many!



### FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Marriage Preparation               | Surviving Divorce            |
| Natural Family Planning Ministry   | Bereavement Support Groups   |
| Rachel's Vineyard Healing Ministry | BeFriender's Program         |
| Retreat Ministry                   | Mental Wellness Ministry     |
| Social Justice Commission          | Same Sex Attraction Support  |
| Returning Catholic Ministries      | Retreat for Grieving Parents |



### VOCATIONS

Every parish needs a priest to witness to Christ, lead their community, provide the sacraments, a priestly presence, and spiritual guidance. Deacons are ordained ministers and important servants of the Church. It takes years of formation to become a priest or deacon, and a significant investment of time and resources on this journey. Even after retirement, they continue to serve and baptize our children, provide sacraments, and comfort our sick.



### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our mission is to provide opportunities for youth to encounter Christ and to provide parishes what they need to draw their young people into a lively relationship with God.

### MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE ADA TODAY!

Give **ONLINE** by using the **QR CODE** to the right or at [www.RapidCityDiocese.Org/ADA](http://www.RapidCityDiocese.Org/ADA)  
CALL 605-343-3541



Make Your Pledge Online!



Return to me. Let me bring you into my heart of love.  
Does God have first place in my life, or have I allowed other things to become "idols"?  
Do I pray regularly? Do I express my gratitude to the Lord for his gifts and blessings?  
Have I been disrespectful of God or taken his name in vain?  
Have I been faithful in honoring the Lord on the Sabbath by going to Mass?  
Return to me. Let me teach you to be merciful.  
Do I need to forgive someone? Do I need to ask someone else for forgiveness?  
Have I gossiped or spoken unkindly about someone? Have I betrayed a confidence?  
Have I given in to anger, frustration, or impatience with the people close to me?  
Have I engaged in sexual immorality?  
Have I cared for the poor and less fortunate?  
Have I cheated, lied, or acted out of greed?  
Am I praying for the people I consider my "enemies"?

**Thursday 6:30-7:30pm**  
**4 priests here for confessions**  
**with Eucharistic Adoration**

### Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St.Anthony 19 March 2023 4th Sunday of Lent

206 W. Main Ave., Fort Pierre SD 57532 605-223-2176  
stjohnsfortpierre.org  
main.stjohns@midconetwork.com  
Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

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| Sat 3/18 | 5:30pm            | + Helen Stewart   |
| Sun 3/19 | 8:00am<br>10:00am | <b>Draper + Les Patrick</b><br><b>FtPierre</b> For parishioners |
| Mon 3/20 | 5:30pm            | For pro life ministries   |
| Tue 3/21 | No mass           |   |
| Wed 3/22 | 7:00am            | welfare Deacon Rob Hrabe  |
| Thu 3/23 | 7:00am            | + Melody Hackett  |
| Fri 3/24 | 7:00am            | + Sr. Darlene Gutenkauf   |



Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind  
John 9

### Faith Formation

Sun. March 19<sup>th</sup> K-6<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:45am

Wed. March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7-12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45pm in Padre Hall. "The Walk of Christ to Calvary" practice

**Thur 23 Mar: Adoration of Jesus & Lenten Confessions** with 4 priests, 6:30pm

Fri March 24 **Soup Supper** Padre Hall 6pm  
**Stations of the Cross** in church 7pm

Sun. March 26<sup>th</sup> K-6<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:45am

Wed. March 29<sup>th</sup> 7-12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45pm in Padre Hall. "The Walk of Christ to Calvary" practice

Palm Sunday Sun. April 2<sup>nd</sup> K-6<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:45am

7-12<sup>th</sup> will perform, "The Walk of Christ to Calvary" in Padre Hall

**Women's Bible Study: We meet Sunday 3/12 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

**Theology on Tap**, Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at The St. Charles. **Dr. Chris Burgwald**, Sacred Theology Doctorate, will speak on, 'How to Share the Faith in Ordinary Everyday Ways'.

**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

**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.

Join us at Terra Sancta March 24-26<sup>th</sup> for a retreat **Spiritual Battle and Discernment of Spirits**. It will be directed by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary and members of the Pastoral Ministry Team; chaplain is Fr. Mark McCormick. The retreat begins 5:30pm Fri 24 March. [terrasancta.org/event/diocesan-silent-retreat](http://terrasancta.org/event/diocesan-silent-retreat)

**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](http://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](http://humanfromdayone.com)

**Liturgical Ministers**

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| 3/18 Sat: 5:30pm  | Lector: Lori Roberts<br>EM: Irma LaFaive   | Servers: need                                     |
| 3/19 Sun: 10:00am | Lector: Julie Hand<br>EM: Need             | Servers: Sebastian Hand, Lucas and Lincoln Keller |
| 3/25 Sat: 5:30pm  | Lector: Wade Pogany<br>EM: Mary Giddings   | Servers: need                                     |
| 3/26 Sun: 10:00am | Lector: Mike Weisgram<br>EM: Judy Weisgram | Servers: Isaac Stoesser & one other               |



**Chrism Mass** at Rapid City Cathedral Monday 3 April, 3:30pm MT. All invited.

**Diocesan Strategic Planning, called Parish Families continues.** The second regional meeting was in Murdo Sat 18 March. We can grow and flourish as people of Christ Jesus. By creatively and intentionally finding 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. 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. St John's delegates are Jeri Fosheim and Connie Batchelder. St Anthony's delegates are Kevin and Elaine Meyers

+Bishop Peter Muhich [rapidcitydiocese.org/strategicplanning](http://rapidcitydiocese.org/strategicplanning)



**Pierre Area Right to life** meeting Mon 27 March 6:30 pm at the Birthright Office, for Life Defense Fund volunteers, led by Jon Hansen of Dell Rapids [lifedefensefund.com](http://lifedefensefund.com)

Since the overturning of Roe v. Wade, pro-choicers have been doubling down and working harder than ever to establish a non-existent "right to abortion." Here in South Dakota, pro-aborts are gathering signatures to enshrine Roe in our constitution with a new amendment, and it's up to us to stop them. If pro-aborts garner enough signatures for their petition, the legality of abortion will be

determined by South Dakota voters in 2024. We can't allow a simple ballot initiative to undermine the incredible work of the pro-life community and endanger unborn lives. If someone approaches you with a clipboard asking you to sign this petition, **decline to sign.** [familyheritagealliance.org](http://familyheritagealliance.org)

US bishope urge us to contact US department of Health and Human Services to **strengthen conscience protection for health care workers** [votervoice.net](http://votervoice.net)

In front of the pulpit in St John Church is a **basket for donated bed sheets and pillows**. 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](http://shpbeds.org) You can e-mail chapter president Brian Lueking [brian.lueking@shpbeds.org](mailto:brian.lueking@shpbeds.org)



Why do Catholic's do that?^

Why can't Catholics eat meat on Fridays during Lent?

*Catholic abstain from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence is one of our oldest Christian traditions. "From the first century, the day of the crucifixion has been observed as a day of abstaining from meat.*

Since Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on Good Friday, we refrain for eating flesh meat in his honor on Fridays.

Abstinence is a form of penance

**7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Who's ready to play???**

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:45pm ~~~ Padre Hall ~~~

Pizza will be served at 6pm followed by a night of games, activities, and challenges.

Prizes will be awarded...

THE GREAT ADVENTURE  
**CHALLENGE**

**It's Back!**