

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
CALL 605-343-3541

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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 get a letter from the Rapid City Chancery, asking for a donation for the Catholic ministries throughout western SD. Donation envelopes are in the pews.

Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St.Anthony 26 March 2023 5th Sunday of Lent

206 W. Main Ave., Fort Pierre SD 57532 605-223-2176
stjohnsfortpierre.org
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no Adoration this Sunday

Sat 3/25	5:30pm	Special intention
Sun 3/26	8:00am 10:00am	Draper + Delores Patrick FtPierre For parishioners
Mon 3/27	No mass	
Tue 3/28	5:30pm	Special intention
Wed 3/29	7:00am	Diocesan priests & religious
Thu 3/30	7:00am	For Pro life ministries
Fri 3/31	7:00am	welfare Brenda Warborg



Faith Formation

Sun. March 26th K-6th 8:30-9:45am classtime

Wed. March 29th 7-12th 6:30-7:45pm in Padre Hall. 'The Walk of Christ to Calvary' practice

Palm Sunday Sun. April 2nd K-6th 8:30-9:45am classtime

7-12th graders present "The Walk of Christ to Calvary" Padre Hall, 2 Apr 7pm

We need cookies for this event, please call Josie

Women's Bible Study: Sunday at 7pm in Padre Hall

Young Adult Bible Study: Tuesday, 7-8pm in Church basement. Call Brian 609-556-5977

Friday March 31 Soup Supper Padre Hall 6pm Stations of the Cross in church 7pm

Monday Chrism mass at Cathedral, no St John's mass **Holy Week April 3-9**

Tuesday 5:30pm mass. Confession before & after Tenebrae service 7pm

Wednesday 7am mass. 6:50-8pm Confession

Holy Thursday 7pm. Eucharistic Adoration 8-10pm

Good Friday Draper: 3pm stations Ft. Pierre: 6pm Confession Liturgy 7:00pm

Holy Saturday 9 April confessions 3-5pm no 5:30pm mass

the Easter Vigil Mass is after sundown, at 9:00pm

Easter Morning 8am Draper, 10am Ft Pierre

Watch liturgies of Rapid City Cathedral in Holy Week rapidcitydiocese.org

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

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.

3/25 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Wade Pogany EM: Mary Giddings	Servers: need	Liturgical Ministers
3/26 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Mike Weisgram EM: Judy Weisgram	Servers: Isaac Stoesser	
4/1 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Patty Lihs EM: Irma LeFaive	Servers: need	
4/2 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Mark Barnett EM: Need	Servers: need	



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 Kevin & Elaine Meyers. Next mtg is 1 April.

+Bishop Peter Muhich rapidcitydiocese.org/strategicplanning



7th thru 12th graders. Who's ready to play???
 Wednesday, April 26th 6:00-7:45pm
 ~~ Padre Hall ~~ Pizza will be served at 6pm
 followed by a night of games, activities, and challenges. Prizes abound

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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 The chapter president is Brian Lueking brian.lueking@shpbeds.org

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



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

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

St John Parish Council met on 20 March 2023, 7-8:40pm in Padre Hall: Judy Weisgram, Kelly Madsen, Laura Hand (by phone), Mary Fravel, Jess Holt, Fr. Ron Garry.

1. We prayed the St Isidore prayer to the Holy Spirit, used at Flourishing Families regional meetings.
2. We reviewed, amended, and approved the Parish Council Constitution and Bylaws. Many thanks to Judy and others who worked on it. With the new document, there is room for committees / ministries under the council leadership.
3. The recommendations of the Evangelistic Ministry group can be organized under newly formed standing and ad hoc committees. Some had received robotic phone calls asking for donations to the Diocesan annual second ask; the remote version of this request makes it difficult. One suggestion is that cards could be hand delivered to those who are inactive in parish life, rather than just delivered by postal mail. Cards with children's art on it, with a common message inside for parish events, could be attractive.
4. We looked at parish financial report. No questions from council members; finance council will further review. Fr. Ron explained the WSDCF parish investment tool and proposed that we could use it in the future with estate gifts.
5. We talked of the diocesan programs: Flourishing Families will suggest reorganizing connections with churches in neighboring towns, and how we can reinvigorate our parish activity and promote vocations to seminary and religious life. We talked of the Eucharistic Revival. Fr. Ron and the 3 others who attended the recent Pastoral Ministry Days will be on the parish team, along with others who are interested.
6. Council told Fr. Ron to change the web hosting business, Jessica will work with him on this.
7. With the terms of office for existing members – all have served over 5 years. In our next meeting, on Wednesday 9 April 7pm, we will discern how to work this out for ongoing council members.

From the Priority Plan of Rapid City Diocese, Fall 2016: Five Foundational ministries:
 Sacraments & Worship, Education & Formation, Governance & Finance,
 Social Services & Outreach, Vocations & Evangelization

