

## MARRIAGE

## PRIESTHOOD



## RELIGIOUS LIFE

## SINGLE LIFE

Holiness is everyone's primary vocation: to be like Jesus. It means being a "whole" person: striving for virtue, avoiding sin, and living a life of love, the most important decision in life.

**Holy Marriage** Most people are called to marriage—to wholeheartedly love their spouses and to joyfully welcome children. The purpose of marriage is for a man and woman to help each other get to heaven, and to teach their children to do the same. Like any vocation, marriage must be discerned, not assumed.

**Consecrated Life** Both men and women can join religious orders such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines, etc. The life and work of religious orders varies greatly—some are primarily devoted to prayer; others work actively in schools, hospitals, orphanages, etc. Common to all religious orders are the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

**Priesthood** Priests bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus through preaching and the sacraments. Priests are very active as they counsel people, teach classes, prepare homilies, administer parishes, and much more. Many surveys show that priests are among the happiest people in the world! Deacons, too, share in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

**Dedicated Single Life** Some people serve God as single people, without marrying or making special vows. Single people "contribute greatly to the good of the human family" (CCC 2231). "Some live their situation in the spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbor in exemplary fashion" (CCC 1658). There are many single people who serve the Church with incredible generosity.

John 10:1-10 Jesus is the Good Shepherd; those who hear his voice follow him, taking quiet time to pray. Pope Benedict XVI: "Young people, if they can be taught how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call."

The church prays for vocation awareness April 30, a day to educate, inspire, and start something new: **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is a time to reach the hearts & minds of all Catholics, young and old alike!

We believe the solution to the vocation crisis is discipleship. When young Catholics say, "Jesus, I give my life to you!" it leads naturally to the question, "Lord, what should I do with my life?" An authentic encounter with God, followed by sincere, open discernment is the surest path to increasing vocations

[VianneyVocations.com](http://VianneyVocations.com)

### Holiness Is Our Common Goal

[gopriest.com/discernment-self-test](http://gopriest.com/discernment-self-test)

**Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St.Anthony**  
**23 April 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

206 W. Main Ave., Fort Pierre SD 57532 605-223-2176  
[stjohnsfortpierre.org](http://stjohnsfortpierre.org) [main.stjohns@midconetwork.com](mailto:main.stjohns@midconetwork.com)

### Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Sat 4/22	5:30pm	+ Helen Stewart
Sun 4/23	8:00am 10:00am	<b>Draper</b> For parishioners <b>FtPierre</b> + Bob Mahutga
Mon 4/24	5:30pm	+ Jace Owens
Tue 4/25	5:30pm	+ Melody Hackett
Wed 4/26	7:00am	B'd Irma Lefaive
Thu 4/27	7:00am	+ Ambrose Warborg
Fri 4/28		No Mass

### God bless those confirmed by Bishop Peter Muhich

- Evelyn Allen
- Sophia Hanten
- Lyza Janecke
- Hadley Larson
- Ben Maxwell
- Alice Rapp
- Delaney Stoesser
- Tucker Stoesser



**Monday 24 Apr 7pm** at The St. Charles Hotel in Pierre  
**Fr. Jonathon Dillon speaks on The Eucharist**

Theology on Tap series. Please arrive early to order refreshments.

## Faith Formation

**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation** 4:30pm youth meet with bishop in the church basement.  
 Mass at 5:30pm followed by pictures with meal in Padre Hall.

**Sunday April 23<sup>th</sup> K-5<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:45am**

**Wed. April 26<sup>th</sup> 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade – The Great Adventure Challenge** 6:30-7:45pm  
 Pizza at 6:30pm followed by games with prizes awarded.

**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> K-6<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:45am** Final class until Fall.

**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> First Communion Retreat** after 10am Mass for parents and First Communion youth.  
 Brunch will be served with a tour of sacred spaces and practice with the body and blood of Christ.

**Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> First Communion Mass** at 10:00am. Youth be in the church basement by 9:45am.  
 Brunch will be served for communicants families after Mass and pictures.



**Stay with us Lord**

THE GREAT ADVENTURE  
**CHALLENGE**

**First Communion will be celebrated Sunday 7 May at 10am mass.** Please pray for Noah Fowler, Melvin Gomez, Lucy Harrington, Jayce Havranek, Hudson Holt, Laurel Keller, Brooklyn McPherson, Madyson Mitchell, Dayson Nutter, Aurtun Pedraza, Ava Stoesser, Cooper Stoesser.



**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.

**Liturgical Ministers**

4/22 Sat: 9:00pm	Lector: Wade Pogany EM: Mary Giddings	Servers: need
4/23 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Lily Kellar EM: Need	Servers: Lucas & Lincoln Kellar
4/29 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: need EM: need	Servers: need
4/16 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Mark Barnett EM: Holts	Servers: Corbin & Tenley Heiss

In entry of St John Church is a **basket for donated bed sheets and pillows**. This is for 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**. Information [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org) Brian Lueking [brian.lueking@shpbeds.org](mailto:brian.lueking@shpbeds.org)

Pro-choicers are trying to establish a non-existent “right to abortion” in SD law. 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) **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)

**Mother’s Day weekend Bake Sale fundraiser** for [HumanFromDayOne.com](http://HumanFromDayOne.com) to raise awareness and support for the preborn in SD! (1) We are ALL Human from DAY ONE; (2) ALL Humans have VALUE; and (3) ALL Humans should be PROTECTED. All funds go to advertising Positive, Life-Affirming messages in South Dakota. If you are willing to donate baked goods, please contact Brian Pontious or George Welk.

O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

We will start our parish team soon. If you wish to be part of it, contact Fr. Ron or Josie.

Fr. Mark McCormick, Director of Vocations, has information on joining or starting a six-week **vocations discernment group**. For info: 605-343-3541 or email [MMcCormick@diorc.org](mailto:MMcCormick@diorc.org)

**May the angels lead you into paradise...**

**Randy Seiler**, Mon 7pm wake at Duffy Center, Tue 10am Funeral at Sts. Peter & Paul church  
**Abbie Rathbun**, Friday 7pm wake at St John Church, Sat 10am Funeral St John’s

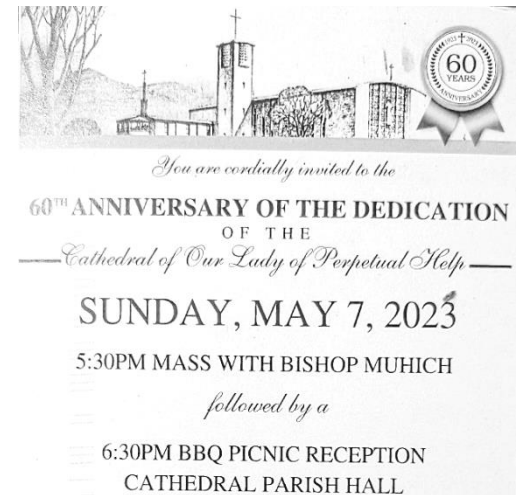


**If you are hurting from an abortion**, come to a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat™ and be infused with the merciful and infinite love of Jesus. Our next retreat is April 28-30. Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com)

**Women’s Bible Study meets Sunday April 23rd. Lectio: Prayer with Finding Intimacy with God.** Capture the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Come as you are, where you are and join us in this 6-week study. Please contact Jeri at 605-280-4328

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

We take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)**, supporting Catholic Dioceses in poverty in the US. These helped our Rapid City Diocese support rural parishes in faith formation, provide formation for deacons and lay ministers, send the *West River Catholic* to each Catholic household in the Diocese, and provide for the needs of pastoral teams in the most remote areas.



Brian Pontious of SDNR announces: **suicide prevention trainings** Tue 25 April in Sioux Falls and Thu 27 April in Rapid City, 9am-4pm [danr.sd.gov](http://danr.sd.gov)

**St John Parish Council** met on 19 April 2023, 7-8pm in church basement. Present were Judy Weisgram, Kelly Madsen, Laura Hand (by phone), Mary Fravel, Fr. Ron Garry; parishioners Jeri Fosheim, Aimee Nicholas. Absent Jess Holt.

1. We discussed focusing parish ministries, with new constitution and EMT initiatives, for standing committees of Worship, Faith Formation, Finance, Outreach, Vocation and Evangelization. Judy, Jeri, and Aimee will confer.
2. Current members will hold office until October, with new elections then.
3. Madsen moved, Fravel Seconds, and motion passed to purchase new chairs and tables for Padre Hall, with an \$8000 expense.
4. We discussed at length the request to move faith formation of 6,7, 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Sunday to Wednesday. Many children of this age are in club sports and gone on weekend. Fr. Ron and Josie will continue to confer, with the message from the council to take a stand for Sunday as the Lord’s Day.
5. With seminarian support, through the WSDCatholic Foundation, we plan to pick a July Saturday night for a fish fry, asking the KC’s to cook.
6. Adult faith formation, especially with the Eucharistic Revival, is essential. If parents learn, kids will learn. Let’s also focus on discovering gifts, and prepare for a mercy night.