

St. John the Evangelist Church
25 April 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has parish bulletins, and audio: 'click to listen to daily reflections from Fr. Ron'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm, or by calling 223 2176 for Fr. Ron Garry.

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Eucharistic Adoration Sunday, 1pm

No mass Mon - Friday this week

Saturday 1 May 8:00am mass for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, devotional prayers 8:30-9:00am

Sat 4/24 + Fran Keller
Sun 4/25 For parishioners + Lachnit family deceased
Sat 5/1 For Diocese of Rapid City seminarians



I am the Good Shepherd, constantly in search of strayed sheep. Love me - I have said those words to you a hundred times, because I love you so much, O my sheep, all of you. And love one another, because your shepherd loved you so tenderly.

Be grateful for my painstaking search for you, my goodness in forgiving you, and my joy when I find you again. Help me in my work: follow me. Like me, working with me, each of you following the guidance of his spiritual director, make every effort to lead back as many strayed sheep as possible.

Share my feelings, my suffering at seeing my sheep get lost, my joy when I find them again. Share my constancy, my hope, my indulgent search, never-ending belief in the possibility of their return, my indulgence in forgiving them. Share my tenderness towards them when they do return - far from reproaching and punishing them, I shower caresses upon them, taking them to my heart, as the father took the prodigal son.

So then, hope always for the return of every soul living in the world to what is good; work for it always insofar as obedience allows, and be tender towards sinners who do return as you have seen me be to so many souls. Putting everything in a word: Do for sinners what you would want me to do for you. (Venerable Charles DeFoucauld)

Local Avera healthcare, no appointment needed. Thursday 22 April. **walk-in Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic.** Use the parking lot on the south east side of the old hospital building, on the river side of the street. No cost.

Catholic Daughter Blood Drive

Tue 11 May, 11 AM – 5:30PM at the Catholic Family Services bldg: 1221 E. Broadway, Pierre. To make an appointment online: bloodhero.com, and search for 'SS Peter and Paul, Pierre' for info, call Carol 220-2012

Walleye Fry For Seminarians

Wednesday 2 June, 5:30pm dinner begins

Ft. Pierre Fischer's Lilly Park

Free will offering for seminarian education.

We'll need help with salads and desserts and serving.

To volunteer, call Josie Huck

Diocesan Job openings: Director of Pastoral Ministries and the Office of Faith Formation — To develop training, support and resources for religious education and faith formation within the diocese of Rapid City. Chancellor/Chief of Staff — To serve as assistant to the bishop and the legal corporation of the Diocese of Rapid City. Administrative Assistant, full time working with the Director of Pastoral Ministries. Director of Communications and Human Resources — To coordinate communications between the bishop and the news media. To perform Human Resources and Benefits responsibilities associated with the Diocese of Rapid City. To apply —application form can be found rapidcitydiocese.org, click employment icon

Tom and Irma LeFaive have been assisting Maria in Guatemala through her schooling years. This past summer her home was damaged in a hurricane. If you care to join LeFaives in a fundraising effort for their family, mail to: 3430 Regent Place, Pierre SD 57501.



Diocese of Rapid City **Prayer for Rain:**
O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal gifts, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts.

Welcome to the Catholic church with profession of faith, Confirmation, and receiving First Holy Communion ...
Brandon Johnson

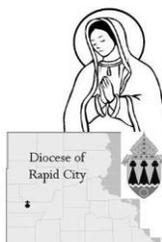
You are invited to come Sunday 2 May, for crowning of the Mary statue, and pray the rosary. All students, grades 1-12 come to church at 9:30am, and at 10:00am (*be in pews early please*) we will pray a with Our Heavenly Mother for the blessing of our earthly mothers.

A big thank you to all the Catechists who helped with Faith Formation this past year. We could not have brought the word of Christ to our youth without your help... Josie and Fr. Ron

We are scheduling First Holy Communion at 5:30pm Masses on Saturday, May 15 and 22.

[April West River Catholic online rapidcitydiocese.org](http://rapidcitydiocese.org)
In the top, click 'what we do', under Communications click on 'West River Catholic'. See a link to April issue.

Fundraising for our Rapid City Catholic Diocese: May 1 & 2 we will hear a renewed appeal for donations to support our Diocesan ministries. **Bp. Peter Muhich** wrote in the March *West River Catholic*: "To those who have not yet made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, I encourage you to take a moment to bring this appeal to the Lord in prayer. The hardships of parishioners and reduced opportunity for gathering in person led to a serious reduction in participation in our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Fewer pledges have been received. **Together we can build up the body of Christ in western South Dakota.** Every gift, flowing from the heart of love in service to one another, is life-giving and deeply valued." Mail to: Rapid City Chancery, PO Box 678, Rapid City SD 57709



April is
National Child Abuse
Prevention Month



The
**Catholic
Church** is
absolutely
committed
to the
safety
of children

The continuous work of the church is to provide a Safe Environment for all

According to the USCCB the church is committed to “Prevention, Protection and Accountability” in creating a safe environment for all. Building upon the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, and in union with Pope Francis’s *Motu Proprio*, “The American Catholic Church stands united against the scourge of sexual abuse as we continue on a path of reconciliation and healing, as noted in a written statement from the U.S. bishops.

For several years, every April, organizations, including Catholic dioceses, parishes, and schools, promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The efforts are part of the continuous work of the church in the United States. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young Adults* gives a framework in doing this work and is further supported with local diocesan policies. One goal is to create and maintain a safe environment where all can grow in the Catholic faith — one that models Christ and the Gospel message, follows Catholic Social Teaching, fosters faith development, and provides deliberately different messages and experiences than those encountered in society.

Today’s society sends messages and images of violence and sexual exploitation. It encourages one’s own rights without the responsibility for the rights of others. Aspects of technology work to destroy relationships through cyber bullying, sexting, gaming, pornography, and promoting unreal relationships.

What can you do?

- Take the adult safe environment training when it is offered in your parish. You may not be directly involved at this time, but it gives you information on what to look for and do, should you encounter one needing help in any situation.
- Participate in learning activities in your community. Encourage community organizations to bring in speakers or programs on this or related topics.
- Pray the rosary to Our Lady for victims/survivors of abuse and the defense of the vulnerable.
- Pray a Novena for Protection and Healing during April to pray for the protection and healing of God’s beloved sons and daughters.
- If you see something or suspect something, say something.

Reporting

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance coordinator, Barbara Scherr. To ensure confidentiality in her outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell).

Her phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities.

In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.

The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

Excerpted from USCCB reports and “Each person is involved in a Safe Environment” by Charlotte Verhey.

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O good Saint Joseph, help us to be like you, gentle to those whose weakness leans on us; help us to give to those who seek our aid, succor that they may journey unafraid.

Give us your faith, that we may see the right shining above the victories of might. Give us your hope that we may stand secure, untouched by doubting, steadfast to endure. Give us your love that as the years increase an understanding heart may bring us peace. Give us your purity that the hour of death finds us untouched by evil’s breath.

Give us your love of labor that we shirk no lot in life that calls us for honest work. Give us your love of poverty so that we live contented, let wealth come or go.

Give us your courage that we may be strong; give us your meekness to confess our sins. Give us your patience that we may possess the kingdom of our souls without distress.

Help us, dear Saint Joseph, to live, that when life ends we pass with you to Jesus and His friends.

