

St. John the Evangelist Church

1 May 2021 5th 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. Office email: main.stjohns@midconetwork.com
206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532

Eucharistic Adoration Sunday, 1pm

Mass schedule all Central Time

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 7:30am & 10:00am

Monday & Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – 7am & 10am Thursday & Friday 7am

(Midweek, Fr. Ron will go to Webster for Ray Sass funeral, dad of Deacon Greg Sass, so the schedule will change)

Sat 5/1 + Melissa Lachnit

Sun 5/2 For parishioners Welfare of Dianne Larson

Mon 5/3 + Joe Pitlick

Tue 5/4 +LeClaire family deceased

Wed 5/5 special intention

Thu 5/6 Reparation for clergy abuse

Fri 5/7 + Jim Baloun

Crowning of Mary

Have you ever wondered why we crown Mary? And why do we crown her in May? You are not alone, many of us have often wondered the same thing. If you are like me, you have many memories of May Crowning and have probably participated in the devotion.

Many have said that we crown Mary in May because it is between Easter and Pentecost, which is a very sacred time in our liturgical year. During May we have several feast days honoring Mary. We celebrate Our Lady Queen of Apostles the Saturday following Ascension. On May 13th we celebrate Our Lady the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima. On May 24th, we celebrate Mary, Help of Christians. May truly is the month of Mary. Plus, Mother's Day is celebrated in May for all Mothers.

On Sunday **May 2 at St. Johns 10am Mass** we will **crown the Mary** statue with a flower garland. The youth will lead us in a rosary, imploring God's love through Mary the Queen of Heaven, for all 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

Please pray for our parish families who have children preparing to receive **First Holy Communion**, to celebrate at 5:30pm Masses on Saturday, May 15 & 22.

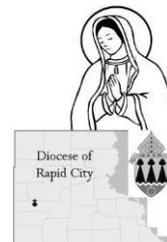
Theology on Tap Monday 3 May, 7pm at Pierre Legion. Drinks and snacks available at the Legion counter. Fr. Tom Anderson speaks on: "Bad leaders, bad laws. How should a Catholic respond?"

Fundraising for our Rapid City Catholic Diocese: this weekend we hear a renewed appeal for donations to support our Diocesan ministries. With last fall's uncertainty, the Catholic family participation rate throughout West River is only 22%.

Bishop 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 have led to a serious reduction in participation in our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Fewer pledges have been received.

"The diocese has taken steps to make do with less, cutting over \$300,000 from our budget. We are getting by with fewer staff members and making other sacrifices at the diocesan level to live within our means. However, outside funding continues to diminish, and those outside sources that remain have also suffered from reduced charitable giving in 2020. Each of us can let our own light shine by supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Even the smallest of gifts, when offered as an outpouring of God's self-giving love, can make a big difference. 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



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.

Spring Rogation Days, as we pray for God's blessings of safe working & beneficial weather for our crops and herds is next week, Mon-Wed, May 10-12

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 at Ft. Pierre Fischer's Lilly Park. Free will offering for seminarian education. We need help with salads, desserts and serving: call Josie Huck. *No tournament this year.*

1 May is St Joseph the Worker: Blessed St. Joseph, you welcomed Mary and Jesus into your home and heart - pray that we might help those in need, be present to those who are confused, love those you feel unloved, defend those who cannot defend themselves, and recognize the image and likeness of God in every person. Amen

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. The Church gives thanks for each woman: for mothers, sisters, wives; for women consecrated to God in virginity, women dedicated to bringing love to those in need, for women who work professionally, and who at times are burdened by a great social responsibility. Springsinthedesert.org has a virtual retreat May 7-9 for those carrying cross of infertility.