

The Eucharist is a gift. Our Holy Father spoke to a group of children in Italy as he recalled his First Holy Communion: "You will make your First Communion, always remember that day your whole life: the first day that Jesus came to us. He comes, makes himself one with us, makes himself our food, our nourishment to give us strength." We give thanks for the teachers, relatives, and friends of these children who helped prepare them, and who assist them in their future growth in faith through their prayers and good example. We thank parents who are the primary educators of the children in the ways of the faith.

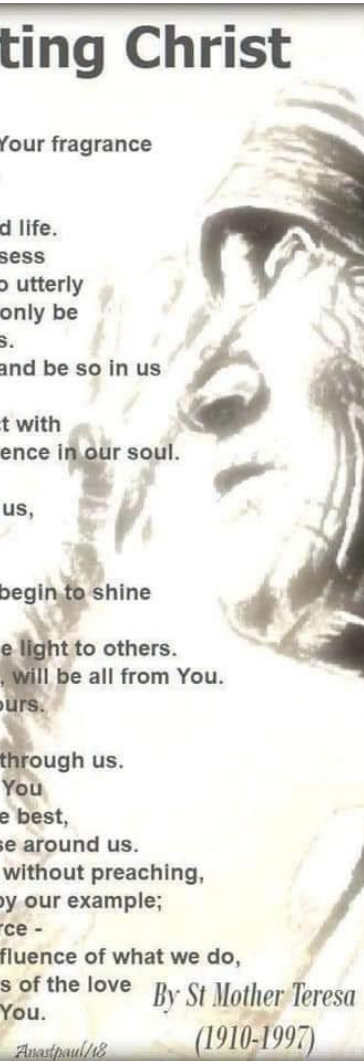
Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. May this day begin their life-long love of Jesus in the Eucharist, so they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship Amen.

Children have been formed in faith, will receive the Sacred Body and Precious Blood in their First Holy Communion, but the others at Mass receive Jesus in form of Body only. The **distribution of the Precious Blood** requires catechesis, as well as vigilant reverence. Bishop Muhich asks pastors to do more catechesis in the coming months, as he discerns about ministering the Precious Blood at Mass. It seems that the Roman Missal and other liturgical documents do not envision that the reception of the Precious Blood by the laity to be a regular practice. These tell of the dignity and reverence due to the Sacred Precious Blood of Jesus:

Catechesis for Receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord

25. When Communion under both kinds is first introduced by the Diocesan Bishop and also whenever the opportunity for instruction is present, the faithful should be properly catechized on the following matters in the light of the teaching and directives of the General Instruction: -the ecclesial nature of the Eucharist as the common possession of the whole Church; -the Eucharist as the memorial of Christ's sacrifice, his death and resurrection, and as the sacred banquet; -the real presence of Christ in the eucharistic elements, whole and entire—in each element of consecrated bread and wine (the doctrine of concomitance); -the kinds of reverence due at all times to the sacrament, whether within the eucharistic Liturgy or outside the celebration; and -the role that ordinary and, if necessary, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are assigned in the eucharistic assembly. (usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/norms-for-holy-communion-under-both-kinds)

Radiating Christ



Dear Jesus,
 help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.
 Flood our souls with Your spirit and life.
 Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours.
 Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our soul.
 Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus.
 Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be light to others.
 The light, O Jesus, will be all from You. None of it will be ours.
 It will be You shining on others through us.
 Let us thus praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around us.
 Let us preach You without preaching, not by words but by our example; by the catching force - the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to You.

By St Mother Teresa (1910-1997)
 Amen

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Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St.Anthony
7 May 2023 5th Sunday of Easter

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Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm


Sat 5/6	5:30pm	+ Monica Ehlers Baumeister
Sun 5/7	8:00am 10:00am	Draper + Susie Rankin FtPierre For parishioners
Mon 5/8	5:30pm	Sr. Joanne Sturzl PBVM welfare
Tue 5/9	11:00am 5:30pm	Funeral for Jo Laroche No Mass
Wed 5/10	7:00am	Viola Holt
Thu 5/11	7:00am	+ Ambrose Warborg
Fri 5/12	7:00am	+ Randy Seiler

God bless those celebrating their First Holy Communion
 Noah Fowler, Melvin Gomez, Lucy Harrington, Jayce Havranek, Hudson Holt, Laurel Keller, Brooklyn McPherson, Madyson Mitchell, Daysen Nutter, Arturo Pedraza, Ava Stoesser, Cooper Stoesser.



Corpus Christi Sunday, celebrating the Body of Christ in the Eucharist and reserved in the tabernacle, is June 11. St John's will pray in a Procession after the 5:30pm CT concludes on Sat 10 June. The Cathedral in Rapid City will celebrate a special mass Sunday 11 June at 3pm MT, with procession after.

We honor St John's graduating high school seniors in prayer Saturday
 Sheridan Nickolas, Emma Hunt, Kara Weiss, Camrie Leimbach, Rylie Stoesser, Kaeley Malm, Bailee Mathews, Aleeyah Schilling, Sam Hand, Talia Schmidt, and Max Scott



I am

the way
of sacrificial love

the truth
I am with you always

the life
of service



May the angels lead you into paradise...

Jo LaRoche, died May 5th, burial May 9th at Scotty Philip Cemetary

May God bless in the covenant of marriage:
Garrett Hubbell and Kim Grambihler, Sat 13 May, in St John's

Women's Bible Study meets Sunday May 7. 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.

MARANATHA (Come, LORD) prayer group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of the month in the Lifeteen Lounge (basement of St. John's) at 6:30pm. It is a time of prayer, sharing, teaching and fellowship. All are welcome. Questions or if you have prayer requests: Karen 605-280-3975 or Patty 605-295-1392

Summer Faith Formation

July 9-13 (NEW DATE) Duc in Altum, Youth K-6th grade in daytime, 7-12th grade in evening

June 26-30 Girls Totus Tuus Leadership Camp, girls going into 10th grade or older

June 27-30 Girls Totus Tuus Camp, girls 6th grade and up

July 10-14 Boys Totus Tuus Leadership Camp, boys going into 10th grade or older

July 11-14 Boys Totus Tuus, boys 6th grade and up Scholarship funding is available.....

Contact Josie 605-280-9428 josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com

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 for info.

Liturgical Ministers

5/6 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: need EM: Mary Giddings	High school graduates Bacalaureate Servers: need
5/7 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Mark Barnett EM: Beth Hand	Servers: Tayson Mitchell, Isaac Stoeser
5/13 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Steve Van Mullem EM: Irma LaFaive	Servers: need
5/14 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Julie Hand EM: need	Servers: Sebastian Hand, Ben & Sam Maxwell

St John's finance council meets Wednesday 5:30pm

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

Mother's Day weekend Bake Sale fundraiser for 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 George Welk.



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

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

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 Brian Lueking brian.lueking@shpbeds.org



You are cordially invited to the

60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION
OF THE
Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5:30PM MASS WITH BISHOP MUHICH

followed by a

6:30PM BBQ PICNIC RECEPTION
CATHEDRAL PARISH HALL