



Mother's Day has a deep spiritual dimension. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the greatest of all mothers. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is "blessed among women", Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like, and every Christian mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other. While we often imagine our Blessed Mother in her heavenly glory, it is important to remember her as our earthly mother, for she was a wife and homemaker while she was on earth.

The Blessed Mother wishes to lead us to her Son. As all great mothers do, Mary loves each of us, her children, no matter what. We are human, and with our humanity comes a sinful nature. Mary recognizes this from heaven above and knows that each of us needs help in living a virtuous life.

### Blessing for Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you give life and care for your Church.

Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor.

May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.

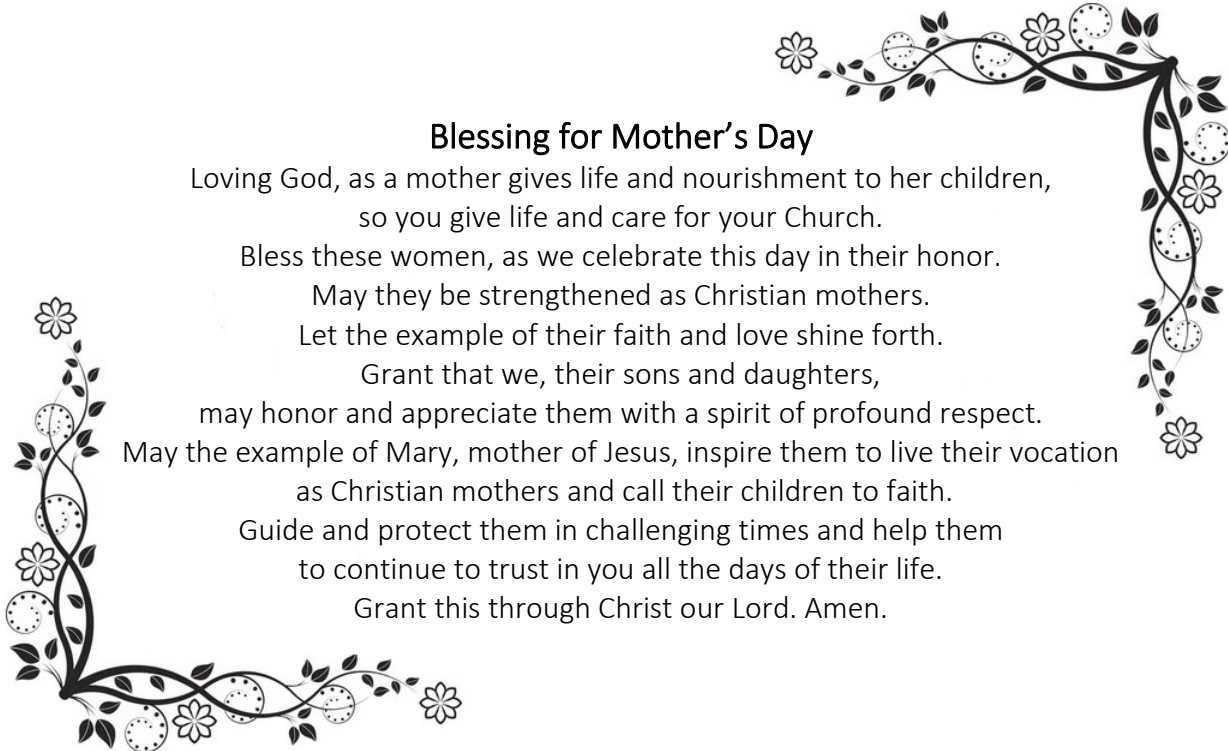
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation  
as Christian mothers and call their children to faith.

Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them  
to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St.Anthony**  
**14 May 2023 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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#### Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Sat 5/13	5:30pm	+ Helen Stewart
Sun 5/14	8:00am 10:00am	<b>Draper</b> For parishioners <b>FtPierre</b> + Evelyn Straight
		No weekday mass this week



**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 mass concludes on Saturday 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:** Sheridan Nickolas, Emma Hunt, Kara Weiss, Camrie Leimbach, Rylie Stoesser, Kaeley Malm, Bailee Mathews, Aleeyah Schilling, Sam Hand, Talia Schmidt, Max Scott

**Women's Bible Study meets Sunday May 14. 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.

Fr. Ron is gone this week for rest days, and gone Mon-Wed May 22-24 for Spring Clergy Days.

**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-6<sup>th</sup> grade in daytime, 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade in evening

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

June 27-30 Girls Totus Tuus Camp, girls 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up

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

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

Contact Josie 605-280-9428 [josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com](mailto: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](http://broom-tree.org) for info.

**Liturgical Ministers**

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

5/20 Sat: 5:30pm Lector: Lori Roberts

EM: Irma LaFaive Servers: need

5/21 Sun: 10:00am Lector: Mike Wiesgram

EM: Judy Wiesgram Servers: Ben & Sam Maxwell

**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](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)

**West River Catholic Golden Anniversary Invitation** - Thursday, May 25, from 4-6 p.m., Bishop Peter Muhich invites you to join us for an open house and a walk down memory lane. To be held at the Catholic Chancery, 225 Main St., Suite 100, Rapid City. The first West River Catholic was mailed in May 1973 and an archive display will be set up. Light refreshments will be served — visit with staff and tour the Chancery. Parking available on the west and south sides of the building.



God bless First Communicants:  
Noah Fowler, Melvin Gomez, Lucy Harrington, Jayce Havranek, Hudson Holt, Laurel Keller, Brooklyn McPherson, Madyson Mitchell, Daysen Nutter, Arturo Pedraza, Ava Stoesser, Cooper Stoesser

**Blessing for Those Who Work the Land** Almighty everlasting God, sower and tiller of the heavenly word, who cultivate the field of our hearts with heavenly tools, hear our prayers and pour out your abundant blessing + upon all those who work this land. Give them rain in good measure, and fair weather at the appropriate times that their fields and gardens might produce in abundance. May Christ the Lord, Who for our salvation took on the burden of human toil, Strengthen all those who work the land with his help and give them peace now and always. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, descend upon them and all the necessities of their lives and remain with them forever.

	FY23_10	FY22	FY21	FY20
	months			
CONTRIBUTIONS	295,378	229,660	233,173	240,807
PARISH INCOME	6,234	5,514	5,253	6,634
INVESTMENT INCOME	2,601	2,764	1,863	2,042
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	4,256	1,791	24,000	2,575
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>308,467</b>	<b>239,729</b>	<b>264,288</b>	<b>252,058</b>
SALARY AND BENEFITS	73,231	86,954	82,711	117,365
OFFICE EXPENSES	7,467	7,746	4,172	3,175
LITURGY EXPENSES	1,632	9,444	7,514	8,480
SERVICE TO PARISHIONERS	3,175	2,590	3,372	3,907
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	4,073	5,087	2,907	4,471
TRAVEL EXPENSES	5,870	4,753	3,829	3,406
EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS	52,706	38,051	34,258	39,904
ASSESSMENTS/DONATIONS	13,958	13,308	13,360	10,589
FAITH FORMATION	17,564	18,071	10,930	11,244
PARISH ACTIVITIES	2,094	834	53	3,720
PROFESSIONAL AND LEGAL	3,422	3,469	4,082	2,806
INTEREST ON LOANS	0	172	776	2,057
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	122	405	42	0
CAPITAL PURCHASES	0	0	0	30,882
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>185,313</b>	<b>190,884</b>	<b>168,007</b>	<b>242,004</b>

**St. John parish finance council** met Wednesday. Sunday collections are consistent with last year, and we're receiving more than we're spending. Special gifts this spring: Schreurs family gave us \$12,500, and we'll donate that to StJoseph School, PARS, Magdalene Ministries to assist women parolees, and Rapid City Diocese Catholic Social Services. We also received \$97,600 from the estate of Marie & Gerry Sylva, which we'll use for future parish ministry. With that we have \$380,000 in local checking and in the on-demand Diocesan Contingency Fund. We'll soon budget for the next fiscal year. We want to encourage use of funds transfer for donations.