



Will You Protect Life?

Petitions are circulating in South Dakota to place an amendment on the ballot to legalize abortion. Here are FIVE reasons why South Dakotans should decline to sign this petition:

1. The abortion amendment would allow abortions through all nine months of pregnancy.
2. The amendment would overturn many commonsense laws to protect women, such as requiring that patients be informed about alternatives to abortion.
3. It would permit abortions on preborn babies who are capable of feeling pain.
4. It would permit gruesome partial-birth abortions, in which a preborn child is partially delivered, and then killed by the doctor.
5. It would permit abortions done for purposes of sex-selection, in which a healthy preborn child is aborted for no other reason than having an undesired sex.



Spread the Word: Decline to Sign the Abortion Petition

You can help prevent the abortion amendment from becoming law in South Dakota by getting involved with the Life Defense Fund:
www.lifedefensefund.com | info@lifedefensefund.com | 605-951-5582

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Learn more about the abortion amendment by visiting this resource page from the South Dakota Catholic Conference:

sd catholicconference.org/abortion-amendment/

Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St.Anthony
21 May 2023 Ascension of the Lord Sunday

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No Eucharistic Adoration Sunday

Sat 5/20	5:30pm	+ Helen Stewart
Sun 5/21	8:00am	Draper + Owen Peterson
	10:00am	FtPierre For parishioners
No mass Mon - Wed		
Thu 5/25	7:00am	+ Julie Bowar
Fri 5/26	7:00am	+ Ambrose Warborg



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.

"Our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments." *St Leo the Great*

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

Women's Bible Study meets Sunday May 21. 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 Mon-Wed., May 22-24, for Spring Clergy Days at Terra Sancta

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

5/20 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

5/27 Sat: 5:30pm Lector: Wade Pogany
EM: Mary Giddings Servers: need
5/28 Sun: 10:00am Lector: Gus Gregg
EM: need Servers: Isaac Stoesser & Corbin Heiss

Thank you to those who donated to Mother's Day 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. humanfromdayone.com



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.

The Stanley County Class of 2023 graduation will be on Sunday, May 21st at 12 p.m.

	<u>FY23 10</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY20</u>
	<u>months</u>			
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
TOTAL INCOME	308,467	239,729	264,288	252,058
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
TOTAL EXPENSES	185,313	190,884	168,007	242,004

St. John parish finance council met May 10. 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 St. Joseph 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. **Be faithful stewards of God's gifts.**

Donations made from March 1 to June 30, 2023 to the **Ardis Townsend Challenge** for PARS will be matched, to reach a \$70,000 goal. Financial donations to Pierre Area Referral Service, mailed to 110 West Missouri Ave, Pierre, SD. Please note ARDIS TOWNSEND CHALLENGE on your check.

High School Graduates Blessing

May God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel.

May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.

May His gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.

May your hearts and lives always reflect His love and truth,

And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day. Amen.



As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- Colossians 2:6-7