

Loving God and Father, on this day when we honor our fathers, our first and best models and our earliest spiritual guides, we ask Your choicest blessings upon them. Thank you for all the times they have nurtured and supported us in our growing up. Thank you for all the times they stood by us and loved us when we felt rejected and alone. May St. Joseph, loving father of Jesus, be their model and guide their hardships, and their hopes for the future. May they find your beloved Jesus always beside them, guiding them to holiness and happiness and watching over them faithfully as they have watched over us. Give them patience, wisdom and strength, that through them their families may experience your unconditional love. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult.



Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Monday, June 19, the United States commemorates the emancipation of African American slaves. The Catechism of the Catholic Church declares that true freedom "attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude." (para. 1731) Therefore, it is appropriate that we commemorate in a special way those African Americans who achieved the heights of virtue and holy freedom in Christ:

Venerable Pierre Toussaint
 Venerable Henriette Delille
 Venerable Father Augustus Tolton
 Servant of God Mother Mary Lange
 Servant of God Julia Greeley
 Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

As we continue to pray for the advancement of their causes for canonization, all Catholics of every nation can learn from these holy men and women, black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood. By their stories of faith and virtue, they show us how to respond to the call to holiness, bringing healing, reconciliation, and peace to our wounded nation and world.



A Father's Day Blessing

Blessed is the father who lets
 the Lord be his guiding hand,
 whose faith brings his family courage,
 whose wisdom comes from God,
 and whose children
 still stand and honor him.

Ft. Pierre St. John 18 June 2023 11th Sunday Ordinary Time, Fathers' Day

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No Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 6/11

Sat 6/17	5:30pm	Fr. Ron Garry 40 th anniversary
Sun 6/18	8:00am 10:00am	Draper For parishioners FtPierre + Fran Keller
Mon 6/19	5:30pm	+ Amy and Dennis Hoilien
Tue 6/20	5:30pm	For Pro life ministries
Wed 6/21	7:00am	Diana Wackel
Thu 6/22	7:00am	+ Marie Sylva
Fri 6/23	7:00am	+ Bill & LaDonna Hupp



Baptized in Christ... Butte Michael Scott, son of Monte and Kelsey

May the angels lead you into paradise... Judy Gretschmann. Prayer at Isburg's Friday 23rd, 1:30pm

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

This weekend, Catholic Daughters Life Saver Sunday raises money and awareness for people in abusive relationships. All contributions are distributed to local and state agencies who assist those in, or escaping from, abusive situations. Your contribution does make a difference. This is a free will offering at the church entrance.



St. John's honor Dads this weekend
 June 17th-18th with **Donuts for Dads**
 All Dads will receive a donut after the
 Sat 5:30 & Sunday 10:00 Mass
 A big Thank you and God Bless

Thank you to those who prepared and prayed with the Corpus Christi procession last Saturday. Thank you, brother Knights of Columbus for carrying the canopy.

Summer Faith Formation

July 9-13 Duc in Altum, Youth K-6th grades in the daytime, and 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

Fr. Ron's 40th anniversary of priestly ordination is June 17th. We will combine our honoring of those years with the Fish Fry for Seminarians on Saturday evening, August 5.

Liturgical Ministers

6/17 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Lori Roberts EM: Irma LaFaive	Servers: need
6/18 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Gus Gregg EM: Beth Hand	Servers: Adrian Hand & one other
6/24 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Wade Pogany EM: Mary Giddings	Servers: need
6/25 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Julie Hand EM: Judy Wiesgram	Servers: Isaac Stoesser and Sebastian Hand

Time to renew or sign up for the **Magnificat monthly devotional** - If interested please contact Barb Kleinsasser at 605-222-1644 by June 23. Payment will be due by July 2nd.

Those who would like to be contacted to **provide salads or bars for a funeral luncheon**, please provide their name and contact information on the sign up sheet in the entryway of the church. Please note how you would prefer to be contacted and we will do our best to accommodate that request.

Veritatis Splendor Institute (VSI) is beginning this fall. The goal of the VSI – named for Pope St. John Paul II's great encyclical, The Splendor of Truth – is to form disciples who engage in the work of evangelization, proclaiming the Gospel to all people. VSI better equips people for ministry and sharing the Faith with others – whether that be in a parish ministry setting or whether it is ministering to your children and family. VSI offers a Basic Level Certification (one-year program), and a Master Level Certification (two-year program, after completion of Basic Certification), with courses offered once a month on Saturdays, running September through June. The deadline for registration is August 8, 2023.

Also offered will be “**Pastoral Enrichment Certifications**” on various VSI Saturdays throughout the year. These will be a one-day-only seminar, in which participants will receive formation on a particular topic for ministry. See informational brochure, schedule of dates, testimonies from past students, and application at rapidcitydiocese.org/vsi.

The Jesus and John the Baptist statue is memorialized to Fr. Christian Hoecken, SJ, who died on a riverboat Monday, June 19, 1851. He and Fr DeSmet were pioneering missionaries.

Fr. Robert Spitzer speaks at the **Healing the Culture** one-year-anniversary celebration of the repeal of Roe vs. Wade on Saturday, June 24th – 5:00pm at the Courtyard by Marriott in Box Elder. Tickets (\$35) include dinner, dessert, free drinks, entertainment, and fellowship with Fr. Robert Spitzer from EWTN's “Spitzer's Universe” television program. Register at healingtheculture.org/RCgala or 605-791-5433

Top: GW Ekroth, Gregory;
Jim Hulm, Timber Lake;
Tim Minihan, Lead;
Robert Kinyon
(Transitional Deacon),
Rapid City;

Bottom:
Brian Paulsen, Sturgis;
Matt Snyder, Hermosa;
Phillip Thompson,
Piedmont



Novena For Diaconate Ordination

Please pray the novena prayer starting Tues20 June

Almighty God, giver of every grace, who apportion every order and assign every office, who remain unchanged, but make all things new, send your Holy Spirit into our midst to make our brothers preparing for ordination to the diaconate ready to offer themselves in the ministry of the word, of the altar, and of charity, servants to all.

Grant them wisdom when they are unsure, knowledge when they are afraid, counsel when they are confused, fortitude when they are fragile, understanding when they are troubled, piety when they are indifferent, and fear of you when they are proud.

Help them to receive the Gospel of Christ: convince them to believe what they read; train them to teach what they believe; strengthen them to practice what they teach.

Hear the prayers of all your faithful servants and in the eternal charity that you have shown us, draw us all to that heavenly kingdom where all are made perfectly one at the eternal banquet of Christ, the Good Shepherd and Eternal King. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.