

## St. John the Evangelist Church

18 July 2021 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has parish bulletins,

& audio: 'click to listen to Sunday sermons from Fr. Ron'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm, or call 223 2176

for Fr. Ron Garry. email: main.stjohns@midconetwork.com

206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532

### Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 11AM

Mass schedule all Central Time

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

Monday and Tuesday 5:30pm

Wed, Thu, Fri 7:00am

Sat 7/17 well being Rosemary Jaswa

Sun 7/18 For parishioners + Cindy Hetzel

No weekday mass through Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Both Josie and Fr. Ron are gone the weekdays July 19-23

**Rosary for the Unborn** at Sts. Peter and Paul Church 6:30pm each evening July 18-31. Art and Patsy will bring the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Those preparing for Confirmation**, please come to Padre Hall Wednesday 28 July, or Wed 4 August, one or the other night, 7-8pm, with your Bibles. Read Luke's gospel and we'll discuss the life of Jesus and disciples then and with us today.

**School of Healing Retreat** - Encounter Ministries of Brighton, MI, led by two priests. July 30-31, Yankton, SD St. Benedict's Church. Cost - \$75. Register online

Encounterministries.USA/calendar For Info: Jane Barz 605-940-4101

**A retreat for grieving parents** Friday July 30-Aug. 1, designed and led by grieving parents Dionne Eastmo & Brienne Edwards with Fr. Leo Hausmann. Rooted in Catholic tradition, open to all grieving parents who are seeking to be held by Our Lord. [terrasancta.org/held](http://terrasancta.org/held)

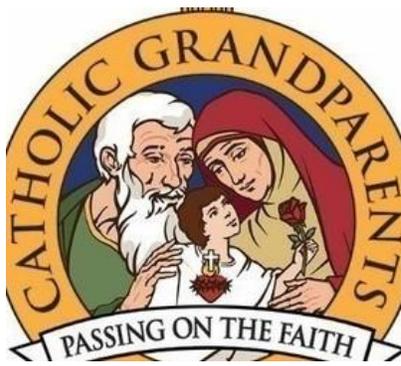
Avera St. Mary's hospital is looking for **volunteer spiritual care chaplains** to be on call in evenings. A caring person to pray with the patient and family, make phone calls to their own pastor and offer support is valuable. If interested, please contact Karen Gallagher, VP Mission 224-3303.

An overwhelming majority of Americans, including low-income women and women of color who are most impacted by it, **support the Hyde Amendment** and laws that prevent government-funded abortion. We urge Congress to ensure that the Hyde Amendment remain in place during the 117th Congress and beyond. [notaxpayerabortion.com](http://notaxpayerabortion.com)

Sunday 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the **First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. It is the Sunday before Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus: Pope Francis: 'I am with you always' are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this day.

The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!"

Imad Qumsieh, who has sold **olive woods products from the Christians in Bethlehem**, will be here August 1.



## Religious Education

**Imagine . . .** A classroom of kids actively engaged in learning about their faith. They work diligently on assignments. They listen to your presentations. They ask questions and are able to go home and articulate what they learned in class to their parents and friends.

**Imagine. . . .** You as the teacher in this classroom setting. You are the one bringing joy and excitement to these young children.

**Imagine . . .** The joy and excitement you are feeling knowing that these children are learning about their faith because of you.

**St John's needs your help. We are looking for men and women to help educate our children about faith.** Can you give a weekly hour of preparation and an hour of instruction on Sunday morning or Wednesday night for this vital church mission? Think about it. . . Classes start in late September. Training for teachers in early September.

Think about it... Pray about it... Then give me a call...

Do not say yes to me, say yes to the Holy Spirit guiding their future faith formation. We are all called to teach the faith. Come, share your faith with our children...

**I am looking for volunteers for the Good Shepherd Room, elementary grades, Confirmation and high school. Josie Huck ~ Director of Faith Formation**  
[josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com](mailto:josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com), 223-2176, 280-9428

St John parish pastoral and finance **councils met recently**. In this past year, we have prayed and served through the pandemic restrictions. We have need to hire person(s) to work part time for parish event preparation and building maintenance and cleaning work.

### Parish alignment with priests changing August 1:

There have been 3 Jesuit priests serving the Rosebud reservation, ministering in a school and 6 parishes. Fr. Jacob Boddicker SJ is being reassigned, and there will not be another to take the position. So the Jesuit community has returned Mellette County to ministry by Diocesan priests, with the active parish White River Sacred Heart, as of Aug 1.

Fr. John Heying will remain the pastor of churches in Presho and Murdo, along with the new responsibility of the parish of White River.

**Fr. Ron Garry will remain the pastor of Ft. Pierre St. John, along with the ministry in Draper St. Anthony.**

Fr. Kevin Achbach will remain the pastor of Winner and Colome, and serve the Catholics in the area of Wood in eastern Mellette County.

Our Catholic Diocese will begin a process of discernment of mission & alignment of parishes and priests in the coming year. Our Diocesan renewal in Stewardship begun 4 years ago continues to guide us as we love Jesus and be active missionary disciples.

Frs. Heying and Garry met with Draper parishioners last week. Their Sunday mass will be at 8:00am, so **St John will be celebrating only 2 masses a weekend, and will not have a 7:30am Mass come August.**

**Come Holy Spirit, move in us, for an encouragement of young people to priestly and consecrated life.**