



Heavenly Father, Great Spirit! Behold us who stand before you singing our song of thanksgiving for Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Native American people. We humbly ask you to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession.

Dear Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk, hear our petition in favor of your devoted servants Father Andrzej Wyrostek and Bishop Peter Muhich who are seriously ill and entreat your intercession on their behalf. Carry to our Heavenly Father the prayer of the faithful for the healing of their bodies and spirits. Amen.



**Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St Anthony**  
**23 July 2023 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

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**Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm**

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| Sat 7/22 | 5:30pm            | + MaryJo Lofgren  |
| Sun 7/23 | 8:00am<br>10:00am | <b>Draper</b> +Delores Volmer<br><b>FtPierre</b> For parishioners |
| Mon 7/24 | 5:30pm            | poor souls in purgatory   |
| Tue 7/25 | 5:30pm            | + Mary Jo Lofgren   |
| Wed 7/26 | 7:00am            | + Dennis Lihs   |
| Thu 7/27 | 7:00am            | + Bob Hall  |
| Fri 7/28 | 7:00am            | + Return to the faith   |



**Most Holy Saints Anne & Joachim,**

come close to us and guide our hands and our hearts in the way of virtue. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus. Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation. Amen.

The Vatican will again offer a plenary indulgence to mark the third **World Day for Grandparents** and the Elderly on July 23. The indulgence can be received by grandparents, the elderly, and all Catholics who, “motivated by the true spirit of penance and charity,” participate in Pope Francis’ July 23 Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica or another Grandparents’ Day celebration, or who visit the elderly. Chosen by Pope Francis, the theme of Grandparents’ Day 2023 comes from a verse in the Gospel of Luke: “His mercy is from age to age.” It will be marked this year on July 23, the Sunday before the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. An indulgence is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.” The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence require the individual to make sacramental confession, have complete detachment from sin, and pray for the pope’s intentions.

This fall, Avera offers an exciting volunteer ministry opportunity. The **Befriender Ministry** trains lay people to respond to others emotional and spiritual needs by providing a living reminder of God’s love through a caring presence. Our goal is to establish an ecumenical group of Befrienders for ministry to Maryhouse residents, accompanying them through listening, presence and compassion. For more information, call Karen Gallagher, VP Mission 605-280-3975 befrienderministry.org

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| 7/22 Sat: 5:30pm  | Lector: Steve VanMulleem<br>EM: Mary Giddings | Servers: need                            | <b>Liturgical Ministers</b> |
| 7/23 Sun: 10:00am | Lector: need<br>EM: need                      | Servers: need                            |                             |
| 7/29 Sat: 5:30pm  | Lector: Lori Roberts<br>EM: Irma LaFaive      | Servers: need                            |                             |
| 7/30 Sun: 10:00am | Lector: Julie Hand<br>EM: need                | Servers: Sebastian Hand & Isaac Stoesser |                             |



## Human From Day One Monday 31 July 5-8 pm Ft. Pierre Pizza Ranch fundraiser

Saturday 29 July, 11am -12:30pm at Birthright building, 314 S. Henry Street in Pierre, we can hear by Zoom digital connection, Derrick and Julie Tennant of Lincoln NE. They will speak on the new TV commercial for Human from Day One program, and other pro life ministries. In Youtube, search for The Love Chromosome.

**Veritatis Splendor Institute (VSI)** is beginning this fall. Named for Pope St. John Paul II's great encyclical, *The Splendor of Truth*, its goal 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](http://rapidcitydiocese.org/vsi).

Nacel Open Door **arranges host families for exchange students** arriving this fall to attend Stanley County high school. Many students to choose from - Thomas of France, Rayhan Ata of Brazil, Vianca of Bolivia and Valerie of Germany. All attend Mass in their own country and will attend with their host family as well. For info contact Julienne Antes 507-304-2143.

To help **Tanya Baldwin Kayser medical care**, mail donation to Box 864, Ft. Pierre SD 57532.

## Male and Female He Created Them The Gift of Sexual Difference



God designed marriage as an "intimate partnership of life and love" (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48). In God's design, marriage is a unique union of one man with one woman "for the whole of life" (see Canon 1055, The Code of Canon Law). Marriage is oriented to the good of the spouses and to the creation and nurture of new human life (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48). Making decisions therefore, about when and how many children to have in marriage is a sacred responsibility that God has entrusted to husband and wife. This is the foundation of what the Church calls, "Responsible Parenthood," the call to discern God's will for your marriage while respecting His design for life and love. The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural

Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy. [usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning](http://usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning)

On Saturday 5 August after Mass, we will honor  
**Fr Ron Garry's 40<sup>th</sup> priestly ordination anniversary**  
and raise funds for Seminarian Support  
with Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation.

We need fish to feed 70 people, and 2/3 of that has been pledged.

If you can donate fish, call Tom LeFaive.

If you can help with the meal preparation and serving on Saturday 5 August, there is a sign up sheet in the church entry, and you'll be given a phone number to call, to coordinate with Jean Peterson.



**Imad Qumseih is here August 5/6, selling Holy Land religious goods.**



**Saint Mary Magdalene Feastday 22 July** St. Mary Magdalene, you came with springing tears to the spring of mercy, Christ. From Him your burning thirst was abundantly refreshed; through Him your sins were forgiven; by Him your bitter sorrow was consoled. My dearest lady, well you know by your own life what a counsel a soul in misery needs, what medicine will restore the sick to health. You are now with the chosen because you are beloved and are beloved because you are the chosen of God. Turn to my good that ready access that you once had and still have to the spring of mercy. What can I say, how can I find words to tell, about the burning love with which you sought Him, weeping at the tomb, and wept for Him in your seeking? How He came, who can say how or with what kindness to comfort you, and made you burn with love still more; how He showed himself when you did not think to see Him; and how He sought you when, seeking Him, you wept. Hear me, O Lord, for your love, and for the dear merits of your beloved Mary. Shake my heart out of its indolence, Lord, and in the ardor of Your love bring me to the everlasting sight of Your glory, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, God, forever. Amen. (St. Anselm 1033-1109)