

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will be starting in September. We need your help to make religious education in our church possible. Think about it then pray about.

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 needed your help. We are looking for men and women to help educate our young children about their faith.

Can you for 1 hour on Sunday morning or Wednesday night give of your time to help? Think about it. . . Classes start in late September. Training for teachers in September.

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

Don't say yes to me, say yes to the future education of our faith to the young children. We are all called to teach the faith. Come and share your faith with our young people...

I am looking for volunteers.

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5th Annual Mass
for Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk
 Thursday 17 August Manderson SD
 8:30am MT graveside prayer
 9:30am Mass at St Agnes Church
 meal following

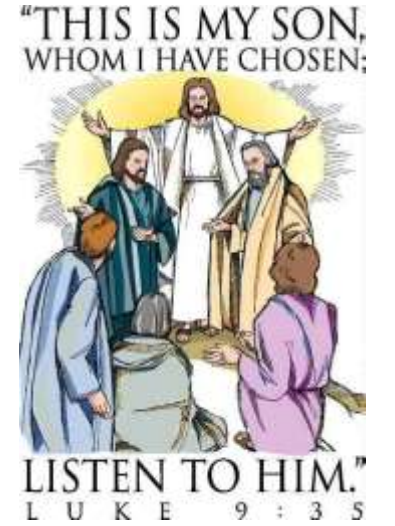


Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St Anthony
6 August 2023 Transfiguration of the Lord

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Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Sat 8/5	5:30pm	+ Fran Keller
Sun 8/6	8:00am 10:00am	Draper +Lindy Patrick FtPierre For parishioners
Mon 8/7	5:30pm	+ Duffy family deceased
Tue 8/8	5:30pm	+ MaryJo Lofgren
Wed 8/9	7:00am	+ Robert & Eleanor Unterbrunner
Thu 8/10	7:00am	+ Ambrose Warborg
Fri 8/11	7:00am	+ Rose Warborg



God bless in the covenant of marriage... **Shelby Gerber & Keanan Hiller**

Baptized in Christ... Adler Joseph Longo,
 son of Julie and Dominic



Imad Qumsieh and family are here this weekend, selling Holy Land religious goods.



Parent meetings this week

Parents of upcoming 6th graders for Confirmation prep: Tuesday 8 August, 7pm CT, Padre Hall

Parents of upcoming 2nd graders for Confession/Holy Communion: Wed 9 August, 7pm CT, Padre Hall



On Sunday 24 Sept., Rapid City Diocesan Family Life Ministries office hosts a **Celebration of Marriage Mass & Luncheon at Terra Sancta**, to recognize couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th anniversaries and longer. (Couples married in 1998, 1983, 1973 or prior to 1973). If you would like to be invited, contact Fr.Ron by email or phone.

Thanks to those donating fish for Saturday Fish Fry for Seminarians: Mike Keller, Tyson Keller, Barry Smith and friends. Thanks to KC's and all those who set up for the meal, and donors to WSDCF.

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 15, 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.

Friday 8 Sept, noon-4pm, is **new catechist orientation at Terra Sancta**, for anyone starting or only 1-3 years of experience. To register: rapidcitydiocese.org/new-catechist-orientation

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

Holyday of Obligation Mass Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Monday 14 August 5:30pm Ft. Pierre

Tuesday 15 August 7:00am Ft. Pierre. Tuesday 7am, 10am, 7pm Pierre



BHSU Newman



the 3rd Annual Newman Partnership Appeal. On August 19/20

weekend, we'll receive donations for the Catholic ministry at the Newman Centers in Rapid City and Spearfish. The parishes in those towns contribute so much of the income needed. This is our way of helping college students there live the gospel. Envelopes will be in the pews next weekend. In the diocese of Rapid City last year we were blessed with over 554 gifts totaling \$42,000 in support of BHSU and School of Mines & National College Newman Centers.

Lector and Eucharistic Minister training materials are being prepared. Stay tuned for when we begin renewing our service during the Mass.

Faith Lutheran Church announces a **gospel concert** in Steamboat Park Sunday 27 August 4pm by the Potter Family. Music and free food, open to the public.

The South Dakota bishops have set August 13 as the liturgical date to honor **Blessed Michael McGivney**, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Fr. Michael McGivney as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to You that he showed throughout his life, beginning from the time of his Catholic upbringing. Fr. Michael McGivney, you began on the path to holiness early in life. You were raised by Catholic parents, and you set out to serve God as a young man. Please bring my



petitions before God Whom you served! Your family life had a great influence upon you for the rest of your life. When your father died, you saw the need for organizations to help families in need like yours was. Pray for me, that I may seek to serve God as faithfully as you did. Pray that I may grow in holiness each day, as He calls me to. Please also pray for (*mention your intentions here*). Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, pray for us!

The **Knights of Columbus** local council are raising funds for college scholarships, game of chance with NFL scores. To support the good work, \$20 per book chances are available after Mass, or contact a local Knight to purchase a **football book**

NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



St John's team for preparing for Eucharistic Revival met this week - Fr. Ron, Josie, Aimee Nicholas, Steve VanMulle, Nicole Keller. We gave thanks for God's wonderful gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. We reviewed printed material and online videos that we'll use in the coming months, for home and class and small group study. We'll continue Sunday afternoon Adoration, and also pray in Adoration the first Wednesday of the month, 7-8pm. We reviewed the prayer from the national office that will be printed for your home use. eucharisticrevival.org



Fr. Francis Guessen was the first priest ordained specifically for the Diocese of Lead in 1904. He was the pastor in Gregory and Tripp counties as churches were being built. His last assignment was to Ft. Pierre 1923-55. He led efforts for the Jesus & John Baptist statue at Hwy 83-Main Ave intersection. He is buried at St Scholastica cemetery, Heidelberg MN. His name is on the memorial plaque on the first pew east side. Fr. Ron: "I give thanks for his ministry, for the church in which I was baptized, and now serve."