

St. John The Evangelist Church
16 August 2020 20th Ordinary Sunday

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has parish bulletins & audio devotions at 'click to listen to daily reflections from Fr. Ron'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4pm or by calling 223 2176 for Fr. Ron **Eucharistic Adoration** Sunday 16 August, 1-2pm

Sherri Stoesser retires this month.

With so many years of love for the Lord and St. John parish families, we are grateful. May the Lord of life bless and reward you for your service.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am
 Monday- 5:30pm Tuesday - 5:30pm
 Wednesday - 7:00am & 10:00am
 Thursday - 7:00am Friday - 7:00am

- Sat 8/15 + Deceased of Smith & Biggs families By family
- Sun 8/16 + Hunter Stoesser By Family & For parishioners
- Mon 8/17 + Daniel Ramsey By Ramsey Family
- Tue 8/18 + Helen Polander by Dave & Rosemary Jaswa
- Wed 8/19 + Daniel Ramsey By Katie Parsons
- Thu 8/20 + Jared Davis By Les & Sandy Hanson
- Fri 8/21 Reparation for clergy abuse

God bless, receiving First Holy Communion last Sunday: Colton Havranek, Gracie Janecke



May the Lord bless in the covenant of marriage:

Kirstyn Larsen & Tyler Mattheis, to be married at St John's on 29 August; and McKenna Sommars and Colton Chiantaetto, on 4 September

Mission of Reparation, and Intercession Conference of the Unborn, Friday 4th Sept – Tuesday 15th, 6:30-8:30pm each evening at Sts Peter & Paul Church. Marty Rotella presents teachings and music. Watch Youtube: "Touch me, Lord with Shroud of Turin..."



Mary, Mother of all nations
 (with internet go to guideposts.org, then search site for *The Annunciation: Images of Mary from Around the World*)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

Parish Faith Formation: Catechists meet Wed 19th, at 7pm in Hall
Hello Parents of 2nd graders: We are developing a workable Faith Formation program for this fall and need your input. On Wednesday August 26 at 7:00pm in the church, come and join Fr. Ron and myself. We would like to hear your ideas. We can make this work for everyone. Contact me at (605) 280-9428 or josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com
Bp. Peter Muhich will be here to confirm those prepared for Confirmation, on Sat 26 September. Parents and students: let's meet Sunday 30 August at 9am in Padre Hall.

Nourish for Caregivers Mon 17 August in Padre Hall, 6pm

Grieving Group on 24th or 26th August. Call chaplain Sandy Spencer at Avera Hospital for more details

From Bishop Elect of Duluth, Michel Mulloy: What a year it has been! Who would have thought when we started the Rapid City Diocesan Annual Diocesan Appeal that we would be suspending Mass, facing a serious ranch and economic crisis, moving into a new chancery building and welcoming a new bishop to our diocese? What a difference a few months can make, and we still don't know what the future holds. **What amazes me in all of this is the evidence of your faith and trust in God.** Our faith tells us that God has walked with us and will continue to walk with us every step of the way.

You have manifested your trust in God through your own faithfulness and patience during this crisis. You continue to give to your parishes and to the diocese. Given the present situation, it is understandable that donations to the Annual Diocesan Appeal were less than we had hoped to receive. Nonetheless, your generosity has blessed us abundantly. Through all the ups and downs of this year, you have given because you recognize what you have received, and you know that God continues to bless us. **You have also given because you understand, deep in your hearts, that we belong to one another. I am grateful for your faithful response.**

I want you to know that the money you have so kindly given to the diocese will be used in a prudent and responsible way. Those of us who work directly for the diocese understand the challenge it is to make ends meet, to raise families and to enjoy the goodness of life. On a personal note I want to thank you for the support that you have given me during my time as the diocesan administrator. I am not just relieved that we have a new bishop, I am overjoyed. I know he will be wonderful, especially if you care for him as you have cared for me.

Annual Appeal Giving Status 2020

	2019	2020
Pledge(s) Goal	\$1,565,000.00	\$1,643,250.00
Pledge(s) Actual	\$1,584,035.10	\$1,419,218.57
Increased Annual Goal Target %	5.0%	5.0%
Pledge(s) Paid*	\$1,560,041.97	\$1,286,770.55
Pledge(s) % Paid	98.5%	90.7%
Household Participation Total	3,454	3,005
Participation Rate %	30.4%	24.7%
% of Goal Pledged	101.2%	86.4%
Average Pledge Amount \$	\$458.61	\$472.29

*Pledges paid as of August 3, 2020

If you wish to **donate to the relief** efforts in Beirut Lebanon, after the port area explosion, a reliable charity agency is Catholic Near East Welfare Society, 1011 1st Ave, Floor 15, New York, NY 10022-4195 cnewa.org You can put it in an envelope in parish collection, and we'll get it to them.