

St. John the Evangelist Church

22 August 2021 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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:
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Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 1pm

Monday & Tuesday 5:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00amCT

Weekend Mass schedule from now on:

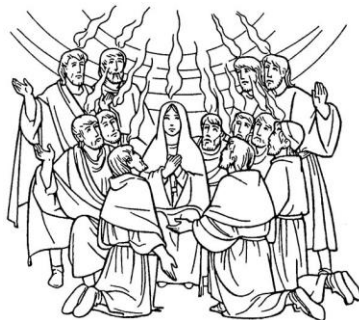
Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 10:00am CT

(Fr. Ron is at early Sunday mass in Draper 8:00am)

Sat 8/21 + Ray Rathbun
Sun 8/22 + Joe Manning
Mon 8/23 + Gary Rausch
Tue 8/24 + David Gross
Wed 8/25 + LouAnn Leischer
Thu 8/26 + Rev. Daniel Spychala
Fri 8/27 Reparation for clergy sexual abuse

May the angels lead you into paradise... Tim Hughes, buried at Cedar Hills Cemetery 14 August.
...Gerald Sylva, buried at Black Hills National Cemetery 20 Aug
.... Sr. Susan Pohl, OSB, buried at St. Martin's 23 August

Fr. Ron & Josie have arranged that Bishop Peter Muhich to be at St John's for **confirmation in January 2022**. We invite the incoming 6th graders to prepare to receive the sacramental Gift of the Holy Spirit, along with 7th graders. Parents and students of incoming 6th graders, please meet with Fr. Ron & Josie on Wed 25 Aug, Padre Hall, 7-8pm.



SD Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing the insurance program. We offer competitive benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible to be a KC member. For info, contact Jon Beebe, 605 882 8689 or jon.beebe@kofc.org

The **Knights of Columbus** local council are raising funds again this fall for college scholarships, through results of the fall NFL football scores. To support the good work, contact a local Knight to purchase a **football book**

A sign up sheet in the church entry is for Sunday Mass altar servers and lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are willing to serve once a month, specify please.

Our Catholic parishes West River will take up a collection to aid those hurt by the earthquake and storms in Haiti. Make a check payable to St John Church, with a label of Haiti Relief, and we'll get it sent through our Diocese to Catholic Relief Services.

Annual Day of Renewal and Prayer for Spiritual Mothers, interceding for clergy, seminarians, and laity, at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in NW Rapid City, 2pm Sunday 12 September. For more information contact Patty Lihs locally.

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year, in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we implore your mercy. Bless and protect our students, teachers, staffs, their families, and especially _____.
Give wisdom to the decision makers, be they in our schools or in our homes. Expand the horizons of our minds, and deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways. Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need, particularly those isolated and lonely. In these days when so much has changed, help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus, our Divine Teacher, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. *Diocese of Peoria*

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, 223-2176, 280-9428

Teachers of the faith: please come to Padre Hall on Wednesday 8 September, 7pm, for preparation for our faith formation in this school year. God bless our catechists.

Bishop's Golf Classic – Monday 27 Sept, Rapid City Arrowhead Course. Join Bp. Peter Muhich for a fundraiser for seminarians and other church ministries in West River SD. Registration 11AM, and a noon shotgun start.

The Pheasant Hunt will be Sept 30-Oct 1 at St Hubert's Hideaway, west of Gregory SD.

Our fish fry was in June, and there were others in Lemmon and Hot Springs. The **WSDCF is truly thankful for the participation & support of everyone involved in events.** A record number of raffle tickets were sold, allowing a donation of more than \$11,000 for our Seminarian support.

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Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life... You are the Holy One of God



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Why a document on the Eucharist?

You may have seen some of the coverage in the media of the U.S. bishops' plans to draft a teaching document on the Eucharist. Unfortunately, the secular media and some Catholic media sources presented this as being about denying Holy Communion to politicians who promote immoral practices like abortion and euthanasia.

The real reason for drafting a document on the Eucharist was to help our Catholic people better understand the awesome mystery of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Recent polls have shown that awareness of Jesus Christ's Real Presence has declined significantly. Since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the church's life, we should all be concerned about the results of these recent polls.

The document we are preparing as bishops will be a teaching document which will have three parts: "The Eucharist, a Mystery to be Believed"; "The Eucharist, a Mystery to be Celebrated"; and "The Eucharist, a Mystery to be Lived." The intended audience for this document is every Catholic.

In the third section, "A Mystery to be Lived," we will take up the need for all who receive the Lord Jesus in the Eucha-

rist to do so with deep reverence. An important part of that reverence always includes refraining from receiving Holy Communion if we have not been faithful to the Lord and his teachings in significant ways. There is nothing new in this.

To be clear, the teaching document will not

include a national policy on withholding Holy Communion from politicians. Only a local diocesan bishop can make that decision on a case-by-case basis after dialogue and discernment.

After much discussion at our June meeting the U.S. bishops voted 168 to 55 to go forward with this document. We will continue to pray and reflect and discuss how best to write a document that will help us effectively teach our people about

the awesome mystery of the Eucharist. Please pray for wisdom and insight for me and for the whole body of U.S. bishops as we work on this important task.

May we all experience a renewed appreciation for and devotion to the Lord as he gives himself to us in the Eucharist.

+Bishop Peter



Bishop Peter M. Muhich
Diocese of Rapid City
Exemplum Dedi Vobis
'I have given you an example'

