

Faith Formation

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. I am looking for volunteers.

Can you give your time on Sunday morning or Wednesday night to help? 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...

Religious Education grades K-8 classes start Sunday 24 September 8:30-9:45am

Registration forms have been mailed to families who have registered.

If you are not a registered member of St. John's, contact our office, or register online. Tuesday, August 29th 7:00pm Padre Hall. Meeting for all returning teachers and all new or interested people who would like to be a part of our program. Come and check us out

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Fr. Mark McCormick: Thank you for your \$3535.15 donation from the Fish Fry for Seminarians. Thank you for putting on this event again this year. It goes to the **Seminarian Education Fund**, to help cover the cost of the ever-growing education expenses for the 11 young men who are in seminary. While the Diocese does support much of their school expense, the seminarians are personally responsible for a significant portion as well as for the cost of books, school supplies, food, activities, transportation, and recreation. Your gift helps our seminarians to defray their costs and for spending money while at school. We are blessed to have good men committed to answering God's call to the priesthood. I appreciate your commitment to fostering those vocations in your parish and for supporting our seminarians during their years of discernment and formation.

Annual **SD Right to Life Convention** in Aberdeen September 22-23. sdrightrighttolife.org

Canned Good donations for the Convention Silent Auction gift baskets from our Pierre Area Pro-Life group are being accepted at Birthright of Pierre, which is open Mon, Tues, Thurs 2 to 5pm.



St. John's Fall Dinner will be held this year, Sun 22 October, 4:30-7pm. To help with volunteer signup, marketing, stuffing envelopes before the big day, please call/text Amy Fowler at 605-430-7402

Ft. Pierre St. John Draper St Anthony
27 August 2023 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Sat 8/26	5:30pm	+ Helen Stewart
Sun 8/27	8:00am 10:00am	Draper For parishioners Ft Pierre Huck family
Mon 8/28	5:30pm	+ Bernie & Peggy Duffy
Tue no mass	in the	evening
Wed 8/30	7:00am	Pro life ministries
Thu 8/31	7:00am	Lynda Lowin birthday
Fri 9/1	7:00am	+ Bernie Weber
Sat 9/2	7:45am	1st Sat. + Melody Hackett

May the angels lead you into paradise... **Velda Pitlick**, who died 24 August
Funeral Mass Tuesday 1pm at St John's Church

Parish Council meeting Tuesday, August 29 6:15pm

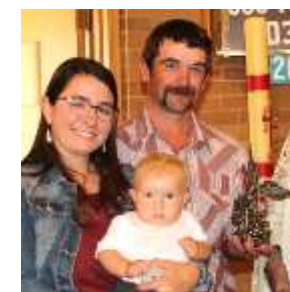
On Sunday 24 Sept., Rapid City Diocesan Family Life Ministries office hosts a **Celebration of Marriage Mass & Luncheon at Terra Sancta**, to recognize couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th anniversaries and longer
If you would like to be invited, contact Fr. Ron.



Baptized in Christ... Butte Michael Scott,
Son of Monte and Kelsey Scott

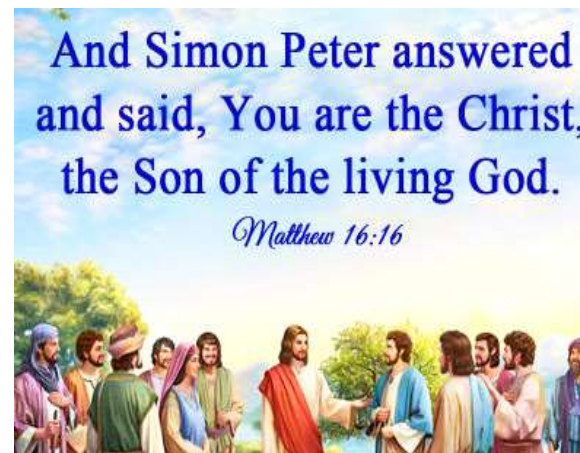


Women's Bible Study begins Sunday 10 September 7pm at St John's Padre Hall. **Lectio Mary:** find out why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries. We'll study the life of Mary through the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers. Call or text Jeri Fosheim at 605-280-4328 for info. Come as you are, where you are.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training for new and current ministers: after Masses on Saturday 26 August and Sunday 10 September. Contact Irma LaFaive 605 280 9055 or Mary Giddings 605 223 2044 for more info.

Lectors of God's Word training for new and current ministers: after Masses on Saturday 16 Sept and Sunday 17 September. Contact Steve Van Mullem



Veritatis Splendor offers “**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, 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



The 3rd Annual Newman Partnership Appeal
There are envelopes in the church entry, for donations to Catholic ministry at the Rapid City and Spearfish

Newman Centers. This is our way of helping college students there live the gospel. In the diocese of Rapid City last year this totaled 554 gifts and \$42,000 in support of BHSU and School of Mines & National College Newman Centers. You can mail the envelopes directly, or put them in the offertory basket today.

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



We have the materials for small group study from Augustine Institute, added onto for the Eucharistic Revival. We will have small group study available; if God is tugging at your heart to be a table leader in discussion with 5 other people, contact Fr. Ron or Nicole Kellar 605 520 6981 the national office eucharisticrevival.org

Web search for Catholic Review: A Bishop's challenge to we used to be catholic

The **Cor ad Cor Spirituality Year** is a weekly small group gathering of all men or all women to learn more about the spiritual life, to grow in relationship and conversation with the Lord, and to share faith and the work of the Lord with others. Essentially, Cor ad Cor is a retreat, which begins with the Oremus program from Ascension Press (8 weeks), and then moves into the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola according to the 19th annotation (additional 22 weeks). Small groups of about six people meet weekly with a trained leader for these 30 weeks. Learn more on our website: rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor

8/26/2023 5:30 pm	Lector: Wade Pogany EM: Irma LaFaive	Liturgical ministers servers: need
8/27/2023 10am	Lector: Julie Hand EM: need	Servers: Sam & Ben Maxell, William Fowler
9/2/2023 5:30 pm	Lector: Steve VanMullem EM: Mary Giddings	servers: need
9/3/2023 10am	Lector: Gus Gregg EM: need	Servers: William Fowler

Sunday 10 September 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City, the Office of Vocations would like to invite the women of our diocese to prayerfully consider becoming a **Spiritual Mother for priests, seminarians, and discerners**. We make a commitment to prayer and offerings for the priests of our and an increase of vocations. Join us for lunch, Holy Hour, and Mass with Fr. Mark McCormick. To Pray in this mission for '23/24 but are unable to attend, contact Tanya Cooper: tcooper@diorc.org 605-343-3541 x 2212. Register by Sept 1: terrasancta.org/SpiritualMotherhood.

The Diocese of Rapid City will host a Mass and reception for the **25th Episcopal Anniversary of Cardinal Blase Cupich** at Terra Sancta at 6:30pm MT, Friday 22 September.

When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women, by USCatholic Bishops. In our organization, we are working harder post Roe to provide supports for women. ~Jim Kinyon, Executive Director, Catholic Social Services uscgb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/when-i-call-help-pastoral-response-domestic-violence



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. **The training date - Wed 4 October** 9am-noon in the rehab conference room—4th floor of the main hospital building. Chaplain Tweeter Henseler from Yankton Avera Sacred Heart leads this. Call Karen Gallagher, VP Mission 605-280-3975 befrienderministry.org

“Words cannot express the load lifted and the burdens gone!” I feel closer to God and I feel his desire for me to be complete!” Testimony after a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat™. If you are hurting from an abortion, Come on a **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat™** and become whole again. The next retreat in the Rapid City Diocese is Oct. 6-8. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats: 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com



At Steamboat Park Sunday 27 August 4pm a **Potter family gospel concert**. Sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church: Music, free food, open to the public.

A **Concert** at Faith Lutheran Church, 714 N. Grand, Pierre, SD, Friday 1 October, 2pm Free Will offering donations going to **HumanFromDayOne**. Angela Copenhaver, the founder will speak in-person. Music of piano and organ duets, 4-hand piano duets, a male vocal quartet, congregational singing and a violin solo.