



Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old
they will not turn from it. Prov. 22:6

The children of St. John's need your help. Classes start in 4 weeks!

We are in need of teachers and helpers for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

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

Can you give 1 hour of your time on Sunday morning or Wednesday night to help?

We also need a couple people to be rovers and subs on Sundays.

This is necessary when teachers cannot be there due to illness or as unexpected times arise.

The Catholic Faith cannot go on to the next generations without faithful disciples—all of you—coming together to take one of the groups of kids and teach them their faith and love of our Lord.

The books are easy to teach from and give you all the tools you need...

anyone who loves the Lord and loves our faith can teach.

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.

Wednesday, September 11th, 6pm training for all new and returning teachers, classroom helpers and anyone willing to give of their time and talent as teachers of our faith. Classes run October through April.

We are all called to teach the faith. Please 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 of our young children.

If you'd be willing to give of your time and talents to lead a class or be an assistant in the classroom contact Josie.

Director of Faith Formation: Josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com Call 223-2176 or 280-9428

2019 Summit - September 28th at Terra Sancta—Our Story - Created. Captured. Rescued.

Fr. John Riccardo, a priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit, will be our keynote speaker for this year's Summit 2019. Fr. Riccardo is the author of, "Heaven Starts Now: Becoming a Saint Day by Day", is often heard on Catholic radio, and speaks nationwide. He now leads a non-profit movement, Acts XXIX which works to mentor Catholic parishes who desire parish renewal and want to create a culture of evangelization. Fr. Riccardo has a gift for preaching and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in a way that moves people's hearts. And at this year's Summit, he will be sharing this gift of preaching with us. "God is doing something pretty incredible in the world and the Church. He's asking us to figure out what it means to be a dynamically orthodox and yet a very evangelistically bent church." – Fr. Riccardo. **The Summit is for all ages!**



***Children ages 1-3** will be cared for on-site by compassionate, trained adults.

***The Summit Elementary Youth Track (Prek-5th grade)** is centered on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd presentations. These are hands on lessons led by CGS trained catechists that will help children grow in their relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as well as initiate children into the life of the church. Since we are celebrating the Year of the Eucharist, we will be pondering the love story of salvation history and the gift of the Eucharist. We look forward to your children joining us this year!

***Our Middle School youth** will be treated to a day of fellowship, games and learning. Trained catechists will borrow the themes from the adult talks and make them age-appropriate. ***High School students** are invited to attend the Adult session.

Register online at: Dioceseofrapidcity.org click on Ambassadors for Christ then click the Summit or call Josie.

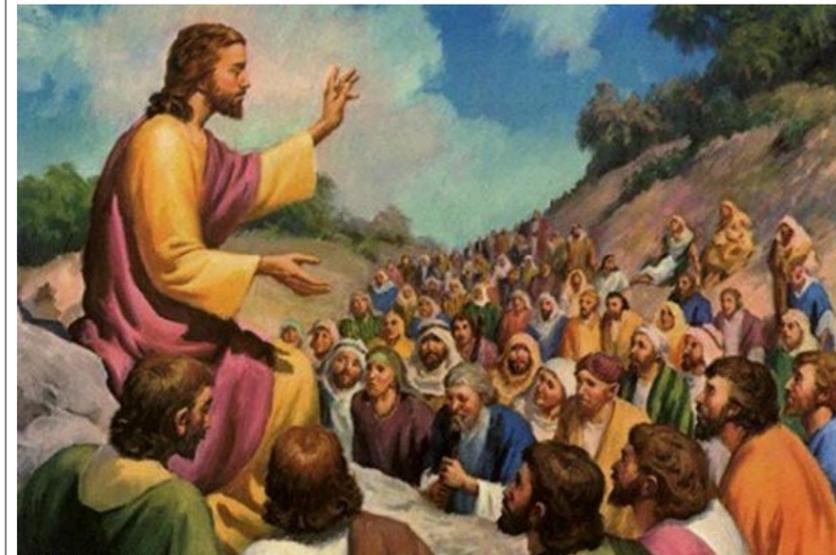
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Our Sacred Vision: Like Jesus, Saint John's Church

is a welcoming, serving, vibrant community,
forming saintly disciples.



**Prayer
Stewardship
Solidarity
Mercy
Charity
Family**



Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Lk 14:25-33

Weekly Readings:

Sunday, September 8th: Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

Monday, September 9th: Colossians 1:24—2:3 Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 10th: Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 11th: Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 12th: Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 13th: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 14th: Numbers 21:4-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Sunday, September 15th: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

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**Love God - Serve God
Love Others - Serve Others
Make Disciples**

**Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 8th, 2019**

Confessions: Saturday 4:00pm or appointment

Mass Times: Saint John's

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 10:00am

Weekday Mass *** check weekly bulletin schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 7:00am

Tuesday - 5:30pm

First Saturday of month - 8am

Sacramental Preparation:

Marriage - 6 months notification and preparation.

Baptism - Call Father Ron for information

Anointing - If a hospital or surgical procedure is scheduled, call to schedule the celebration of the Sacrament.

St. John's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 8th: 8:45 am Eucharistic Minister Training in church
7:00 pm Adoration
Monday, September 9th: 6:00 pm Nourish for Caregivers in Padre Hall
Wednesday, September 11th: 6:00 pm Faith Formation Teacher/Helper meeting in Padre Hall
Thursday, September 12th: 6:00 pm Maranatha Prayer Group

Eucharistic Minister Training: for new and present Ministers Sunday, September 8th 8:45 am in the church.

Everyone needs to read the revised **safe environment policies**.
<https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment/policy-documents/>
or see the binder at the church entrance.

Caring for the Caregiver - Monday, September 9th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtually every one of us will care for a loved one at some time in our life. Though rewarding, it's not always easy. **Nourish for Caregivers** is for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for a family member in town or at a distance. **Nourish** provides caregivers a faith perspective, practical and emotional supports, useful tools, and shared experience. Please join us in Padre Hall at St. John's Church in Ft. Pierre on Monday, September 9th.

The **Gospel** - Lk 14:25-33

"Hating...even his own life." This is a strongly-worded condition of discipleship laid out in today's Gospel passage. It takes aim at the arrogance to which the original sin has left us so inclined. It is the idea that was presented to our first parents. "You will be like gods," the serpent said to them in the Garden of Eden. This original temptation was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That's what the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn't eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the "pro-choice" mindset. "It's all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby." This way of thinking, of course, leads to total chaos. On what basis do we tell people not to kill each other or steal from each other unless there are standards of right and wrong that apply to everyone no matter what they believe?

The temptation to abort is often couched in reasons and language that seem to invoke the Gospel's advice to count the cost before building a tower or marching with an army. Yet prudence does not give license to kill in order to get ourselves out of undesirable consequences of past actions. Prudence, instead, calls us to evaluate those consequences before we act, and in this sense, the Gospel's lesson is a call to chastity, and not to engage in sexual relations until we are ready to welcome a child in the context of marriage.

Moreover, the Gospel is a call to calculate the cost of that renunciation of our own understanding, which the first reading also reflects. "Unsure are our plans." When a child in the womb seems to throw life's plans out of control, today's message of total trust in the God who knows more than we do is a life-saving message indeed. *Priests for Life*

Stirling Family Rodeo is next weekend, as benefit for those in cancer treatment, Saturday evening & Sunday afternoon at Ft. Pierre Rodeo Grounds.

Please kneel down after Mass and say three hail Mary's for the next person from our parish to pass away.



From Father Ron:

Weekly Teaching: Entrance Antiphon – Opening Hymn
Beginning this weekend as we walk through the Year of the Eucharist, we will focus on different aspects of the Mass. We will be stopping at specific times in the Mass to explain the action we are engaging and how this moment in the Mass leads us into an encounter with Jesus.

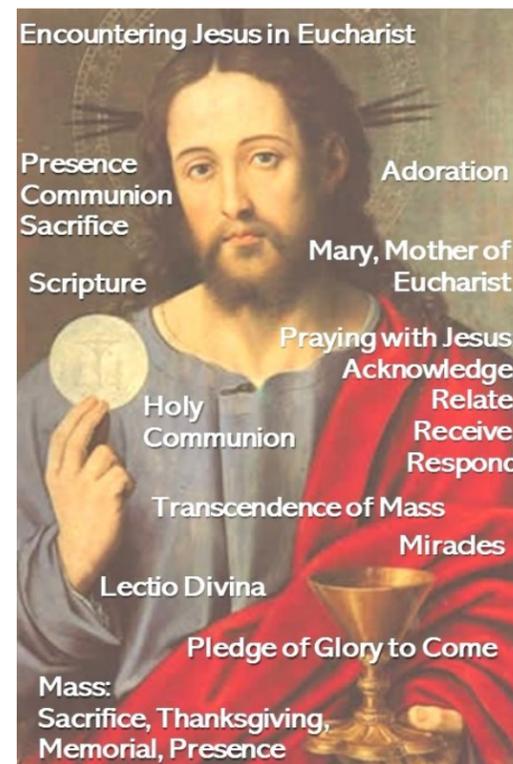
The Introductory Rites of the Mass are meant to do two things. First, they draw us together as a community, as the Body of Christ at prayer. Secondly, they help focus our minds and hearts to listen to God's Word in this encounter and to celebrate the Mass worthily. So, before we sing the entrance antiphon or opening hymn, we want to understand that this song is part of our prayer. It is a prayer set to a melody. Singing this prayer helps to open us to the celebration we are entering. St. Augustine said, "When you sing, you pray twice." This opening song is not to get the priest and ministers from the back to the front of the church but is meant help prepare our hearts and minds for this great prayer, the Eucharist, which we are about to celebrate. As in any deep encounter, our heart and mind must be actively engaged. This moment is both the beginning of our prayer to the Father and the beginning of this beautiful encounter. *How we participate in this part impacts what happens in our hearts as we lift them to the Lord in praise and worship...*

May the Lord bless in the covenant of marriage:

Shantel Norman and Jacob Fanger, Saturday, 14 September in Sts. Peter and Paul Church.
Jacey Jessop and Jim Ellsworth of Ft. Thompson, Saturday, 21 September in St. John Church.

Welcome to our community and parish family...

Brian, Abby, and Clara Serpan
Cody, Cassie, Issac and Ava Stoesser.



Saturday, September 7th
5:30 pm + Patty Wing By: Tom and Lynda Lowin
Sunday, September 8th
7:30 am Intentions of the Parish
10:00 am + Hunter Stoesser By: AJ and Lindsay Heiss family
Monday, September 9th
7:00 am + Eleanor Unterbrunner By: Frank and Dianne Larson
Tuesday, September 10th
5:30 pm Special Intention By: Carol Chalcraft
Wednesday, September 11th
7:00 am + Amelia Larsen By: Tom and Irma LeFaive
Thursday, September 12th
7:00 am St. Chris Maxwell
Friday, September 13th
7:00 am Reparation
Saturday, September 14th
5:30 pm + Jerry Sabaska By: Karla O'Day
Sunday, September 15th
7:30 am Intentions of the Parish
10:00 am + Monty Carter By: David and Laura Hand

Mass intention envelopes can be found at entrances.

Birthdays:

Sat.07 William Fowler, Steve Havranek
Sun.08 Sharon Suhn, Tiffany Severyn
Tue.10 Jamyson Doolittle, Callie Iversen, Leslie Thurber
Wed.11 Charlie Allen
Fri.13 Emily Bower, Perry Longbrake, Theresa Madsen
Sat.14 Tarra Bame, Andrew Coverdale, Kathryn Lepowski, Carly Sommars
Sun.15 Oliver Gross, Jaci Keller

Anniversaries:

Wed.04 John & Sue Kuhl, Rick & Debbie Lancaster

09/01/2019 SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Collection:	\$ 1,722.15
Online Giving:	\$ 155.00
Plate	\$ 477.10
Total	\$ 2,354.25



Adopt a Seminarian: \$227.00
PRAA-West River Priest Retirement: \$250.00
Building Fund: \$420.00
Monthly Loan Payment for Heating system: \$ 2,600.00
September donations to building fund: \$ 420.00

Fourth Degree KC Meeting on Sunday September 15th at Old Bowling Alley in Highmore. Social begins at 5:30. DINNER 6:00 PM followed by a short meeting Questions call Pat Thompson, Faithful Navigator 605/280-8123.

TMIY-That Man Is You! Tuesday, September 17th, 6:00-7:15am. For all men married or single. Join us-Ss Peter and Paul basement.

Tony Melendez concert-Thurs. October 24th at 7 pm at T.F. Riggs Theatre. Invite family and friends for an evening to celebrate St. Joseph School.

SD Right to Life Convention: Saturday, September 21st, 9am-5pm. Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Seral Killer movie shown Friday, at 7pm Hosted by Hot Springs Area Right to Life. hotspringsareartl@gmail.com

Prayer Intentions: Together we pray for: Janice Bergeson, Jean Rounds, Jim Soyer, Patti Petersen, Mike Bergeson, James Hicks, Jonathan Perez, JR Chambliss, Chris Maxwell, Mary Mathews, Kayden Neiman, Mary Joan Arbach, Marilyn Schreurs, Cody Olson, Curtis Egan, David Hand, Ted Schlechter, Peggy Hoffman, Lou and Walter Abbott, Eugene Nagel, Chris Boxley, Joe Pitlick, Shirley Gross, Tom LeGrun, Connie Waldner, Lynette Singleton, Jerry Sylva, Trent Giddings, Susan Mollman, Evonne Flax, Kayleen Fulton, Cindy Hanson, Darlene LeClaire, David DeJean, Madlyn Fischer, Mary Dozark, Bob Manning, Susan Kary, Ruth Carey, Brad Maskovich, Vicky Maskovich, Ken Stewart, Cory Baier, Shirley Weiseler, Tom Garrity, David Lowenstein, Carl Mathews, Frank Fransen, Delmer Fawcett, Evie Graber, Milton Tiper, Denny Weaver, Misty Brown, David Gross, Carl Rathbun, Mike Kelly, Steve Zaiko, Ashlynn Fitts, Brian Dumas, Freda Lawhon, William Anderson, John Manning, Richard Brown, Pam Patton, Kathryn Schlechter, Keri Hendrickson, Yvonne Ehlers, Eva Fischer, Cassie Miller, Mona Lierly, Kathy Fenwick, Lynae Benham, Theresa Severyn, Kaylee Jo Gallagher and all who ask for our special prayers. To add or amend our prayer list call Irma LeFaive-208-9055. If you would like a prayer shawl please call church office.

Next weeks Ministers:

Saturday, 5:30 pm Sacristan: Sandy Spencer
Lectors: Carol Pond, Jill Richardson
EM's: Dorothy Smith, Cormac Duffy
Servers: Eddie Duffy, Ethan Hunt
Gift Bearers: Please take up gifts at the mass you attend.
Sunday, 7:30 am Sacristan: Kelly Madsen
Lector: Kelly Madsen, NEED
EM's: Mary Giddings, Irma LeFaive
Servers: Clare Madsen, Elijah Hand
Gift Bearers: Please take up the gifts at the mass you attend.
Sunday, 10:00 am Sacristan: Lindsay Heiss
Lectors: Lindsay Heiss, Kim Dowling
EM's: Jessica Holt, Noreen Plumage, Frank Sack, NEED
Servers: Colton Cass, Grace Hanten, Eric Jacobs
Gift Bearers: You are not on a schedule - Please take up the gifts at the mass you attend.

We need disciples of Christ to come forward for EM's, Readers, Altar Servers and Greeters.
Please contact Fr. Ron or the church office.

Knights of Columbus news: Little Flower Council #6117

KC meetings First Wednesday of the month in KC room
Breakfasts are the 2nd Sunday of the month for scholarships.

Knights of Columbus are recruiting new members. Please consider joining the local council to further your Catholic journey and contribute to our Faith in Action programs like Family, Faith, Community, and Life. Your journey will take you through our 4 principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Contact Tom LeFaive: 280-7865.

Rachel's Vineyard: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is **October 11th-13th**. Please continue to promote this in your parish. With all the political news about abortion in the media last winter, and with the Unplanned movie last spring, Carol continues to field a large number of calls from women mourning the loss of their child. Their healing and experience of mercy often begins in the parish, sometimes in the confessional, sometimes in the pew during a homily. We thank you for mentioning the healing available through Christ in this retreat whenever you speak of abortion. Contact Sue: kjimmer48@gmail.com

Sunday, Sept. 8, a free, **old-fashioned pie and ice cream social** is being held at the Oahe Chapel north of Pierre on from 1:30-3:30 p.m. CDT. Ron Smith on piano and Lori Hall on bells will play in the chapel at 2 p.m. CDT & games available - corn hole and ladder golf. Freewill offering for the **Oahe Chapel Preservation Society**, a group of local volunteers who have been charged with maintaining & preserving the Chapel for future generations.

MOPS Mother of Preschools (Birth to kindergarten) will start **September 10th**, at Community Bible Church in Pierre from 9-11am. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. There is Breakfast, Speakers, Videos, Childcare Fellowship, Activities, Service Projects and .Mentor interaction.



Please pray on becoming a minister of communion, lector, gift bearer, greeter

