

Bishop Peter Muhich: “Let me begin by thanking you for all the prayers and support you have given me since my diagnosis. As you may remember, the doctors discovered a cancerous tumor in my lower esophagus and have been treating it with radiation and chemotherapy. I completed the course of treatments in mid-August and **am now in a recovery phase.** Both treatments took a toll on the body and I am still weak. Another side effect is that swallowing solid food is still a challenge, so I have been mostly on a liquid and soft diet. I will be slowly reintroducing more solids as time goes on. Because of the radiation treatments a new PET scan cannot be done until mid-November. The reason for this is that the effects of the radiation treatments would lead to “false positives” if the test was done too soon. **So I ask for your continued prayers** that the treatments have been successful in killing the cancer and that I am able to eat more normally so that my body can heal properly. Please continue to **ask Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk to intercede** for me and for Fr. Andrzej. **I am offering the trials of this sickness for a deep and fruitful revival of Eucharistic faith in our diocese.** I have constantly felt the Lord’s presence with me in these days of illness and uncertainty. God is good and will bring many graces out of this time of illness if we are open to receiving them.



“Many, many thanks for your generous response to the **Adopt-a-Seminarian** Program in your parish. St John’s contributions in 2023 totaling \$13,000 are a great help in covering the ever increasing costs of education and formation. In addition to your financial support for our seminarians, your prayers are vital to the work of vocations in our diocese. **Our Vocations Office has initiated an appeal for 500,000 Memorares** for Mary’s intercession for an increase in vocations in the diocese. Since this campaign began in May, over 35,000 Memorares have been offered. Copies of the postcard depicted below are available in parishes and diocesan facilities. This year we have eleven seminarians: five in theology programs, four in college seminaries, and two working in our parishes as they discern God’s call. These young men and many others over the years have benefited from the prayers and support of the people of our diocese, good examples of lived discipleship, and many invitations to consider a vocation to the priesthood. Their generous response and yours fills me with hope for the future of the Church in western South Dakota.” (In addition, the KC’s sent in about \$4000 from August 5 gathering.)

NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



Renew your understanding of Christ's gift of Himself, with a teaching available with an internet connection: **Jesus and the Eucharist.** The Augustine Institute and US Catholic Bishops present this in 7 two-hour episodes for the National Eucharistic Revival. To receive notifications when the video content is ready, augustineinstitute.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist

In Padre Hall, we’ll set up for adult study in 2 slots: Wednesdays 11am, starting Sept 27 and Thursdays 7pm, starting Sept 28. The typical one hour session will be 40 minutes of content from the **Jesus and Eucharist** video, 15 minutes of discussion, and 5 minutes of closing prayer. If you want to gather a group at another time or place, contact Fr. Ron for the discussion handouts.

Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St Anthony
10 September 2023 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Sat 9/9	5:30pm	+ Helen Stewart
Sun 9/10	8:00am 10:00am	Draper For parishioners FtPierre +Joan Albert
Mon 9/11		No mass
Tue 9/12		No mass
Wed 9/13	7:00am	+ Sara Wilcox
Thu 9/14		No mass
Fri 9/15	7:00am	+ Ray Stukel

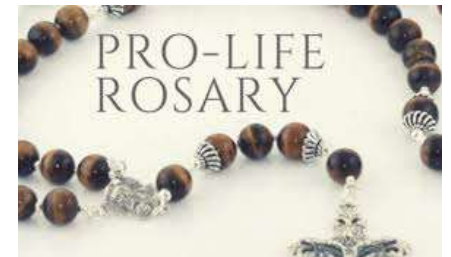


Women’s Bible Study begins Sunday 10 Sept 7pm, Padre Hall

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.

KC breakfast Sunday September 10

Sat 14 October 10:30 - 11:30am CT at the NW corner of Hwy 83 and Main Ave in Fort Pierre. (near the statue of Jesus & John the Baptist). **Join in praying the rosary for America:** “America Needs Fatima” Rosary Rally. We will be one of 2000 rosary rallies in US. If inclement weather, we go to St. John’s Church. All are welcome. For info, call Chelli 605-695-6751 or Patty 605-295-1392



The **SD Right to Life Convention** is in Aberdeen Sept 22-23. sdrighttolife.org Canned good donations for the Convention Silent Auction gift baskets from our Pierre Area Pro-Life group are being accepted at Birthright Office in Pierre, open Mon, Tues, and Thu, 2 to 5pm.

9/9/2023 5:30 pm	Lector:	Liturgical ministers
	EM:	servers:
9/10/2023 10am	Lector: Lindsay Heiss	
	EM: Pat Sudekamp	Servers: Corbin & Tenley Heiss
9/16/2023 5:30 pm	Lector: Lori Roberts	
	EM: Mary Giddings	servers:
9/17/2023 10am	Lector: Julia Hand	
	EM:	Servers: Sebastian Hand



Faith Formation

of St. John's and have children, contact our office, or register online in parish website. Contact Josie 605-223-2176 or 605-280-9428 josie.stjohns@midconetwork.com

Parents Of First Communion or Confirmation Youth: Your pictures are in the church entrance for years 2022 & 2023. Please pick them up. Thank you, Josie

Teachers are still needed for grade 5 and high school.

Please pray on it and follow your heart. Contact Josie Huck if you are interested in helping. Call 605-223-2176 or 605-280-9428

Registration forms for the 2023 Diocesan Youth Rally have been mailed out. If we missed you, and your youth is interested in attending please contact Josie Huck at the church office. Registration closes September 24th. Office 605-223-2176 or 605-280-9428. Registration forms and calendars have been mailed to registered families with children. If you are not a registered member of St. John's and have children, contact our office, or register online. Any questions feel free to contact me.

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.

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.

Chancery Open House Thurs 28 Sept 5:30 – 7pm, 225 Main St., Rapid City SD 57701. Tour the Chancery, meet the staff, and pray with Bishop Peter Muhich.

Classes start Sunday, Sept 24th

8:30-9:45am for grades K-8

Parents, please come to 1st session at 8:30. Meet the teachers. Light breakfast is served until 9am

Wednesday, Sept 27th

6:00-7:45pm for grades 9-12.

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Registration forms and calendars have been mailed to families with children in our parish records. If you are not a registered member



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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training for new and current ministers: after Mass on Sunday 10 September. Call Irma LaFaive 605 280 9055 or Mary Giddings 605 223 2044 for info.

Lectors of God's Word training for new and current ministers:

after Masses on Saturday 16 Sept & Sunday 17 September. Contact Steve Van Mullem

"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



National Pastoral Musicians Fall Meeting Sat 23 Sept at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City.

RSVP Carman Timmerman by Friday 15 Sept (605) 391-4053, or via email, carmantimmerman@gmail.com.

Send check to her at 12 St. Charles, Rapid City SD 57701

Where Do I Call for Help? Our diocesan Catholic Social Services reminds everyone **there is help for those suffering domestic violence**. The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides crisis intervention and referrals to local service providers. Call 800-799-SAFE (7233) or 800-787-3224 (IT'Y). For more information, go to www.thehotline.org. Hotline Advocates are available to chat online, Monday to Friday, 9AM-7PM CST.

Rapid City Diocese Catholic Social Services annual banquet on Friday 17 November honors Dale Lamphere, Pat Petit, Rapid City Diocesan Deacons, and Richard Rangel.

Ticket information at cssrapidcity.com

Ft. Pierre St John **Parish Council** met on 29 August 2023, 5-6:15pm in Padre Hall.

1. We began with prayer for health of Bishop Peter and Fr. Andrzej, through intercession of the Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk.
2. Present were Mary Fravel, Judy Weisgram, Laura Hand, Kelly Madsen, Fr. Ron Garry. Jessica Holt absent.
3. We declared as surplus Padre Hall metal chairs. Martin Our Lady of Sacred Heart parish will take them.
4. We discussed terms of office. The new constitution and by laws describe the process. We decided to implement it with nomination forms in the pews Sept30/Oct 1. We'll call to ascertain willingness to be a candidate, and vote in late October. This year are 3 open slots, with terms of Holt, Fravel, and Weisgram ending. Next year 2 slots, with ending of Hand and Madsen terms.
5. We talked about declining mass attendance, during summer activities, especially club sports.
6. The Flourishing Families discernment is listed below.
7. Ministry Fair sign up sheets, Eucharistic Renewal, and hiring part time secretary also discussed.