



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.

One of the greatest blessings and least known facts about the Eucharist is that, **in the reception of Holy Communion, a person's venial sins are forgiven**. The Eucharist is one of four sacraments that imparts the forgiveness of sins. The waters of baptism wash away all prior sins. Both sacraments of healing — reconciliation and anointing — also grant forgiveness. The sacrament of reconciliation grants the absolution of both mortal and venial sins, and it offers God's pardon and peace. And the instruction to the sacrament of anointing says, "If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (see Jas 5:15).

When Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist, he wipes away our venial sins (CCC 1394).

Jesus made the Eucharist-forgiveness connection at the Last Supper when he took a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood ... which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28).

The first generation of Christians considered the gift of forgiveness in the Eucharist to be a foundational belief: "by his blood ... [we have] the forgiveness of sins previously committed" (Rom 3:25); "the blood of ... Jesus cleanses us of all sins" (1 Jn 1:7); and, "Jesus Christ ... has freed us from our sins by his blood" (Rv 1:5).

It's important to know: venial sins are forgiven, but mortal sins are not. The Catechism 1395, "The Eucharist is not ordered to the **forgiveness of mortal sins is proper to the sacrament of reconciliation**" *Catholic Spirit* June 21, 2018

For the hurts others have done to you, remember **forgiveness is NOT saying, "It's OK..."** what you did was no big deal." When people hurt us, it's not OK. Forgiveness doesn't mean trivializing the wrongness of an action.

It means "even though you have done this, I still want what is good for you."

Antoinette Bosco, the mother of a murder victim, says that forgiveness is "a letting go of the desire for punishment and, instead, taking up the idea of restoration, of putting things back in some good order, although it may not be the same order... Forgiveness means feeling concern, even love, for the offender" (*Choosing Mercy*, 75).

Forgiveness means looking beyond the injury to the person in need of mercy and healing. This is certainly not easy, but it is the way of the Gospel, the way of love. And it is precisely how God deals with us. Jesus comes as the embodiment and manifestation of God's love and mercy not because we deserve it, but because his desire for our healing is greater than the offense of our sin. We see this truth on display right in the midst of his crucifixion: as people are mocking and killing him, Jesus says, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34).

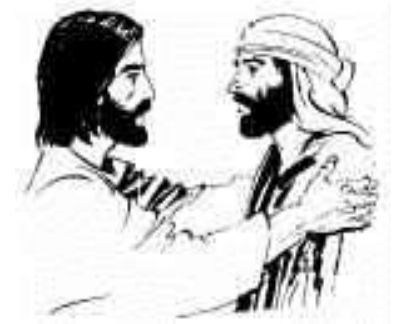
Jesus sees past the act into the heart of the one who acts, and desires for the love and mercy of God to break through to provide forgiveness, healing, and restoration. **Forgiveness means allowing love to triumph over anger and vengeance.** It does not minimize the reality of sin, but seeks to conquer it with love, because, in the end, **only love can break the cycle of violence and hatred.** And as we encounter this mercy of God, it transforms us and lead us to embody that same love for others.

**Ft. Pierre St.John Draper St Anthony
17 September 2023 24th Sunday Ordinary Time**

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Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 2-3pm

Sat 9/16	5:30pm	+ Bernie & Peggy Duffy
Sun 9/17	8:00am 10:00am	Draper For parishioners FtPierre +Yvette Albert
Mon 9/18	5:30pm	Pro Life ministry
Tue 9/19	5:30pm	Shirley Gross welfare
Wed 9/20	7:00am	+ JoLaRoche
Thu 9/21	7:00am	Return to the faith
Fri 9/22	7:00am	+ Ambrose Warborg



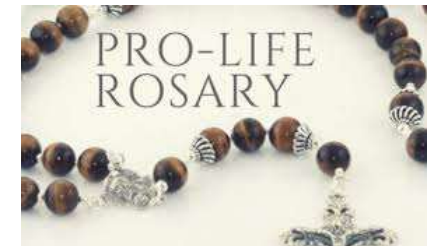
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Women's Bible Study Sunday 17 Sept 7pm, Padre Hall

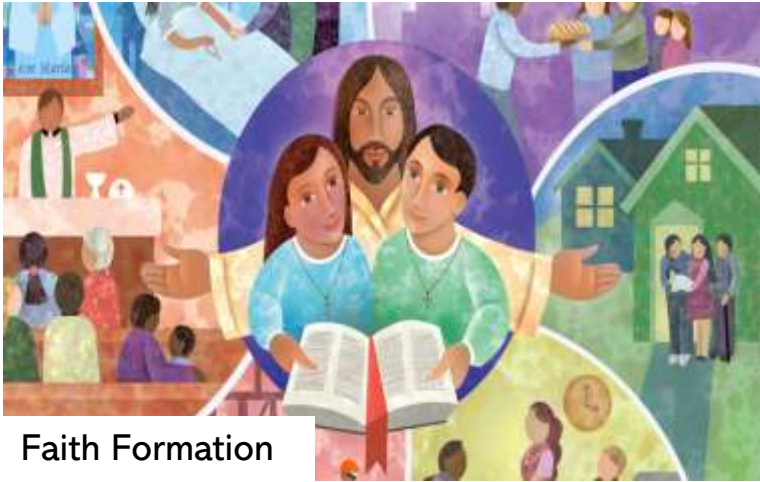
Lectio Mary: find out why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries. We'll study the life of Mary through the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers. Call or text Jeri Fosheim at 605-280-4328 for info. Come as you are, where you are.

Sat 14 October 10:30 - 11:30am CT at the NW corner of Hwy 83 and Main Ave in Fort Pierre (at 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 the 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. sdrightrighttolife.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.

9/16/2023 5:30 pm	Lector: Lori Roberts EM: Mary Giddings	Liturgical ministers servers:
9/17/2023 10am	Lector: Julie Hand EM: Beth Hand	Servers: Sebastian Hand
9/23/2023 5:30 pm	Lector: Wade Pogany EM: Mary Giddings	servers: Isaac Stoeser
9/24/2023 10am	Lector: Mike Weisgram EM: Judy Weisgram	Servers: Ben & Sam Maxwell



Faith Formation

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

Confirmation is not the end! It's not uncommon for students and parents going through the Confirmation process to fall into the mindset that Confirmation is the last step of their religious education, after which they "graduate" from having to be involved in the Church (or even having to attend Mass at all!). So, when the formation classes are over, and the Saint reports are complete, and you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation . . . What's next

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.

Knights of Columbus FB book winners last week: Shellie Krog, Bob Hanten, Mary Giddings

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 of St. John's and have children,

Pray for Jackson Robbennolt, SCHS 2023 grad, in Sioux Falls healthcare from the wreck last week.

Theology on Tap Monday 18 Sept 7:00 pm at The St. Charles in downtown Pierre. Please arrive early to order beverages and get some snacks! Fr. Brian Simon will speak on God's Plan of Salvation

With Ron Smith, Priscilla Hofer, and others, a **concert at Faith Lutheran Church** Sun 1 Oct, 2pm. **Free will donations for the WeTeachThink** ministry of engaging hearts and minds on divisive subjects.



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

Lectors of God's Word training for new and current ministers after Masses this weekend. 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 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 (ITTY). 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 Fri 17 November honors Dale Lamphere, Pat Petit, Rapid City Diocesan Deacons, and Richard Rangel. Ticket information at cssrapidcity.com

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.



This past week, Fr. Ron visited the grave of Monsignor Francis Guessen, pastor of St John's 1923-1955. He's making contact with a descendant of his. He was first priest specifically ordained for the Catholic Church in western SD.

