



CHIEF TARHE (THE CRANE)

Today's gospel has the parable of the dishonest steward.

We know that the example of **Jesus is to be the good shepherd, a good steward, obedient to the Loving Will of the Eternal Father. Saints give good example.** This prayer is from an inspiring man of the Wynadot / Huron nation, indigenous to what we now call Ohio: Joseph Chiwatenhwa, died in 1640.

O God, at last I start to understand you. You made the earth, which we live in. You made the sky, which we see above us. You made us, we who are called people. Now you let me start to know who you really are. I know how to make a canoe, and how to enjoy it. I know how to build a cabin and how to live in it. But you made us, and you live in us. The things we make last for a few seasons. We only use the canoes we create for a short time. We only live in the houses we build for a few years. But your love for us will endure so long that we cannot count the time. You will comfort us forever. As long as we live, how can anyone not acknowledge you?

You are the one who protects us. The time we feel your presence the most is when we face death. You are the one with the power to keep our souls alive, because only you know how to love us in the deepest part of ourselves. Not even a mother or father can love a human being the way you do. Your love for us is so strong that it makes evil spirits lose their power. Now I begin to see that the reason you made us is because you want to share your love. Nothing attracts you as much as your people. Thank you for letting me understand you. You love us so deeply that all I can do in return is offer myself to you.

I claim you as my elder and chief. There is no one else. Ask me for anything you want. Just let me always hold you in my heart. I always want to feel you watching and protecting me. I offer you my family. If any evil strikes them when I am away, I know you will take care of them. Your love is more than I can ever give them. Thank you from my heart. I see the loving way you lead us along the path of life. You want what is best for us. If we have poverty, let us feel your love in it. If we get rich, do not let comfort make us forget that we need you. Never let us turn into selfish people. Never let us think we are better than others who have less. You love us equally, rich and poor. We are people, your people, and you love us as we are. It fills me with joy to know you. I can feel the presence of your love. Thank you for letting me give you myself just as I am. The more I thank you, the more I find I can give myself to you. Help me let go of the things I used to place my faith in. All I ask is to be yours. It would have been enough to give us the gifts of the earth. Thank you for them.

But you've given us much more. In you, we live forever. I can hardly imagine what heaven is like, but it is enough for me to know your love and to believe in you with all my heart. You have promised to let us be free spirits in you, and because I know you love us your promise gives me hope. Help us to welcome suffering if it means we will know our need of you more deeply. In our suffering, help us give ourselves to you.

We don't have to be afraid to die, because death is the new birth that lets us live fully in you. Life is a journey, and with you as our companion and our destination, it will end with great joy. Lord, I am not afraid of death anymore. I will rejoice when I know the time has come for me to die. I do not even want to mourn the passing of my relatives. All I need to remember is you are bringing them to be with you in paradise. You want to take them away so they can have perfect happiness. Amen

**Ft. Pierre St. John      Draper St Anthony**  
**18 September 2022      25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm**  
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**Saturday 5:30pm CT, Sunday 10:00am.**  
**Draper 8:00am    Eucharistic Adoration Sun 2pm.**

Sat 9/17	5:30 pm	+ Linda Vevig
Sun 9/18	8:00am	In Draper, for parishioners
Sun 9/18	10:00 am	+ Burton Weaver
Mon 9/19	5:30pm	+ Leo & Alice Farke
Tue 9/20	5:30pm	+ David Gross
Wed 9/21	7:00 am	+ Eleanor Unterbrunner
Thu 9/22	No mass	
Fri 9/23	No mass	



**The Stirling Family Rodeo**  
**Saturday 17 Sept, Ft Pierre,**  
 raising funds for cancer patients.  
 Stirlingfamilyranchrodeo.com

**Faith Formation** starts next week: I am looking for volunteers for 3rd grade.

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**Classes start Sunday 25 Sept, 8:30-9:45am for grades k-8**

Meet in Padre Hall. Teachers lead children to classrooms. Parents, go to their classroom or church at end.

**Wednesday 28 Sept, 6:30-7:45pm for high school**

Confirmation parents attend class with your youth on the Wed 25 October, for information on confirmation requirements. Confirmation to be celebrated here Saturday 22 April. You will be given information as to what is required for confirmation.

**October:** Sunday, 2 October, K-8 classes from 8:30-9:45    Wednesday 5 Oct. High School 6:30-7:45  
 Sunday 9th NO CLASSE, because of the Diocesan Youth Rally is at Terra Sancta

**Women's bible study** - Our study, Introduction to Theology of the Body with Christopher West, meets Mon 19 September, 7pm in Padre Hall. While we know 'what' the church teaches, we will learn the 'why'. For parents with upper elementary, MS, HS ages, this is a great resource for discussion! Give/Text your name to Jeri Fosheim at 605-280-4328 to participate.

**Knights of Columbus meeting** on Tuesday 20 September 6:30pm in Padre Hall

May the angels lead you to paradise... **Robert Clark Calkins**, buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery Sept 16  
 ... **Jerry Suhm**, with Saturday 17 September funeral

**Priesthood Sunday**, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, is a day to honor priestly life in the church, and to raise awareness of encouraging young to consider vocations to the priesthood. We can show appreciation. Don't forget about retired priests and past priests of your parish.

**Are you or someone you know struggling after a Separation or Divorce?** Surviving Divorce is a ten week support group rooted in Catholic teaching and is open to any Christian adult who is hurting following a separation or divorce. Fall sessions begin Sep 12<sup>th</sup> at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. A \$30 registration fee covers all materials. Scholarship help is available. To register, go online to [terrasancta.org/survive2022](http://terrasancta.org/survive2022) Phone Linda Drake or Amy Julian at 605-343-3541

**Theology on Tap** Monday 26 September 7:00 pm, at Pierre American Legion. **Dr. Carole Brown** of Sioux Spiritual Center will speak on **The Supernatural Power of self-entrustment to the Lord.**

		<b>Ministers for Mass</b>
<b>9/17 Sat: 5:30pm</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Lori Roberts <b>EM:</b> need	<b>Servers:</b> need
<b>9/18 Sun: 10:00am</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Julie Hand <b>EM:</b> need	<b>Servers:</b> need
<b>9/24 Sat: 5:30pm</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Wade Pogany <b>EM:</b> Mary Giddings	<b>Servers:</b> need
<b>9/25 Sun: 10:00am</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Mike Weisgram <b>EM:</b> Judy Weisgram	<b>Servers:</b> need

**Annual Day of Renewal and Prayer for Spiritual Mothers** Sun 25 September, 10am – 3pm at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Consider becoming a Spiritual Mother for our priests, seminarians, and discerners. We commit to prayer and sacrifices for the priests, as well as prayers for an increase of vocations in our diocese. Join us for lunch, Holy Hour and Mass with Fr. Mark McCormick. Please register by Sept 16 at: [terrasancta.org/SpiritualMotherhood](http://terrasancta.org/SpiritualMotherhood). If unable to attend, and commit to prayer as a Spiritual Mother for 2022-23, contact Tanya Cooper: [tcooper@diorc.org](mailto:tcooper@diorc.org) 605-343-3541 x2212.

**51st Annual SD Right to Life Convention** Friday, September 30 — Saturday, October 1, First Assembly of God Church, 4905 Mt. Rushmore Rd., Rapid City. Friday doors open 6pm to register. 7 pm Keynote speaker and legislative candidates are present. Saturday, doors open 8am., 9 am speakers begin. Speakers: Karen Cross National RTL Committee; Angela Copenhaver, WeTeachThink; Andy Griffith, Pro Life Man; and Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Breakout sessions for Middle and High School Students. Registration Adults \$30 by Sept. 12, \$40 beginning Sept. 13. College Students \$10. Middle/High School Students Free. Register at [sdRightToLife.org](http://sdRightToLife.org).

Sunday, Oct. 2, Rapid City Right to Life is planning a **Life Chain** on Mt. Rushmore Road from 2-3 p.m. It would stretch from Omaha Street uphill to the corner near the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Organizers are hoping churches can sign up to cover specific blocks. Line-up will be at the SDRTL parking lot, 1107 Mt. Rushmore Rd. Water Stations will be at the RTL office and at Wilson Park. Signs will be provided. Any outside signs will need prior approval from the organizers. Individuals or churches can contact Martha or Teresa at [rc\\_rtl@yahoo.com](mailto:rc_rtl@yahoo.com). Phone: 605-220-8678.

Registration is now open for our **2022 Middle School and High School Youth Rally** at Terra Sancta Retreat Center on October 9. Keynote speakers are Paul J Kim and Kelly Colangelo. Join us for this day-long rally as we encounter Heaven and Earth in the Eucharist and have an amazing day of fun, food, and fellowship with other youth throughout our diocese. Retreat begins at 9am and ends with Mass at 3pm with Bishop Peter. Call Josie at 605-280-9428 to register or for more information.

**Cursillo Weekend** A three-day personal encounter with Christ helping you grow in your Catholic faith. Women's Weekend Oct. 27-30 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center; Men's Weekend, Nov. 10-13 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. For information contact Kathy Ackerman 406-939-2686 or 605-574-9571, email [dchealthycomm@yahoo.com](mailto:dchealthycomm@yahoo.com).

Thur 27 Oct, our local deanery Catholic parishes will be **venerating the relics of Blessed Carlos Acutis and St Manuel Gonzalez Garcia**, who heroically venerated Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Location to be determined



Fri 23 Sept, 11:30am - 1pm at Cathedral, 520 Cathedral Dr, Rapid City: Join us for a **discussion of how marijuana harms families**. invite others join. [familyheritagealliance.org](http://familyheritagealliance.org) Vote NO on IM 27 event/up-in-smoke-rapid-city-lunch/

Post Abortion Healing **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** Sept 30 – Oct 2. Contact Carol Kling for location 605-374-5639 or [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com) [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org)

Knights of Columbus **NFL** scorebook winners: a fundraiser for scholarships to graduating seniors.  
Thursday Night: 44 Frank & Dianne Larson  
Sunday Night: 9 Dean Tardiff  
Monday Night: 17 Kyle Hollingsworth

**Altar server practice, Tuesday 20 Sept.** Come to either session: 4pm or 7pm, for a half hour

**Thank you** to those who donated, a total of \$4300, to the Rapid City Diocese Seminarian Burse, in honor of Evelyn Garry and JoAnn McCormick.

