

“John 17 is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus Christ, which he said right after the Last Supper. Jesus, the Eternal High Priest, is in direct conflict with Caiaphas, the Jewish High Priest in Jerusalem for that year. The Romans had taken over appointing the High Priest from the Jewish Nation, as part of their conquest, and Caiaphas was their puppet priest for the year that Christ died... It’s very apparent that Caiaphas and Jesus are two very different kinds of high priests. And thank God that we have Christ with his love for the Father and for us as our eternal High Priest, continually offering Himself in sacrifice for our sins, in the Eucharist, each and every day!” [catholicbible101.com/john-17-high-priestly-prayer](http://catholicbible101.com/john-17-high-priestly-prayer)



1. Jesus is the obedient divine Son of God. Caiaphas weighs human opinions.
2. Jesus prayed for his apostles, and those who would believe in Him through their witness.
3. Jesus prayed for Christian unity.
4. Jesus prays for his apostles to be set apart, consecrated, as priests of the New Covenant.
5. Jesus prays to share his glory. “the great news is that everyone who receives the supernatural food (Jn 6:27) of the Eucharist, including you and me, receives the glory of Christ.”
6. Jesus prays that the Father’s love will be known to the whole world.

I am grateful for the baptismal dignity bestowed in the sacrament, through the ministry of Msgr. Francis Monighan in Gregory St Joseph’s in 1956. Blessed, too, am I, taught by the priestly example of Fr. Jerry Scherer, when I was confirmed in 1970. The clergy, religious sisters, and lay catechists, during my years in Webster High School, IHM Seminary in Winona, and St. Paul Seminary in the Twin Cities formed humanly, spiritually, intellectually, pastorally. In my last years of seminary, and first after 1983 ordination, Fr. Bill O’Connell was a great example and leader. The fraternity, and unselfish service, of the bishops and priests of the Rapid City Diocese support me and call me to faithfulness.

And in the sinful deeds of priests who betrayed their calling, by abusing vulnerable children, is a call to true prayer and conversion, relying upon the mercy of Jesus, in repenting, serving as did Jesus. Scandal has been hurting the church since the beginning: see the figure of Judas leaving the Last Supper.

We give thanks for priestly life, as we pray with this hymn of St. Thomas Aquinas:

God with hidden majesty, lies in presence here, I with deep devotion my true God revere:  
Whom this outward shape and form secretly contains, Christ in his divinity manhood still retains.

All my other senses, cannot now perceive, But my hearing, taught by faith, always will believe:  
I accept whatever God the Son has said: Those who hear the word of God, by the truth are fed.

God lay stretched upon the cross, only man could die. Here upon the altar God and man both lie;  
This I firmly hold as true, this is my belief, And I seek salvation, like the dying thief.

Wounds that doubting Thomas saw I could never see, But I still acknowledge you my true God to be;  
Grant that I shall always keep strong in faith and trust, Guided by my Savior, merciful and just.

Blest reminder of the death suffered for the world, Sacrament of living bread, health to every mind,  
Let my soul approach you, live within your grace, Let me taste the perfect joys time shall not efface.

**Ft. Pierre St.John      Draper St Anthony**  
**25 September 2022      26<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm**

**Saturday 5:30pm CT, Sunday 10:00am.**  
**Draper 8:00am    Eucharistic Adoration Sun 2pm.**

Sat 9/24	5:30 pm	+ Evelyn Straight
Sun 9/25	8:00 am	In Draper, + Lindy Patrick
Sun 9/25	10:00 am	for parishioners
Mon 9/26	5:30 pm	+ Fabian Morin
Tue 9/27	5:30 pm	Welfare of families
Wed 9/28	7:00 am	+ Melody Hackett
Thu 9/29	7:00 am	Pro Life ministries
Fri 9/30	7:00 am	+ Unterbrunners & Larsons
Sat 10/1	7:45 am	+ Msgr Carl Herman



**Faith Formation** starts Sunday: 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 Sun 25 September, for information on confirmation requirements. Confirmation to be celebrated here Saturday 22 April 2023. You will be given information as to what is required for confirmation.

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

**Women’s bible study** - Women's Bible Study will be attending Theology on Tap at the Pierre American Legion Monday September, 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will meet again for Theology of the Body on October 3 at 7pm in Padre Hall. There are not lessons to do ahead of time and we are sharing books during our time. Please consider attending if you’d like to join us! Call Jeri Fosheim at 605-280-4328 with questions.

**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.**

**Ministers for Mass**

9/24 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Wade Pogany EM: Mary Giddings	Servers: need
9/25 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Mike Weisgram EM: Judy Weisgram	Servers: Tenley Heiss and Jesse Fosheim
10/1 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: need EM: Mary Giddings	Servers: need
10/2 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Gus Gregg EM: Beth Hand	Servers: Adrian Hand and Sebastian Hand

**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



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) [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org)

Knights of Columbus **NFL** scorebook winners: A fundraiser for scholarships to graduating seniors.  
Thursday Night: 92 Robert Kramer  
Sunday Night: 37 Lisa Kenzy  
Monday Night: 43 Bob Stoesser

**Altar server practice, Thu 29 Sept.** 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.

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Daughters in Rapid City are sponsoring a **Mother/Daughter Fall Brunch**, the theme is “Babies are Precious, Mother are Too.” To be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Rd, Rapid City. Mass is at 9 a.m. and brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. Prices: Adults \$15; Children ages 4-10, \$10; ages 3 and under are free. RSVP by October 5. Make reservations at [terrasancta.org/CDA](http://terrasancta.org/CDA) or call Roxanne, 605-721-7474

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