

St. John the Evangelist Church
26 Sept 2021 26th Sunday Ordinary
 stjohnsfortpierre.org website has
 parish bulletins & audio: 'click to listen to
 Sunday sermons from Fr.Ron'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm,
 or call 223 2176 for Fr. Ron Garry. Email is
 main.stjohns@midconetwork.com
 206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532

Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 1pm

Monday & Tues 5:30pm
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:00am CT

St. John Weekend Mass (Fr. Ron at Draper Sun. 8:00am)

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 10:00am CT

- Sat 9/25 + Ray Rathbun
- Sun 9/26 well being of those in Larson family
- Mon 9/27 + Fabian Morin
- Tue 9/28 + Brian Konzem
- Wed 9/29 + Rex Unterbrunner
- Thu 9/30 Special intention
- Fri 10/1 Reparation for clergy sexual abuse

First Saturday 10/2 7:45am Pro Life ministry

Donations	June, 203 donations	\$19,602.35
from faithful	July, 183 donations	18,246.43
stewards	August, 217 donations	20,197.05

Rachel's Vineyard retreat in the Black Hills Oct 1-3, for **post abortion healing** of men and women. For info, call Carol Kling 605 374 5639. National hotline 877 467 3463 "I felt the Holy Spirit moving around, among and in us. God's presence was there with its entire splendor manifested in the power of healing forgiveness. It was beautiful."

Parish council meets Wednesday 6pm in Padre Hall.

Diocesan strategic planning to begin

Having had a year to get to know the Diocese of Rapid City and its parishes, lay faithful, priests, deacons and religious and having had discussions with the College of Consultors and the Presbyteral Council about the needs of the diocese, **I believe it is wise to engage in a Strategic Planning Process.** This process will be headed up by a committee of the Presbyteral Council and will seek wide input from across the diocese to help us better understand how we can proclaim Jesus Christ more effectively in western South Dakota and build up the Church.

This planning process will be centered on how our parishes can not only survive in these challenging times, but how our parishes and diocese can thrive. To assemble a clearer picture of parish life across the **diocese I am asking that all parishes fill out a survey** that is designed to provide an accurate picture of the current state of parish life. This survey will be sent out to parish pastors to be completed in the next month. Parish Profiles will be put together from the information collected to help guide discussions in parishes, parish groupings and deaneries over the coming months.

The goal of this planning process is to discover and implement ways that we can better proclaim Jesus Christ and build up the church. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to bless and guide this important effort and please get involved in the discussions that will take place in your parish.

May everything we do as we plan for the future of the Diocese of Rapid City be pleasing to God & bear much fruit for the good of our people. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us! **+Bp. Peter Muhich** *West River Catholic September 2021*

If we don't teach
 our children to follow
 Christ, the world will
 teach them not to.



Grades 1-8 Faith Formation starts Sunday Sept 26th. 8:45-9:45am Breakfast served and to be eaten by 9am, for fasting before mass for Safe Environment lessons...

Grades 9-12 Wednesday, Sept 29th. Meet at Perkins for Safe Environment lessons, 6:30 to 7:45. Meal provided.

Age 4-5 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes start Wednesday, Oct. 6th, 3:30-4:30pm. Space is limited, so please call Josie at office or on cell phone

Diocesan Youth Rally Sunday, Oct 10th. Register online rapidcitydiocese.org St. Johns will provide transportation & cover the rally cost. Call Josie 605-280-9428

Sunday 31 October, we will have a pumpkin decorating party and **All Saints** celebration, before & after 10am Mass.

Christ's disciples are fruitful when we grow in faith, prayer, sacraments, study, and way of life. Enlightened by God's Word and the teaching of the Church, and inspired by their good example, **catechists lead others to know the living Jesus Christ.** They lead others to truths of faith, which they themselves have learned, lived, and celebrated.

Blessing of parents for Faith Formation God our Father, let your peace settle within the hearts of these mothers, fathers, and guardians. Give them strength and wisdom as they care for their children. Show them how to raise their families with patience and tenderness. Give them strength during the times of greatest difficulty and help them recognize the little joys that are part of each day. May they grow in wisdom, understanding, and grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Blessing of Catechists

Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations. In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church. Strengthen them with your gifts, that they may teach by word and by example the truth that comes from you. Through Christ our Lord.

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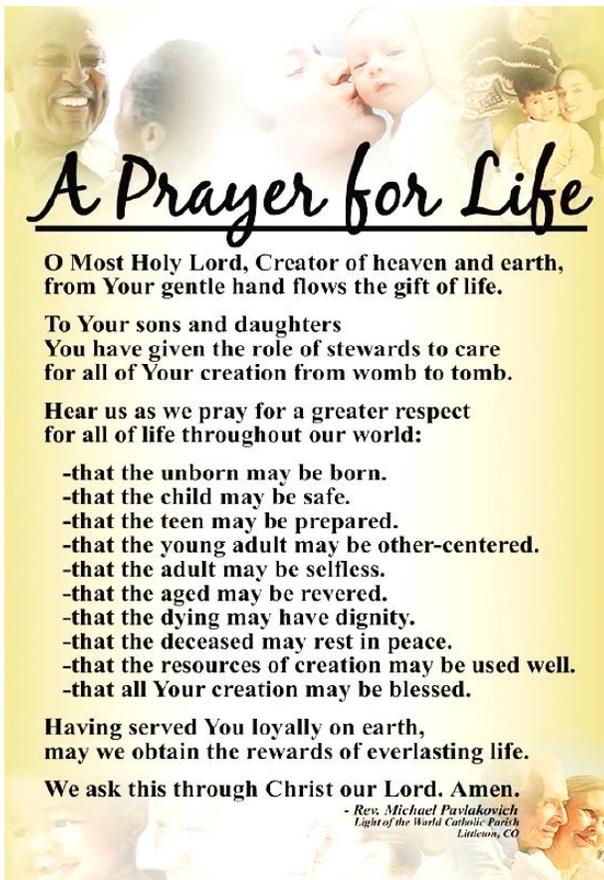
The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is committed to creating and maintaining a secure environment for our children, young people, and vulnerable adults. The Safe Environment Program for the Diocese of Rapid City is coordinated by Bruce Rook safe@diorc.org. For info on the program, contact him at 605.343.3541. All priests, deacons, and adult lay employees, as well as adult volunteers who work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults must pass a background check and complete the Adult Safe Environment Training process. All children and young people involved in diocesan, parish, or school programs and their parents/guardians are offered age-appropriate Safe Environment Training. **The Victim Assistance Contact person is Barb Scherer 605 209 3418**

Marcin Garbacz, ordained a priest for RC Diocese in 2004, suspended from ministry in 2018, was convicted last year of stealing from parishes, and pled guilty this week to harming a teenager from the Faith parish in 2011. The sentence for the latter is to be announced. He remains incarcerated.

Pro Life action needed: On Friday, the House of Representatives passed the most radical abortion bill of all time. The ongoing push to force taxpayer-funded abortion in the budget process is terrible. The so-called “Women’s Health Protection Act” is much worse. In addition to forcing taxpayer dollars to fund abortion, this bill would mean:

- Abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy would be imposed nationwide, even in states that don’t want it.
- Pro-life laws would be on the chopping block at every level of government (federal, state, and local). This includes laws on parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health or safety protections for abortion facilities.
- Health care professionals like doctors and nurses would likely be forced to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs.
- Employers and insurers would be forced to cover or pay for abortion. Contact our Congressmen.

The **Supreme Court has set the date of December 1** to begin hearing arguments in a case that directly challenges the constitutionality of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion in all 50 states. The case, called *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health*, will decide the validity of a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. In December, attorneys will begin presenting arguments against a lower court ruling which stopped the Mississippi pro-life law from being enforced.



A Prayer for Life

O Most Holy Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, from Your gentle hand flows the gift of life.

**To Your sons and daughters
You have given the role of stewards to care for all of Your creation from womb to tomb.**

Hear us as we pray for a greater respect for all of life throughout our world:

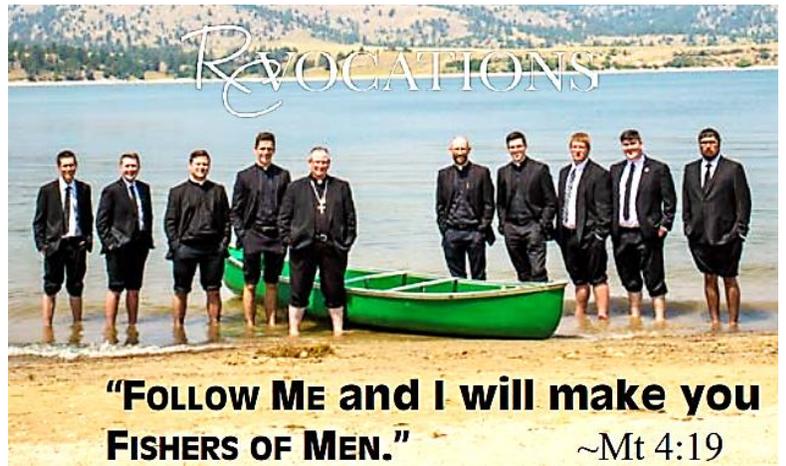
- that the unborn may be born.
- that the child may be safe.
- that the teen may be prepared.
- that the young adult may be other-centered.
- that the adult may be selfless.
- that the aged may be revered.
- that the dying may have dignity.
- that the deceased may rest in peace.
- that the resources of creation may be used well.
- that all Your creation may be blessed.

Having served You loyally on earth, may we obtain the rewards of everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Rev. Michael Pavlakovich
Light of the World Catholic Parish
Littleton, CO

St. Augustine’s prayer to the Holy Spirit
Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.



Priesthood Sunday

RC Vocations From Bishop Peter to Members of St. John Parish: As I preview this year’s vocations poster, I am filled with gratitude for all those in our parishes who have prayed and sacrificed for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Many, many thanks for your generous response to the Adopt-a-Seminarian Program in your parish. Your contributions totaling \$5,000 are a great help in covering the ever-increasing costs of education and formation. This year we have four men in theology programs, one in pre-theology, two in college seminaries and two in a formal discernment program in La Crosse, Wisconsin. These young men have benefited from the prayers and support of others, good examples of lived discipleship, and many invitations to consider God’s call. Their generous response and yours fills me with hope for the future of the Church in western SD.

*From the decree on the ministry and life of priests of the Second Vatican Council: **By the sacrament of Orders priests are formed in the image of Christ the Priest**, to be ministers of Christ the Head in constructing and building up his whole Body, the Church, as fellow workers with the order of bishops.Since each priest acts, as far as he may, in the person of Christ himself, he is given special grace to help him grow toward the perfection of the one whose role he plays, as he ministers to his flock and the whole people of God. He receives grace for the healing of human weakness from the holiness of Christ....The holiness of priests is itself an important contribution to the fruitfulness of their ministry. ... through close union with Christ and holiness of life, [priests] are able to say with Saint Paul: 'I live, but no longer is it I who live, it is Christ who lives within me.'*

“Last weekend I joined with 40 women in the annual renewal of spiritual motherhood. I have prayed daily for priests, seminarians and those discerning, and encourage you to answer this call to intercede to God, through Mary, in these turbulent times.” Patty Lihs

A person to clean classrooms in our facilities is needed in the coming year: likely 7-10 hours a week, \$15 an hour. Call Fr. Ron or Josie.

The Pheasant Hunt will be Sept 30-Oct 1 at St Hubert’s Hideaway, west of Gregory. Our fish fry was in June; others were in Lemmon & Hot Springs. **The WSDCF is thankful**, we raised more than \$11,000 for seminarian support. Western SD Catholic Foundation, PO Box 984, Rapid City, SD 57709 (605) 721-6843