



We exhort our nation to prioritize the well-being of women, children, and families with both material resources and personal accompaniment so that no woman ever feels forced to choose between her future and the life of her child.

## STANDING WITH MOMS IN NEED

We urge our dioceses, parishes, and Catholic agencies and institutions:

- To redouble our efforts to accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, and during the early years of parenthood, offering them loving and compassionate care.
- To ensure our Catholic parishes are places of welcome for women facing challenging pregnancies or who find it difficult to care for their children after birth, so that any mother needing assistance will receive life affirming support and be connected to appropriate programs and resources where she can get help.
- To help Catholics recognize the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in their communities, enabling parishioners to know these mothers, to listen to them, and to help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.
- To be witnesses of love and life by expanding and improving the extensive network of comprehensive care including pregnancy help centers, maternity homes, and Catholic health care and social service agencies. We are deeply conscious that, after nearly half a century of legalized abortion, more than 65 million children have died from abortion.
- To expand Project Rachel Ministry, so women and men receive forgiveness, healing, and spiritual renewal through Christ's infinite mercy.
- To transform our parishes into what Pope Francis calls "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference. **May a renewed commitment to life overflow into increased protection of unborn children and expanded support for their mothers and families.**

That justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life might inspire all legislators, governors, and our President, we pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer

For all who do not embrace the rights of the unborn, that, in love, they may come to know the dignity of every person in the eyes of God, we pray to the Lord:

For those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage: that they might embrace their role as sharers in God's creative love, we pray to the Lord:

For all who touch the lives of the condemned, the old, and the forgotten, that they might have compassion, respect, and appreciation for the dignity of all human life, we pray to the Lord:

For the dying, that through the love, care, and devotion of others, they may know the beauty of life in their dying moments, we pray to the Lord:

For all the victims of the culture of death, that like Lazarus, forgotten and poor, they may be welcomed into God's eternal peace, we pray to the Lord

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.



**Ft. Pierre St. John**  
**2 October 2022**

**Draper St. Anthony**  
**27<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 10/1	5:30 pm	+ Clarence & Pearl Farke
Sun 10/2	8:00 am	In Draper, for parishioners
Sun	10:00 am	+ Jerry Suhn
Mon 10/3	5:30 pm	welfare of priests
Tue 10/4	5:30 pm	+ Marie Sylva
Wed 10/5	7:00 am	Pro Life ministries
Thu 10/6	7:00 am	anniversary Sarah & Cale Pell
Fri 10/7	7:00 am	+ Msgr Carl Herman

**Faith Formation** Sunday, 2 October, K-8 classes, 8:30-9:45am

**Breakfast will not be served before classes begin**

Wed 5 October High School 6:30-7:45pm

**Next Sunday 9 October, NO CLASSES, because of the Diocesan Youth Rally is at Terra Sancta**

**Women's bible study** - Women's Bible studies the 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.

**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

May God bless those preparing for the covenant of marriage to be celebrating in St John's:

Kallie Stout and Quinn Reimers on Sat 1 October  
Lahnee Martin and Willie Colson on Sat 5 November  
Katie Shroyer and Austin Goss on Sat 12 November



10/1 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: need EM: Mary Giddings	<b>Ministers for Mass</b> Servers: need
10/2 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Gus Gregg EM: Beth Hand	Servers: Adrian Hand and Sebastian Hand
10/8 Sat: 5:30pm	Lector: Steve VanMullem EM: Mary Giddings	Servers: Need
10/9 Sun: 10:00am	Lector: Mark Barnett EM: Need	Servers: Need

The diocesan **2022 Middle School and High School Youth Rally** at Terra Sancta Retreat Center is Sunday 9 October. Keynote speakers are Paul J Kim and Kelly Colangelo. Retreat begins at 9am and ends with Mass at 3pm with Bishop Peter. Melinda and Josie are driving 605-280-9428.

**Parents, have your youth at Padre Hall at 6:15am**

**Public Square Rosary** Sat 15 Oct., 10:30am on front lawn of Pierre Sts. Peter & Paul. In union with America Needs Fatima around the US, praying in reparation for the sins for our national conversion.

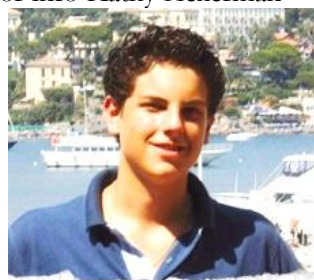
Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Daughters in Rapid City are sponsoring a **Mother/Daughter Fall Brunch**, the theme is “Babies are Precious, Mother are Too.” To be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Rd, Rapid City. Mass is at 9 a.m. and brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. Prices: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

**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; Men’s Weekend, Nov. 10-13. For info Kathy Ackerman 406-939-2686 or 605-574-9571, email [dchealthycomm@yahoo.com](mailto:dchealthycomm@yahoo.com).

*Schedule change* Saturday 29 October, St John’s will be **venerating the relics of Blessed Carlos Acutis** beatified 10 October 2020, **and St Manuel Gonzalez Garcia**, who promoted adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Usual 5:30pm CT Mass. Exposition follows, with relics present, until 8pm Benediction. Display about Eucharistic miracles in Padre Hall.

We pray this weekend for those on the Post Abortion Healing **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat**.

Knights of Columbus **NFL** scorebook winners: A fundraiser for scholarships to graduating seniors. Thursday Night: Joe Flax Sunday Night: Nathan O’Dea Monday Night: Tyler Kroeber



To always be close to Jesus, that is my life plan.

CARLO ACUTIS

St. John **parish website** is rarely updated, except for event schedule in top right. What would you like to see in the website? Please send ideas to [main.stjohns@midconetwork.com](mailto:main.stjohns@midconetwork.com)



US Bishops call this first Sunday in October **Respect Life Sunday**. Our nation is in desperate need of healing from the toxic polarization and anger that has poisoned so much of our politics in recent years. A paradigm shift, from an abandonment of women masquerading as freedom, to radical solidarity can open the way to a new politics. Those who disagree on the morality or justice of abortion should

nonetheless **come together to pursue common-ground solutions to provide care and support to mothers, children, and families in need**. Public officials can stake out new ground, to move beyond the political divisions of Left and Right and build a new coalition of people of good will, that will focus on the best outcomes for those in need by whatever means that prove to be most effective.

Almost fifty years after Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court has finally returned to the American people the authority to govern ourselves on the matter of abortion. Of course, justice requires that the basic protections of the law against violence be extended to the preborn child. But justice alone is not enough. The opportunity which the Supreme Court has given us is not an opportunity to look backward and return to the past. Instead, it is a calling to Catholics at every level to look forward and build a better future—a future in which the new hallmarks of our society will be solidarity, compassion, reconciliation, and a new unity as a nation. We are not atomized individuals seeking to impose our wills in a world of strife.

To the contrary, **we belong to each other, and each of us was made for love and friendship**. Accordingly, we must live and act in radical solidarity with mothers, children, and families in need. That means doing whatever we can through law, policy, politics, and culture to provide them with the care and support necessary for their flourishing throughout the entire arc of life’s journey. Through our collective and individual actions, **we can build a culture of life and civilization of love in America**. Let us begin.

**Please Vote NO on IM 27** “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Be aware of the dangers of so-called “recreational” marijuana which would be legalized in SD if Initiated Measure 27 is approved in this November election. In the 1970s, “Woodstock Weed” contained roughly 1 - 3% THC, the psychoactive component of marijuana. Today, the potency increased to an average of 18 - 23%. Also, there are concentrated forms in vapes, edibles, candies, cookies, ice creams, and other products, reaching up to 99% THC. (*Smart Approaches to Marijuana*). There has been a doubling (14% to 29%) of marijuana-associated suicides in Colorado since retail sales were legalized in 2013. Traffic deaths where drivers tested positive for marijuana increased 138%. (*Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area report*). [protectingsdkids.com](http://protectingsdkids.com)



Fr. Ron and diocesan priests are on retreat October 10-14