

St. John The Evangelist Church
4 October 2020 27th Ordinary, Respect Life Sunday

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has parish bulletins & audio devotions at 'click to listen to daily reflections from Fr. Ron'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4pm or by calling 223 2176 for Fr. Ron Garry. Office email: main.stjohns@midconetwork.com
 Eucharistic Adoration 1pm Sunday 27 September

Mass schedule all Central Time

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am
 Monday – 5:30pm Tuesday – 5:30pm Wed 7am & 10am
 Thursday – 7:00am Friday – 7:00am

- Sat 10/3 Welfare of those serving last Saturday -Al Janice Aberle
- Sun 10/4 + Hunter Stoesser by family & For parishioners
- Mon 10/5 + Daniel Ramsey by family
- Tue 10/6 + Burton Weaver by family & Intention needed
- Wed 10/7 Pro Life ministry
- Thu 10/8 + Fr. Brian Fawcett (9th anniversary of death)
- Fri 10/9 Reparation for clergy abuse



Confirmed by Bp. Peter Muhich Saturday 26 September
 Gus Gregg, Colton Cass, Clare Madsen, Carley Malm
 Landon Bame, Mason Stoesser, Nora Allen, Ava Johnson



God bless, receiving First Holy Communion last weekend: Major Shelton and Bennett Johnson



Parish Faith Formation

- **Students in grades 1-4**, come to Padre Hall on Sunday 4 October, 9:15 - 9:45am, receive worksheets to be read and prayed with at home. Bring them back on the first Sunday of November
- **Students in grades 5, 7, and 8**, come to Padre Hall on Sunday 4 Oct, 8:35 to 9:10am, to receive the worksheets.
- **6th grade students and parents**, a week's delay (after hunting opener), come to Padre Hall Sunday 18 Oct, 9:15 am. We'll begin our faith formation and confirmation prep.
- These worksheets are from St. Mary's Press Discover Program, referencing the Bibles we have been using in past years. We'll get bibles for those who don't have one already.
- **Students in Grades 9-12**, come to Church basement on Wednesday 7 October, 6:30pm, for in person learning and interaction. We will be using Ascension Press *Quick Catholic Lessons* with Fr. Mike Schmitz of Duluth MN.

US Bishop's Disaster Collection, rebuilding from storms & wildfires: you can donate to long-term recovery and Church needs, with a check in envelope labeled **'disaster relief'** in parish collection, or send it to USCCB Disaster Fund, PO Box 96278, Washington DC 20090-6278

Fr. Ron gone next week to diocesan priests retreat Oct 11-16

Diocesan retreats at Terra Sancta: women Oct. 23-25; men Nov. 13-15. Call office for info 223 2176

Sat 10 October, noon: **Public Square Rosary** for our country, at the Jesus & John Baptist statue at NW corner of Hwy 83 and Main Ave, Ft Pierre. Bring a lawn chair. In the event of rain, we'll go to St. John's Church. All are welcome.



RESPECT LIFE
respect · love · protect

"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop. A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized. Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace." -- St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* #101, 1995

Knights of Columbus ask you to pray a Novena for Life Sunday 4 – Monday 12 October

Each of the 9 days, reflect on Pope Francis' teaching on the sanctity of life, pray a decade of the rosary, and conclude with St. John Paul II's prayer from *Evangelium Vitae*, to deepen your commitment to the Gospel of Life, and support the most vulnerable through prayer.

Web search: *novena for the cause of life October 2020* and choose the *kofc.org* link

- 4 Oct "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation."
- 5 Oct "Human life is sacred and inviolable, and the use of prenatal diagnosis for selective purposes must be strongly discouraged."
- 6 Oct "It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb."
- 7 Oct "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ."
- 8 Oct "The Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."
- 9 Oct "Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm, and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life."
- 10 Oct "Equally sacred ... are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly."
- 11 Oct "All too often ... people do not accept the Gospel of Life, but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life."
- 12 Oct "Unborn children are always to be welcomed; life is always to be protected and loved, from conception to its natural end."



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all

people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

USConferenceCatholicBishops -- USCCB.org websearch: download **"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship – PDF"**

- I - The U.S. Bishops' Reflection on Catholic Teaching and Political Life
- II - Applying Catholic Teaching to Major Issues: A Summary of Policy Positions of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- III - Goals for Political Life: Challenges for Citizens, Candidates, and Public Officials

Sunday 25 October, 10am MT, Bp Peter Muhich celebrates Mass for the intention of all **Married Couples**, honoring those that have been married 25, 40, and 50+ years. Available through KNBN website.