

**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
**24 October 2021 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
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 206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre



**Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary,  
 pray for us**

**Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 1pm**

**St. John Weekend Mass** (Fr. Ron at Draper Sun.8:00am)  
**Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 10:00am CT**

- Sat 10/23 + Sonny Taggart
- Sun 10/24 + Jerry Sylva
- Mon 10/25 + Anita Garry
- Tue 10/26 for parishioners
- Wed 10/27 Carmen Timmerman welfare
- Thu 10/28 Tina Kravetz welfare
- Fri 10/29 Reparation for clergy sexual abuse

**May the angels lead you into paradise...** Joan Ramsey,  
 buried in Pierre Riverside Cemetery 21 October

**AllSaints HolyDay, Monday 1 Nov. Mass 7am & 5:30pm**

**Let Us Return to the Eucharist With Joy**

**Diocese of Rapid City Annual Appeal** sermon is  
 November 6/7. You will receive a postal mailing to tell  
 of the ministries of our Diocese. On Nov 13/14,  
 we will also have an in- pew invitation to donate.  
 We do so much together that we cannot do alone.

**St Joseph School Extravaganza** fundraiser is Sat. 6 Nov.

Announced by Bishop Peter last  
 week: I will consecrate our  
 diocese to St Joseph Wednesday  
 8 December, at the Rapid City  
 Cathedral.

**May God bless in the  
 sacrament of marriage** Nov. 13...  
**Bryce Kampa & Sara Konechne,**  
 to be wed at St John's

**Job opening: Office  
 Assistant/Events Coordinator**

Position Overview: St. John's  
 Catholic Church is seeking a part-time employee to assist  
 with planning events and general office work. Position offers  
 flexible hours and some opportunity to work from home as  
 allowable. Would occasionally need to be available for  
 weekend or evening events. \$15 per hour. Please contact  
 Father Ron Garry (605) 223-2176

Responsibilities: Work with Fr. Ron and staff to research,  
 plan, and implement events for the parish. This would  
 include fellowship events for parishioners and the youth of  
 the parish along with outreach opportunities to the  
 community. Assist with the production of the weekly  
 bulletin. Record keeping and other office duties as assigned.

Qualifications: General knowledge of Excel and Word.  
 Experience with social media is preferred. A willingness to  
 work as part of a team to help further the mission of the  
 parish and Rapid City Diocese.



**Faith Formation**

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Classes for Grades 1-8 8:45-9:45am. We pray  
 the Big Rosary at the start of 10:00am Mass

Ages 4-5 Atrium with Catechesis of the Good  
 Shepherd Wed, October 27<sup>th</sup> Class 3:30-4:30pm

Grades 9-12 Wed, October 27<sup>th</sup> Classes 6:30-7:45pm

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Gr. 1-8 class 8:45-9:45am

**Come dressed as your  
 favorite Saint**

**All Saints Celebration  
 and Pumpkin Patch** for  
 all Parish youth,  
 decorating in Padre Hall  
 after the 10am Mass. Rolls  
 and hot drinks for all in  
 Padre Hall after mass.



**Life in the Spirit retreat** November 12-14. 5pm MT  
 Friday to Sunday afternoon \$100 cost. Call Fr. Ron...  
[Siouxspiritualcenter.org/retreats](http://Siouxspiritualcenter.org/retreats)

On November 1, Steve Van Mullem will make his  
 personal **consecration to St. Joseph**. Fr. Ron asked him to  
 tell what it means. "In 2011 I received an invitation from the  
 Carmelite sisters of Alexandria, SD to pray a novena to St.  
 Joseph and include some prayer intentions. I knew in my  
 heart that I would like to be married someday, to the right  
 woman, who would except me for who I am. Even though  
 I was still single at age 37 I thought maybe there was still a  
 chance. I wrote in my prayer request and prayed the ancient  
 novena. After nine days, there was no great miracle, but I  
 liked the prayer so much that I prayed the novena a second  
 time with a lot more heart. As soon as the second nine days  
 were up, I was getting ready for round three when a nice lady  
 contacted me on Catholic Match. It turned out that she was  
 from St. Joseph, MN, and worked at a school with the same  
 name. I had no expectations whatsoever, and by the next  
 year we were married! Karen & I both truly believe that St.  
 Joseph interceded for us and since I've recently started the  
 33-day preparation for consecration to St. Joseph, I've begun  
 to sense his presence during adoration and to realize that he  
 is a very special saint. I highly recommend praying for his  
 intercession and to get to know him better. The Rev. Donald  
 Calloway book is an excellent way to start."

Come away and stay with us at Terra Sancta Retreat Center during  
 Advent . . . discounted lodging Nov 25 - December 31. Just \$75  
 per night for a family style room featuring two queen size beds with  
 a private bath. Lodging guests have access to our guest kitchen,  
 chapels, hiking trails, quiet and peaceful surroundings. Reserve at  
[terrasancta.org/ChristmasLodging](http://terrasancta.org/ChristmasLodging) , 605-716-0925.

**Altar server training.** Come to one of the following sessions:  
 Wed 27 Nov. 4-4:30pm or 7-7:30pm or Sunday 7 Nov, 10:50am

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.

This month Pope Francis begins the **2023 Synod of Bishops** with a special Mass and prayers in Rome asking bishops throughout the world to let their people know that he sincerely wants both their prayers and their input. The theme of the Synod of Bishops is “**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.**” It will unfold in three phases: diocesan, continental, and universal, culminating in assembly of Bishops October 2023 in Rome.

As the Synod of Bishops begins, we are also beginning a **pastoral planning process here in our diocese**. A survey is to be completed by each parish this month so that we can gather information about the current realities of parish life across the Diocese of Rapid City and then use that information to generate good conversations about how we can better proclaim Jesus Christ to our Catholic people and all our neighbors in western South Dakota.

Please **pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance** for the Holy Father and those leading the Synod of Bishops and please pray that our diocesan conversations will be fruitful and lead to a bright future with many holy marriages, priests, deacons, consecrated religious and lay people on fire with love for the Lord and his Church, **bringing people to Jesus Christ**, the one person who is the answer to all the deep questions and desires of every human heart.

Yours in Christ, +Bishop Peter Muhich

In December, each parish in Diocese of Rapid City will receive information for a parish “town hall” gathering we will have sometime in January. We will talk of the principles to guide us and wisdom we want to give for our diocesan discernment for parish mission and life.

A synod is an assembly, a gathering to reflect on the journey that has been made so far with the diverse members of the Church to learn from one another’s experience and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit. **Enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer**, we will discern the processes to seek God’s will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world. [cruxnow.com/vatican/2021/09/vatican-prepares-to-launch-two-year-synodal-process-on-synodality/](https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2021/09/vatican-prepares-to-launch-two-year-synodal-process-on-synodality/)

USCCB preparation document online at [usccb.org/resources/vademecum-synod-synodality](https://usccb.org/resources/vademecum-synod-synodality)



In an effort to explain Pope Francis’ vision for the Synod on Synodality for his flock, Cardinal Timothy Dolan’s homily Sunday offered seven “non-negotiables” that Jesus intended for the Church.

The Synod on Synodality, initiated by Pope Francis is a two-year, worldwide undertaking during

which Catholics will be encouraged to submit feedback to their local dioceses. A synod is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance, in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope.

“[Pope Francis] wants us to join him in praying, listening, discerning, examining ourselves personally, and the Church communally, to see if we’re truly on the path Jesus has set for His beloved bride, His mystical body, the Church,” Dolan said.

“He has reminded us of certain clear essentials intended by Jesus, constant, although, at times, we admit, clouded and dimmed, in the Church’s amazing 2,000-year drama. Here are some of those non-negotiables.” Cardinal Dolan said that (1) “the energy and direction driving the Church comes from the Holy Spirit, not ourselves.”

(2) “While in the world, we are not of the world, and thus our guiding principles come from the Gospel, revelation, and the patrimony of the Church’s settled teaching,”

(3) “the principles of the innate dignity of every human person and the inherent sacredness of all human life are the towering moral lighthouses on our path.”

(4) “our journey through this life back to our true and eternal home of heaven is most effectively accomplished precisely as a journey as we walk with and accompany each other, with Jesus as our guide, His Mother and the saints, and we sinners at each other’s side.”

(5) “On this journey we pay special attention to those at the side of the road, especially those who are sick, weak, poor, or unable to keep up with us,”

(6) “Our wealth only comes from faith, trust, prayer, the sacraments, and His grace,”

(7) “mercy, love, invitation, humility, joy, selfless generous service, and good example are our only tools, never harshness, condemnation, or pride.”

Dolan said he sees these seven “non-negotiables” as “synodality in a nutshell.”

He said that throughout its history, the Church has “expanded and developed its style of organization and authority.” After comparing and contrasting the different sufferings and triumphs the Church has experienced throughout its history, Dolan said that “now the successor of Saint Peter as bishop of Rome and pastor of the Church Universal, Pope Francis, has asked us all to commence an examination of conscience on how we as a Church are living up to the model of the Church given us by Jesus... We are loyal Catholics. The Holy Father has asked us to help him keep the Church always under the direction Jesus, our good shepherd, intends.”

Catholicnewsagency, October 19, 2021, Joe Bukaras