

St. John the Evangelist Church
15 November 2020 Ordinary Time, 33rd 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
 206 W Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532-6604

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00pm Sunday afternoon

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 11/14 + David Hand, by family
- Sun 11/15 + Hunter Stoesser, by family & For parishioners
- Mon 11/16 Bud Whitney health, by Riggs class of '77
- Tue 11/17 + Mary Ellen Ronish, by Donna Welch
- Wed 11/18 + Souls in purgatory, by David & Rosemary Jaswa
- Thu 11/19 + Fabian Morin, by Brenda Morin
- Fri 11/20 + Albert Holy Bear (by Constance of Pierre)

- Students in grades 1-8, come to Padre Hall or the church, with worksheets & Bibles, Sunday 6 Dec. 8:45am- 9:45am
- Students in grades 9-12, come to Padre Hall each Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm
- On the first Sunday of Advent, November 28/29, come to Padre Hall. Josie has for each of you, pre school - grade 8, an Advent paperchain to put together and use during this Advent season. In Padre Hall there is a table set up with the Advent paperchains on them. I have sorted them by grade and by name. So pick up your calendar and have fun building this at home with your family.



P.S. Preschoolers, I have a table with Advent activities on it for you also. Please take only one of the items.

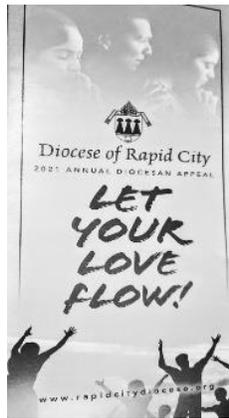


We gather for a weekly Study of John's gospel, **Monday, 6pm in Padre Hall.**

Thanksgiving Day Prayer this year: Father of heaven and earth, in the challenges of this year we turn to you in trust. We do thank you for the precious gift of life, and for the many ways, large and small, people have made sacrifice for us this year. Bless us here present and bless those from whom we are physically separated today. We trust in you, and beg your strength for health care workers: Father of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick. When they diagnose, give them patience. When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection. When they work to heal, give them strength. When they comfort, give them consolation. When they are tired, give them rest. When they are discouraged, bring them your hope. May we welcome and respect them as we support one another in this time of trial.

Faithful Citizenship prayer from US Catholic Bishops:

Merciful Father, thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Draw us close to you in prayer as we discern your call in our families and communities. Send us forth to encounter all whom you love: those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome. Inspire us to respond to the call to faithful citizenship, during election season and beyond. Help us to imitate your charity & compassion & to serve as models of loving dialogue. Teach us to treat others with respect, even when we disagree, and seek to share your love and mercy.



Diocese of Rapid City Annual Appeal:

Each registered household received a letter in the postal mail last month from our Rapid City Catholic Diocese, describing the ministry needs supported by your donations. It's your opportunity to pledge or send a check. If you wish, mail to PO Box 678, Rapid City SD 57709

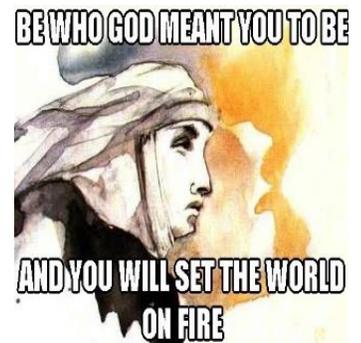
Our Diocesan Catholic Social Services has received donations and has been bestowing money to those hurt by the pandemic. To apply for a \$250 grant, go online to cssrapidcity.com/relief

Vocations Prayer: Heavenly Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in the Diocese of Rapid City. Look upon us with favor and choose from our homes those who are needed for your work. Send your Spirit to strengthen us and give us open hearts and minds ready to say "Yes" when you call. Help our parishes and families encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to our Patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is hosting a **toy drive** to benefit families in need this Christmas season and would appreciate donations of new or gently used toys through December 7th. Donation bins are located at the YMCA, the Capital Journal, and Community Bible Church. Monetary donations also accepted; cash or checks made out to MOPS can be brought to the Community Bible church office. **Thank you for your willingness to bless children in our community this coming Advent!**

Fr. Ron recommends these, responding gracefully to the McCarrick report: (1) Lopez, What St. Catherine of Siena would say to today's bishops, Angelusnews, August 2018 (2) Flynn, Analysis: After McCarrick Report embracing the cross" Catholic News Agency, November 2020

St. Catherine of Siena (1348-1380), living during scandals of the Church, had a deep love of Jesus and served the poor. Inspired, she wrote letters to Popes and Kings. God gave her a message, transforming evil into good. **"Every scandal, hatred, cruelty, and everything unbecoming springs from**



this root of selfish love. It has poisoned the whole world and sickened the mystic body of holy Church ... For all virtues are built on charity for your neighbors." Catherine envisioned a tree, rooted in humility, watered by God's love. Such a person meets evil, not by escaping to a refuge, but in loving service. Such love transforms others.... "When I say that humility is tested by pride, I mean that a proud person cannot harm one who is humble; when you are faithful to me, your faith cannot be lessened by the infidelity of the wicked... when you return good for evil you not only prove your own virtue, but often you send out coals ablaze with charity that will melt hatred and bitterness from the heart... **even turning hatred to benevolence.** Such is the power of charity and perfect patience."