

# ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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"They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..." (Acts 14:27).

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**Grand Knight, Frank Sack**

**Small Group Studies, Shirley Gross**

## MASS TIMES

**Saint John's Lord's Day Masses:**

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 & 9:30 AM

Sunday Evenings - Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm or by  
appointment

**Daily Mass \*\*\*(check bulletin weekly schedule)**

6:45 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday Saturday - 8 AM

**Ss. Peter and Paul - Pierre Lord's Day Masses:**

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM, 11:45 AM Mary H

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Marriage** - Notify your Priest 6 months in advance.

**Baptism** - Call Father Mark for information.

**Anointing** - If a hospital stay or surgical procedure is  
scheduled, please call to schedule the celebration of  
the Sacrament.

## Epiphany of the Lord January 6th, 2013



## Mass Readings

**Sunday, January 6th**

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

**Monday, January 7th**

1 John 3: 22, 4: 6

Matthew 4: 12 - 17, 23 - 25

**Tuesday, January 8th**

1 John 4: 7 - 10

Mark 6: 34 - 44

**Wednesday, January 9th**

1 John 4: 11 - 18

Mark 6: 45-52

**Thursday, January 10th**

1 John 4: 19 - 5:4

Luke 4: 14 - 22a

**Friday, January 11th**

1 John 5: 5 -13

Luke 5: 12 -16

**Saturday, January 12th**

1 John 5: 14 - 21

John 3: 22 - 30

**Sunday, January 13th**

Isaiah 40: 1 5, 9 11

Titus 2: 11 - 14, 3: 4 - 7

Luke 3: 15 - 16, 21 - 22

## St. John's Calendar

**Sunday, January 6th Year of Faith Event Sacred Heart in Philip at 2pm - Jesus the True Reason for my life – presenter is Father Steve Biegler**

7-8 pm - Adoration and Confessions

**Wednesday, January 9th Faith Formation & CGS Classes**

**Thursday, January 10th 7pm Father Mark will talk on his trip to Medjugorje**

**\*\*\*Next Sunday, January 13th**

**KC breakfast after Sunday's masses**



**1pm** Your help is needed to take down Christmas at St. John's. in the Church! Please give an hour of your time!

**Tuesday, January 15th - Theology Tap at the View Pub 34 at 7pm. Presenter is Father Mark McCormick on the Year of Faith. See you there!**

**Steubenville of the Rockies** - a great event for our youth - those of you who have young people who have attended in the past know that they come back fired up for their Faith! Steubenville of the Rockies this year will be **June 20-23, 2013**.

We will depart from Rapid City around noon on Thursday, June 20, and return to Rapid City late on Sunday, June 23. On Friday, June 21, we will spend the day at Elitch Gardens in Denver. Attendees must be going into 9th grade or older. Chaperones must be 21 years of age, have received a background check from the diocese, and have undergone Safe Environment Training. Total cost per person is: \$375.00. **January 10th registration deadline.**

**PASTORAL MINISTERS' RETREAT:** The Third Annual Pastoral Ministers' Retreat will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 11-12 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. For all who serve the Church in religious education, formation, youth ministry, and evangelization- join us for time away for prayer and fellowship with other servants of the Lord. We will begin with Mass and dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, and end with dinner around 6:30 p.m. - Saturday, Jan. 14. All priests/pastoral ministers are welcome - please join us! Let Josie know if you would like to attend.

### LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO THIS INSPIRING EVENT!!!

**Passion & Purpose Live Event  
at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
January 26, 2013 \* 9:00AM - 1:30 PM  
Tickets available at church office.**



Matthew Kelly has dedicated his life to helping people and organizations become the-best-version-of-themselves. Born in Sydney, Australia, he began speaking/writing in his late teens while attending business school. Since then, four million people have attended his seminars and presentations in more than fifty countries. Today he's an internationally acclaimed speaker, bestselling author, and business consultant - his books published in twenty-five languages, have appeared on the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestseller lists, selling three million copies. The Matthew Kelly Foundation was established in 1995 to help young people discover their mission in life.

The past fifteen years Kelly has visited hundreds of high schools, inspiring students to use their lives to make a contribution. Matthew is an active Catholic speaker and author. Raised Catholic, he is saddened by the lack of engagement among Catholics and founded The Dynamic Catholic Institute to research why Catholics engage/disengage and explore what it will take to establish vibrant Catholic communities in the 21st Century. Matthew Kelly's core message resonates with people of all ages and all walks of life, whether he's speaking in a business forum, a high school or church, he invites his audience to become the-best-version-of-themselves.

## Sparks from Father Mark

### Do You Really "Believe?"

You say you "believe" every Sunday as you recite the Creed. But do you know what you're saying you "believe" in? Do the truths of the faith—listed in the Creed—really permeate your life? Learn how these ancient truths contain the promise of peace, joy and happiness for our lives.



Pillar I: The Creed is a 12-Part program that will launch you on an amazing journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Don't miss this opportunity to take part in a compelling and inspiring learning experience that is sure to draw you closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of the teachings of His Church.

Join us for Pillar I: The Creed. Our first class will be Thursday, January 17 in Padre Hall, starting at 7:00 PM.

For more information or to register for the study please call Fr. Mark or Josie in the parish office.

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The cost for the "The Creed" study is \$30.00.

Please pray for **Jerry Meylor**, father of Jean Petersen. May Jerry and all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

**I want to thank everyone** who has filled out our Time, Talent and Treasure stewardship form for our Parish. I am delighted to see that many parishioners have signed up to be involved in the many ministries of worship and parish life!

We have 76 stewardship forms - 28% of our 276 family membership that were turned in since the pledge drive started. \$103,680.04 has been pledged which is 62% of our yearly budget needs. I would like to encourage everyone in the parish to fill out and return your pledge form after prayerful consideration of your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure to our parish community. You may return your form either in the collection basket or parish office. Pledge forms are at the church entrance. If you have any questions please contact me. Father Mark

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Rome-April 5 through April 20, 2013 Thursday, January 10th at 7pm.

Fr. Mark will be showing a DVD on Medjugorje and sharing more about his experience from his pilgrimage this past summer to this holy place of great prayer and peace.

Medjugorje is truly a place of encountering the grace of Christ through the heart of Mary. I hope you are able to come and experience part of the peace that I encountered during my pilgrimage.

For information please contact Fr. Mark at 223-2176 -email:

[mark.stjohns@midconetwork.com](mailto:mark.stjohns@midconetwork.com)



Saturday, January 5th

5:30 PM + Ray and Ken Lawhon By: Freda Lawhon

Sunday, January 6th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + JoAnn Barger By: Jerry and Patty Lihs

Monday, January 7th

6:45 AM + Bryan Pogany By: Sid and Carol Pond

Tuesday, January 8th

6:45 AM + Rita Optiz By: Judy Zetah

Wednesday, January 9th

6:45 AM St Father Mark McCormick By: Frank and Diane Larson

Thursday, January 10th

5:30 PM + John Graham By: David and Mary Hartley

Friday, January 11th

6:45 AM + Thomas Graham By: David and Mary Hartley

Saturday, January 12th

8:00 AM Intentions of Father Mark

5:30 PM + Ann Mitchell By: John and Patti Duffy family

Sunday, January 13th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Donald Iversen By: Sid and Carol Pond

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4 - 5pm or by appointment

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,216.00
Plate	\$ 434.65
Total	\$ 2,650.65

**Building Fund: \$286.00**

**Our building repair loan payment is \$1,833 a month.**

Please use the yellow building fund envelope in your packets or mark your donation building fund.

Our building renovation monthly loan payment is for new hall furnaces and air conditioning, \$40,000 parking lot maintenance, \$16,600 hall roof, \$12,500, tuck pointing, \$17,700 repairing a crack in the church foundation wall \$7500

Total spent on maintenance: \$94,300 Our loan balance is \$72,600

Thank-you to all who continue to honor their building renovation pledge balance with payments and to those who continue to give to the building fund to fulfil our loan payment each month - Payments go toward paying off our building loan.

*We are grateful for the stewardship of our parish family!*

*"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38*



**Football Results - Week 17**

Vikings: 86 Mike Jerome, Pierre  
Sunday Night: 82 Shirley Gross, Fort Pierre  
Monday Night: 67 Craig Heller, Fort Pierre



**Rachel's Corner:** "By attending the retreat, I was finally acknowledging how broken I was. The mercy and love of Christ helped me to name and acknowledge my wounds." - Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™  
Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience the healing balm of Christ's mercy and forgiveness. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: [www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm). - national office at 877-467-3463 or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Upcoming retreats: April 26-28, 2013 in the Rapid City area.

**Birthdays**

- Sat.05 John Ackley, Bill Fischer
- Mon.07 Brooke Severyn, Dale Wiskur
- Tue.08 George Biggs
- Wed.09 Teresa Hogeland, Brevin Klemann
- Thu.10 Shirley Iversen, Tara Mangan, Cody Sporrer
- Fri.11 Carol Chalcraft, Abigail Lott, Zachary Walters
- Sat.12 Alex Jones, Kristie Maher

**Anniversaries**

- Tue.08 Roger and Nila Novotny
- Sat.12 Kevin and Mary Neuhauser

Sacris-tans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Cantor	Gift Bearers
01/12 5:30 pm Mary Welsh	Eric Booth Patty Lihs	Deanne Booth Diane Smith	Jace Wernsman  Aaron Booth		Steve & Deann Sprenger
Sun. 1/13 7:30 am Christine Olson	Rose Anderson Mary Giddings	Christine Olson  Kelly Madsen	Mariah Madsen	Jim Schumacher	Teresa Madsen
9:30 am Pat Storms	Wade Pogany Jo LaRoche	Pat Durkin Pat Storms Frank Sack Mary Healy Irma LeFaive	Hannah & Kennedy Healy  Jaxon Yackley		Frank Sack

**For all the sick and suffering:** Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Maddox Rowland, Kelsey Spurlin, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Cindy Foreman, James Garrity, Bryan Ice, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund, Stella Nagel, Max Roberts, Jim Palmer, Alice Gannon, Bill Roscoe, Peg Logan, Terry Hughes, Kroix Larson, Beth Flagstad, Addie Nickolas, Kathryn Schlechter, Keri Hendrickson, Kathy Mueller, Helen Schneiderhan, Maryls Fratzke, Heidi Alban, Danna Bren, Yvonne Ehlers, Patti Duffy, John Jund, Delores Melvin, Steeley Moore, Alice Venner, Gary Campbell, Paul Ryan, Ray Shepherd, Pauline Witte, Conrad Adam, Ted Schlechter, Paula Smith, Sharon Hoelscher, Kayle Coleman, Howard Brunner, Ron Heckenliable, Dick Biegger, Eleanor Unterbrunner, Linda Brooks, Leanne Goff, Steve Kokesh, Cassie Miller and all who have asked for our special prayers. Call Marsha Knight -223-2478 with requests.



**WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? Feb. 21-24, 2013 (Thursday – Sunday)** – This silent retreat is for everyone – men, women and couples. Choose between monastic style lodging or family style lodging (all will be single occupancy unless attending as a couple and planning to share a room). Meet Jesus again and on a deeper level during this weekend retreat based on the themes of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This silent retreat will offer conference sessions followed by a guided meditation that will lead the retreatant into a deepening knowledge of, affection for, and a desire to follow Jesus more faithfully. Retreat directed by Sr Marie Schwan, CSJ. Information/registration form on-line – <http://terrasancta.org/category/retreats/> or call 605-716-0925.

**Contemplative Prayer: The Pathway to a Deeper Relationship with the Lord**  
Come away and rest in God during Lent with Bishop Gruss – March 1-2, 2013. Find out more on-line at <http://terrasancta.org> or call the retreat center at 605-716-0925. Space is limited.

**Rosary before Masses:** We pray the rosary before Masses at 5:00 PM, 7 AM and 9 AM. If you, your family, or a group of you would lead the rosary please call Fr. Mark. There are binders provided to help lead the rosary. We will have 10 minutes of silence for prayer after Rosary before Mass.

**Thank you** for your wonderful baby gifts to the Advent Baby Shower. 334 beautiful gifts were distributed between Birthright, Catholic Family Services, and Missouri Shores. Thanks to the Catholic Daughters and to Dianna Menning & Mary Giddings for coordinating this project. Many babies and children will be blessed by your generosity. God's Blessings! Regent, Susan Stewart

### **Religious Education News:**

**January 9th - Faith Formation Classes 5:30 pm - Good Shepherd Classes 4:30 and 5:30 pm**

January Cooks and kitchen help: Sainthood Group –Shirley Gross, Judy Ackley, Barb Kleinsasser, Diane London, Christine Olson, Maureen Shepherd, , Sherri Stoesser.

Thank-you to our Kitchen Help for Wednesday meals for the month of **December**: Jeri Wiczorek, Mark/Kristi Harsma, Travis Frost, Taryn Carter Teresa Madsen and to the cooks for the month of December: Janette Byer, Val Wernsmann & Kathleen Slocum.

### **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.”

#### **Matthew 2:9-12**

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. A sample prayer entitled **Spiritual Adoption Prayer** is as follows: “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers.”

(From: Diocesan Social Justice Commission [www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/SocialJustice.htm](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/SocialJustice.htm))

### **YEAR OF FAITH**

The Year of Faith presentations in the Diocese of Rapid City will resume on Jan. 6 in Philip with Father Steve Biegler. The topic is “Jesus, the True Reason for My Life” – Jesus Christ & Eschatology. The presentations continue January 16 in Rapid City and Jan. 20 in Spearfish. Those attending the January sessions are asked to bring a Bible with them.



### **YEAR OF FAITH PRESENTATION AT CATHEDRAL**

Matthew Kelly, internationally known and highly respected author of Rediscover Catholicism and several CDs will be giving a Every Day Living with Passion and Purpose day long retreat at the Cathedral on Jan. 26. Mark your calendars! Mr. Kelly’s message fits well with the Year of Faith. For more information, contact the Cathedral and ask to speak to Beth or Sue at 342-0507. Check out the web at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/passion-purpose-events>

## Welcome to the 90-Day Bible Challenge!



“READ DAILY, and thence gather food for your soul” - Spiritus Paracletus, 43

Anyone who’s ever tried to read the whole Bible knows it can be just that – a challenge.

The 90-Day Bible Challenge makes it easy by focusing in on the underlying story that ties the Bible together and makes sense of it all. Instead of reading all 73 books of the Bible, you’ll just read 14. Starting with Creation and the Garden of Eden, you’ll continue through the birth of Israel and the coming of the prophets until you end with the coming of Christ and the start of the Church.

This 90-Day guided tour through that story breaks it down into time periods to help you keep track of your progress and remember the basic plot. (This methodology is based on the extremely popular and effective Bible Timeline learning system). Every day, I will send you an introduction to the period or an overview with that day’s reading. A single question will help you reflect on what you’ve read. Click on the link by the question to share your thoughts with others or to see how they respond.

*Signup for the 90-Day Bible Reading Challenge* <http://thecatholicyearoffaith.com/90-day-bible-reading-challenge>

Getting Ready: Spending daily time reading the Bible is a wonderful way to grow close to God. Before you begin, it is important that you decide on a regular time and place. And be sure to pray before you read. I recommend you start off with the St. Ephraim prayer.

Though links will be provided to the daily readings, looking them up in your own Catholic Bible will enhance your experience.

Finally, though not essential, you might consider recording your thoughts and progress in a journal.

I’ll be taking the challenge right along with you. May God bless you as you read his word!

Sarah Christmyer

Author, [The Bible Timeline Guided Journal](#)