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**“Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

What do we expect of Jesus? What is it that we want him to do for us? What do we ask of him in our times of prayer? When you come to Mass, what is it that you anticipate Jesus doing for you or for others? We all have expectations of our relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers. We have expectations of ourselves. Therefore, it seems that we do, in fact, have real expectations of Jesus.

When Jesus returns to Nazareth, he goes to the synagogue - the local house of prayer. He is recognized as a teacher and wise man; it is for this reason that he is offered the scroll to read from. The people in the synagogue are deferring to Jesus; they are letting him choose the reading for the day and they are expecting him to explain the passage and to teach them. They have expectations of Jesus. They expect him to share with them some new knowledge, insight, or understanding about God.

Jesus chooses a passage from the prophet Isaiah. It is a well known passage about the coming of the Messiah — the coming of God’s anointed one. When God’s anointed one comes, the captives will find liberty, the blind will regain their sight, the oppressed will go free. He reads this Messianic passage to the people gathered in the synagogue and then sits down. They are waiting with great expectation of his words. What will he say? What insights will he share?

Jesus goes beyond their expectations. He tells them: “Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” He is telling them that he is more than a wise and learned man. He is more than a prophet. He is the One whom they have been awaiting . He is the Messiah — God’s anointed One! This is more than they expected; more than could have imagined!

In the Scriptures today and in the Eucharist we receive, Jesus is once again doing more than we expected, more than we imagined. He is uniting himself to us; he is coming to share our lives fully! His is with us always!

*Third Sunday  
of Ordinary Time*

*January 24th, 2010*

Readings

**Sunday, January 24th**  
Nehemiah 8: 2 -4a, 5 -6, 8 - 10  
Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Corinthians 12: 12 -30

**Monday, January 25th**  
Acts 22: 3 - 16  
Mark 16: 15 -18

**Tuesday, January 26th**  
2 Timothy 1: 1 - 8  
Mark 3: 31 - 35

**Wednesday, January 27th**  
2 Samuel 7: 4 -1 7  
Mark 4: 1 - 20

**Thursday, January 28th**  
2 Samuel 7: 18 - 19, 24 - 29  
Mark 4: 21 -25

**Friday, January 29th**  
2 Samuel 11: 1 - 4a, 5 - 10a, 13 - 17  
Mark 4: 26 -34

**Saturday, January 30th**  
2 Samuel 12: 1 - 7a, 10 - 17  
Mark 4: 35 - 41

**Sunday, January 31st**  
Jeremiah 1: 4 - 5, 17 - 19  
1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13  
Luke 4: 21 - 30

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**Finance Council:** Pat Durkin  
**JustFaith:** Pat Storms  
**Grand Knight:** John Lott  
**Altar Society:** Glenda Marks, Lillian Magnusson, Rose Anderson

*Parish  
Team*

**ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Lord's Day Masses:**  
Saturday - 5:30 PM  
Sunday - 7:30 & 9:30 AM  
Confessions: 1/2 hour before Mass

**DAILY MASS** (see bulletin weekly schedule)  
7:00 AM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday  
5:30 PM Tuesday  
8:00 AM Saturday (with Eucharistic Adoration)

**SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH Weekend Masses:**  
Saturday - 5:00 PM  
Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM, ( 11:45 AM Mary House)

## St. John's Weekly Schedule

**Tuesday, January 26th**

Noon **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**



**If you are able to provide a dozen or more cookies for the Blood Drive, please contact Dale Wiskur at 567-3582.**

**Thank you!**

6:00 pm Training for New Eucharistic Ministers

**Wednesday, January 27th**

5:45 pm Core Team Retreat with Lance Nielsen

No Life Teen/Edge

**Thursday, January 28th**

7:00 pm RCIA

**Sunday, January 31st**

4:30 pm REACH retreat for grades 6 - 8 here at St. John's. Retreat ends Sunday at 10:30am.

See bulletin back for more information.

**From Father Christensen**



On Friday, January 22, 2010, we remembered the thirty-seventh anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision of 1973, Roe v Wade. It was the decision that permitted abortion on demand throughout the United States. Since that date, nearly 45 million babies have been killed in the wombs of their mothers. We even permit the killing of the unborn right up until the time of delivery using a *horrific* procedure called "partial birth abortion." In addition to the babies who have been killed over these 37 years, many women and men have been deeply wounded by the trauma of having participated in an abortion. They have physical, psychological, and spiritual scars that haunt them and deprive them of true peace. A wonderful community has developed to assist these men and women through the process of grieving, forgiveness, and healing. Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel are opportunities for those people touched by the heartache of abortion to find the healing and peace they need and for which they long. You can find information regarding Project Rachel at [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com) and information regarding Rachel Vineyard Retreats at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). In addition to find healing from abortion, we as the Body of Christ - the Church - must continue to work to protect and defend the unborn, generously assist those who find themselves in "crisis" situations, and promote a culture of life in our words, attitudes, and deeds. Praise be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!



## **ST. JOHN'S SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST  
FROM 12:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS  
OF **NEW RAFFLE ITEMS.**

PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT PADRE HALL  
AFTER MASSES OR DURING THE WEEK.

THANK-YOU!

### **First Communion Candidates and Parents:**

**The date for First Reconciliation has been changed!**

First Reconciliation will be held on

**Sunday, February 14 at 10:50 AM** here at St. John's.

Parents: Bring your cameras.

**Catholic Education** is an investment in your child's future. St. Joseph School has proven to be highly effective for the past 50 year and the staff would love to work together with you in the faith formation and education of your child. Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year opened on Tuesday, January 12. Please prayerfully consider Catholic Education, your child is worth it..

**Bethany Christian Services** is celebrating "A World of Difference" through adoption and we would like to invite you to our Dinner and Dessert Gala on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City. This is our annual fund-raising event and there is no charge for the meal. Call 343-7196 for reservations.

**FREE TAX HELP** Certified Volunteers will provide free Income Tax service for taxpayers with middle to low-income with special attention to seniors beginning Monday, Feb 1st through April 14th, 2010 . Tax assistance will be provided on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1pm to 4:30 pm at the Pierre Area Senior Center located at 401 W. Pleasant Ave. All taxpayers that own homes must bring their real estate tax receipt to gain an increase in the standard deduction. If you have purchased a new Vehicle in 2009 bring the sales tax receipt to increase your standard deduction. zbring Social Security Cards for identification, their 2008 Tax Return and all 2009 income statements such as W-2's, 1099's and all information relating to interest, dividends, etc. If you plan to itemize, please bring all expense records

### **Pilgrimage with Father Brian to the Eternal City of Rome in October 2010.**

Participate in the Ordination Mass of one of our diocesan seminarians at St Peter's Basilica. Celebrate Mass in the catacombs, visit the major churches of Rome, visit the cities of Siena, Florence, and Assisi. Pray at the tombs of the saints, see the beautiful county side of Italy, and enjoy the wonderful Italian cuisine. Attend an audience with Pope Benedict XVI. Round trip from Rapid City, all transportation, lodging, breakfasts, and seven dinners included for \$3,629. 12 Days: October 4-15, 2010. For information call Fr Brian at 223-2176 or [frchristensen@gmail.com](mailto:frchristensen@gmail.com).



Saturday, January 23rd

5:30 PM + John & Jerry Graham  
By: Katherine Hartley

Sunday, January 24th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish  
9:30 AM + Mary Maass  
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer

Monday, January 25th - Conversion of St Paul

7:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday, January 26th - Sts Timothy & Titus

5:30 PM SI Marianne Hofer  
By: Hofer Family

Wednesday, January 27th—St Angela Merici

7:00 AM Carol & Mark Weber  
By: Hofer Family

Thursday, January 28th—St Thomas Aquinas

7:00 AM SI Dan Weber  
By: Hofer Family

Friday, January 29th

7:00 AM NO Mass

Saturday, January 30th

8:00 AM Mass and Adoration  
5:30 PM + Rodge and Edith Hartley  
By: Katherine Hartley

Sunday, January 31st

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish  
9:30 AM SI Lonny Hofer  
By: Hofer Family  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 1/2 hour before



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes	\$2,376.00
Student Envelopes	\$ 29.00
Plate	\$ 184.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,589.00</b>

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



**Our Military Members:** That God's loving hands protect them as they protect us and heal those who have returned to us physically or emotionally wounded.

We especially pray for the safety and well-being of  
Melissa Gross (Darrell & Cindy),  
Brett Anderson (Rod & Megan),  
David Collins (Mary)  
Jocelyn Baker (Megan Anderson - sister).

Please take time to drop a note to our soldiers and thank them for their sacrifice and dedication.

**CW3 BRETT ANDERSON**  
HHB 1-147 FA  
APO AE 09337

**SP4 MELISSA MCINTYRE**  
21ST MP CO (ABN) UNIT 031  
CAMP BASRAH  
APO AE 09375

**MAJ JOCELYN BAKER**  
KFOR 12 TF FALCON HHC  
APO AE 09340

**MAJ DAVID S COLLINS**  
HHC 41BCT 11D, S-3  
COB Spreicher  
APO, AE 09393  
**SPGT HALL, PATRICK D**  
IS HOME! PRAISE GOD!



- Sun.24 Andrea Pospisil  
Mon.25 John Mayer, Jeff Mikel  
Tue.26 Audrey Durkin, Don London  
Thu.28 Richard Bartekoske, Eileen Fischer  
Bryce Healy  
Fri.29 Landon Bame, Shane Clarambeau  
Travis Jacobson, Lisa Kenzy

Sat, Jan 30, 5:30 PM

LOU ANN DUNN, BONNIE FISCHER Eucharistic Ministers  
LORI ROBERTS Lector  
BEN HUGHES, JOSH SLOCUM Altar Servers

Sun, Jan 31, 7:30 AM

JUDY ACKLEY, MEGAN ANDERSON, MARY GIDDINGS Eucharistic Ministers  
DIANE SMITH Lector  
HANNAH BOOTH, MARIAH MADSEN Altar Servers

Sun, Jan 31, 9:30 AM

IRMA LEFAIVE, EVEYLN MURPHY, MAUREEN SHEPHERD Eucharistic Ministers  
JO LAROCHE Lector  
SHELBY GERBER, MCKENZIE STULKEN Altar Servers  
ROD AND MEGAN ANDERSON, TWYLA BARTHOLOMEW Counters

**For all the sick and suffering,** Brenda Maxon, Sue Pospisil, Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Judy Hobbs, Nancy Holub, Maddox Rowland, Kelsey Spurlin, Dennis Carlson, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Theresa Kirby, Doris Ogan, Jennifer Cink, Dorothy Brown, Doreen Pospisil, Cindy Foreman, Francis Bies, Lois Zimmer, Roland & Mary Hostler, Joe Truett, Jace Nickolas, Loren Pospisil, Leona Jacobsen, James Garrity, Geraldine Kokesh, Bryan Ice, Chance Wagner, Beverly Russell, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund and all who have asked for our special prayers. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sue Pospisil - 3-2863.



**St. John's Adopt-A-Seminarian Pledge** is due at the end of June. We have raised \$1871.25 of our annual goal of \$5000. We will need **\$522.00 a month** to meet that goal.

Please help in the formation of our future priests by contributing to our Adopt-A-Seminarian Pledge.

You can use your blue envelopes from your packets!

**Our Seminarian:**

**Frank Sack Jr.**

**St Paul Seminary School of Divinity**  
**Box 155**  
**St Paul MN 55105-1094**



**Hail Mary full of grace...**

Please kneel down after Mass and pray Three Hail Mary's for the next person who dies from our parish.



# St. John's January Calendar

**Sunday, January 24th 6:30 pm**

ADORE Young Adults Group

**Tuesday, January 26th** - Knight's of Columbus Blood Drive

To set a time to donate blood call Dale Wiskur - 567 -3582

6:00 pm Eucharistic Minister Training for new ministers!

**Wednesday, January 27th**

5:45 pm Core Team Spiritual Retreat

**Thursday, January 28th**

7:00 pm - RCIA

**Sunday, January 31st** — REACH Retreat



## ***THE EDGE LOCK IN REACH RETREAT***

### **for 6TH -8TH Grade Youth**

**What:** Weekend of worship, teaching, & community activities

**Where:** St. John's Church

**When:** January 30 - 31st

**Time:** 4:30 pm - 10:30 am

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP RETREAT**

The middle School Youth Group — The Edge — will have a retreat/lock-in here at the parish from 4:30 pm Saturday, January, 30 until 10:30 AM on January 31, 2010.

All middle school teens are invited! Bring a friend! There will be music, food, games and retreat activities! Teens must register by Wednesday, January 27, 2010, so we know how many to plan and prepare food for.

We will be attending the 5:30 pm liturgy on Saturday as a group to begin the retreat. Please fill out the form and send into Lisa Fahey by January 27th.

Fill out & Mail to St. John Catholic Church, P.O. Box 670, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Gender</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup>	