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First Reconciliation Sunday, February 14th

This beautiful image of the Prodigal Son was painted by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo between 1667 and 1670 and currently hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. We see the tenderness of the loving father who embraces his returning son with tremendous compassion and understanding. The servant stands ready to clothe the poor son with the father's gifts of a robe, a ring,

and sandals. In the background we see the other servant leading the fattened calf to the slaughter so that the whole household might celebrate the return of the lost son. In the foreground, at the center of the image, is a white dog. The dog is the symbol of fidelity - the fidelity of the father. Jesus uses the story of the "Prodigal Son" to help us understand the mercy of His heavenly Father, who is also our Father! Our Father is abundant in mercy and overflowing with compassion for us. God, our Father, invites us to "come home" to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a joy to return home! Please pray for our First Reconciliation Candidates as they celebrate this great Sacrament of God's mercy today!

McKenna Cass ~ Andrew Coverdale

Elizabeth Duffy ~ Austin Hand

Ella Hand ~ Isiah Hand

Wesley Harsma ~ Emily Hughes

Alex Singleton ~ Kennedy Sommars

Kylee Thorpe ~ Reid Wieczorek

Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace."

*First Sunday
of Ordinary Time
February 14th, 2010*

Sunday, February 14th

Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16 - 20

Luke 6: 20 - 26

Monday, February 15th

James 1: 1 - 11

Mark 8: 11 - 13

Tuesday, February 16th

James 1: 12 - 18

Mark 8: 14 - 21

Wednesday, February 17th

Joel 2: 12 - 18

2 Corinthians 5: 20 - 6: 2

Matthew 6: 1 - 6, 16 - 18

Thursday, February 18th

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20

Luke 9: 22 - 25

Friday, February 19th

Isaiah 58: 1 - 9a

Matthew 9: 14 - 15

Saturday, February 20th

Isaiah 58: 9b - 14

Luke 5: 27 - 32

Sunday, February 21st

Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10

Romans 10: 8 - 13

Luke 4: 1 - 13

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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

Sunday, February 14th

Knight's of Columbus Breakfast after Sundays Masses.

Altar Society meeting in Padre Hall after 9:30 am Mass.

10:50 AM First Reconciliation for First Communion candidates and Parents.

5:30 pm Sainthood Project Call Irma LeFaive - 223-2316- to join.

6:30 pm Adore Young Adult Group

Monday, February 15th

5:30 pm Mission Trip Meeting

6:30 pm Just Faith Group meeting.

6:30 pm Sainthood Project Group Call Shirley Gross - 223-2188 if you would like to join.

Ash Wednesday - February 17th

7:00AM Mass

5:45pm Mass

6:45pm Soup Supper - everyone invited!

7:15pm Life Teen/Edge, Parent Life and First Communion

Thursday, February 18th

2:00 pm Sainthood Project Call Rose Egan - 224-0351 or Peggy Duffy - 223- 2765 if you would like to join.

7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, February 19th - All Fridays in Lent

Come and join your Parish Family!

5:30 pm Mass (Daily Mass on Fridays during lent will be 5:30pm)

6:00 pm Soup Supper for everyone!

6:30 pm Father Christensen's Lenten Reflection

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Confessions

If you would like to make soup for one of the Friday soup suppers please sign up at the church entrance. Ask a fellow parishioner to join in and help you!

Saturday, February 20th

2:00 pm Rosary and Holy Hour for Priests - call Christine Olson - 223-2129.



ST. JOHN'S SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

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

WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF **NEW** RAFFLE ITEMS. PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT PADRE HALL AFTER MASSES OR DURING THE WEEK. THANK-YOU!

PLEASE STOP AFTER MASS IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND AND PURCHASE CHILI, TURKEY NOODLE OR HAM AND BEAN SOUP!

From Father Christensen



Blessings for Saint Valentine's Day



Today, many people are celebrating St Valentine's Day. They are giving candy, flowers, or other gifts to loved ones. It's been a tradition to express love, especially between spouses and loved ones on this special feast day. However, why is this gift giving associated with Saint Valentine? Who is saint Valentine and why has he inspired this exchange of love? Saint Valentine was a priest in Rome. One of the gates into Rome was named "St. Valentine" taken from a small church dedicated to the saint which was in the immediate neighborhood. The popular customs associated with Saint Valentine's Day had their origin in a conventional belief in England and France during the Middle Ages, that on 14 February, i.e. half way through the second month of the year, the birds began to pair-up and mate. Thus in Chaucer's *Parliament of Fouls* we read:

"For this was sent on Saint Valentine's Day
When every foul cometh there to choose his mate."



For this reason the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens.

This Sunday, our parish will take up the annual **Collection for Black and Indian Missions**. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your donation funds evangelization programs to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults here in the US. www.blackandindianmission.org

Easter Flowers: Lilies and Mums for Easter: If you would like to donate towards Easter Flowers in memory or honor of your loved one, please use Flower envelopes from your packets or your own envelope and return to collection basket or church office.

Women's Lenten Retreat - March 6 - St. John's Padre Hall 8:00-1:30 Come and grow closer to Christ in a strong Catholic community of like-hearted believers! Guest Speakers Susan Gunn - Shadehill, SD, Jan Waltman - Aberdeen, SD and Sunny Hannum - Pierre, SD. Light breakfast and lunch will be served.

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



Winners for KC football:

Vikings: Debra Nold NFC, Charles Atkins AFC
Sunday: Paul Lott NFC, Janet Waldron AFC
Monday: Steve Blair NFC Week 13, Bob Mayer AFC



Saturday, February 13th

5:30 PM SI Julie Finzen Family
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer

Sunday, February 14th

7:30 AM Special Intentions
9:30 AM + Gerrard Bernier
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer

Monday, February 15th

7:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday, February 16th

5:30 PM No Mass

Wednesday, February 17th Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM SI Brad, Mary Ryan Family
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer
5:30 PM Intentions of the Parish

Thursday, February 18th

7:00 AM + Regena Kalke
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer

Friday, February 19th ***NOTE 5:30 PM

5:30 PM SI Bill and Betsy Wetering Family
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer

Saturday, February 20th

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

Sunday, February 21st

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
9:30 AM + Kevin Gallagher
By: Megan and Rod Anderson

Sacrament of Reconciliation 1/2 hour before Masses
or by appointment

Sun.14 Kara Marks, Charles Poches
Mon.15 Terrance Hughes, Tyler Reiman
Tue.16 Greg Buntrock, Drew Johnson, Kim Rogers, Dan Schneiderhan
Wed.17 Alisha Hunt
Thu.18 Larry Giddings, James Pospisil
Fri.19 Ethan Heckenlaible, Bev Hughes, Ken Marks, Donna Rankin
Sat.20 Samantha Longbrake, Bob Mayer
Bridget Mayer, Clayton Stoesser
Sun.21 Shane Badger, Janet Borchard, Mary Collins, Tyler Hall

Anniversaries

Sun.14 Terrance and Regina Maier

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, Stella Nagel, Clayton Anderson, Jim Ogle, Linda Titze, Jesse Keckler and all who have asked for our special prayers. If you've a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sue Pospisil - 3-2863.



| | Eucharistic Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|---|
| Saturday, Feb 20, 5:30 PM | DIANE LARSON | BRITA BERGESON | JOSH SLOCUM JACE WERNSMAN |
| Sunday, Feb 21, 7:30 AM | MEGAN ANDERSON MARY GIDDINGS | DIANE SMITH | ADAM BROWN ALEC STEINER |
| Sunday, Feb 21, 9:30 AM | EVEYLN MURPHY MAUREEN SHEPHERD LINDA WHITE | MARY TURMAN | SHELBY GERBER MCKENZIE STULKEN KELSEY VANDENHEMEL |
| COUNTERS | ROD AND MEGAN ANDERSON DAVID PAGE | | |

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.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes \$2,370.00
Student Envelopes \$ 14.00
Plate \$ 328.00
Total \$2,712.00

"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
HBB 1-147 FA
APO AE 09337
SP4 MELISSA MCINTYRE
21ST MP CO (ABN) UNIT 031
CAMP BASRAH
APO AE 09375

MAJ DAVID S COLLINS
HHC 41BCT 11D, S-3
COB Spreicher
APO, AE 09393
MAJ JOCELYN BAKER
KFOR 12 TF FALCON
HHC APO AE 09340

Catholic Education is an investment in your child's future. St. Joseph School has proven to be highly effective for the past 50 years 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.
FREE TAX HELP Certified Volunteers provide free Income Tax service for middle to low-income and seniors Feb 1st - April 14th on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons - 1pm to 4:30 pm - Pierre Area Senior Center- 401 W. Pleasant Ave.

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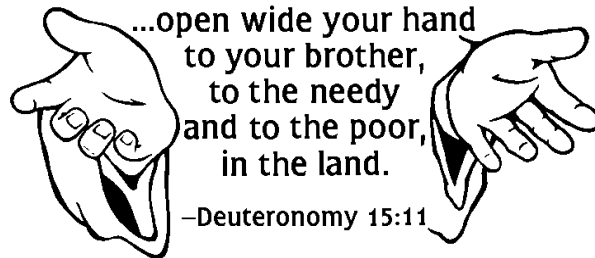
Wow!

Hail Mary full of grace...

Please kneel down after Mass and pray Three Hail Mary's



HELPING OTHERS DURING LENT



NEXT WEEK 1: FEBRUARY 21ST BACKPACK PROGRAM

SPECIFIC FOOD ITEMS FOR CHILDREN'S WEEKEND MEALS:



CEREAL BOXES
CEREAL BARS & BREAKFAST BARS
POP TARTS
OATMEAL PACKETS
FRUIT ROLL UPS
MICROWAVE SOUPS, STEW & MAC/CHEESE
FRUIT, JELLO AND APPLESAUCE CUPS
FRUIT JUICE BOXES
CHEESE/CRACKER PACKAGES
SMALL BOXES OF RAISINS
ALL NEED TO BE INDIVIDUAL SERVINGS

2nd week - Feb. 28th: DIAPERS FOR BIRTHRIGHT
3rd week - March 7th: UNDIE SUNDAY FOR MISSOURI SHORES
4th week - March 14th: TOILET TIRES FOR WOMEN'S PRISON
5th week - March 21st: CHEYENNE EAGLE BUTTE NEEDS
Palm Sunday - March 28th: EASTER BASKETS FOR MARY HOUSE