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Spirituality Initiative at Terra Sancta

On Friday afternoon, February 26th, ten parishioners from St John the Evangelist set out on a journey to Terra Sancta (the former St. Martin's Monastery in Rapid City) for a weekend retreat. Those who climbed into vehicles and headed west were Linda Brown, Kit Hartley, Val Wernsman, Irma LeFaive, Carol Pond, Kelly Madsen, Lou Ann Dunn, Pat and Lisa Fahey, Mary Welsh, and myself.

The retreat was a time of prayer, reflection, and discussion about our parish life and how we might become more vibrant, more fully alive in Jesus Christ. We went at the invitation of Bishop Cupich who has invited all the parishes across western South Dakota to participate in this Spirituality Initiative. He is eager to let God breathe new life into our parishes and into our lives as Catholic Christians living out our baptismal calling in Christ.

During our reflections on life at St. John's, the participants from our parish identified many strengths: friendly and welcoming, concerned for our youth, prayerful, concerned for and responsive to those in need, and a focus on community life and opportunities for life-long learning in the faith. We also identified several areas for growth. There are areas where we need to let God build us up and live more fully in His love.

Coming away from these three days at Terra Sancta, the participants made suggestions that will be discussed throughout our parish community. There will be discussions at the Altar Society meeting, the Knights of Columbus meeting, the Just-Faith and the Sainthood groups, the Pastoral and Finance Council meetings, as well as the Liturgy Team meeting, and at parish staff meetings. This discussion and responsibility for building up our community of faith rests with each and every member of our parish family. We all have a responsibility for all.

As your pastor, I invite you to participate in these discussions by getting involved with the various groups in our parish family. Please feel free to discuss your insights, suggestions, and hopes with the participants from the Spirituality Initiative or members of our Parish Pastoral Council. St John the Evangelist. Pray for us!

Third Sunday of Lent March 7th, 2010

Sunday, March 7th

Exodus 3: 1- 8a, 13 - 15
1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 6, 10 - 12
Luke 13: 1 - 9

Monday, March 8th

2 Kings 5: 1 - 15ab
Luke 4: 24 - 30

Tuesday, March 9th

Daniel 3: 25, 34 - 43
Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Wednesday, March 10th

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5 - 9
Luke 11: 14 - 23

Thursday, March 11th

Jeremiah 7: 23 - 28
Luke 11: 14 - 23

Friday, March 12th

Hosea 14: 2 - 10
Mark 12: 28 - 34

Saturday, March 13th

Hosea 6: 1 - 6
Luke 18: 9 - 14

Sunday, March 14th

Joshua 5: 9a, 10 - 12
2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21
Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32

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Parish Support: Mary Welsh
Parish Council: Carol Pond
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 at Mary House)

St. John's Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 7th

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

Monday, March 8th

6:30 pm Just Faith Group meeting.

6:30 pm Sainthood Project Group Call Shirley Gross - 223-2188

Tuesday, March 9th

7:00 pm Finance Council - Padre Hall

Wednesday, March 10th

5:45 Life Teen & Edge, Kids Clubs

Thursday, March 11th

2:00 pm Sainthood Project Call Rose Egan - 224-0351

7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, March 12th - All Fridays in Lent

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

Saturday, March 13th

9:30 am CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

2:00 pm Rosary and Holy Hour for Priests

Call Christine Olson - 223-2129

Sunday, March 14th

10:30 am Teen Bible Study - Life Lounge (see below)

KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTER SUNDAY MASSES!!!



ST. JOHN'S SPRING CLEANING!!!

NEXT SATURDAY MORNING

MARCH 13TH

9:30 AM

**WE WILL BE VACUMMING,
WASHING WINDOWS AND MAKING OUR CHURCH
READY FOR EASTER AND SPRING!**

**PLEASE STOP BY AND HELP FOR A BIT - MANY
HANDS EVEN FOR A SHORT WHILE MAKE THE TASKS
AT HAND GO MUCH MORE QUICKLY!**

**PLEASE BRING ANY RAGS AND WINDOW WASHING
ITEMS YOU MAY HAVE ON HAND.**

Journey to Jerusalem Teen Bible Study

This study is for Teens and led by Teens.

When: Sundays at Life Lounge after 9:30
am Mass or 10:45 AM

Donuts and Drinks will be available!



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.

From Father
Christensen



Don't grow discouraged! It's the Third Sunday of Lent and we are well passed Ash Wednesday and the excitement we felt as we entered into Lent. We had hopes to deepen our life of prayer or to do some penance or some special spiritual activity. Maybe you wanted to spend more time in the Scriptures or less time in front of the television. Whatever it was, you might be feeling a little less than perfect. That's okay! The Israelites, as they wondered in the desert for forty years, often thought that they couldn't do it. They thought that they were unprepared for the challenges of the wilderness. They had moments of doubt and fear. They had trials and times of discouragement. The forty years in the desert taught them something very important. These years of struggle, temptation, and trial taught the Israelites that they could do nothing without God. They couldn't provide adequate food, water, and protection for themselves. It was God who gave them water from the rock, brought them through the Red Sea unharmed, and gave them manna from heaven to eat. God provided for them. God had chosen them and He was their source of strength, nourishment, and encouragement. Today, during our forty days in the desert of Lent, we must learn this lesson as well. We too must acknowledge, like our Jewish forefathers in the faith, that without God we can do nothing! We need God to pray. We need God to do acts of penance and sacrifice. We need God to be truly charitable and loving. We need our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for everything! Don't grow discouraged today. Turn to Christ with a sincere heart and pray: "I need you Lord. Help me!" Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

***Chrism Mass and Memorial
for Fathers Hickerson and Orians ~
Tuesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.
at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help***

Bishop Blase Cupich cordially invites all to participate in the annual blessing of the holy oils for sacramental use in the Diocese of Rapid City for the coming year. Father Donald Hickerson and Father David Orians will be remembered in special prayers at the Mass. Both priests passed away last fall and their funerals were held outside the diocese. The Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation will sponsor a reception in the parish hall after Mass.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is scheduled for the weekend of March 13 - 13, 2010 in the Diocese of Rapid City. Programs aid in natural disasters, armed conflict, water programs, health care, refugees and immigrant settlement, poverty in developing countries, legal support services for poor immigrants, and advocate for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace.

Saturday, March 6th

5:30 PM + Martha Rankin
By: Lyle and Phyllis Kenzy

Sunday, March 7th

7:30 AM Special Intention
9:30 AM + Martha Rankin
By: Tom and Irma LeFaive

Monday, March 8th - St. John of God

7:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday, March 9th - St. Francis of Rome

5:30 PM SI Katie Hofer
By: Hofer Family

Wednesday, March 10th

7:00 AM SI Kelly & Ann Ryan Family
By: Bob & Bridget Mayer

Thursday, March 11th

7:00 AM SI Kevin Gallagher
By: Lou Ann Dunn

Friday, March 12th

5:30 PM SI Grandchildren of Robert & Marjorie Gregg
By: Marjorie Gregg

Saturday, March 13th

8:00 AM Mass and Adoration
5:30 PM + Jim & Jerry Hartley
By: Kit Hartley

Sunday, March 14th

7:30 AM SI Carmen, Dylan & Stormie Madsen
By: Jim & Christine Olson
9:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
Sacrament of Reconciliation 1/2 hour before Masses

THESE OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes	\$3,203.00
Student Envelopes	\$ 23.00
Plate	\$ 426.43
Total	\$3,652.43

"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-daughter) Brett Anderson (Rod & Megan-son) David Collins (Mary Collins-son) Jocelyn Baker (Megan Anderson - sister). Robert Firman (Bernie & Peggy Duffy-son-in-law). Please take time to drop a note to our soldiers and thank them for their sacrifice and dedication.

CW3 BRETT ANDERSON
HNB 1-147 FA
APO AE 09337
SP4 MELISSA MCINTYRE
21ST MP CO (ABN) UNIT 031
CAMP BASRAH
APO AE 09375
MAJOR ROBERT FIRMAN
PSC2 BOX 9067
APO AE 09012

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

Mon. 08 Craig McIntyre, Beverly Moon, Rod Stoesser

Tue.09 Laura Hand, Sydney Roberts

Wed.10 Jerid Jaeger, Jamison Smith

Thu.11 Andraya Dowling, Kristyn Hall, Brandy Ludemann, Bob Stoesser

Fri.12 Anna Mayer

Sat.13 Mary Beth Fravel, Amelia Larsen, Val Wernsmann

Sun.14 Freda Lawhon

Anniversaries

Thu.11 Gerald & Marie Sylva

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, Jim Ogle, Linda Titze, Jesse Keckler, Baby R 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, Mar 13, 5:30 PM	LOU ANN DUNN GLENDA MARKS	BONNIE FISCHER	SAM SLOCUM JOSH SLOCUM
Sunday, Mar 14, 7:30 AM	JUDY ACKLEY MEGAN ANDERSON	DIANE SMITH	MARIAH MADSEN ALEC STEINER
Sunday, Mar 14, 9:30 AM	PAT DURKIN IRMA LEFAIVE PATTY LIHS	GAYLON GERBER	SHELBY GERBER MCKENZIE STULKEN KELSEY VANDENHEMEL
Sunday, Mar 14, 10:30 AM	COUNTERS		ROD AND MEGAN ANDERSON TWYLA BARTHOLOMEW

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



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.

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.

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More Information on Lent & Operation Rice Bowl

Hail Mary full of grace...

Please kneel down after Mass and pray Three Hail Mary's for the next parishioner who dies.



RAFFLE PRIZES:

Thank-you for your generous donations of Raffle Prizes for the Soup Dinner! The following winners have prizes to pickup at the church office on week days or call and arrange to pick up your prize after Masses.

WICKER BASKET RON CALKINS
GAME ART BERGESON

TRAVEL BLANKET DEB STOESER

STATUE JUDY ACKLEY

BELIEVE CANDLE HELEN SCHNIEDERHAN

GREEN ROSARY WENDY SHAY

SOAP NANCY BLOOM

ANGELS LINDA EHRENFELT

KETCHUP/MUSTARD IRMA LEFAIVE

SOAP/TOWELS DIANE LARSON

ELECTRIC KNIFE REESE HAND

PLACEMATS ROBIN DAVIS

TOWEL SET JOYCE KELLER

MARY K BASKET EVELYN MURPHY

THERMOMETER CHRIS OLSON

WOOD CROSS KEN STEWART

PERFUME JOYCE SACK

BRACELET DIANA MELVIN

GREEN DISH BILL FISCHER

ANGEL EVONNE FLAX

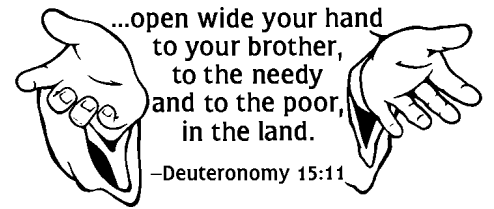
STAR W CRAYONS BARB ROSE

CRYSTAL BOWL COLLEN KIRBY

GREEN CANDLES PHYLLIS FRAVEL

WOODEN RACK LORRAINE SHAY

HELPING OTHERS DURING LENT

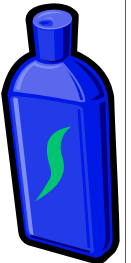


NEXT WEEK 4: MARCH 14TH WOMENS PRISON

REGULAR SIZED: (NOT TRAVEL SIZE)

TOOTH BRUSH & PASTE SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER, BODY WASH, BAR SOAP, LOTION, DEODORANT & SOAP

CON-COMB,



5th Sunday of Lent -March 21st

CHEYENNE EAGLE BUTTE ADOLESCENT AND WOMENS SHELTERS- towels, shampoo, conditioner, sanitary pads, deodorant, body wash, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste
TEEN SHELTER: Mostly Girls/a few boys: teenage personal hygiene & girl stuff, , nail polish and nail care, makeup, jewelry, hair stuff, any teenage puzzles, board games etc. & emergency supplies as flashlights, batteries, battery lanterns.

Palm Sunday-March 28th

EASTER BASKETS FOR MARY HOUSE- Hard Candy, Puzzle Books, Small Stuffed Animals, Squishy stress balls, Soft socks with the rubber grips on the bottom, Magazines like Reader's Digest s large print, Nail Polish (like red tones best) - their toiletries are provided. Assisted Living Centers: Toiletries, Hard Candy, Puzzle Books, Soft Socks w/grips, magazines, nail polish, lotion.

Birthright is also in need of new and barely worn newborn size sleepers.