

# ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## MASS TIMES

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

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 & 9:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament Sunday Evenings 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 - 8:00 pm or by appointment

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

7:00 AM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

5:30 PM Tuesday

**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

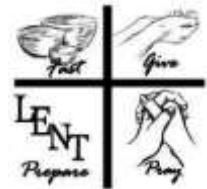
## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

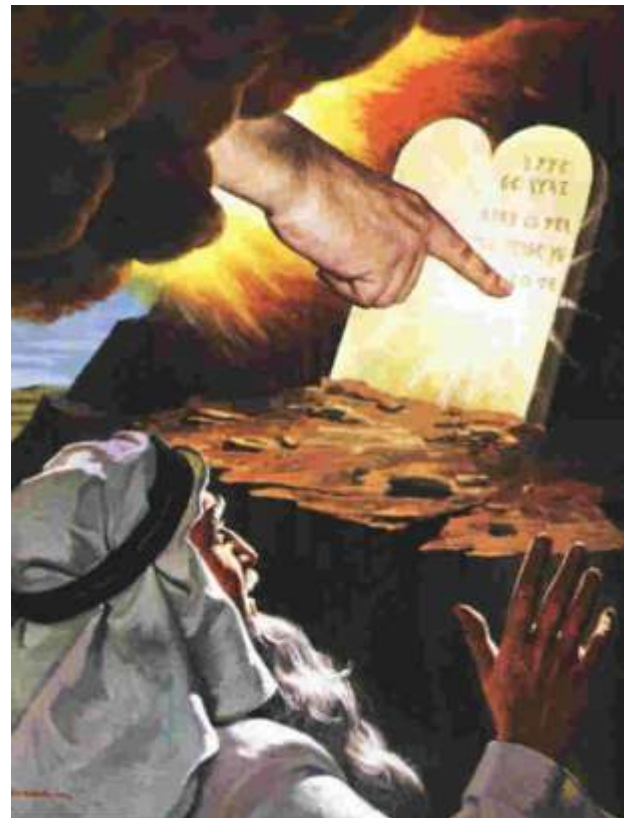
**Baptism** - Call Father Mark for information.

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

*Third Sunday of Lent*



*March 11th, 2012*



## Mass Readings

Sunday, March 11th  
Exodus 20: 1 - 17, 20:  
1 - 3, 7 - 8, 12 - 17

1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25  
John 2: 13 - 25

Monday, March 12th  
2 Kings 5: 1 - 15b  
Luke 4: 24 - 30

Tuesday, March 13th  
Daniel 3: 25, 34 - 43  
Matthew 18: 21 - 25

Wednesday, March 14th  
Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5 - 9  
Matthew 5: 17 - 19

Thursday, March 15th  
Jeremiah 7: 12 - 28  
Luke 11: 14 - 23

Friday, March 16th  
Hosea 14: 2 - 10  
Mark 12: 28 - 34

Saturday, March 17th  
Hosea 14: -2 - 10  
Luke 18: 9 - 14

Sunday, March 18th  
2 Chronicles 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23  
Ephesians 2: 4 - 10  
John 3: 14 - 21

## Saint John's Calendar



Sunday, March 11th

### **Knight's of Columbus will serve breakfast after Sunday's Masses.**

Join them over in Padre Hall for good food and fellowship!

10:45 am - 1:30 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Holy Hour and Adoration, Confessions and Benediction.

Monday March 12th

7:00 pm Communal Penance Liturgy

Tuesday, March 13th

6:30 pm RCIA-Life Lounge

Wednesday, March 14th

**5:45 pm Kid's Clubs, Life Teen, Edge, First Communion, Matthew Study**

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross led by our youth.

Friday, March 16th

6:15 pm Soup before Stations in Padre Hall

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 20th

7:00 pm Theology on Tap View Pub

*From Father Mark:* I will be preaching a parish mission, for the for the parishes of St. Peter's and St. Paul's in St. Cloud, Minnesota Friday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 21. The theme is Living in the Light of Christ. Please keep me in your prayers that the Holy Spirit might inspire my preaching and give me the words these two parishes need to hear during this parish mission. Father Ron Seminara from the Sioux Spiritual Center in Plainview will be here to lead you in the Eucharist next weekend.

### **St. Johns' Annual Lenten Retreat**

Saturday March 24th, 8am - 1:30 pm

#### **Women's Lenten Reflection "No Greater Love".**

Join the women of your parish family for this Lenten time of reflection.

Guest Speaker: Mary Jo Gallagher, St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Sioux Falls. For reservations: call the church office.



### *Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper:*

Friday Evenings during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7pm. At 6:15pm soup and bread suppers will be served.

Volunteers needed to make a pot of soup for Friday, March 16th, 23rd and the 30th.



### *Knight's of Columbus Lenten Food Drive:*



We're asking for people to please bring 1 or 2 non-perishable food items each week during Lent which the knights will deliver to the food bank.

A box has been placed at the church entrance for food drive items.

*Backpack Program Lenten Collection:* If you would like to give a donation to the backpack program please put your donation in collection and mark it for the backpack program.

## Sparks from Father Mark

This coming Monday, March 12, at 7 PM we will be having our parish Lenten Communal Penance liturgy. As I mentioned last weekend in the announcements there will be five priests available to hear confessions.

As a way to prepare for our encounter with the risen Christ who wants to heal and forgive us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to start by examining our conscience beforehand. Ask for the grace that Jesus might point out your sinfulness to you. May this Examine Conscience begin that process moving you to true repentance and forgiveness in Christ.

### **Examination of Conscience**

I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." Luke 15: 18-19

- Do I continually seek to love and serve God more fully? Do I seek and submit myself to God's will? Am I more like the younger son or the older son?
- Do I make my faith in God a priority in my life and that of my family? Do I "hold back" any love because of my possessions or fear?
- Do I reject despair and do I hope in the good that comes from belief in God?
- Is my faith a part of who I am, or simply something I do?
- Am I sometimes lukewarm in my faith? Am I ungrateful for God's grace and gifts? Do I trust God?
- Do I take the Lord's name in vain? Do I make oaths in his name? Do I commit violence in his name?
- Do I pray every day and dedicate all things to God? Is prayer a priority or an afterthought? Do I attend and participate fully in Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation?

### ***Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.***

- Do I believe the tenets of the Catholic faith and live them out?
- Do I rejoice in others' achievements or do I rejoice when others fail or "get what they deserve?" Do I expect the best or the worst from other people?
- Do I gossip? lie? cheat? Have I taken something that belongs to another?
- Do I cherish the truth above all things? Am I true to my own word?
- Have I damaged another's property or reputation? Have I hurt anyone physically or emotionally?

### ***Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.***

- Do I put in an honest day's work?
- Am I faithful to my spouse? Am I verbally or physically abusive?
- Am I faithful to family and friends? Are my children a priority in my life?
- Do I have an addiction to alcohol, drugs or anything else?
- Do I allow any of the "deadly sins" (pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth) to control my life?
- Are my thoughts holy and good? Do I view pornography or visit inappropriate websites?
- Do I bear the crosses in my life with patience, trust and joy in the Lord?
- Do I honor and care for my parents?
- Do I help those who are sick or vulnerable?

### ***Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.***

- Am I patient and kind? Do I show the love of Christ to all people?
- Do I forgive others as well as myself? Do I brood over wrongs and hold on to past offenses?
- Am I jealous of others? Am I quick to judge others?
- Have I studied and accepted the Church's teachings on respect for all life including the unborn, the elderly and sick, the poor and vulnerable, and condemned criminals?
- Am I generous with my time and talent in the Church and in society?

### ***Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.***

Saturday, March 10th

5:30 PM + Elizabeth Dufour  
By: Gerald and Marie Sylva

Sunday, March 11th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish  
9:30 AM + Father Dale Kutil  
By: Ray and Maureen Shepherd

Monday, March 12th

7:00 AM + Marisa Gross  
By: Sid and Carol Pond

Tuesday, March 13th

5:30 PM + Ann Graham  
By: John and Kit Schmidt

Wednesday, March 14th

7:00 AM Mass for Life

Thursday, March 15th

7:00 AM Mass for Life

Friday, March 16th

7:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, March 17th

5:30 PM + Frank Dufour  
By: Gerald and Marie Sylva

Sunday, March 18th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish  
9:30 AM + Loren Pospisil  
By: Terry and Lynell Erickson  
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4 - 5pm, Sunday 7 - 8pm  
or by appointment

**Birthdays**

Sun.11 Andraya Dowling, Bob Stoesser  
Mon.12 Anna Maher  
Tue.13 Mary Beth Fravel, Amelia Larsen, Val Wernsmann  
Wed.14 Freda Lawhon  
Fri.16 Hailey Norman, Terry Turman  
Sat.17 Trueet Havarnek, Treyton Jacobsen, Lori Roberts

**Anniversaries**

Sat.17 Jason and Roxanne Smith

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Cantor
3/17 Sat. 5:30 pm Mary Welsh	Lori Roberts Diane Larson	Mary Welsh Lori Roberts	Zack Roberts	Kathleen Slocum
Sun. 7:30 am Christine Olson	Gordon Larsen Diane Smith	Christine Olson Judy Ackley Mary Giddings Kelly Madsen	Austin, Adam and Courtney Brown	
9:30 am Pat Storms	Dan Schneiderhan Jo LaRoche	Frank Sack Pat Storms Noreen Plumage Irma LeFaive	Seth, Kelsey, and Shay Vandenhemel	Michelle Humann

For all the sick and suffering:

Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Judy Hobbs, Maddox Rowland, Kelsey Spurlin, Dennis Carlson, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Cindy Foreman, Francis Bies, James Garrity, Geraldine Kokesh, Bryan Ice, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund, Stella Nagel, Jesse Keckler, Max Roberts, Jim Palmer, Alice Gannon, Bill Roscoe, Peg Logan, Michael Leonard, Terry Hughes, Jace Nickolas, LeAnn Nelson, Deborah Syed, Sharon VanWinkle, Kroix Larson, Beth Flagstad, Addie Nickolas, Mark Haight, Kathryn Schlechter, Keri Hendrickson, Kathy Mueller, Helen Schneiderhan, Angie Redden, Maryls Fratzke, Bennett Johnson, Val Wernsman, Heidi Alban, Cheryl Sorenson, Danna Bren, Yvonne Ehlers, Patti Duffy and all who have asked for our special prayers. We are in need of prayer warriors to intercede for people on our prayer chain. For Prayer Chain requests or be a member on the prayer chain call Marsha Knight -223-2478.



**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Regular Envelopes \$ 2,455.00  
Plate \$ 549.11  
Total \$ 3,004.11  
Building Fund: 635.00



Our building repair loan payment is \$1,833 a month.  
"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

**God Bless our Soldiers**

Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this our time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen."

We especially pray for the safety and well-being of:  
CPT Andrew Eickbush, (husband-Maggie Moisan) Afghanistan  
HHC 2-87 IN  
FOB PASAB  
APO AE 09370  
SSG Weischedel Billy D (husband of Meri) - Afghanistan  
200th ENG.CO. (MRBC)  
Camp Leather Neck  
FPO AE 09372  
Petersen Corbin (grandson Roy & Nita Stoesser) - Afghanistan  
842nd EN CO 3rd Pit  
COP Arian  
APO AE 09311  
Andrew A. Berreth  
Company A, 1BSTB, 1-82nd ABN  
FOB Arian  
APO AE 09323

Andrew



Bill



Corbin



Andrew



*Christian Family Planning Seminar* by Natural Family Planning Ministry - Saturday, April 21 at Holy Cross in Timber Lake. *This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.* Married couples/anyone wanting to learn about NFP are encouraged to attend. For information/register, call Jill- Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541.  
*Women's Silent Lenten Retreat:* Experience the peace and quiet of the *Terra Sancta* Retreat Center March 30 - April 1. This silent retreat will provide individual spiritual direction for women as the Lenten season comes to a close. \$100 registration fee includes two nights stay in the family style rooms at *Terra Sancta* and meals (Friday dinner-Sunday breakfast). Registration forms available on-line at [www.terrasancta.org](http://www.terrasancta.org). Deadline to register is March 26. Call 605-716-0925/email [stay@terrasancta.org](mailto:stay@terrasancta.org).

*CSS PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH* - Catholic Social Services will host the Palm Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 1, 2012 from 12 - 2:00 pm at the Best Western Ramkota Convention Center, 2111 North LaCrosse in Rapid City. This brunch attracts over 750. The Most Reverend Robert Gruss, will be the keynote speaker. Msgr. William O'Connell will offer the invocation. Complimentary brunch tickets are still available, however, seating is limited. Please call 605-348-6086 or 800-727-2401 or Email to [css@rapidnet.com](mailto:css@rapidnet.com).

*MARRIAGE MATTERS WORKSHOP -SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012:* It is a 6-hour Workshop on developing communication skills for a strong, loving Christian Marriage. The Workshop is for newlyweds to the long-married and focus's on developing communication/conflict resolution skills that can make a difference between a difficult marriage and a loving partnership. The non-denominational Workshop runs from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Terra Sancta. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$50 per couple. Pre-registration required. Contact CSS 605-348- 6086 or 1-800-727-2401 or email at [css@rapidnet.com](mailto:css@rapidnet.com).

## Religious Education News:

## Faith Formation Calendar:

Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>: 10:45-12:30pm Confirmation Class in the Life Lounge

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup>: 5:45-8:00pm Kids Club, DAWG, Life Teen & Edge

First Communion

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup>: 7:30pm Stations of the Cross led by the Life Teen and Edge

Every week Wednesdays during Lent we will meet in the church at 7:30 for Stations of the Cross led by Life Teen Youth.

Please join us!

March cooks: Barb Hight and Eileen Kramer

March Servers: March 7th/14th Sharon Johnson, Bryce & Mary Healy, Martha Stewart. March 21st/28th Lynette Singleton, Keith and Jeanette Byer, Jodi Reinhart.

April Cooks: Denise Steiner and Tara Mangan.

Thank-you to Liturgy Members for cooking and to all who served/cleaned up in February. We couldn't do it without your help!



Donut eating contest

### Upcoming Events:

Steubenville Youth Conference: **For High School students.** If you'd like to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer in Denver, July 6-8th, please sign up with Josie. Registration is on first come - first served basis. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with youth of our faith in the Rockies!!!

*Lenten Projects Websites:* you can do at home with your children/grandchildren.

[smartmartha.com](http://smartmartha.com) Go to Stations of the CrossBox.

[Catholicicing.com](http://Catholicicing.com) Go to Liturgical year and Lent for activities.



*Contribution Statements:* If you would like a copy of your 2011 Contribution Statement please contact the church office for a copy sent via email or you may pick it up at the church office.

### Soldiers Care Packages:

We will be sending care packages to 5 soldiers - 4 are in our bulletin and one we were made aware of in a company who has no one and receives no correspondence or packages...so **we will send him one as well to lift his spirits...**

Items needed: Jerky, Protein bars, trail mix, Mixed nuts, licorice, cards and letters.

Please drop off by March 25th.

Welcome home Bill Weischedel for your two week home visit!



### For the Ride Home - Third Sunday of Lent - March 11, 2012

#### Scripture

Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for people to drink. (Exodus 17:6)

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. (Romans 5:7)

Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? (John 4:11)

#### Reflection

Consider the three texts above, how does each represent grace?

How is it possible to die to your personal desire?

**Is grace earned or God's gift?**

What is the origin of your faith?

What is the result of accepting the grace that is always available to you?

Since it belongs to the supernatural order, grace escapes our experience and cannot be known except by faith. We cannot therefore rely on our feeling or our works to conclude that we **are justified and saved. However, according to the Lord's word** - Thus you will know them by their fruits - **reflection on God's blessings** in our life and in the lives of saints offers us a guarantee that grace is at work in us and spurs us on to an ever greater faith and an attitude of trust and poverty. Ted Bergh, © ParishVision Llc 2012.

Cold and Flu Season is still with us. Please keep in mind:

- If you are not feeling perfectly well, you are reminded to not receive the precious Blood of Christ from the cup.
- If you wish to not shake hands at the Sign of Peace, a simple bow of the head with the peaceful greeting will suffice.

People will understand and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

If you are truly sick, you are also reminded that the Sunday obligation does not extend to those who are ill. For the good of your health and that of your brothers and sisters, stay home and get better.

Mass at Maryhouse. *Please remember that Maryhouse Chapel is the home for the residents of Parkwood and Maryhouse, and St. Mary's.* We are guests in their home.

If you or your children, are not scrupulously healthy (and please take that in the strictest sense), then please attend a parish Mass. It may just be a small cough, a small runny nose, a small sore throat for you or your child, but for the elderly, it can be a serious matter indeed. *Please* be mindful and thoughtful.