

# 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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## 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

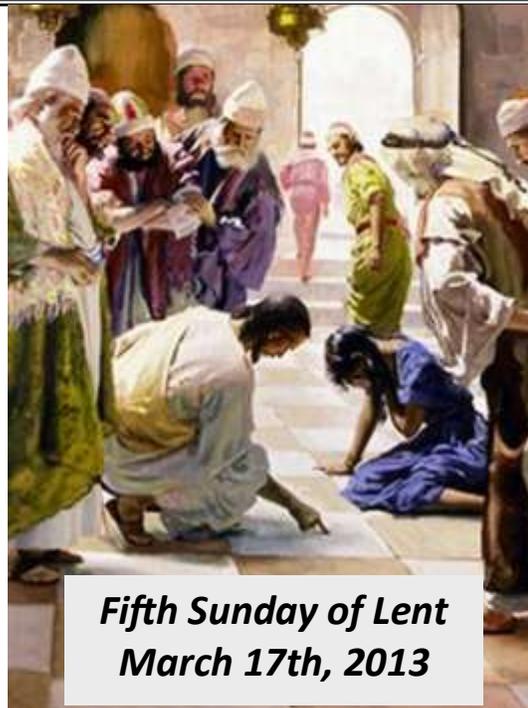
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM, 11:45 AM Mary H

## 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.



## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17th, 2013

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, from now on do not sin any more." John 8: 1-11

## Mass Readings

**Sunday, March 17th**

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Philippians 3: 8-14

John 8: 1-11

**Monday, March 18th**

Daniel 13: 1-9, 19-30, 33-62

John 8: 12-20

**Tuesday, March 19th**

2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

**Wednesday, March 20th**

Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95

John 8: 31-42

**Thursday, March 21st**

Genesis 17: 3-9

John 8: 51-59

**Friday, March 22nd**

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

John 10: 31-42

**Saturday, March 23rd**

Ezekiel 37: 21-28

John 11: 45-56

**Sunday, March 24th**

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Luke 22: 14—23:56

## St. John's Calendar

### Sunday, March 17th

10:30 Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Adoration

### Wednesday, March 20th

5:30 pm Faith Formation *No CGS Classes until April 3rd*

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross by our Youth

### Thursday, March 21st

7:00 pm The Creed bible study in Padre Hall

### Friday, March 22nd

6:00 pm Soup supper and WRAP with Fr. Mark - breaking open the Sunday Gospel reading - for everyone! Please join us for soup and bread in Padre Hall.

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. John's:**

**Saturdays** from 4:00-5:00 pm



***This Sunday March 17th, after Masses  
our Knight's of Columbus will have a breakfast  
to help our Minot, ND neighbors  
get back in their homes after the 2010 flood.***

Minot was heavily flooded by the Mouse River in 2011 and many, many homes were damaged. Hope Village was established there to house and feed volunteers that might come there to help. One can volunteer at a time convenient to their lives. There are currently near 120 homes still needing restoration in Minot. Experience shows that without faith based organizations pitching in; very little gets done for those who really have a tough time helping themselves. Go to [www.hopevillagend.org](http://www.hopevillagend.org)

George and Gloria Welk, from our parish, will take our gift up to them in April when they go to help restore homes still in need - two years later.

The Watermark group that George and his wife Gloria will be working with is the group that was here helping with our 2011 flood and their members donated funds to purchase the dishwasher for Padre Hall.

Bring your families, friends and neighbors!

Free-will donation.

**Theology on Tap:** is Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm at the View. Join Father Christopher who will speak on Cardinal Henry Newman and his influence.



### **Faith Reflection for Women: Thursday, March 21, 5:30 pm**

Message, Song & Prayer. A home-town girl, mother of three, Michelle will perform music from her recently released CD. Parish Adoration ends at 5 pm with prayer in the Church, if you can join us. At 5:30 pm a light supper (\$6.00) will be served in Good Shepherd Hall, and Michelle's program will follow. Call 224-4881, RSVP by March 19, and leave a message.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is a perfect weekend to bring you and your spouse closer together. At this continually updated marriage enrichment program, you get away from distractions of everyday life and focus on each other. Instead of listening to lectures on improving your marriage, you will actually improve your marriage! In Pierre, April 19-21 at Clubhouse Hotel & Suites, Pierre. Call John/Dawn Elsinger at 605-362-0924. [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## Sparks from Father Mark

The annual **\$1 million Giveaway to Fight Hunger Feinsein Challenge** is now underway **through April 30**. The Pierre Area Referral Service, which oversees both the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry and the Backpack Program, are participating.

The challenge works like this: For all cash, pledges, checks and food items collected by the Pierre Area Referral Service, the program will receive \$1 per pound collected. That means the program could receive anywhere from \$250 to \$35,000 through the process. *Any money received will go to food pantry, which has seen an increase in usage; and the backpack program, which provides weekend meals to 300-325 children in Pierre and Fort Pierre.* People wanting to help in anyway can call Laura White at 224-8731. *Please drop off items at Pierre Area Referral at 2520 Franklin in Pierre (on truck by-pass). Backpack Program.*

PAARS mission is to assist children and youth in the Pierre area who may not have enough food to eat at home by providing them with easy-to-prepare weekend meals and snacks throughout the school year when no other feeding program is available.

By helping to sustain these students, we seek not only to help meet their nutritional needs but also to promote their physical, cognitive and social development, and to enhance their overall sense of well-being.

The first backpack food program in the nation was established in Arkansas when a school nurse sought help for children in her school who were suffering from hunger. She had seen for herself how food scarcity apart from cafeteria lunches was affecting their physical health, classroom behavior and ability to learn.

Since 1995, thousands of such backpack food programs have been launched in the United States, primarily through Feeding America (once known as America's Second Harvest), the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Feeding South Dakota (formerly the Community Food Banks of South Dakota), an affiliate of Feeding America, founded its own backpack program in 2006 to serve schoolchildren in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. The Pierre program makes purchases through Feeding SD but is not affiliated with them.

The Pierre Area Back Pack Program has been well received and through the generous support by local donors and volunteers our program continues to help meet the nutritional needs of our community's children. If you would like to make a donation to the Back Pack program please make check to Pierre Area Referral and memo Back Pack. The program is run solely on fund-raisers, donations and food drives that are conducted throughout the year.

Please pray for **Joe LeFaive**, son of Tom and Irma.

May Joe and all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

**Papal Bunting:** With the election of the new Pope, all faith communities are to display gold and white bunting on the exterior front doors of our churches. It is a formal welcoming of Pope Francis. The papal bunting will hang for a month following the Pontiff's election.

**Book of Intercessions:** In preparation for my pilgrimage to Medjugorje this coming April, I wanted to bring with me another journal full of your prayers. The book of intercessions will be in the narthex for the next month. I encourage you to write your prayer of intercession in the journal for yourself, families, friends, our church, country and world. We know that through our Catholic tradition Our Blessed Mother Mary is an incredible intercessor for us. She always intercedes for us on our behalf, leading us into deeper communion with her son Jesus—our Lord and Savior. Please know I will use this great gift of grace of Mary's intercession as I pray your prayers of faith and intercession on my pilgrimage this coming April. The book is on the podium at the church entrance.

Saturday, March 16th

5:30 PM + Joe LeFaive By: Father Mark and Saint John's Parish Family

Sunday, March 17th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM St Pauline Witte By: Mary Turman

Monday, March 18th

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

Tuesday, March 19th

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday, March 20th

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 21st

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, March 22nd

6:45 AM St Pauline Witte By: Mary Turman

Saturday, March 23rd

8:00 AM Intentions of Father Mark

5:30 PM + Jerry Meylor By: Family

Sunday, March 24th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM St Peter Kovorik

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4 - 5pm or by appointment

**Mass intentions:** Masses may be offered for special intentions of someone struggling with illness, in need of extra prayers for special needs or in thanksgiving. They can also be offered for deceased family members or friends. Mass envelopes are at entrances or call the office with requests.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Regular Envelopes \$ 2,660.50  
Plate \$ 304.32  
Total \$ 2,964.82

**Building Fund: \$300.00**

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

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 \$70,479.91

*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*

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.

*Please use your weekly envelopes - it makes much shorter and accurate work for the counters!*

**Bulletin announcements:** If you would like to submit a bulletin announcement please have them to the church office by Thursday at noon. The announcement will be copied as it is submitted — Please use black font—no underlines especially on email addresses to: sherry.stjohns@midconetwork.com or call the church office 223-2176.

**Watermark** - the group that came and helped our parishioners during the flood will be going to Minot, ND to continue recovery efforts there. They welcome anyone who would like to join them in their efforts to help restore lives and homes there. You can go for a couple days or a week with them. This project has been running since the spring floods of 2011. If you are interested in making this journey to help please call George Welk-220-0246.



**Birthdays**

Sat.16 Hayden Norman, Terry Turman

Sun.17 Truett Havarnek, Treyton Jacobsen, Lori Roberts

Tue.19 Greg Kenzy, Jo LaRoche, Lou Ann Leischer, Maxwell, Mitchel Scott, Mary Welsh

Wed.20 Barb Kleinsasser, Shana Kruger

Thu.21 Eric Booth, Rick Lancaster

Fri.22 Hailey Norman

Sat.23 Brad Dietz, Keaton Durkin, Kristy Hepper

Sun.24 Bailee Mathews

**Anniversaries**

Thu.21 Mark & Kristi Harsma

Travis & Lori Jacobson

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Cantor	Gift Bearers
03/23 5:30 pm Mary Welsh	Patty Lihs Kara Hughes	Ryan Fowler Diane Smith	Jace Wernsman	Laura Haadvadt	Jerry & Patty Lihs
Sun. 03/24 7:30 am Kelly Madsen	Teresa Madsen Christine Olson	Rose Anderson Mary Giddings	Mariah Madsen	Jim Schumacher	Pete and Judy Ackley
9:30 am Frank Sack	Al Berreth Kim Dowling	John & Christina Schweigerdt Mary Healy Pat Storms Irma LeFaive	Seth, Kelsey and Shay VanDenHemel Isiah Hand	Joan Schueller	Steve and Deanne Sprenger

**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, 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, Cassie Miller, Max Roberts, Steve Kokesh, Bob Jacobsen and all who have asked for our special prayers.  
Call Marsha Knight -223-2478 with requests.



Need **in-home services** for yourself or a loved one? Homecare Services is a private agency committed to providing expert advice and specialized care to those who want to remain living at home and need extra assistance. Services are affordable and tailored to meet your individual needs. Call Sheila Hinderer at Homecare Services for more information—224-2273.

**Living Last Supper:** Palm Sunday, March 24th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Portraying the night Jesus ate a final meal with his disciples—each disciple will tell the story from their perspective. The choir will sing inspirational music. Refreshments and fellowship following.

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



## **Religious Education News: Mark your calendars:**

**Wednesday March 20:** Faith Formation Classes 5:30-7:30pm

**Wednesday March 20-27:** No Catechist's of the Good Shepherd Classes

**Wednesday March 20:** First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30

**Wednesday March 20:** Stations of the Cross 7PM

**Wednesday March 20:** Teacher's meeting following Stations of the Cross

**March Cooks:** Beth Hand (if you are able to help Beth one of the weeks, please call the church office). March kitchen help: Natasha & Jeff Doolittle, Aimee and Cody Nickolas, John and Christina Schweigerdt, Lynette and Eric Weiss. Please arrive by 5:15 to set up & start serving at 5:30.

### **Summer Boys and Girls Camps, Retreats and Vacation Bible School Dates:**

**June 9-13:** Duc in Altum High School (9-12 grades)

**June 10-13:** Duc in Altum Elementary (1-8 grades)

**June 20-23:** Steubenville of the Rockies: (9-12 grades)

**June 24-28:** Girls Totus Tuus (6-12 grade) All girls who have completed or are in these grades

**July 15-19:** Boys Totus Tuus (6-12 grade) All boys who have completed or are in these grades

**July 22-26:** Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School Pre K-5



Saint Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fiaac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock? Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

In His Footsteps: Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.



### **Year of Faith – April 2013: "Receiving the Treasures of Divine Life" – Sacraments of Initiation**

"The sacraments of Christian initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life . . ." - Catechism of the Catholic Church. Susan Safford, Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Rapid City will be the presenter. The talk will be held April 10 at Terra Sancta, Rapid City; April 21 at St. John the Evangelist, Ft. Pierre; April 28 at St. Francis of Assisi Church.



**Year of Faith Video Presentations:** The Diocese of Rapid City has made available online the presentations for the Year of Faith at the Year of Faith web site: [yofrc.org](http://yofrc.org). Also, since the videos have been uploaded to YouTube, they are available on televisions and other devices that can access streaming media, including YouTube. Search for Diocese of Rapid City/Year of Faith or similar to find the videos of past talks in the diocesan series during this Year of Faith. In addition, audio-only versions are available online and can be downloaded to various devices and shared with others who might otherwise have no means of sharing in this important endeavor to examine our faith.