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“You Have Become A New Creation!”

“Dear friends, life is not governed by chance; it is not random. Your very existence has been willed by God, blessed and given a purpose (cf. *Gen* 1:28)! Life is not just a succession of events or experiences, helpful though many of them are. It is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this that we exercise our freedom; it is in this – in truth, in goodness, and in beauty – that we find happiness and joy. Do not be fooled by those who see you as just another consumer in a market of undifferentiated possibilities, where choice itself becomes the good, novelty usurps beauty, and subjective experience displaces truth. Christ offers more! Indeed he offers everything! Only he who is the Truth can be the Way and hence also the Life. Thus the ‘way’ which the Apostles brought to the ends of the earth is life in Christ. This is the life of the Church. And the entrance to this life, to the Christian way, is Baptism.

“This evening I wish therefore to recall briefly something of our understanding of Baptism before tomorrow considering the Holy Spirit. On the day of your Baptism, God drew you into his holiness (cf. *2 Pet* 1:4). You were adopted as a son or daughter of the Father. You were incorporated into Christ. You were made a dwelling place of his Spirit (cf. *1 Cor* 6:19). Indeed, towards the conclusion of your Baptism, the priest turned to your parents and those gathered and, calling you by your name, said: ‘you have become a new creation’ (*Rite of Baptism*, 99).

“Dear friends, in your homes, schools and universities, in your places of work and recreation, remember that you are a new creation! As Christians you stand in this world knowing that God has a human face - Jesus Christ - the ‘way’ who satisfies all human yearning, and the ‘life’ to which we are called to bear witness, walking always in his light (cf. *ibid.*, 100).

“The task of witness is not easy. There are many today who claim that God should be left on the sidelines, and that religion and faith, while fine for individuals, should either be excluded from the public forum altogether or included only in the pursuit of limited pragmatic goals. This secularist vision seeks to explain human life and shape society with little or no reference to the Creator. It presents itself as neutral, impartial and inclusive of everyone. But in reality, like every ideology, secularism imposes a world-view. If God is irrelevant to public life, then society will be shaped in a godless image. When God is eclipsed, our ability to recognize the natural order, purpose, and the ‘good’ begins to wane. What was ostensibly promoted as human ingenuity soon manifests itself as folly, greed and selfish exploitation. And so we have become more and more aware of our need for humility before the delicate complexity of God’s world.”

— Pope Benedict XVI, WYD 2008

Pentecost Sunday

May 23rd, 2010

Sunday, May 23rd

Acts 2: 1 - 11
1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 7, 12 - 13
Romans 8: 8 - 17

Monday, May 24th

1 Peter 1: 3 - 9
Mark 10: 17 - 27

Tuesday, May 25th

1 Peter 1: 10 - 16
Mark 10: 28 - 31

Wednesday, May 26th

1 Peter 1: 18 - 25
Mark 10: 32 - 45

Thursday, May 27th

1 Peter 2: 2 - 5, 9 - 12
Mark 10: 46 - 52

Friday, May 28th

1 Peter 4: 7 - 13
Mark 11: 11 - 26

Saturday, May 29th

Jude 17, 20b - 25
Mark 11: 27 - 33

Sunday, May 30th

Acts 2: 1 - 11
1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 7, 12 - 13
John 20: 19 - 23

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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 Lord's Day 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

Tuesday, May 25th

7:00pm ADORE - Young Adult Gathering at McClelland's
For married and single adults ages 18-35.

Thursday, May 27th

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

Saturday, May 29th

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

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH EVENTS

DUC IN ALTUM ~ Seminarians are Coming!

June 20 - 24th: 9th - 12th Grade (7:30pm - 9:30pm)
June 21 - 24th: Pre-school - 8th Grade (9:00am - 2:30pm)

Call Church office for information at 223-2176

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMPS

July 5 - 9: 9th-12th Grade Girls
July 6 - 9: 6th-8th Grade Girls

August 2 -6: 9th-12th Grade Boys
August 3-6: 6th-8th Grade Boys

Registration forms available at church office.

Our Graduates

Amelia Anderson

Trevor Swanson

Tara Bluestone

Zachary Walters

Kelcie Cross

Morgan Crow

Kalyn Eulberg

Rebecca Fahey

Carmen Foster

Paige Jensen

Kori Nutter

Michaela O'Daniel

Matthew Scott

Mikel Stulken



**Congratulations to our
2010 Seniors!**

Needed: Kindergarten Teacher

St. Joseph School will offer two kindergarten classes due to the large enrollment for the 2010/2011 school year. Teachers interested in this position please contact Darlene Braun at 224-7185 by Friday, May 14th

St. Joseph School School Lunch Program has a **Cook's Assistant** position open for the 2010-11 school year. Please apply by contacting Mary McMahan at the St. Joseph School office by June 2, 2010. 224-7185 or stjosephschool@k12.sd.us



From Father Christensen

On the occasion of Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. With the descent of the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus were completely transformed. Their lives were changed in a way that they could never have imagined. They went from fear to courage; sorrow to joy; fishermen to fishers of men; followers to witnesses; from disciples to apostles. We are part of this same transformation in the Holy Spirit. We are being called from fear to courage; from doubt to faith; from sadness to joy! By virtue of our baptism — the descent of the Holy Spirit in our lives — we have become immersed into the life of Jesus Christ. We are members of his body, the Church. We are temples of the Holy Spirit and children of God, our Father in heaven. Our lives are radically different because of our baptism. We are a “new creation” in Christ! We are called to let that life of Christ — by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us — take hold of our lives. The Holy Spirit, already at work in us, is trying to transform every aspect of our lives. We are being transformed each day into the very image and likeness of God. As we permit the Holy Spirit to penetrate our hearts and our minds, we are becoming more and more like our Savior Jesus Christ. We have his mind and his heart! We are thinking more like Christ, speaking more like Christ, acting more like Christ, loving more like Christ. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can we ever hope to be all that we are created and called to be. Left to our own device, relying on our frail humanity, giving into the ways of the world, we have no hope. But with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we can indeed become who we were created to be: Sons and Daughters of God! Today, on this great feast of Pentecost, renew your reliance upon the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life. Give permission to the Holy Spirit to take full control of your life. *Come Holy Spirit, Come. Come and renew my life!*



Please pray for **Erik Anderson**, son of Rose.

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

We welcome through the waters of Baptism:

Hazel Leta Hartlieb, daughter of Bill and Marit

Truett Lee Havranek, son of Steve and Melody

Cole James Hand, son of Jeremy and Julie



Thank-you to all of you who supported our youth at their fundraising Spaghetti Supper by cooking, helping and donating the Silent Auction items. The money raised will go towards their camps, Catholic Conferences and other needs.

Monday, May 24th

7:00 AM SI Erik Anderson

By: St. John's Parish Family

Tuesday, May 25th

5:30 PM + Erik Anderson

By: Mary Welsh

Wednesday, May 26th

7:00 AM SI Mass for Life

Thursday, May 27th

7:00 AM No Mass

Friday, May 28th

7:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, May 29th

8:00 AM Mass and Adoration

5:30 PM + Steve Gergely

By: Lois Wiskur

Sunday, May 30th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Erik Anderson

By: Steve and Sherri Stoesser

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1/2 hour before Masses
or by appointment

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes	\$2,986.90
Student Envelopes	\$ 17.50
Plate	\$ 481.02
Total	\$3,485.42



"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)
- David Collins (Mary Collins -son)
- Cody Byrum (Rachel Byrum -Husband)
- 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.

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 1ID, S-3
COB Spreicher
APO, AE 09393
MAJ JOCELYN BAKER
KFOR 12 TF FALCON HHC
APO AE 09340



Sun. 23 Lori Hall, Brad Rathbun, Annette Reiman, Josh SLocum

Wed.26 Jenna Lancaster, Brian Kenzy

Fri.28 Jacob Page, Mary Turman

Sat. 29 Kristi Harsma

Sun.30 Jerry Kelinsasser, Sean Kruger, Bruce Mathews



Thu.27 Rod and Megan Anderson, Mark and Diana Melvin

Fri.28 Jeff and Rebecca Mikel

Sun.30 Lance and Lori Roberts

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, Doris Ogan, Jennifer Cink, Dorothy Brown, Doreen Pospisil, Cindy Foreman, Francis Bies, Lois Zimmer, Mary Hostler, Jace Nickolas, Loren Pospisil, Leona Jacobsen, James Garrity, Geraldine Kokesh, Bryan Ice, Chance Wagner, Beverly Russell, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund, Stella Nagel, Linda Titze, Jesse Keckler, Baby Roberts, Jim Palmer, Les Welk, Reva Maher, Bert Weaver, Alice Gannon, Linda Waldman and all who have asked for our special prayers. For Prayer Chain requests call Marica Knight - 223-2478.



Liturgical Ministers Eucharistic Ministers Lectors Servers

May 29, 5:30 PM	DIANE LARSON LORI ROBERTS	BONNIE FISCHER	JACE WERNSMAN
May 30, 7:30 AM	KELLY MADSEN JUDY ACKLEY	MARY GIDDINGS	MARIAH MADSEN ALEC STEINER
May 30, 9:30 AM	PATTY LIHS LINDA WHITE SARAH LIHS	WADE POGANY	SETH VANDENHEMEL JAMES BARNETT JOHN BARNETT
May 30, 10:30 AM		COUNTERS	MELISSA PUEPKE BOB & EILEEN KRAMER

St. John's Adopt-A-Seminarian Pledge

Our annual goal of \$5000 is due at the end of June.

We have \$3,316.25 thus far. We have 5 weeks before our pledge is due.

We need \$336.80 a week to meet our pledge.

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!

Christian Family Planning Seminar

The next CFP Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, June 12, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. Therese the Little Flower in Rapid City. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.** Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Update Your Parish Registration

The church registrations are missing several new/changed phone numbers, addresses, some birthday and marriage dates. Please advise the office of any changes or if you haven't seen your birthday or anniversary in the bulletin - so it can be added or corrected in the church records. Thank-you! Call 223-2176.

Pilgrimage with Father Brian to the Eternal City of Rome

October 4th- 15th 2010

Round trip from Rapid City, all transportation, lodging, breakfasts, and seven dinners included for \$3,629.

12 Days: October 4-15, 2010.

Call Fr. Brian at 223-2176

or frchristensen@gmail.com.



We Walk By Faith

Learn about the We Walk By Faith Special Appeal and the plans for *Terra Sancta*. Read about the Spirituality Initiative program. Watch the videos. Pray the *Terra Sancta* prayer. Take a walking tour. Consider becoming a Guild member. Log on to www.terrasancta.org.

World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI, Madrid Spain

August 9 - 22, 2011. This spiritual and rustic pilgrimage is open to those who are 18 by August 9, 2011. Space is limited to the first 40 accepted applicants. Travel through Burgos, Avila, Toledo, Madrid and more. Cost: \$2,100. Deposits of \$250 and applications now being accepted. Contact Provatia Potvin 343-3541. Application and information is online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

Men's Retreat: As Iron Sharpens Iron

Summer Men's Conference: Iron Sharpens Iron Conference - June 12th, 2010. You are in the midst of an epic battle... Are you ready to face the challenges set before you? Come and be prepared for the battle. June 12, 2010 7am - 3pm, Mother Butler Conference Center For more information or to register online visit: www.ironsharpensiron2010.com. Fr. Brian will be one of the retreat speakers. Please join us!

Taste of Silence: A Response to the Busyness of the World Contemplative Retreat

Join others in exploring what it means to live the contemplative dimension of the Gospel in every day life and to have a deeper relationship with Christ through Solitude, Simplicity, and Service. The retreat will be presented by Fr. Carl Arico, a founding member and vice president of Contemplative Outreach, Ltd. The retreat will be held at *Terra Sancta* and will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, and end with Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 6. The \$75.00 fee includes all meals and snacks and lodging at *Terra Sancta* on Saturday night. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Mark McCormick at mark.mccormick@olbh.org or Our Lady of the Black Hills at 605-787-5168.

Divorced? Separated?

Find Help and Hope and Healing and Support in Divorce Care

- Interdenominational Free 13 Week Session — Every Thursday 7pm-8:45pm
- Starting Thursday, May 27, 7pm - 8:45 pm New Life Assembly - 1120 N Harrison in Pierre.
- Divorce Care for Kids - Helping children ages 5 - 12 heal from the hurt of divorce. Same time as the adult group meeting. Combines games, crafts, activities, music and DVD dramas to create a fun atmosphere where children feel comfortable and accepted.
- Support Staff: Sherri Bastle and Lisa Nold
- For More Information Call 224-1592