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Pentecost Sunday of Easter ~ May 30th, 2009

All four Gospels describe the Spirit descending on Jesus at his baptism “like a dove.” This white, winged creature connects us often to Scripture scenes, to Noah’s test for safe ground after the flood, and to our hope for peace. Artists have taken up this image often. Does it satisfy our desire to visualize God’s presence?

The Pentecost scene in Acts of the Apostles uses other imagery to indicate that the Spirit is present - a loud rush of wind and tongues like fire over each disciple meant the Spirit was there. Artists paint this scene too. Can their efforts capture the sense of the Spirit’s presence for us?

Scripture also invites us to look for more subtle ways to see the movement of the Spirit. How else can we illustrate that God is working now, invisibly but often?

A friend of mine took me to lunch recently. His genuineness, humor, strength, challenging conversation, and charm always bring me both a strange sense of peace and new energy for action - the strength to go back to work. After lunch I dropped him a quick e-mail to thank him for lunch, for the time together, and for his holiness. He was pretty quick to shoot back an argument disputing the holiness comment. I told him I was sticking to my story. He is holy.

It’s odd to think about this. I know he actually wants holiness. I also know he’ll deny any claim he’s achieving it. If a would-be saint claims holiness, there’s a good chance for the sin of pride to show up, and that messes up the whole holiness business. But I know my friend’s desire for God impacts me and other people.

It’s strange business when we claim to recognize the Spirit’s presence.

Dan Fulcane

Readings

Monday * June 1

Saint Justin, martyr

Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8 / Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday * June 2

Tb 2:9-14 / Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday * June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga, martyr, and his companions

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday * June 4

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17;
8:4-9a

Mk 12:28-34

Friday * June 5

Saint Boniface, bishop and martyr

Tb 11:5-17 / Mk 12:35-37

Saturday * June 6

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20

Mk 12:38-44

Sunday * June 7

Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

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Parish Council: George Welk
Finance Council: Pat Durkin
RENEW: Shirley Gross

Grand Knight: John Lott
Altar Society: Glenda Marks, Lillian Magnusson, Rose Anderson

Parish Team

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Weekend 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

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

Monday, June 1st.

7:00 pm **Altar Society** will be meeting in Padre Hall.

Summer Program: *Duc In Altum*

Kindergarten to 8th Graders

June 1st - June 4th: Monday - Thursday

9 - 2:30 pm

Bring a Sack Lunch!

High School Teens

May 31st - June 4th: Sunday - Thursday

7:30 - 9:30 pm

These are fun days filled with activities, games, prayer, Mass, and growth in faith.

Please call Church office for information or to volunteer to help for a few hours the 4 days they will be here with the Duc In Altum Team - 223-2176.

Register on Monday in Padre Hall when you bring your children.

Wednesday, June 3rd

6:00 PM Parish Potluck in Padre Hall for Seminarians and Kids. Everyone invited!!!



From Father Christensen

What are Liturgical Seasons?

A liturgical year is an annual cycle of communal prayer and celebration. The Roman Catholic Church divides its liturgical year into five distinct seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

Our liturgical year starts on the first Sunday of Advent. Unlike the secular world, which likes to start the Christmas season in October, we Catholics begin our Christmas season with the evening celebrations on December 24. Christmas runs for more than twelve days, through the feast of the Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord, which is celebrated on either the second or third Sunday in January.

We get our first taste of Ordinary Time after the Christmas season winds down. Ordinary Time is put on hold in the middle of the winter and into spring as we celebrate forty days of Lent and seven weeks of Easter.

Easter season ends the day before we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which is today. We have returned to Ordinary Time, which will end the day before the first Sunday of Advent. In 2009, Advent begins November 29.

Each liturgical season has distinct flavors and traditions, but they come together in harmony to help us reflect on the one mystery at the heart of every liturgy no matter the season: the saving mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

ST. JOHN'S ADOPT-A-SEMINARIAN PLEDGE IS DUE AT THE END OF JUNE, JUST 6 WEEKS FROM NOW. WE HAVE RAISED \$3000 OF OUR ANNUAL GOAL OF \$5000. WE WILL NEED \$330 A WEEK TO MEET THAT GOAL.

PLEASE HELP IN THE FORMATION OF OUR FUTURE PRIESTS BY CONTRIBUTING TO OUR ADOPT-A-SEMINARIAN PLEDGE.



YOU

LAST TWO DAYS!!

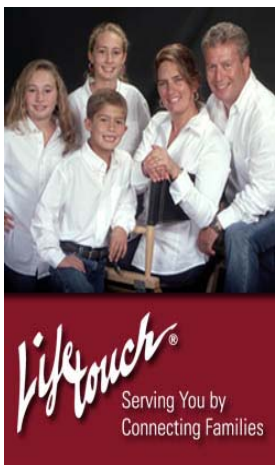
HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR OUR PARISH DIRECTORY?

St. John's is down to two days left

Photo Sessions: June 5-6, 2009

Don't miss this final opportunity to be a part of our parish family pictorial book!

If you want help making an appointment please call the church office -223-2176.



TOTUS TUUS CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMPS

GIRLS JUNE 22-26: 9TH-12TH GRADE

BOYS JUNE 23-26L 6TH-8TH GRADE

GIRLS JULY 6-10: 9TH -12TH GRADE

BOYS JULY 7-10: 6TH-8TH GRADE BOYS

STORM MOUNTAIN RETREAT CENTER:



THE NEXT **CHRISTIAN FAMILY PLANNING SEMINAR** WILL BE OFFERED BY THE NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MINISTRY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 9:00 A.M. - NOON AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN CUSTER. **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,

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



Monday, June 1st

7:00 AM SI Pat Lambrecht

By: Jim and Lisa Kinyon

Tuesday, June 2nd

5:30 PM SI Carol Safford

By: Susan Safford

Wednesday, June 3rd

7:00 AM SI Max Daniel

By: Susan Safford

Thursday, June 4th

7:00 AM SI Michael Hofer

By: Lonny and Linda Hofer

Friday, June 5th

7:00 AM SI Sheridan Nickolas 5th birthday

By: Family

Saturday, June 6th

8:00 AM Intentions of the Parish

5:30 PM SI Marianne Hofer

By: Lonny and Linda Hofer

Sunday, June 7th

7:30 AM SI Ashly Suedkamp

By: Jim and Pat Suedkamp

9:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1/2 hour before Masses or by appointment

- Mon.01 Hylan Murphy, Louween Schoenhard
- Tue.02 Linda Brown, Phyllis Fravel, Doug Reiman, Pat Suedkamp
- Wed.03 Clare Madsen, Dawn Vansickle
- Thu.04 Arlene Douglas, Joseph Kolbeck, Bev Stoesser
- Fri.05 John Duffy, Roger Kelly, Sheridan Nickolas, Matt Scott, Eric Weiss
- Sat.06 Austin Hand, Steve Kolbeck

Anniversaries

- Sun.31 Glenn and Margaret Malm
- Mon.01 Brad and Lori Clark, Ron and Joanne Heckenliable
Jerry and Barbara Kleinsasser, Perry and Kristi Longbrake
Rod and Patti Stoesser, Charles and Sandy Swanson
- Tue.02 Lynn and Mary Beth Fravel, Travis and Emily Paulsen
- Wed.03 Frank and Diane Larson
- Fri.05 Simon and Joanne Menning
- Sat.06 Bob and Eileen Kramer
- Sun.07 Jim and Pat Suedkamp

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Cantor
Saturday, Jun 6, 5:30 PM	LOU ANN DUNN PAT FAHEY GLENDA MARKS	BONNIE FISCHER	BEN HUGHES JOSH SLOCUM JACE WERNSMAN	JOAN SCHUELLER
Sunday, Jun 7, 7:30 AM	JUDY ACKLEY MEGAN ANDERSON KELLY MADSEN	MISTY ROBERTS	HANNAH BOOTH MARIAH MADSEN ALEC STEINER	
Sunday, Jun 7, 9:30 AM	PAT DURKIN IRMA LEFAIVE EVEYLN MURPHY	JO LAROCHE	SHELBY GERBER MCKENZIE STULKEN KYLA VANDENHEMEL	REBECCA FAHEY

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes \$ 2,182.55
 Student Envelopes \$ 4.50
 Plate \$ 258.00
 Total \$ 2,445.05

"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38



BATHROOMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE DOWNSTAIRS.

If you are able - During Mass - please use the bathrooms under the church. Thank-you!

Getting Married Soon? Contact your parish priest as soon as possible. You need to begin preparation at least 6 months prior to your proposed date of marriage. Check out the diocesan Engaged Encounter (EE) Web site - www.westrivervee.com - learn about EE and get upcoming information and registration for the EE weekends by completing the on-line registration form. Coordinating couple for the diocesan EE program is Connie and Greg Forstner - 341-6032.

For all the sick and suffering, Brenda Maxon, Phyllis Jones, Sue Pospisil, Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Judy Hobbs, Nancy Holub, Maddox Rowland, Gerry Jund, Kelsey Spurlin, Carl Rathbun, Dennis Carlson, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Theresa Kirby, Gene Stueven, Doris Ogan, Francis Bies, Jennifer Cink, Kay Kucsera, Dorothy Brown, Robert Gregg, Doreen Pospisil, Cindy Foreman, Tracy Petersen, Lois Zimmer, Martha Rankin, Ray Doerr, Roland & Mary Hostler, Don Ehlers, Joe Truett, Jace Nickolas, Loren Pospisil, and all who have asked for our special prayers. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sue Pospisil -223-2863.



For those in the Military: this 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 Angela Beck, Patrick Hall, Melissa Gross & Gordon Larsen. Please take time to drop a note to our soldiers and thank them for their sacrifice and dedication.



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St. John's

A PARISH FAMILY GROWING IN CHRIST

GENERAL INTEREST AND UPDATE INFORMATION

Please fill this panel out and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the address on the bulletin if you would

- * like to become a member,
- * would like more information,
- * you're a current member & have a change of contact information
- * would like a visit from the pastor.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

____ VISITOR

____ AM INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP

____ I HAVE NO CHURCH AFFILIATION

____ I'D APPRECIATE A VISIT FROM THE PASTOR

NEW “Virtuous” Summer St. John’s Programs



5th-9th Grade Virtuous Hero Girls Only & Boys Only Clubs
(For all incoming 5th-9th graders 09/10 school year)

5 Summer Sessions

MARK your calendars: June 11, June 18, July 11, July 23, August 6

WHERE: Padre Hall

Core Team Leaders: Josie Huck-Tardiff, Lisa Fahey, Kit Hartley, Pat Fahey, and Monroson

Come and learn about Saints, Virtues and Prayers.
We will journey together to be virtuous heroes in our Catholic faith.

MUST RSVP by June 8th at 223-2176 or email lisastjohn@pie.midco.net.

Friends are welcome.

Everyone is Welcome to Join us for St. John’s Summer Night @ the Movies

7:00-9:00 pm

Padre Hall - Free Admission, Pop and Popcorn

June 10th - “Come What May”

July 22 - “The Heart of Texas”

August 5 - “Faith like Potatoes”



Life Teen Summer Campus Scripture Study

“The Art of Living In Today’s World”

Pre-existing 9th-12th grade youth! Friends are welcome!

June 16, 30th, July 14, 21, 28, 5:30-8:00

We will begin with mass or prayer at 5:30,
Eat Pizza, finish with Scripture Study.

MUST RSVP by June 8th in order to have your book in time.

Call me at 223-2176 or email lisastjohn@pie.midco.net

