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We are built for awe.

Humans are worshipers. Through most of human history, humans have worshiped gods or God. Not everyone believes, of course. In more modern times, atheism has become an intellectually defended position. Does it work? What does it lose? What questions and instincts does it leave ignored? It's interesting to ask of any human, what holds you in awe? Is there something, even if it is hard to put into words, that you stand before and admit, this is bigger than I am?

If we don't find awe in God, we will likely find it somewhere else. That could mean asking something finite (money, power, people, sex, you name it) to do the job of the infinite. That could mean idolatry. If we deny our capacity for awe altogether, where does that leave us? Cynicism? Depression? Naturalism?

If we admit our instincts for worship then, when we see it in each other, we may come together. If we have a *wow* response, we may ask what is behind this. Who is behind this? We may come together to praise God.

Worship isn't about psyching ourselves up to create awe. It's about waking ourselves up before the reality of God and what God is giving us.

Many of us have heard people ask, why go to church when I can experience God in nature? Maybe we should raise another question: why is this an either/or choice?

Those who see God in nature - we should invite them into the assembly of those in awe so they can wake us up even more. Take us with you the next time you go hiking or kayaking! Those who know the awe of worship - can we find a way to connect to those outside?

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28th, 2009

Readings

June 28

Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday June 29

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10

Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday June 30

Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday July 1

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday July 2

Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

Friday July 3

Saint Thomas, apostle

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday July 4

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6a

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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

Wednesday, July 1st

7:00 pm Knight's of Columbus Meeting



Thursday, July 2nd

BANQUET:

**St. John's will be serving the Banquet
at the South East Community Center.**

We need volunteers on :

Wednesday, July 1st to help cut up fruit - 5:00 pm

Thursday, July 2nd to serve 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm

clean-up 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm.

**Donations are needed for the picnic supper we will be
serving : Baked beans, Chips and Bars and Cookies.**

**We need 63 dozen cookies and have 42 dozen signed up
for so we need 21 dozen.**

Sign up sheets are at the church entrance.

**Please have your bars and cookies to the Southeast
Community Center by 5:00 pm on Thursday, July 2nd or
to the church by 2:00 pm on Thursday.**



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

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

STORM MOUNTAIN RETREAT CENTER:
HIKING, SWIMMING, PRAYER,

SPORTS, DELICIOUS FOOD, CAMPFIRE, GREAT MEMORIES!

REGISTER NOW: WWW.STJOHNSFORTPIERRE.ORG



The next **Christian Family Planning Seminar** will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. - Noon** at **St. Therese the Little Flower Church 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.

Ladies, mark your calendar! Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat - October 23-25, 2009. This year's retreat, "**Biblical Women - Guides to the Kingdom of God**", will be held at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD and directed by Fr. Mark McCormick. Watch your bulletin for more information or call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

The Significance of Miracles

A miracle may be defined as an event by which God forces man to pay heed to him, to values in which he wishes man to participate and by which God appeals to man to take notice of his Reality. A miracle is a way for him to make his presence felt. From this point of view, then, all things are a miracle: we do not realize this because it is as if we live outside the original fabric of which we are made. We tend to cut ourselves off from our original bond with objective reality so that we reach a point where we claim to have a critical eye, when it is really only barrenness at play in us.

And so, the more conscious and quick an individual's sense of bond with the Other, who continuously creates this person, the more miraculous everything comes to be for him or her. For the Christian imbued through and through with the awareness of Christ's presence, for the new man, all things are new creation...

For a miraculous event to be considered as a call to God, it must constitute a moral prompting a priori. It must prove to be personal spiritualizing factor. This is the first basic criterion for distinguishing a miracle from the merely extraordinary, from the simply marvelous. In this sense, the condition for perceiving the presence of a miracle is not drawing near to the face out of curiosity - perhaps even scientific curiosity - but with a religious spirit or with the sense of one's original subjection, which is the opposite of a superstitious spirit. If we are not already open to God, the miracle will confuse us more, and anyone seeking distraction will find even more distraction in the miracle. For the miracle is a comparison between freedom and the God who created it: its discovery as a miracle depends, therefore, on first having solved that ultimate human drama, furtive but very real, of choosing between self-reliance and dependence, between life as self-affirmation and life as the affirmation of Another, between the closed nature of one's own narrow measure and openness to the unfathomable possibility that he has place at the origin of every life.

**ST. JOHN'S ADOPT-A-SEMINARIAN
PLEDGE IS DUE**

THIS WEEK.

WE HAVE RAISED \$4400
OF OUR ANNUAL GOAL OF \$5000.
WE ARE SHORT \$600 OF OUR GOAL
PLEASE HELP IN THE FORMATION OF
OUR FUTURE PRIESTS BY CONTRIBUT-
ING TO
OUR ADOPT-A-
SEMINARIAN PLEDGE.



**Our Seminarian: Summer Address
Frank Sack Jr.
Autumn Park
4201 Valhalla Blvd #19
Sioux falls, SD 57106**

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



Sunday, June 28th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Shirley Turman

By: Lyle and Phyllis Kenzy

Monday, June 29th

7:00 AM + Don Douglas

By: Arlene Douglas

Tuesday, June 30th

5:30 PM SI Stephanie Zetah

By: Judy Zetah

Wednesday, July 1st

7:00 AM SI Mark and Carol Weber

Thursday, July 2nd

7:00 AM SI Elizabeth Hofer

By: Lonny and Linda Hofer

Friday, July 3rd

7:00 AM SI Jonathan Hofer

By: Lonny and Linda Hofer

Saturday, July 4th

8:00 AM Intentions of the Parish

5:30 PM SI Marianne Hofer

By: Lonny and Linda Hofer

Sunday, July 5th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Michael J. LeBeau

By: Reid LeBeau and family

Sacrament of Reconciliation 1/2 hour before Masses or by appointment

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes \$ 1,857.00
 Student Envelopes \$ 7.00
 Plate \$ 358.75
 Total \$ 2,222.75

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



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 sacri-

SPGT HALL, PATRICK D **MAJOR ANGELA G. BECK**
 ACO TF BASE 1-35 AR 111th MMB
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Sun.28 Edward Duffy

Tue.30 Pat Fahey, Mary Healy, Marty Jerome

Wed.01 Jenna Johnson

Sat.04 Lee Calkins, Patrick Hall, Shawn Hudson

Sun.05 Robert Eulberg

Anniversaries

Mon.29 Mark and Barbara Anderson

Wed.01 Todd and Kim Leiferman

Thu.02 Richard and Belle Jacobsen

Fri.03 Gerry and Eileen Krom

Vern and Jacqui Miller

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday, Jul 4,	LOU ANN DUNN GLENDA MARKS	BRITA BERGESON	BEN HUGHES JOSH SLOCUM
Sunday, Jul 5,	MARY GIDDINGS CHRISTINE OLSON	DIANE SMITH	HANNAH BOOTH MARIAH MADSEN
Sunday, Jul 5,	MAUREEN SHEPHERD KYLA VANDENHEMEL	JO LAROCHE	SHELBY GERBER MCKENZIE STULKEN

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, Dennis Carlson, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Theresa Kirby, Gene Stueven, Doris Ogan, Jennifer Cink, Dorothy Brown, Robert Gregg, Doreen Pospisil, Cindy Foreman, Tracy Petersen, Lois Zimmer, Martha Rankin, Ray Doerr, Roland & Mary Hostler, Joe Truett, Jace Nickolas, Loren Pospisil, Leona Jacobsen, Rory Ehlers, Meaghan Kjolsrud and all who have asked for our special prayers. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sue Pospisil -223-2863.



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.westrivercee.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.

Please Help us by using your Envelopes. It is much faster and easier for all working with the collection and ensures proper credit to your contribution statement sent out at the end of the year. Thank-you!

BATHROOMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE DOWNSTAIRS.

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

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

St. John's Communal Mission Summer Events

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)

July 9, July 23, August 6; 6:30-8:30 in Padre Hall

Come and learn about Saints, Virtues and Prayers.

We will journey together to be virtuous heroes in our Catholic faith. Friends are welcome.

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

7:00-9:00 pm

Padre Hall - Free Admission, Pop and Popcorn

July 22 - "The Heart of Texas" August 5 - "Faith like Potatoes"



Young Adult & Life Teen Summer Campus Scripture Study

"The Art of Living In Today's World"

Pre-existing 9th-12th grade youth & the Adore Young Adults and friends are welcome!



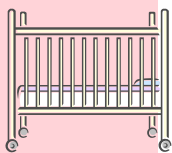
June 30th, July 14, 21, 28, 5:30-8:00

We will begin with mass or prayer at 5:30, Eat Pizza, break apart into young adult and Life Teen youth to finish with Scripture Study.

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

Adopt a Senior on Monday Nights Summer Community Project
beginning July 6 - August 3rd.

What is adopt a senior? This summer, adopt a senior to visit once a week.



ITEMS

COMMUNITY IN NEED:

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER IS IN NEED OF CRIBS
AND MATTRESSES.**



**THEY ARE RECEIVING CALLS FROM PARENTS IN NEED OF THESE
AND ARE WILLING TO DISTRIBUTE WHATEVER DONATIONS
COME IN.**

**IF YOU HAVE CRIBS AND MATTRESSES THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DONATE,
PLEASE CONTACT LAURIE AT 224-7244. OFFICE HOUR ARE 10 -3 DAILY.**

LET YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS KNOW OF THIS NEED