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Sainthood Project: We are his Saints!

Jesus calls us to be holy. Jesus calls us to be in a relationship with Him as our brother, as our Savior, and as our God! This is a relationship based on love. Love is a choice. God has first chosen us as His holy people. God has chosen us as His beloved children. In baptism, we make a response to God's love by choosing Him in return. Our choice is a free act of love. God says to us: "I love you. I choose you." At our baptism, we say, "I love you God. I choose you."

Now, every relationship requires a constant decision to fidelity and commitment. No relationship rests on one single decision. We must say "Yes" to our friends, to our family members, and to God each and every day. Our relationships of love rest on our constant decisions — our daily decisions — to be faithful and committed to the beloved. Jesus reveals to us God's definitive "Yes" to us and to the world. God, our Father, has chosen us and entered into an eternal relationship with us through His Son Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are His people and He is our God!

The aim of our Christian life — of our life in Christ — is to remain faithful and committed to God's love. We are called to say "Yes" every day to the eternal love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Our daily "Yes" is the life of faith and holiness that we are called to live. Our daily "Yes" to God's gift of love frees us to be who we are created to be: God's beloved children. Our daily "Yes" to God is a life lived in communion with Him; it is a life of holiness and sanctity. Our daily "Yes" is the life lived by saints. We are those saints for God and for the world today.

Please join me and Todd Lemieux for two inspiring evenings of prayer, praise, and fellowship as we enter into our Christian life with greater understanding, purpose, and love. Join me for the Sainthood Project on Monday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 25th. Both evenings we will gather from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Praise be Jesus Christ!

*Twenty - first Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 2009*

Readings

Sunday * August 23th

*Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

Monday * August 24th

Rv 21: 9b-14/Jn 1: 45 -51

Tuesday * August 25th

1 Thes 2: 1- 8/Mt 23: 23 - 26

Wednesday * August 26th

1 Thes 2: 9 -13/Mt 23: 27 - 32

Thursday * August 27th

1 Thes 3: 7 - 13/Mt 24: 42 - 51

Friday * August 28th

1 Thes 4: 1 - 8/Mt 25: 1 - 13

Saturday * August 29th

1 Thes 4: 9 - 11/Mk: 17 - 29

Sunday * August 30th

*Twenty Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Dt 4: 1 - 2. 6 - 8

Jas 1: 17 - 18, 21b - 22, 27

Mk 7: 1 - 8, 14-15, 21 -23

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Parish Council: George Welk

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

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, August 24th

6:30 - 8:30 pm * Sainthood Project - Padre Hall

Tuesday, August 25th

6:30 - 8:30 pm * Sainthood Project - Padre Hall

Wednesday, August 26th

6:00 pm * Lifeteen/Edge Tailgate Party - Padre

YOUTH NEWS

We need your help!!! Last year we had 10 women who took turns in preparing the meals ahead of time to freeze for our youth on Wednesday nights. Mary Welsh would warm them up for us and set the tables. We had received many compliments of the food that was served last year - this is an important part of St. John's Faith Formation Program and we can not do it without you. We start in September and would like to have 18 people sign up to take one month (2 per month). Please consider helping us or gathering a team to once again prepare great meals for all involved. Please sign up at the church entrance or call Lisa at 223-2176.

Donations for Youth: Last year we had some very generous donations of hamburger and buffalo. It greatly reduces the cost of the weekly meal we serve to the youth. If you would like to donate meat to our programs please call the church office - 223-2176.

***Registration Deadline for Fall Programs is:
September 1st!***

Have you registered your family and youth for St. John's Faith Formation programs?

Registrations are available on line at:

StJohnsFortPierre.org



From Father Christensen

Blessings upon our teachers, students, faculty members, and staff as you all return back to school. It's amazing how quickly summer passes and we find ourselves once again embarking upon another academic year. Here at St John the Evangelist, we are excited to begin our Faith Formation programs: TGIF, Life Teen, The Edge, DAWG, Catholic Kids Club, Adore, RCIA, and *JustFaith*. Faith formation or catechesis (the teaching of our Catholic faith) has a specific aim. The Church's document on faith formation states: "The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ." This is the aim of all our programs at St John's: communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Communion entails more than simple head knowledge; it requires a dynamic relationship of love. Our relationship with Jesus Christ becomes dynamic — living and breathing — through daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, an active life of service in and through the Church, and maintaining fellowship with the members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Since our relationship with Jesus is intended to be eternal, our faith formation is a life-long process. Therefore, we are all called to continue our faith formation — entering into deeper communion with Jesus Christ — through at least one of the various programs offered here at St John's. Sign up now: www.StJohnsFortPierre.org.

WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?

Me too!

See you on Monday, August 24th at 6:30 pm.

~ ***The Sainthood Project*** ~



The KC's will be holding their annual football book fundraiser the next few weekends. **Football books** will be sold after masses at the church entrance!



Sainthood Project ~ This Monday, August 24 and Tuesday August 25

- Do you worry about money and what is happening in the world?
- Do you find it hard to have time for your family, friends and church?
- Do you think you have to give up sports, rodeo, dancing or hobbies to follow Jesus?
- Do you dislike your job/ coworkers? Do you know the plans for your life?
- Can you find joy & peace when it comes to inner conflicts?
- Are You being the best you that you can be?
- Are you struggling with relationships?

God has the answers and plans for you.

You do not have to give up anything you already enjoy doing and still be the Best You, a Holier You!

Come to the Sainthood Project and find out how!

Todd Lemieux is a popular Catholic speaker who founded The Sainthood Project, as the recipe for our best life possible! He

is convinced that only when we allow the grace of God to transform our lives can we truly change the world.





Sunday, August 23rd

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM SI Special Intention

By: Ray and Maureen Shepherd

Monday, August 24th — St Bartholomew

7:00 AM Bob & Liam Shepherd

By: Ray and Maureen Shepherd

Tuesday, August 25th

5:30 AM + Esteban Rameriz

By: Bob & Bridget Mayer family

Wednesday, August 26th

7:00 AM + Ed Sorenson

By: Cheryl Sorenson & Pat Jesso

Thursday, August 27th—Saint Monica

7:00 AM SI Stephanie Zetah

By: Judy Zetah

Friday, August 28th — Saint Augustine

7:00 AM SI Michael Hofer

By: Lonny and Linda Hofer

Saturday, August 29th - Martyrdom of St John

8:00 AM Mass & Adoration

5:30 PM + Barney Boos

By: Joan & Doug Schueller

Sunday, August 30th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Ed Sorenson

By: Ed Sorenson Family

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes \$2,687.55

Student Envelopes \$ 10.00

Plate \$ 458.00

Total \$3,155.55



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

JustFaith Co-Facilitators Training Session

Monday, September 3rd ~ 5:30pm - 9:30pm

Padre Hall

with Jim Kinyon from Rapid City

For those in the Military: 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 Angela Beck, Patrick Hall, Melissa Gross & Brett Anderson.

Please take time to drop a note to our soldiers and thank them for their sacrifice and dedication.

SPGT HALL, PATRICK D
ACO TF BASE 1-35 AR JSS
4 CORNERS
APO AE 09322

MAJOR ANGELA G. BECK
111th MMB
APO AE 09391

SP4 MELISSA MCINTYRE
21ST MP CO (ABN) UNIT 031
CAMP BASRAH
APO AE 09375

CW3 BRETT ANDERSON
HHB 1-147 FA
APO AE 09337



Sat.22 Dylan Dowling

Sun.23 Aimee Nickolas

Mon.24 Dan Reimann, Shay VanDenHemel

Tue.25 Mary O'Connor, Stacy Parmely

Wed.26 Kenneth Jacobson, Joel Lancaster, Kim Leiferman

Fri.27 Cindy Gerber, Cody Nickolas, Denise Steiner

Thu.28 Bonnie Fischer, Samuel Hand, Rebecca Mikel

Sat.29 Mark Sommars, Kim VanDenHemel

Sun.30 Brady Aberle, Rebecca Fahey, Blake Sommars, Louis Young



Tue.25 Brad & Nancy Dietz, Fran & Jaci Keller

Wed.26 Bill & Bonnie Fischer

Sat.29 John & Sylvia Moisan

Sun.30 Cody & Aimee Nickolas

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Cantor
Saturday, Aug 29,	PAT FAHEY GLENDA MARKS	BONNIE FISCHER	BEN HUGHES JOSH SLOCUM	JOAN SCHUELLER
Sunday, Aug 30,	JUDY ACKLEY MARY GIDDINGS	JOHN HIGHT	HANNAH BOOTH MARIAH MADSEN	
Sunday, Aug 30,	MARY COLLINS EVEYLN MURPHY	GAYLON GERBER	JAMES BARNETT JOHN BARNETT	MICHELLE HUMMANN

For all the sick and suffering, Brenda Maxon, 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, Doris Ogan, Jennifer Cink, Dorothy Brown, Doreen Pospisil, Cindy Foreman, Francis Bies, Lois Zimmer, Martha Rankin, Roland & Mary Hostler, Joe Truett, Jace Nickolas, Loren Pospisil, Leona Jacobsen, Meaghan Kjolsrud, Geraldine Kokesh and all who have asked for our special prayers.



If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sue Pospisil -223-2863.

Did You Know?

An Autumn Message About Child Protection

Autumn means back to school for children and back to work for those who have been on vacation. Amidst the hustle and bustle of this season, it is important to keep children and young people safe. Safe environment programs have been established in parishes throughout the diocese. These programs help ensure the safety of children and young people who participate in parish activities and events. The director of the diocesan Safe Environment program is Linda Severns. She can be contacted at 605.343.3541.

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

____CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Hail Mary full of grace....

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

TGIF: Together Growing in Faith

Christian Faith Formation for the Whole Parish Family

Faith Formation is not an optional parish program with a beginning and an end. Continual faith formation is part of being Christian. We are called to disciples of Jesus Christ, to be His faithful followers throughout our lives. Faith formation is therefore a life-long process of remaining close to Christ.

Christian Faith Formation happens in many ways:

- Most especially during Liturgy
- During the homily at Mass
- In preparing for Sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage)
- During more structured sessions: TGIF, Life Teen, The Edge, DAWG, Kids Club, Adore, *JustFaith*
- In everyday household life
- Faith sharing in small groups
- Bible Study and Reflection
- While doing service for others, whether as an individual or group, a parish setting or in the family
- In faith-filled discussions with others

Christian Faith Formation aimed at Jesus Christ: Whole community catechesis/Christian Faith Formation (TGIF) cannot be evaluated or measured by the usual standards. It is an ongoing process that consists of conversion rather than specific achievement. Its aim is stated in the General Directory for Catechesis #80: "...the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people ...in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ."

Christians Faith Formation For Everyone: In whole community catechesis, parents play a vital role alongside all the other members of the community (young adults, single persons, retired persons, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.). Everyone plays an essential role in whole community faith formation. Catechesis is not just for children! It's for everyone. Every Catholic is invited to know and love the Church, to walk with Christ in his or her daily life, and to gather faithfully together on Sunday for the parish Mass.

Christian Faith Formation for our Homes: Added to that, whole community catechesis places great emphasis on developing households of faith. It's certainly true for a child, but it's also true for everyone, that no matter how effective our experience of faith might be at the parish, what really counts is how we live that in our every day lives at home! If our homes are not places where the faith is shared and lived, then the work of catechesis is like sowing seed on rocky ground.

Every single church document in the past forty five years that deals with Christian education and catechesis has insisted that parents and entire households be involved in catechesis, not just the children. Without the rest of the household, no matter how good the religious education might be, the child has little chance of developing deep faith roots and living by Catholic customs and morality. In whole community catechesis, parishes plan for the involvement of the entire community, based on the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This doesn't mean merely that parents are present when their children are formed in the faith. Much more radically, it means that households are being formed as Christian homes.

Christian Faith Formation aimed at Conversion: When Jesus begins His preaching, He announces: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). Jesus calls us *to turn* to Him. This is the basic meaning of conversion (*to turn*). Our life is a constant turning with and towards Jesus. Our life is a constant conversion away from sin and towards a new life in Christ. Christian Faith Formation has this essential aim: conversion towards a deeper communion with Jesus Christ.