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First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2010. In preparation for this exciting day in the life of our children, there will be special First Communion preparation sessions for those in 2nd grade and above on the third Wednesday of the month. These sessions will help our children to prepare for both the sacraments of First Reconciliation and for First Holy Communion.

TGIF - Together Growing in Faith - is the foundational component of our faith formation program at St John's. Therefore, participation in TGIF is a prerequisite for First Holy Communion.

Parents are the primary educators of their children in the way of faith. As it is often said, faith is *caught* more than *taught*. Our children follow the example of their parents in the ways of faith, prayer, and participation in the life of the Church.

Parents of our First Communion children will play an important role in preparing their children for these wonderful sacraments. Therefore, we will have a session for parents and children on Wednesday, September 16th from 5:45pm - 8:00pm.

Please register by contacting Lisa Fahey at 223-2176 or at lisastjohn@pie.midco.net.

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 2010. Those high school students who are active in Life Teen and who sincerely desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to prepare over the next year.

Preparation for Confirmation will occur once a month on Sunday evenings beginning this Sunday, September 13th at 7:00 pm. This gathering is for both parents and Confirmation candidates. Parents play a critical and irreplaceable role in the faith formation of their children. This is especially true during the process of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

It is important that our high school teens truly desire to be fully initiated into the life of Jesus Christ through this great sacrament. They demonstrate this desire by weekly attendance at Mass, active participation in Life Teen, and participation in our monthly Confirmation preparation sessions. I look forward to working with parents, sponsors, and Confirmation candidates throughout the coming year.

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***Twenty - Fourth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 13th, 2009***

Readings

Sunday * September 13th

Is 50: 5 - 9a
Jas 2: 14 -18
Mk 8: 27 - 35

Monday * September 14th

Nm 21: 4b - 9
Phil 2: 6 - 11

Tuesday * September 15th

1 Tim 3: 1 - 13
Jn 19: 25 - 27

Wednesday * September 16th

1 Tim 3: 14 - 16
Lk 7: 31 - 35

Thursday * September 17th

1 Tim 4: 12 -16
Lk 7: 36 - 50

Friday * September 18th

1 Tim 6: 2c - 12
Lk 8: 1 - 3

Saturday * September 19th

1 Tim 6: 13 - 16
Lk 8: 4 - 15

Sunday * September 20th

Wis 2: 12, 17 - 20
Jas 3: 16 - 43
Mk 9: 30 - 37

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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

Sunday, September 13th

11:00 am—St. John's Musician Workshop

7:00 pm—Confirmation Parents & Candidate Meeting

Monday, September 14th

6:30 pm—Faith Formation Core Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 15th

7 pm—Pastoral Council Meeting - Padre Hall

Wednesday, September 16th

5:45 pm—Life Teen/Edge, 1st Communion, Parent Life

Thursday, September 17th

7:30 pm—RCIA Team Meeting - Padre Hall

Saturday, September 19th

7pm—JustFaith Team Dinner

Sunday, September 20th

11:00 am—JustFaith Team Informational Gathering - Padre Hall



KC Breakfast after Sunday's Masses!

Join us for a pancake and sausage breakfast in Padre Hall!

Parent Life

For *all* parents (young and more seasoned) of the parish!

Wednesday, September 16th

5:45pm - Dinner 6:30pm - Parent Life 7:30pm - Mass

Life Teen & The Edge

High School & Middle School

Wednesday, September 16th

5:45pm - Dinner 6:30pm - Life Teen & The Edge 7:30pm - Mass

ST. JOHN'S FALL DINNER WILL BE OCTOBER 11TH.

WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS
FOR **NEW RAFFLE PRIZE ITEMS.**

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO **COOK A TURKEY** PLEASE SIGN UP AT
THE CHURCH ENTRANCE.

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

The KC's will be holding their **annual football book fundraiser this weekend -last weekend to get your book** after masses at the church entrance!



50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

for Art and Wynn Bergeson

Saturday, September 19th from 2 - 5pm

at the Senior Center in Fort Pierre

Everyone Invited!!!



From Father Christensen

What's up with Parent Life?

Why do I have to go to a Wednesday gathering at church? Aren't Wednesdays supposed to be for our kids? I need my time while the children are at faith formation for myself.

What's up with making me come with them on Wednesdays? As your pastor, I've heard these types of comments for the last few years. I understand the confusion and the frustration of some parents who feel like Wednesday evenings are for their children and not for them. For many years in the life of the Church, this has been the practice. However, during those years, we have seen a declining numbers of Catholics attending Sunday Mass, getting married, going into the priesthood and religious life, holding true to Catholic teaching on morality and basic doctrine. We see parents who struggle to lead their children in prayer. Family Rosaries, meal blessings, and other devotions within Catholic families are nearly extinct. Over the years we have seen many families who drop their children off for CCD, but fail to pray at home or go to Mass together on Sundays. Somehow, across the years, the idea developed that our Catholic faith is taught from a text book by a nice lady on a Wednesday afternoon and not by parents in the home who pray and live out their Catholic faith *with* their children.

The Catholic faith is not a set of good ideas. It is not an enlightened philosophy. It is not a good moral code. The Catholic faith is a relationship with God through Christ and His Body, the Church. Our faith is centered on a relationship with Jesus Christ. It is Christ who calls us together to learn from Him, to be with Him, to pray with Him, to serve with Him, to worship Him. Our faith is about this experience of Jesus Christ in and through the living community of believers, the people of God, the Church. It is for this reason — to promote and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ — that we have shifted our focus away from the classroom (CCD) model to the **communal** and **intergenerational** model of faith formation. It is for this reason — to encounter Christ in community, in prayer, in worship, in service, and in learning — that we see faith formation as a **life-long** process. Encountering Christ is not an activity reserved for children; rather, it is something for all Christians throughout their whole lives.

Parents have the **God-given mission** to lead their children to heaven. It is in support of this divine mission that the parish family of St John's invites parents to be active in Parent Life. This monthly gather (only 8 times a year!) is intended to strengthen the faith life of parents, to help them in their role as leaders of the faith within their homes, to provide support and fellowship as they raise their children in the faith during these challenging times, and to offer them an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of scripture, Church teaching, and discussion. While initially, Parent Life may seem to be a burden for you, we pray that you will discover the blessings God wishes to give to you and your family through these gatherings of Christian parents. It is for the good of our parents, for the good of our children, and for the good of the Church that we are traveling this path. Please join us on this road to holiness! Praise be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!



Sunday, September 13th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
 9:30 AM SI Tom, Irene, Kathy Fennel
 By: Ray and Maureen Shepherd

Monday, September 14th Exaltation of Holy Cross

7:00 AM SI Sabin Daniel By: Susan Safford

Tuesday, September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

5:30 PM SI Brandon & Brittney Diegel
 By: Susan Safford

Wednesday, September 16th - St. Cyprian

7:00 AM SI Matt & Erin Litt
 By: Susan Safford

Thursday, September 17th - St Robert Bellamine

7:00 AM Intentions of the Parish

Friday, September 18th

7:00 AM + Gerry Jund
 By: Steve and Sherri Stoesser

Saturday, September 19th St. Janurias

8:00 AM Mass & Adoration
 5:30 PM + Robert Gregg
 By: Paul and Mary Zoller

Sunday, September 20th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
 9:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 1/2 hour before Masses

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes \$ 4,785.00
 Student Envelopes \$ 3.00
 Plate \$ 532.40
 Total \$ 5,320.35



"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 Angela Beck, Patrick Hall, Melissa Gross & Brett Anderson and David Collins.

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

CW3 BRETT ANDERSON
 HHB 1-147 FA
 APO AE 09337

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

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



Sun.13 Perry Longbrake

Mon.14 Andrew Coverdale, Adisyn Gray, Carly Sommars

Tue.15 Jaci Keller, Dorothy Schulte, Alec Steiner

Wed.16 Rod Anderson, Wilson Kolbeck, Nila Novotony, Debra Palmer

Thu.17 Mattie Duffy, Mervin Petersen

Fri.18 Sandy Swanson

Sat.19 Elizabeth Duffy, Hannah Healy, Braya Klemann

Sun.20 Kathryn Larson, Travis Paulsen, Loren Pospisil, Lexie Sack



Sun.13 Steve and Geraldine Kokesh

Sun.20 Art and Wynn Bergeson

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Cantor
Saturday, Sep 19,	LOU ANN DUNN BONNIE FISCHER DIANE LARSON	LORI ROBERTS	SAM SLOCUM JACE WERNSMAN MCKENZIE WERNSMAN	KATHLEEN SLOCUM
Sunday, Sep 20,	MEGAN ANDERSON KELLY MADSEN DIANE SMITH	MARY GIDDINGS	MATT BOOTH ADAM BROWN AUSTIN BROWN	
Sunday, Sep 20,	MARY COLLINS EVEYLN MURPHY LINDA WHITE	JO LAROCHE	JAMES BARNETT JOHN BARNETT SETH VANDENHEMEL	MICHELLE HUMMANN

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, 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.

Welcome!

Welcome Rachel Eddy to St. John's Parish Family!

Welcome Cody Byrum to St. John's Parish Family!



Please pray for Darcy Isburg and Steve Baade who will be married next Friday, September 18th here at St. John's.

Sainthood Project Small Groups

Sign-Up Today!

Sunday Evening at 5:30pm in Padre Hall

Monday Evening at 6:30pm Shirley Gross' House

Tuesday Evening at 6:30pm at Cindy Koupal's House

Thursday Afternoon at 2:00 PM in Padre Hall

For More Information Contact Shirley Gross at 223-2188

CATHECICAL SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 20TH

Next Sunday, September 20th at 9:30 am we will be commissioning and recognizing our Faith Formation Core Team members who have so graciously given of their time and talent to share the love of Jesus with our youth.

Updated Calendar & Information at:
www.StJohnsFortPierre.org

What is JustFaith

JustFaith is a spiritual journey into the compassion of Christ. On this journey, participants will become familiar with and formed in the traditions of biblical justice and Catholic social teaching around the issue of poverty.

JustFaith is about formation and transformation. Formation is how our hearts and minds are shaped by our faith. Our lives are shaped by the Scriptures and the life of Jesus Christ. *JustFaith* can facilitate personal transformation if we allow ourselves to open up spiritually to the experience, if we permit ourselves to enter into meaningful relationships with others in the group, if we allow our hearts to be broken by the poor and suffering people we encounter in our readings, through our videos, and in personal encounters at border crossings.

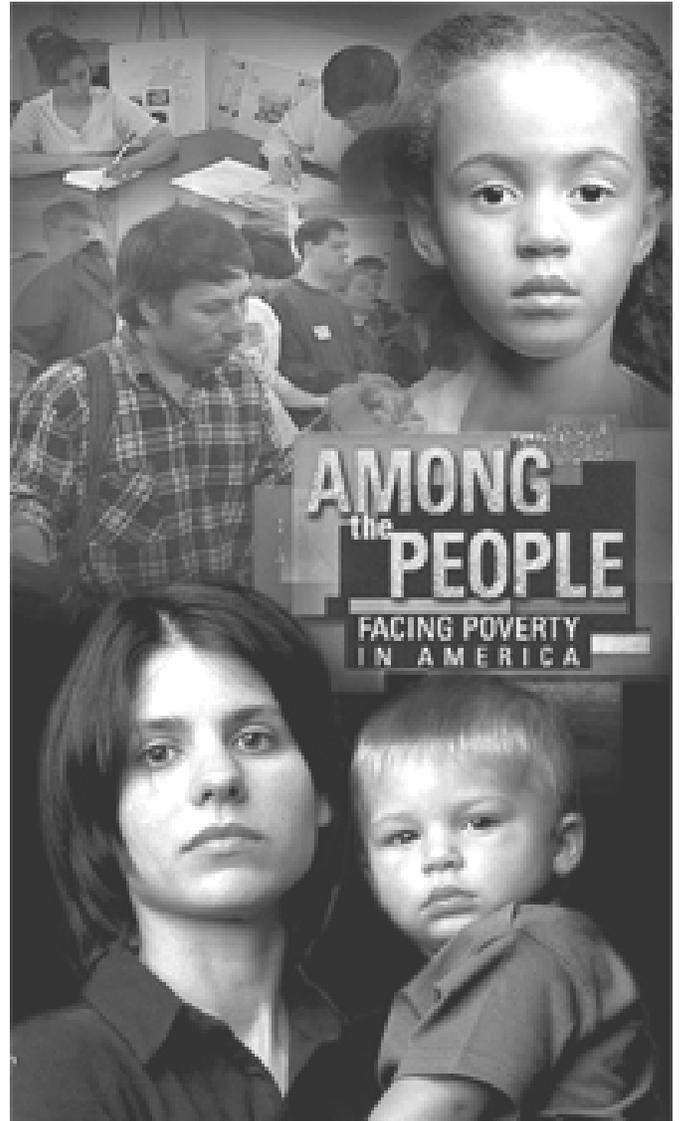
JustFaith tries to draw participants into the tradition of Jesus' compassion and mercy, hoping to prepare participants for lifelong commitments to social ministry and kinship with those rejected and abandoned.

JustFaith begins with an overview of biblical teaching and Catholic social thought as well as an initial investigation of one of the components of spirituality - Compassion.

In the first part of *JustFaith*, the topic of domestic poverty is highlighted. Of particular interest is the matter of the root causes of multi-generational poverty and the possible solutions for addressing the root causes. The practical application of Catholic social teaching will also be introduced as a way of highlighting the importance of charity and justice, and the differences between the two.

Stories of faith-filled heroes are scattered throughout the fifteen sessions that compose the first half of the program to give flesh and blood examples of how faith, charity and justice can impact the world. The second half of the program - the focus shifts from the domestic to the global face of poverty and related issues.

JustFaith will begin during the week of October 25, 2009. There will be six initial weekly sessions for the small groups. As with the RENEW program, the small groups will meet for six weeks in the fall and for six weeks in the spring.



JustFaith Introduction for all parishioners

Sunday, September 20th

11:00am - 12:30pm

Growing in our understanding of our Catholic Social Teaching and putting our Gospel values into action.

Small Groups will meet October - November

For More Information on *JustFaith*

Contact Pat Storms

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