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## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH FALL TURKEY DINNER

October 11, 2009 ~ 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Our annual Fall Turkey Dinner is a wonderful community event. An occasion to come together as a parish family in service for others. It's always a joy to welcome members of the larger Fort Pierre and Pierre community to our parish home and provide such a delicious meal and relaxing time of fellowship. There is something special about coming together, preparing a meal, and sharing conversation with others around the table.

Jesus himself conducts so much of his ministry around the dinner table. So often, in the Gospel accounts, we hear that Jesus was "at table" or that he was "dining" at someone's home. The sharing of a meal - especially in Jesus' time - was a sign of great friendship and solidarity. Conversations could be developed and people could engage in more thoughtful discussions beyond the quick banter of daily life. This is still true today. The family meal is an important moment in the daily life of contemporary families. It is a time of fellowship, when family members can share the events of their day, encourage one another, challenge one another, laugh with one another, and comfort one another. Meals times are special times for families.

At St John the Evangelist, we consider ourselves to be a parish family. Our principle parish family meal is the Sunday Eucharist. God invites us to come to His table and share in the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. Sunday Mass is a time when we hear our story in the Scriptures, offer our needs and thoughts to God, and listen to His word. The Mass is an occasion to come together in fellowship and mutual support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the central event in the life of our parish family.

As we prepare the meal, serve our guests, and join around the table for this year's Fall Turkey Dinner, we are mindful of God's many blessings. We share those blessings with others in joy and generosity. Thanks to all the members of our parish family for your contributions - time, energy, talents, money - towards our parish family Fall Turkey Dinner. May God bless our efforts and bless our parish family.

*Twenty - Eighth  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 18th, 2009*

### Readings

**Sunday \* October 11th**

Wis 7: 7 - 11

Heb 4: 12 - 13

Mk 10: 17 - 30 or 10: 17 - 27

**Monday \* October 12th**

Romans 1: 1 - 7/Lk 11: 29 -32

**Tuesday \* October 13th**

Romans 1: 16 - 25/ Lk 11: 37 -41

**Wednesday \* October 14th**

Romans 2: 1 -1 11/ Lk 11: 42 - 46

**Thursday \* October 15th**

Romans 3: 21 - 20/ Lk 11: 47 - 54

**Friday \* October 16th**

Romans 4: 1 - 8/ Lk 12: 1 - 7

**Saturday \* October 17th**

Romans 4: 13, 16 - 18

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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

### This Sunday, October 11th



From Father Christensen

Jesus is attractive. I'm sure he had some handsome physical features, but I'm speaking about the attractiveness of his person. When Jesus came to town, whenever Jesus passed through the streets, on the occasions when he was teaching and preaching, people were attracted to Jesus. The way he treated others, the way that he spoke about God as his Father, his way of compassion and understanding, his life of prayer, his humility and self-confidence, his simple joy, all these qualities made him very appealing to those around him. He was someone with whom people enjoyed spending time. Jesus was the kind of guy you wanted to befriend. He was everything you could want in a friend: trustworthy, dependable, supportive, challenging, caring, and kind. Jesus was a virtuous man who called others to share in that good life of virtue. It is evident from the Gospels that people wanted to be with Jesus, spend time with him, and follow wherever he went. Today, Jesus still comes to us in his Body, the Church. Jesus is present to us in the sacraments of the Church, especially in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in the community of believers and in the ordained priest. Jesus is present in the community and in those served by the community. Jesus is present in the Sacred Scriptures. It in these ways - through the whole life of the Church - that we come to know and to love Jesus. It is in and through the Church that we experience the risen Lord Jesus. Living our lives within the Church is our occasion to discover the attractiveness of Jesus. Come to know the attractiveness of the Lord. Come and follow him!



### ST. JOHN'S FALL DINNER

Sunday, October 11th

3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Please bring your families and friends for a delicious meal and help make our dinner a big success!!!

Let us open wide the doors of St John's to our Fort Pierre Community!



### Monday, October 12th

6:30 pm Core Team Meeting

### Wednesday, October 14th

5:45 pm - Life Teen/Edge, Kid's Clubs

### Thursday, October 15th

1:30 pm AED training for all parishioners!

5:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm RICA



**THANK YOU!** Padre Hall has a new look! New paint, new window blinds, and a new floor! Thank you for all your time and energy in this renovation. Thanks to our Knights of Columbus who pulled up the old and dirty carpet in Padre Hall making room for the new floor. The efforts of those parishioners who volunteered saved us thousands of dollars! May God bless you for your generous gift of time and energy! It's beautiful!

**JustFaith** small group begins on Monday, October 26th. Contact Pat Storms for more information and to register: call 945-2933 or email: [pvstorms@mncomm.com](mailto:pvstorms@mncomm.com).

Vikings: Marcia Knight Fort Pierre

Sunday: Steve Stoesser Fort Pierre

Monday: Rob Coverdale Pierre

**Football book winners**



**St. Mary's Foundation** is working to increase survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest by increasing the availability of automated external defibrillator (AED) devices and empowering people to use them through AED/CPR training and education. **The Knight's of Columbus have purchased an AED for St. John's Parish.**

Saving lives is the focus of this project. We believe central South Dakota will become a role model for the rest of the state on how to bring communities together to be trained and equipped to use these life saving devices.

An AED (automated external defibrillator) weighs about five pounds, and is therefore easily portable. Once attached to the victim, the machine assesses the heart's rhythm to determine if a shock is advised. If the machine detects the heart in ventricular fibrillation (a quivering, irregular rhythm), it advises and administers electrical shock to the victim. Currently, a sudden cardiac arrest victim has only 5 percent chance of surviving. Proper implementation of the Chain of Survival, including AED use, increases that survival rate to closer to 60 to 70 percent. **The more parishioners who are trained to use the device will ensure that someone present in the parish whether at Masses or parish activities will be able to use the device to save a life.** You can attend either of the training sessions which are **Thursday afternoon, October 15th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm or Thursday, October 20th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.** Call Sherri for more information - 223-2176.



Sunday, October 11th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM SI Garrity Family

By: Garrity Family Children

Monday, October 12th

7:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday, October 13th

7:00 AM No Mass

Wednesday, October 14th

7:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, October 15th \*\*\* TIME CHANGE

5:30 PM SI Joey Godshall

By: Mark and Carol Weber

Friday, October 16th

7:00 AM Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, October 17th

8:00 AM No Mass

5:30 PM + Ed Sorenson

By: Joan and LaVern Marquardt

Sunday, October 18th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM SI Children of Robert & Marjorie Gregg

By: Marjorie Gregg

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

Mass envelopes are available at the church entrances.

Sun.11 Kyle Ricketts, Kara Weiss

Mon.12 Kay Hanten, Sherri Stoesser, Amanda Stoesser

Tue.13 Belle Jacobsen,

Wed.14 Melissa Gorss, Emily Hughes

Thu.15 Marcia Knight, Josh Rogers, Ben Stoesser

Fri.16 Carlie Hanson, Sylvia Moisan

Sat.17 George Rapp, Cheryl Sorenson

Sun.18 Amelia Anderson



Mon.12 James and Edith Hoffman

Randy and Wanda Seiler

Wed.14 Bill and Barb Rose

Fri.16 Charles and Barbara Poches



**Prayer Requests**

**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, Geraldine Kokesh, Bryan Ice and all who have asked for our special prayers. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sue Pospisil -223-2863.

**Save the Date** - Plan now to attend the 5th annual **St. Joseph School Extravaganza** on December 11! This year's event will offer casual fun for adults and includes dinner, a silent auction and a live auction. Enjoy a relaxing evening, pick up a unique Christmas gift, and support St. Joe's at the same time! Look for more details coming soon.

**Natural Family Planning (NFP)**



NFP is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact during the fertile phase of the woman's cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy.

NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. (*Standards for Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry*).

SACRIFICIAL GIVING



Regular Envelopes	\$3,111.00
Student Envelopes	\$ 26.00
Plate	\$ 358.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,495.92</b>

"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

**MAJ DAVID S COLLINS**  
HHC 41BCT 11D, S-3  
COB Spreicher  
APO, AE 09393

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

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



*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.

# Just FAITH

Empowering People of Faith to Develop a Passion and Thirst for Justice.



“If someone who has the riches of this world sees his brother in need and closes his heart to him, how does the love of God abide in him?” (1 Jn 3:17). It is well known how strong were the words used by the Fathers of the Church to describe the proper attitude of persons who possess anything towards persons in need. To quote Saint Ambrose: “You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have abrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, and not only to the rich” (*On Development of Peoples*, # 23).

“As followers of Christ, we are challenged to make a fundamental ‘option for the poor’ - to speak for the voiceless, to defend the defenseless, to assess life styles, policies, and social institutions in terms of their impact on the poor. This ‘option for the poor’ does not mean pitting one group against another, but rather, strengthening the whole community by assisting those who are the most vulnerable. As Christians, we are called to respond to the needs of all our brothers and sisters, but those with the greatest needs require the greatest response” (*Economic Justice for All*, # 16).



“Faced with a world today where so many people are suffering from want, the council asks individuals and governments to remember the saying of the Fathers: ‘Feed the people dying of hunger, because if you do not feed them you are killing them,’ and it urges them according to their ability to share and dispose of their goods to help others, above all by giving them aid which will enable them to help and develop themselves” (*The Church in the Modern World*, # 69).

The **JustFaith** Small Group

Begins on Monday, October 26th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in Padre Hall

Contact Pat Storms for Information & Registration

945-2933

*Make A Difference!*