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## What Are You Doing for Advent?



We have just entered into November! Why are you asking me about Advent! We still are concerned about hunting, harvesting, and preparing for Thanksgiving. Let's not get ahead of ourselves here! Well, the truth of the matter is: Advent is only *four* short weeks away! The First Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, November 29th! It's really not too far away! In fact, I bet many of us will start worrying about Christmas (travel plans, family gatherings, buying presents, planning meals, etc) long before we give the season of Advent a second glance. While we have a few minutes to think and to pray, this may be our best opportunity to prepare for the Advent Season.

On Wednesday evening, November 4th, we will gather as a parish family from 5:45pm - 8:00pm for a closer look at the meaning of Advent. During this monthly TGIF session, we will begin with a delicious hot meal (5:45pm - 6:15pm); enter into a fun group activity (6:15pm - 6:25pm); go off to age appropriate group sessions (6:25pm - 7:30pm); and conclude with a time of prayer in preparation for Advent (7:30pm - 8:00pm). All the single people (younger and older) and all families participating in Wednesday evening's TGIF, will receive an Advent Wreath, Advent Candles, and an Advent prayer booklet for use at home during the Advent season!

The four weeks of Advent are intended to draw us closer to our Lord Jesus Christ who has come, continues to come, and will come into the world at the end of the age. Are we prepared to welcome Him? The Advent season affords us the wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves for our God, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel who comes to us and for us.

Join us on Wednesday, November 4th in Padre Hall for an exciting, faith-filled, and enjoyable evening as together we prepare for Advent 2009!

### All Saints Day

November 1st, 2009

#### Readings

**Sunday \* November 1st**

Revelation 7: 2 - 4, 9 - 14

1 John 3: 1 - 3

Matthew 5: 1 - 12a

**Monday \* November 2nd**

Wisdom 3: 1 - 9

Romans 6: 3 - 9

John 6: 37 - 40

**Tuesday \* November 3rd**

Romans 12:5 - 19b/Lk 14: 15 - 24

**Wednesday \* November 4th**

Romans 13: 8 - 10/Lk 14: 25 - 33

**Thursday \* November 5th**

Romans 14: 7 - 12/Lk 15: 1 - 10

**Friday \* November 6th**

Romans 15: 14 - 21/Lk 16: 1 - 8

**Saturday \* November 7th**

Romans 16: 3 - 9, 16, 22 - 27/Lk 16: 9 - 15

**Sunday \* November 8th**

1 Kings 17: 10 - 16

Hebrews 9: 24 - 28

Mark 12: 38 - 44 or 12: 41 - 44

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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

### Monday, November 2nd — All Souls Day

7:00 AM Mass of the Dead

6:30 pm - Life Teen Mission Trip Informational Meeting

**When?** July 24 – August 1, 2010

**Where?** St. Louis, Missouri

**Who?** 8th Grade to High School Teens, (45 missionaries)

**Why?** To share the love of Jesus and serve the neglected, brokenhearted and marginalized in any way needed. To revitalize communities and beautify homes for the elderly, disabled and those who cannot afford needed repairs. Our goal is to inspire participants to serve in their local communities. Also, to empower participants to live as Disciples of Christ by serving others and to foster the spiritual growth of each participant through the sacraments, Catholic faith, sharing & prayer.

**What?** Each day will be spent either renewing homes by doing such things as painting, housecleaning, yard work, and minor home repairs (experienced trouble shooters will visit the sites to check on workmanship and provide help when needed); or helping at day care centers for low income families by assisting with the children's programs, working at homeless shelters or helping at centers that distribute food to the needy.

### Tuesday, November 3rd

7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting - Padre Hall

### Wednesday, November 4th

5:45 pm TGIF, Life Teen, The Edge - Preparation for Advent!

8:00 PM Knight's of Columbus meeting

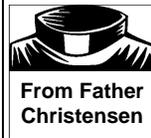
### Thursday, November 5th

7:00 pm RICA

***Make a difference to a family  
whom may not have a Holiday Dinner!***

Thanksgiving must be purchased by November 11th. and Christmas meals must be purchased by December 11th. in order to be here for distribution dates. The goal is to have a package available for anyone who has a need this holiday season. This cannot happen without your support! Packages run from \$25 to \$37. Please make the check to St. John's and mark it Share Meal.

5th annual **St. Joseph School Extravaganza** is 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!



The practice of offering Masses for the dead is one of the ways that Catholics have prayed for our deceased relatives and friends over the course of the centuries. We are called to pray for one another throughout our lives, both for the living and the dead. This call to mutual support through prayer does not end with death. We believe in life everlasting. However, we also believe that not all souls go straight to full communion with God in heaven. Although they are counted among the friends of Christ, they must be purified of the temporal effects of their sins before entering into God's presence. Saint Augustine (Sermon clxii, n. 2) says that the "prayers and alms of the faithful, the Holy Sacrifice of the altar aid the faithful departed and move the Lord to deal with them in mercy and kindness, and," he adds, "this is the practice of the universal Church handed down by the Fathers." This place of purification is known as "Purgatory." Our prayers, especially the prayer of the Mass for our departed loved ones, are beneficial before God. It is our traditional Catholic belief that the souls in purgatory are not separated from the Church, and that the love which is the bond of union between the Church's members should embrace those who have departed this life in God's grace. Hence, since our prayers and our sacrifices can help those who are still waiting in purgatory, the saints have not hesitated to warn us that we have a real duty toward those who are still in the "process" of purgation. We are called to pray and to offer Masses for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Praise be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

## National Association of Pastoral Musicians

**NPM Fall Meeting:** The fall meeting of the Rapid City chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. The speaker will be Dr. J. Michael McMahon, the national president of NPM. He will do a presentation on *Sing to the Lord*, the new document on music in Catholic worship from the U.S. Bishops' Conference. The \$15 prepaid registration fee includes the awards luncheon. To register, send the \$15 non-refundable fee and your contact information to Joan Bachmeier, 1621 Third St., Sturgis, SD 57785 on or by October 25.

**Thank-you** to whomever anonymously donated the new towels and potholders! We really needed them and they are beautiful!!!



Sunday, November 1st - All Saints Day  
 7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish  
 9:30 AM + Jeremiah Corcoran  
 By: John and Mary DeSantis

Monday, November 2nd - All Souls  
 7:00 AM All the Deceased Members of  
 our Parish Family

Tuesday, November 3rd  
 5:30 AM SI Stefanie Zetah  
 By: Judy Zetah

Wednesday, November 4th  
 7:00 AM Lifeteen/Edge Youth

Thursday, November 5th - First Thursday  
 7:00 AM The Sanctification of Priests

Friday, November 6th - First Friday  
 7:00 AM Conversion of Hearts to Christ

Saturday, November 7th - First Saturday  
 8:00 AM Consecration of World to Mary  
 5:30 PM SI Andrea Tate  
 By: Stoesser Families

Sunday, November 8th  
 7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish  
 9:30 AM SI Children of Robert and  
 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.01 Hannah Booth, David Hand
- Mon.02 Rochelle Kenzy, A.J. Stoesser, Darrell Witte
- Tue.03 Kim Edson
- Wed.04 Brenda Stoesser
- Thu.05 Addie Nickolas
- Fri.06 Jean Ricketts, Taylor Dowling, Stacy Huss, Alex Kolbeck,  
Lindsay Stoesser, Reid Wiczorek
- Sat.07 Ty Mikel, John Moisan
- Sun.08 Jeanette Gourneau, Anita Mathews

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



**Prayer Requests**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Regular Envelopes	\$ 3,510.55
Student Envelopes	\$ 17.00
Plate	\$ 238.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,765.60</b>



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

**Football Book Winners - Week 7**

- Vikings Pat Suedkamp
- Sunday: Jacques Daniel
- Monday: Rick Lancaster



**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 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 1ID, 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 par-

The last **Christian Family Planning Seminar in 2009** by Natural Family Planning Ministry is **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph's in Spearfish.** **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 information/register, call Jill at Family Life Ministries at 605.343.3541.

**Sow Bountifully....Reap Bountifully**

"On November 15th we will all be asked to make our pledge of support for our diocese through the annual diocesan appeal. You will be receiving information about the appeal over the next few weeks. Please keep mind all of the ministries of our diocese that depend upon this appeal in order to continue meeting the needs of our diocese. Some of those ministries are Catholic Social Services, Family Life, Seminarian and Priest Education, Ministry Formation, West River Catholic, Religious Education, Marriage Tribunal. Youth Ministry, Native Concerns, Faith Formation, Office of the Bishop, the retirement and care for our elderly priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and many others. Your pledge of financial support for our diocese and these ministries is very important and very appreciated."



# All Souls Day

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mass of the Dead at 7:00am

**All Souls Day** follows *All Saints Day*, and commemorates the faithful departed, those who die in God's faith and friendship. However, Catholics believe that not all those who die in God's grace are immediately ready for full communion with God in heaven; they must be purified of "lesser faults," and the temporal effects of sin. The Catholic Church calls this purification of the elect, "purgatory." The Catholic teaching on Purgatory includes belief in two realities:

1. There will be a purification of believers prior to entering heaven.
2. The prayers and masses of the faithful in some way benefit those in the state of purification.

As to the duration, place, and exact nature of this purification, the Church has no official dogma, although Saint Augustine and others used fire as a way to explain the nature of the purification. Many faithful Catholics, including Pope Benedict XVI, grant that Purgatory may be an existential state as opposed to a temporal place. In other words, Purgatory may be something we experience instantaneously, because it is outside of the confines of created time and space. Many non-Catholics, including C.S. Lewis, have believed in Purgatory, and the official dogma of Purgatory is hardly offensive, even if the popular understanding of it has led to confusion. As a more everyday explanation, many liken Purgatory to a place to be cleansed prior to going into the presence of Almighty God.

All Souls is the day to remember, pray for, and offer requiem masses up for these faithful departed in the state of purification. Typically Christians will take this day to offer prayers up on behalf of their departed relatives and friends. Others may remember influential individuals that they never knew personally, such as presidents, musicians, etc. This may be done in the form of the Office of the Dead (*Defunctorum officium*), i.e. a prayer service offered in memory of departed loved ones. Often this office is prayed on the anniversary (or eve) of the death of a loved one, or on All Souls' Day.



At St John the Evangelist, we have begun to compile a **Book of the Dead**. This book has pages, made by relatives and friends, of those who have died. This book is placed before the altar during the whole month of November as we remember and pray for our deceased brothers and sisters. As Catholics, we not only remember the dead,

but we offer prayers and Masses for their entrance into heaven. Each week you may notice the list of Mass Intentions in the Bulletin. During our weekday and Lord's Day Masses, we offer the prayer of Jesus - the Sacrifice of the Mass - for that person and their entrance into the heavenly kingdom. Just as we pray for our brothers and sisters here on earth, so we continue our prayers for them in Purgatory. We will not cease praying for one another until we all arrive in the Kingdom of Heaven together!

Please take a page for the Book of the Dead and return it tomorrow - All Souls Day - or sometime during the month of November. Please list the names of family members and friends who have died. You may include pictures and other information on the page as well. Some families have been very creative with their pages.

Please consider offering Masses for your loved ones during this month of November and throughout the year. This practice of offering Masses seems to have lessened in recent years, but it remains a praiseworthy act for those whose lives depend upon our offerings of prayer and sacrifice. Envelopes for Mass intentions can be found at the entrances to the church.

