

ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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"They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..." (Acts 14:27).

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MASS TIMES

Saint John's Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 & 9:30 AM

Sunday Evenings - Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm or by
appointment

Daily Mass *([check bulletin weekly schedule](#))**

6:45 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday Saturday - 8 AM

Ss. Peter and Paul - Pierre Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM, 11:45 AM Mary H

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Marriage - Notify your Priest 6 months in advance.

Baptism - Call Father Mark for information.

Anointing - If a hospital stay or surgical procedure is
scheduled, please call to schedule the celebration of
the Sacrament.

First Sunday in Advent

December 2nd, 2012



JESUS RETURNS TO THE FATHER

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of right in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Mass Readings

Sunday, December 2nd

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16
Thessalonians 3: 12 - 42
Luke 21: 25 - 28, 34 - 36

Monday, December 3rd

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5
Matthew 8: 5 - 11

Tuesday, December 4th

Isiah 11: 1 - 10
Luke 10: 21 - 24

Wednesday, December 5th

Isaiah 25: 6 - 10a
Matthew 15: 29 - 37

December 6th

Isaiah 26: 1 - 6
Matthew 9: 27 - 31

Friday, December 7th

Isaiah 29: 17 - 24
Matthew 9: 27 - 31

Saturday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception
Genesis 3: 9 - 15, 20
Ephesians 1: 3 - 6, 11 - 12
Luke 1: 26 - 38

Sunday, December 9th

Baruch 5: 1 - 9
Philippians 1: 4 - 6, 8 - 11
Luke 3: 1 - 6

St. John's Calendar

Sunday, December 2nd - 7-8 pm - Adoration and Confessions

Wednesday, December 5th - Faith Formation Classes - 5:30 pm

Knight's of Columbus - 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 6th 5:30 pm All light bulbs in church lights need changing. If you have a 15 foot ladder to set between the pews please bring it. We will have pizza afterwards.

Sunday, December 9th Women of the Parish Altar Society Christmas Baked Goodies Sale after all Masses and Knight's of Columbus Breakfast after Sunday Masses. Proceeds go towards our new sound system. Bring your baked goods to Padre hall.

Women's Advent Reflection: 4:00 - 6:00 pm. - Padre Hall.

Let the Baking Begin!!! Holiday Bake Sale.

Next weekend, December 8th and 9th we will be selling goodies in Padre Hall after all three Masses.

We welcome all the bakers in the Parish to bring homemade pies, jams, jellies, cookies, breads, candies and treats.

Your donations will help fellow parishioners with goodies for the holidays, and raise money for the new sound system.



We invite bakers of all ages to share your talents and treats with the parish. Sign up sheets are at the church entrance.

You may drop off your bake sale items in the Padre Hall kitchen anytime next Saturday or before the Mass that you attend. Please have your items packaged for sale in containers, plates or pie plates that do not need to be returned. For example, maybe 12 Christmas Cookies on a paper plate, brownies in a ZipLoc bag or a pie in a disposable pie tin.

Price stickers will be put on the items at the hall. Thank you!

We need ladies to help set up and sell items at the bake sale. If you're not a baker, but willing to help please call Nancy Surprenant -951-1004.

Can you smell the homemade bread, fudge, Christmas cookies, lefse, candies, caramels, jams and jellies cooking already???? See you there!



Women's Advent Reflection: "Open Your Hearts...and let Me love you"

Sunday, December 9th 4:00 - 6:00 pm in Padre Hall.

A celebration for all women and a beautiful way to reflect on this Advent Season. Let us move away from the secular side of Christmas and quiet ourselves during Advent in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus.



Fundraiser for 16 year old Morgan Meier of our Parish. Oahe Home Builders will donate a portion of their fun night proceeds to help with Morgan's expenses in her fight with Crohn's disease.

December 7th: 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Auction with Silent Auction, Games and Raffle throughout the night. Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center. Tickets/\$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Arts and Environment is planning ahead for Christmas Decorating.

The Advent season ends December 23rd, and we will be decorating for Christmas at 1:30 on Sunday, December 23rd. We need many hands to get our church decorated for the Christmas Season. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out with any certain decorating project listed below:

- putting up 3 trees and hanging lights on them
- hanging wreaths on the outside doors and garland outside
- putting up swag garland and wreaths on each side inside church
- assembling the nativity base
- decorating the nativity
- adults to bring up nativity pieces, unbox and take boxes back downstairs



Sparks from Father Mark

St. John's Parish Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, December 12th, 2012 ~ 6:00 pm



Children and Youth will have their Faith Formation class as usual at 5:30pm - they will go to the Penance service as a class.
Parents - Once you and your children have finished confession you are free to leave.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast fundraiser for our church sound system is Sunday, December 9 after Masses.

The Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast and Altar Society will be selling homemade pies, breads and Christmas cookies as a way to help everyone prepare for family, friends and guests that might stop for a visit during the Christmas season. We are at \$13,000 of the \$20,500 goal! See you there!



I want to thank everyone who has filled out our Time, Talent and Treasure stewardship form for our Parish. I am delighted to see that many parishioners have signed up to be involved in the many ministries of worship and parish life! We have 71 stewardship forms - 26% of our 276 family membership that have been turned in since the pledge drive began. \$94,580.04 has been pledged which is 57% of our yearly budget needs. I would like to encourage everyone in the parish to fill out and return your pledge form after prayerful consideration of your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure to our parish community. You may return your form in the collection basket or parish office. Pledge forms are at church entrance.

Help! We need a few men to hang the lights on the outside pine tree while the weather holds. Call Father Mark.

Catholic Daughters annual Advent Potluck Party, December 4, @ St Peter & Paul Church Hall, Pierre. 6:00 pm - Bring donation for Food Pantry/24 cookies for homebound. Call Joan Schueller 224-0252.

St. Joseph School Annual Extravaganza Fundraiser: December 8th - Ramkota River Center. Silent and Live Auctions and Raffles, Games, Fellowship and Good Food! For tickets call Ss. Peter and Paul 224-2483 or Jenn at 224-1616. Come support our Catholic School and have a great time!

Saturday, December 1st

5:30 PM + Ann Mitchell By: John and Patti Duffy

Sunday, December 2nd

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Angie Redden By: Sid and Carol Pond

Monday, December 3rd

6:45 AM + Family of Amaya Larson By: Just Faith Group

Tuesday, December 4th

6:45 AM + John Graham By: David and Mary Hartley

Wednesday, December 5th

6:45 AM Conversion & Salvation of Souls By: Shirley Gross

Thursday, December 6th

6:45 AM + Isabel Falk By: Jean Solonen

Friday, December 7th

6:45 AM + Amaya Larson By: Pat Storms

Saturday, December 8th

8:00 AM Mass - Special Intention Father Mark

5:30 PM + Pete Petersen By: Patti Petersen

Sunday, December 9th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Angie Redden By: Sid and Carol Pond

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4 - 5pm or by appointment

Birthdays

Mon.03 Ron Calkins, Curt Severyn

Tue.04 Andrea Calkins, Glenn Malm

Wed.05 Rylie Stoesser

Fri.07 Cadence Hand, Darrell Metzinger, Ray Rathbun

Sun.09 Marissa Mathews, Carol Prince

Anniversaries

Sun.09 Barry and Diane Smith

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Cantor	Gift Bearers
12/08 5:30 pm Mary Welsh	Diane Larson Patty Lihs	Carol Pond Mary Welsh	Jace Wernsman	Laura Haadtvad	Jerry and Patty Lihs
Sun. 12/09 7:30 am Christine Olson	Gordon Larson Judith Garner	Kelly Madsen Rose Anderson	Austin, Adam and Courtney Brown		Teresa Madsen
9:30 am Pat Storms	Al Berreth Kim Dowling	Irma LeFaive Mike and Judy Weisgram Morgan Meier Frank Sack	Shelby Gerber Hannah and Kennedy Healy	Joan Schueller	Todd and Kim Leiferman

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes	\$ 8,630.38
Plate	\$ 273.25
Total	\$ 8,903.63



Building Fund: \$320.00

Our building repair loan payment is \$1,833 a month.

Please use the yellow building fund envelope in your packets or mark your donation building fund.

Our building renovation monthly loan payment is for new hall furnaces and air conditioning, \$40,000 parking lot maintenance, \$16,600 hall roof, \$12,500, tuck pointing, \$17,700 repairing a crack in the church foundation wall \$7500

Total spent on maintenance: \$94,300 Our loan balance is \$72,600

Thank-you to all who continue to honor their building renovation pledge balance with payments and to those who continue to give to the building fund to fulfil our loan payment each month - Payments go toward paying off our building loan.

We are grateful for the stewardship of our parish family!

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

Football Results - Week 12 Vikings: 48 Chuch Jerome, ND

Sunday Night: 21 Chad Stoesser, Fort Pierre

Monday Night: 33 Lacey Fravel CO



Elementary Concert Community Gathering! The Stanley County Elementary Christmas Concert is Monday, December 10th. Following the program there will a community gathering at the Youth Center with Christmas Cookies. St. John's is asked to donate 40 dozen cookies. Sign up Sheets are at church entrance. Cookies need to be at Youth Center by 5:30 Monday, Dec. 10th.

Church Directories are here! You have a directory only if you had your picture taken. Directories are labelled with your name at the church entrance. Make sure you take the directory with your name on it.

For all the sick and suffering: Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Maddox Rowland, Kelsey Spurlin, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Cindy Foreman, James Garrity, Bryan Ice, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund, Stella Nagel, Jesse Keckler, Max Roberts, Jim Palmer, Alice Gannon, Bill Roscoe, Peg Logan, Terry Hughes, Kroix Larson, Beth Flagstad, Addie Nickolas, Kathryn Schlechter, Keri Hendrickson, Kathy Mueller, Helen Schneiderhan, Maryls Fratzke, Heidi Alban, Danna Bren, Yvonne Ehlers, Patti Duffy, John Jund, Delores Melvin, Steeley Moore, Parker & Nikki Anderson, Alice Venner, Gary Campbell, Paul Ryan, Ray Shepherd, Pauline Witte, Conrad Adam, Ted Schlechter, Paula Smith, Sharon Hoelscher, Kayle Coleman, Howard Brunner, Ron Heckenliable, Dick Biegger, Eleanor Unterbrunner and all who have asked for our special prayers. Call Marsha Knight -223-2478 with requests.



Rosary before Masses: We pray the rosary before Masses at 5:00 PM, 7 AM and 9 AM. If you, your family, or a group of you would lead the rosary there is a sign-up in the church entrance. There are binders provided to help lead the rosary. We will have 10 minutes of silence for prayer after Rosary before Mass.

Need Knows No Season: Salvation Army's Red Kettles are in desperate need of bell ringers. Funds that help many families with heating and utility bills, medication, food, lodging, transportation, and clothing. If you, your group, would like to ring bells -Nov. 12th - Dec. 22nd -Monday through Friday 5:30-7 pm or 7pm- 8:30 pm and Weekends are set in hour increments from 10 am to 9:00 pm. You can take one slot or several. Contact Amy Chappelle-224-6801. To ring bells, contact Laura White -224-8731.

Applications are being accepted for the position of Director of Development and Stewardship for the Diocese of Rapid City. Bachelor degree in business administration/related field, strong background in finance, communications, public relations, marketing, management, ability to motivate others, strong interpersonal relationship skills, demonstrated success with planned giving programs. Requires three years experience in the area of marketing and/or development and an appreciation of the mission of the Catholic Church. Interested individuals should submit their resume listing three professional references along with a letter requesting an application form either by e-mail to msimonson@diorc.org or by regular mail to: Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 606 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City SD 57701. The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Closing date application forms is De-

Share Baskets: Deadline for December 17th for Christmas orders. **Please make checks to PARS - Share Basket.** Each basket is \$36.

Religious Education News:

December 2nd: New Confirmation Class for students and Parents - meet at 10:45 in the church basement.

December 5th: Faith Formation Classes 5:30-7:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Classes: 1st class 4:30-5:15 & 2nd class 5:30-6:15

Kitchen Help for Wednesday meals for the month of **December**: Jeri Wieczorek, Mark/Kristi Harsma, Travis/ Peggy Frost & Sharon Johnson. Cooks for the month of December: Janette Byer, Val Wernsmann & Kathleen Slocum

Thanks you to Cooks: Bob/Carolyn Riter, Kelly/Teresa Madsen Kitchen Volunteers: Keith & Janette Byer, Christy & Bill Schilling, Jodi Reinert & Christine and Doug Sorensen. We couldn't feed the kids Wednesday night without you!

December upcoming parish events:

Sunday, December 9th KC breakfast and Altar Society pie and goodie sale fundraiser for the sound system for our church. Save the Date and help us update the very old and unreliable sound system in your church! See inside of bulletin.

Sunday, December 9th Women's Advent Reflection - 4 - 6pm Padre Hall. Sign up sheet at church entrances.

Wednesday, December 12th - 6:30 pm St. John's Communal Penance Service.

Sunday, December 23rd - 1pm - Decorating Church for Christmas. Call Patti Stoesser 280-3671 or Cindy Gerber 280-0754 to volunteer.

Thursday, December 27th - 5:30 pm - Saint John the Evangelist Feast day celebration. Lasagna meal in Padre Hall. Call church office to volunteer to help. We will need pans of lasagne, salad and desserts.

**Wreathes and Evergreens have arrived and are available for pickup
after Masses in the rectory garage.**

Your items are labelled. Please make checks payable to St. John's .



Passion & Purpose Live Event at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
January 26, 2013 * 9:00AM -1:30 PM * Tickets available at church office.



Matthew Kelly has dedicated his life to helping people and organizations become the-best-version-of-themselves. Born in Sydney, Australia, he began speaking/writing in his late teens while attending business school. Since then, four million people have attended his seminars and presentations in more than fifty countries. Today he is an internationally acclaimed speaker, bestselling author, and business consultant—his books published in twenty-five languages, have appeared on the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestseller lists, selling in excess of three million copies. The Matthew Kelly Foundation was established in 1995 to help young people discover their mission in life.



Diocese of Rapid City Announcement Concerning the Year of Faith Indulgence

Bishop Robert D. Gruss, in accord with the permission given by the Holy Father (October 5, 2012), has established the following guidelines for receiving a plenary indulgence during the Year of Faith beginning October 11, 2012 and ending November 24, 2013.

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment for sin, which is already forgiven. An indulgence can be partial or plenary (complete) and it can be attained by the faithful under certain and defined conditions. Those conditions are defined by the Church. The Church is the minister of the redemption of Jesus Christ and is charged with applying the treasury of God's mercy and love won for us by Jesus' death and resurrection. Indulgences can be applied to one's self or for the dead who are in purgatory.

To receive a plenary indulgence, the faithful must perform a certain and defined work (see below) and also fulfill four general conditions. If the detachment from sin is not perfect then the indulgence received is partial. In addition, under certain circumstances, the requirement to receive Reconciliation or Communion can be lifted by the Bishop for those he has authority over if it is impossible or very difficult to receive these sacraments. In such cases the faithful must have true contrition for sin and a resolve to celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist as soon as possible.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); Receive Eucharistic Communion (attend Mass); Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father by reciting at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary; Be free of all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

For the Year of Faith, in addition to the above conditions being met, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence through one of the following:

Attending three of the monthly sessions held throughout the diocese each month and, after having attended the third, the conditions listed above are completed within eight days.

Visit the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help any time during the Year of Faith and fulfill the general conditions listed above including praying either the Nicene or the Apostles' Creed, and invoking Our Lady of Perpetual Help; or visit the Cathedral for an extended period of prayer including the recitation of the Our Father, the Nicene or Apostles' Creed and invoking Our Lady of Perpetual Help and then fulfilling the general conditions listed above on the next available weekend in one's home parish.

Visit the monthly designated pilgrim church (months and parishes listed below) and fulfill the conditions listed above including praying either the Nicene or the Apostles' Creed, and invoking Our Blessed Mother and the patron saint of the pilgrim church; or visit the monthly designated pilgrim church for an extended period of prayer including the recitation of the Our Father, the Nicene or Apostles Creed and invoking Our Blessed Mother and the patron saint of the pilgrim church and then fulfilling the general conditions listed above on the next available weekend in one's home parish.

Visit the parish where baptized and in addition to fulfilling the general conditions listed above, renew one's baptismal promises in any legitimate form; or visiting the parish where one was baptized, renewing one's baptismal promises in any legitimate form and then fulfilling the general conditions listed above on the next available weekend in one's home parish.