

# 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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**Small Group Studies, Shirley Gross**

## 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

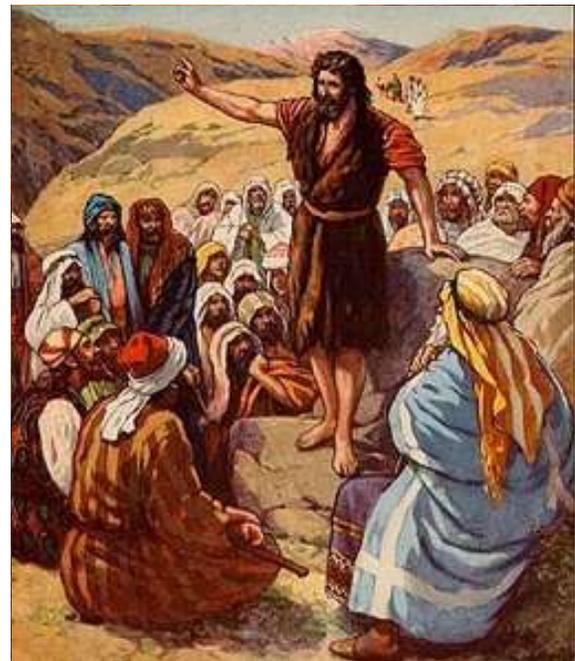
## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**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.

## Second Sunday in Advent December 9th, 2012



A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3: 3 - 6

## Mass Readings

**Sunday, December 9th**

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

**Monday, December 10th**

Isaiah 35: 1 - 10  
Luke 5: 17 - 26

**Tuesday, December 11th**

Isaiah 40: 1 - 11  
Matthew 18: 12 - 14

**Wednesday, December 12th**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Revelation 11: 19a, 12: 1 - 6a,  
10 ab

Luke 1: 39 - 47

**Thursday, December 13th**

Isaiah 41: 13 - 20

Matthew 11: 11 - 15

**Friday, December 14th**

Isaiah 48: 17 - 19

Matthew 11: 16 - 19

**Saturday, December 15th**

Sirach 48: 8 - 10

Matthew 1: 1 - 17

**Sunday, December 16th**

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18a

Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Luke 3: 10 - 18

## St. John's Calendar

**Sunday, December 9th** - 7-8 pm - Adoration

**This Sunday, December 9th**

\***Knight's of Columbus Breakfast after Masses.**

\***Women of the Parish Altar Society Christmas Goodies Sale**

Proceeds go to our Churches badly needed sound system.

\***Women's Advent Reflection: 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday, December 11th Theology on Tap at Knight's of Columbus Hall** in Pierre. Fr. Mike Griffin will talk on Incarnation. Beverages and Popcorn served. 1221 E Broadway, Pierre.

**Wednesday, December 12th** Faith Formation Classes - 5:30pm. 6pm - St. John's Communal Penance Service for Youth, Parents and Parish.

## Our Holiday Bake Sale is Today!



The baking is done and Padre Hall is full of wonderful cookies, candies and breads!



**After each mass this weekend, December 8th and 9th,** we will be selling wonderful holiday treats in Padre Hall. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to fund our new sound system.

Come and stock up on pies, cookies, breads, candies and treats for family, friends and guests that might stop for a visit during the Christmas Season!



The Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast **As a parish fundraiser for our church sound system after this Sundays Masses.**



We are at \$13,000 of the \$20,500 goal! See you there!

**Women's Advent Reflection: "Open Your Hearts and let Me love you" This 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 quiet our hearts during Advent in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

**Living Nativity** by our youth - **Next Sunday, December 16th** after 9:30 am Mass in the Church.

Please take time to come join our youth as they give you the beautiful and moving Nativity story.



## Arts and Environment is planning ahead for Christmas Decorating.

The Advent season ends December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we will be decorating for Christmas at 1:30 on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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
- Call Patti Stoesser 280-3671 or Cindy Gerber 280-0754 to volunteer your help.



\* If anyone is willing to hang icicle lights on the rectory please call Father Mark.

## Sparks from Father Mark

As we prepare for the coming of Emmanuel at Christmas and at the end of time may he truly find our hearts ready and open to welcome him. I cannot find a better way to welcome Jesus, then to experience first hand, his mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us as we gather as a parish family this coming *Wednesday, December 12 at 6 PM* for our Advent Communal Penance Service.



Here are several quotes on the Sacrament of Penance from the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a way to help us enter more deeply this Year of Faith. Please pray with these quotes this week as you make ready your heart for this great Sacrament of grace, mercy and forgiveness Wednesday evening.

*Lumen Gentium (1964), Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*

11. Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from the mercy of God for the offence committed against Him and are at the same time reconciled with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins, and which by charity, example, and prayer seeks their conversion.

*Presbyterorum Ordinis (1965), Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests*

5. By Baptism men are truly brought into the People of God; by the sacrament of Penance sinners are reconciled to God and his Church...In the spirit of Christ the Shepherd, they must prompt their people to confess their sins with a contrite heart in the sacrament of Penance, so that, mindful of his words "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mt 4:17), they are drawn closer to the Lord more and more each day.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1468*

"The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship." Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation. "Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1469*

This sacrament reconciles us with the Church. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. The sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion, but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members. Re-established or strengthened in the communion of saints, the sinner is made stronger by the exchange of spiritual goods among all the living members of the Body of Christ, whether still on pilgrimage or already in the heavenly homeland: It must be recalled that . . . this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations, which repair the other breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his innermost truth. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation.

**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 74 stewardship forms - 27% of our 276 family membership that were turned in since the pledge drive started. \$98,680.04 has been pledged which is 59% 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 either in the collection basket or parish office. Pledge forms are in church entrance.

**Saturday, December 8th**

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

**Monday, December 10th**

6:45 AM + Amaya Larson By: Mary Welsh

**Tuesday, December 11th**

6:45 AM + Ann Mitchell By: John and Patti Duffy family

**Wednesday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe**

6:45 AM SI Bruce Unterbrunner By: Frank and Diane Larson

**Thursday, December 13th**

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

**Friday, December 14th**

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday, December 15th**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM + Kristi Magee By: Todd and Kara Hughes Family

**Sunday, December 16th**

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

9:30 AM + Bryan Pogany By: Sid and Carol Pond

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4 - 5pm or by appointment

**Birthdays**

Sun.09 Marisa Mathews, Carol Prince

Mon.10 Rose Anderson

Tue.11 Kara Hughes, Sue Kuhl, Morgan Meier, Shantel Norman, Tessa Petersen, Adam Spoehr

Wed.12 Kathryn Badger, Shelby Gerber

Sun.16 Patti Stoesser

**Anniversaries**

Sun.09 Barry and Diane Smith

Mon.15 Tony and Val Wernsman

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Cantor	Gift Bearers
12/15 5:30 pm Patty Lihs	Diane Larson Lori Roberts	Patty Lihs Mary Welsh	Zach and Jacob Roberts	Kit Schmidt	Ryan and Amy Fowler
Sun. 12/16 7:30 am Christine Olson	Teresa Madsen Christine Olson	Judy Ackley Mary Giddings	Mariah Madsen	Jim Schumacher	Jack and Sue Kuhl
9:30 am Frank Sack	Rob Coverdale Jo LaRoche	Irma LeFaive Pat Durkin Christa Dendinger Frank Sack Noreen Plumage	James and John Barnett Jaxon Yackley	Laura Haadtvad	Frank Sack

New Ministry Schedule is being made. If you have dates you cannot serve contact Lou Ann Leischer 224-2104 or lanny10backontheranch@gmail.com.

**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, 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, Steele 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 please call Fr. Mark. There are binders provided to help lead the rosary. We will have 10 minutes of silence for prayer after Rosary before Mass.

**Child Welfare Supervisor:** Child Welfare Supervisor for Catholic Social Services' Adoption Program. MSW required. 30-40 hours per week. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resume to [css@cssrapidcity.com](mailto:css@cssrapidcity.com) or to CSS, 918 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. Closing date is December 30, 2012

**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](mailto: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 December 31st.

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

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,669.15
Plate	\$ 438.15
Total	\$ 3,107.30



**Building Fund: \$2,350.00**

**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 13** Vikings: 16 Jim Laird, Pierre

Sunday Night: 83 Nicole Cheskey, Fort Pierre

Monday Night: 83 Connor Gerber, Pierre



**Elementary Concert Community Gathering!** The Stanley County Elementary Christmas Concert is Monday, December 10th. Following the program there is 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.

**Thank-you!** To Randy and Annie Hanson and Caleb McKinley for putting the lights on the pine tree, Barry Smith and Dean Tardiff for putting the tarp around the porch, Patti Stoesser, Cindy Gerber and Tiffany Stoesser for decorating our Diocesan Tree at the Capitol, Gordon Larson for changing/maintaining our lights, and to Troy Roberts, Frank Sack and Michael Madsen for changing all the light bulbs in the church!

**Religious Education News:**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Faith Formation Classes will be held at 5:30pm – Youth will go to Penance service as a class and will be dismissed after their confession- No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Classes.

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.

**December upcoming parish events:**

**Wednesday, December 12th - 6:30 pm** St. John's Communal Penance Service for youth, parents and parish family.

**Sunday, December 16th Living Nativity after 9:30 am Mass.** Support our youth as they share this beautiful and moving Nativity Story.

**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.

**Wreathes and Evergreens have arrived and are available for pickup after Masses in the rectory garage. Please pick them up this weekend.**



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.

A Statement Issued by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops November 18, 1966

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.... If we say that we have not sinned, we make [God] a liar, and His word is not in us" (1 Jn 1:8-10).

1. Thus Sacred Scriptures declare our guilt to be universal; hence the universal obligation to that repentance which Peter, in his sermon on Pentecost, declared necessary for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). Hence, too, the Church's constant recognition that all the faithful are required by divine law to do penance. As from the fact of sin we Christians can claim no exception, so from the obligation to penance we can seek no exemption.

2. Forms and seasons of penance vary from time to time and from people to people. But the need for conversion and salvation is unchanging, as is the necessity that, confessing our sinfulness, we perform, personally and in community, acts of penance in pledge of our inward penitence and conversion.

3. For these reasons, Christian peoples, members of a Church that is at once holy, penitent, and always in process of renewal, have from the beginning observed seasons and days of penance. They have done so by community penitential observances as well as by personal acts of self-denial; they have imitated the example of the spotless Son of God Himself, concerning Whom the Sacred Scriptures tell us that He went into the desert to fast and to pray for forty days (Mk 1:13). Thus Christ gave the example to which Paul appealed in teaching us how we, too, must come to the mature measures of the fullness of Christ (Eph 4:13).

4. Of the many penitential seasons which at one time or another have entered the liturgical calendar of Christians (who on this point have preserved the holy tradition of their Hebrew spiritual ancestors), three have particularly survived to our times: Advent, Lent, and the vigils of certain feasts.

Advent

5. Changing customs, especially in connection with preparation for Christmas, have diminished popular appreciation of the Advent season. Something of a holiday mood of Christmas appears now to be anticipated in the days of the Advent season. As a result, this season has unfortunately lost in great measure the role of penitential preparation for Christmas that it once had.

6. Zealous Christians have striven to keep alive or to restore the spirit of Advent by resisting the trend away from the disciplines and austerities that once characterized the season among us. Perhaps their devout purpose will be better accomplished, and the point of Advent will be better fostered if we rely on the liturgical renewal and the new emphasis on the liturgy to restore its deeper understanding as a season of effective preparation for the mystery of the Nativity.

7. For these reasons, we, the shepherds of souls of this conference, call upon Catholics to make the Advent season, beginning with 1966, a time of meditation on the lessons taught by the liturgy and of increased participation in the liturgical rites by which the Advent mysteries are exemplified and their sanctifying effect is accomplished.

8. If in all Christian homes, churches, schools, retreats and other religious houses, liturgical observances are practiced with fresh fervor and fidelity to the penitential spirit of the liturgy, then Advent will again come into its own. Its spiritual purpose will again be clearly perceived.

9. A rich literature concerning family and community liturgical observances appropriate to Advent has fortunately developed in recent years. We urge instruction based upon it, counting on the liturgical renewal of ourselves and our people to provide for our spiritual obligations with respect to this season.