

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.

The Holy Family December 30th, 2012



Mass Readings

Sunday, December 30th

1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Luke 2: 41-52

Monday, December 31st

1 John 2: 18 - 21

John 1: 1 - 18

Tuesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary

Number 6: 22 - 27

Jeremiah 23: 5 - 8

Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Luke 2: 16 - 21

Wednesday, January 2nd

1 John 2: 22 - 28

John 1: 19 - 28

Thursday, January 3rd

1 John 2: 29, 3: 6

John 1: 29 - 34

Friday, January 4th

1 John 3: 7 - 10

John 1: 35 - 42

Saturday, January 5th

1 John 3: 11 - 21

John 1: 43 - 51

Sunday, January 6th

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

St. John's Calendar

Sunday, December 30th

7-8 pm - Adoration and Confessions

Monday, December 31st New Years Eve

5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 1st New Years Day

8 am Mass

Wednesday, January 2nd No Faith Formation-Classes resume January 9th

Thank-you to all who helped decorate our church and hung lights on the rectory for the Christmas.

Our church looks beautiful as we celebrate once again the Nativity of Christ.

Thank-you to the Kenzy family for keeping our parking lot clear of snow! We are thankful for your dedication to your parish family!

Steubenville of the Rockies is a great event for our youth - those of you who have young people who have attended in the past know that they come back fired up for the Faith! The dates for Steubenville of the Rockies this coming year will be **June 20-23, 2013**. We will depart from Rapid City around noon on Thursday, June 20, and return to Rapid City late on Sunday, June 23. On Friday, June 21, we will spend the day at Elitch Gardens in Denver. Attendees must be going into 9th grade or older. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age, have received a background check from the diocese, and have undergone Safe Environment Training. Total cost per person is: \$375.00. January 10th registration deadline.

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 76 stewardship forms - 28% of our 276 family membership that were turned in since the pledge drive started. \$103,680.04 has been pledged which is 62% 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 at the church entrance. If you have any questions please contact me. Father Mark

Contemplative Prayer: The Pathway to a Deeper Relationship with the Lord Come away and rest in God during Lent with Bishop Gruss - March 1-2, 2013. Find out more on-line at <http://terrasancta.org> or call the retreat center at 605-716-0925. Space is limited.

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? Feb. 21-24, 2013 (Thursday - Sunday) - This silent retreat is for everyone - men, women and couples. Choose between monastic style lodging or family style lodging (all will be single occupancy unless attending as a couple and planning to share a room). Meet Jesus again and on a deeper level during this weekend retreat based on the themes of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This silent retreat will offer conference sessions followed by a guided meditation that will lead the retreatant into a deepening knowledge of, affection for, and a desire to follow Jesus more faithfully. Retreat directed by Sr Marie Schwan, CSJ. More information and registration form available on-line - <http://terrasancta.org/category/retreats/> or call 605-716-0925.

Sparks from Father Mark

This last month Bishop Gruss shared with us some of things that came out the United State Catholic Bishop's meeting in November. I would like to share this information with the parish. We will be having a Holy Hour on the last Sunday of every month throughout the year from 7-8pm for the intentions of rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protections of religious liberty.

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Catholic bishops have launched a pastoral strategy addressing critical life, marriage and religious liberty concerns. The five-part strategy or call to prayer was approved by the bishops in November and is set to begin after Christmas. The overall focus is to invite Catholics to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protections of religious liberty.

Campaign components include monthly Eucharistic holy hours in cathedrals and parishes, daily family rosary, special Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses, fasting and abstinence on Fridays, and the second observance of a Fortnight for Freedom.

The call to prayer is prompted by the rapid social movements and policy changes currently underway, such as the mandate by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that coerces employers, including heads of religious agencies, to pay for sterilizations, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives, as well as increased efforts to redefine marriage.

"The pastoral strategy is essentially a call and encouragement to prayer and sacrifice - it's meant to be simple," said Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. "It's not meant to be another program but rather part of a movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty, which engages the New Evangelization and can be incorporated into the Year of Faith. Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty are not only foundational to Catholic social teaching but also fundamental to the good of society," he said.

Details of the strategy follow:

1. Starting with the Sunday after Christmas (Feast of the Holy Family) and continuing on or near the last Sunday of every month through Christ the King Sunday, November 2013, cathedrals and parishes are encouraged to hold a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty.
2. Families and individuals are encouraged to pray a daily Rosary, for the preservation of Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty in the nation.
3. At Sunday and daily Masses, it is encouraged that the Prayers of the Faithful include specific intentions for respect for all human life from conception to natural death, the strengthening of marriage and family life, and the preservation of religious liberty at all levels of government, both at home and abroad.
4. Abstinence from meat and fasting on Fridays are encouraged for the intention of the protection of Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty, recognizing the importance of spiritual and bodily sacrifice in the life of the Church.
5. The celebration of a second Fortnight for Freedom at the end of June and the beginning of July 2013 is being planned. This Fortnight would emphasize faith and marriage in a particular way in the face of the potential Supreme Court rulings during this time. The Fortnight would also emphasize the need for conscience protection in light of the August 1, 2013 deadline for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate, as well as religious freedom concerns in other areas, such as immigration, adoption, and humanitarian services.

A website with resources from the USCCB is available at: www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty.

"With the challenges this country is facing, it is hoped that this call to prayer and penance will help build awareness among the faithful as well as spiritual stamina and courage for effective witness. We also hope that it will encourage solidarity with all people who are standing for the precious gifts of life, marriage, and religious liberty," Archbishop Cordileone said.

Saturday, December 29th

5:30 PM + Father Brian Fawcett By: Family

Sunday, December 30th

7:30 AM + Helen Zak By: Colleen Kirby

9:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

Monday, December 31st New Years Eve

6:45 AM Intentions of Father Mark

5:30 PM Intentions of the Parish

Tuesday, January 1st New Years Day

8:00 AM Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday, January 2nd

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

Thursday, January 3rd

5:30 PM Morning Prayer

Friday, January 4th

6:45 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, January 5th

8:00 AM Intentions of Father Mark

5:30 PM + Ray and Ken Lawhon

Sunday, January 6th

7:30 AM + JoAnn Barger By: Jerry and Patty Lihs

9:30 AM Intentions of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4 - 5pm or by appointment

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes \$ 3,490.00
Plate \$ 495.25
Total \$ 3,985.25

Building Fund: \$180.00

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 16

Vikings: 73 Tammy Sunde, Sioux Falls

Sunday Night: 44 Louis Young, Pierre

Monday Night: 26 Dave Bonde, Fort Pierre



Rachel's Corner: "By attending the retreat, I was finally acknowledging how broken I was. The mercy and love of Christ helped me to name and acknowledge my wounds." - Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™
Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience the healing balm of Christ's mercy and forgiveness. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. - national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Upcoming retreats: April 26-28, 2013 in the Rapid City area.

Birthdays

Sun.30 Lena Buschbom

Tue.01 Tom LeFaive

Wed.02 Jeri Weiczorek

Fri.04 Kirk Leichtnam, Carley Malm, Karen Pogany

Sat.05 John Ackley, Bill Fischer

Anniversaries

Sun.30 Kelly and Jackie Cross

Mon.31 Bernie and Peggy Duffy

Derald and Shirley Gross

Tue.01 Darrell and Michelle Metzinger

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Cantor	Gift Bearers
01/05 5:30 pm Mary Welsh	Diane Larson Kara Hughes	Deanne Booth Patty Lihs	Jace Wernsman Aaron Booth		Barry & Diane Smith
Sun. 1/06 7:30 am Kelly Madsen	Christine Olson Teresa Madsen	Mary Giddings Judy Ackley	Austin, Adam and Courtney Brown	Jim Schumacher	Brown Family
9:30 am Pat Storms	Al Berreth Noreen Plumage	Christa Dendinger Pat Durkin Pat Storms Frank Sack Morgan Meier	Kelsey & Shay VanDenHemel Cormack Duffy		Tom and Irma LeFaive

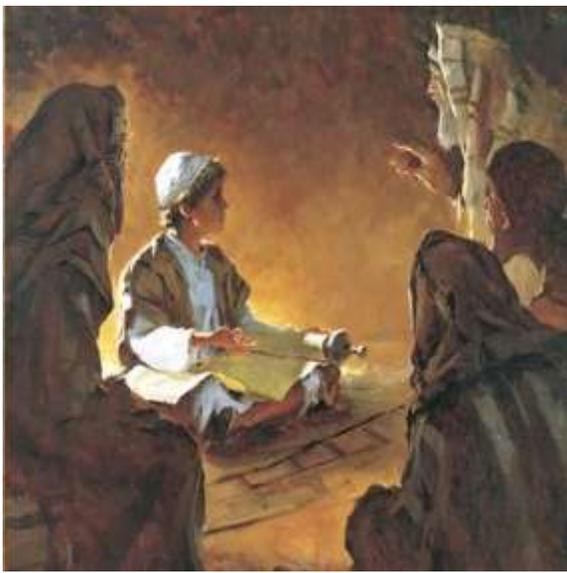
For all the sick and suffering: Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Maddox Rowland, Kelsey Spurlin, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Cindy Foreman, James Garrity, Bryan Ice, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund, Stella Nagel, Max Roberts, Jim Palmer, Alice Gannon, Bill Roscoe, Peg Logan, Terry Hughes, 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, Steeley Moore, 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, Linda Brooks, Leanne Goff, Steve Kokesh and all who have asked for our special prayers.
Call Marsha Knight -223-2478 with requests.



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.

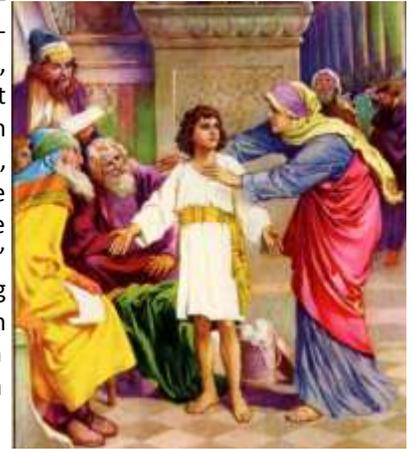
Matthew Kelly has dedicated his life to helping people and organizations become the-best-version-of-themselves. Born in Sydney, Australia, he began speaking/writing in his late teens while attending business school. Since then, four million people have attended his seminars and presentations in more 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. The past fifteen years Kelly has visited hundreds of high schools, inspiring students to use their lives to make a contribution. Matthew is active as a Catholic speaker and author. Raised Catholic, he is saddened by the lack of engagement among Catholics and founded The Dynamic Catholic Institute to research why Catholics engage or disengage and explore what it will take to establish vibrant Catholic communities in the 21st Century. Matthew Kelly's core message resonates with people of all ages and from all walks of life, whether he's speaking in a business forum, at a high school or a church, he invites his audience to become the-best-version-of-themselves.

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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in



my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and Man. Luke 2: 41-52

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

The Shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. Luke 2: 16-21



Welcome to the 90-Day Bible Challenge!



“READ DAILY, and thence gather food for your soul” - Spiritus Paracletus, 43

Anyone who's ever tried to read the whole Bible knows it can be just that – a challenge.

The 90-Day Bible Challenge makes it easy by focusing in on the underlying story that ties the Bible together and makes sense of it all. Instead of reading all 73 books of the Bible, you'll just read 14. Starting with Creation and the Garden of Eden, you'll continue through the birth of Israel and the coming of the prophets until you end with the coming of Christ and the start of the Church.

This 90-Day guided tour through that story breaks it down into time periods to help you keep track of your progress and remember the basic plot. (This methodology is based on the extremely popular and effective Bible Timeline learning system). Every day, I will send you an introduction to the period or an overview with that day's reading. A single question will help you reflect on what you've read. Click on the link by the question to share your thoughts with others or to see how they respond.

Signup for the 90-Day Bible Reading Challenge <http://thecatholicyearoffaith.com/90-day-bible-reading-challenge>

Getting Ready: Spending daily time reading the Bible is a wonderful way to grow close to God. Before you begin, it is important that you decide on a regular time and place. And be sure to pray before you read. I recommend you start off with the St. Ephraim prayer.

Though links will be provided to the daily readings, looking them up in your own Catholic Bible will enhance your experience.

Finally, though not essential, you might consider recording your thoughts and progress in a journal.

I'll be taking the challenge right along with you. May God bless you as you read his word!

Sarah Christmyer

Author, [The Bible Timeline Guided Journal](#)