

REINA AND ROLLA SCOTT BENEFIT

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

CYI YOUTH CENTER, FORT PIERRE

5PM BBQ, Baked Beans, Chips and Drink—Free will donation

5:30 pm Silent Auction

7:00 pm Live Auction

Reina and Rolla, twin daughters of Matt and Dani Scott were born prematurely and spent 4 weeks in the NICU in Sioux Falls.

Rolla's surgery was Friday, February 12th to repair a hole between the chambers of her heart.

This benefit is to defray medical costs for the babies.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation you may put in the collection labelled Matt and Dani Scott or mail to Maria Scott, PO Box 902, Fort Pierre, SD 57532.

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS ON MERCY AND JUSTICE

Sacred Scripture presents God to us as infinite mercy, but also as perfect justice. How to conciliate the two? How is the reality of mercy articulated with the exigencies of justice? It might seem that they are two realities that contradict one another; in reality it is not so, because it is in fact the mercy of God that brings true justice to fulfillment. But what sort of justice is it?

If we think of the legal administration of justice, we see that one who is a victim of an abuse addresses the Judge in the court and asks that justice be done. It is a retributive justice that inflicts a punishment on the culpable one, in keeping with the principle that each one must be given what is due to him. As the Book of Proverbs states: "He who is steadfast in righteousness will live, but he who pursues evil will die" (11:19). Jesus also speaks about it in the parable of the widow who went repeatedly to the Judge and asked him: "Render a just decision for me against my adversary" (Luke 18:3)."

This way, however, does not lead to true justice because, in reality, evil is not defeated, but is simply checked. Instead, it is only by responding to it with goodness that evil can be truly defeated. Here, then, is another way of doing justice, which the Bible presents to us as the masterful way to follow. It is a procedure that avoids recourse to the court and foresees the victim turning directly to the guilty one to invite him to conversion, helping him to understand that he is doing evil, appealing to his conscience. Thus, finally repentant and acknowledging his fault, he can open himself to the forgiveness that the injured party is offering him. And this persuasion is good; thus the heart opens to the forgiveness that is offered to it. This is the way to resolve disputes within families, in relations between spouses and between parents and children, where the offended one loves the guilty one and desires to save the relation that links him to the other. Do not cut that relationship, that relation.

This is certainly a difficult way. It requires that the one who has suffered the wrong be ready to forgive and desire the salvation and the good of the one who has offended him. However, only in this way can justice triumph, because, if the guilty one recognizes the evil done and stops doing it, then the evil exists no longer, and he who was unjust becomes just, because he is forgiven and helped to re-discover the way of goodness. And here, in fact, forgiveness and mercy come in.

It is thus that God acts in his dealing with us sinners. The Lord offers us His forgiveness constantly and He helps us to receive it and to become aware of our wrongdoing to be able to be free of it, because God's does not want our condemnation, but our salvation. God does not want anyone's condemnation. Someone might ask me the question: "But Father, Pilate merited his condemnation? Did God will it? – No! God wanted to save Pilate and also Judas, all! He, the Lord of Mercy, wants to save all! The problem is to let Him enter the heart.

All the prophets' words are an impassioned appeal full of love that seeks our conversion. See what the Lord says through the prophet Ezekiel: "Do I find pleasure in the death of the wicked [...] Do I not rejoice when they turn away from their evil way and live?" (18:23, Cf. 33:11), [This is] what pleases God!

And this is God's heart, the heart of a Father who loves and wants His children to live in goodness and in justice, and thus live in fullness and be happy; the heart of a Father that goes beyond our little concept of justice to open us to the limitless horizons of His mercy. The heart of a Father that does not treat us according to our sins and does not repay us according to our faults, as the Psalm says (103:9-10). And it is precisely the heart of a Father that we want to find when we go to the confessional. Perhaps he will say something to make us understand evil better, but in the confessional we all go to find a Father that helps us change our life, a Father that gives us the strength to go forward; a Father that forgives us in the name of God. And you, priest, who are there in the confessional, you are there in the place of the Father who does justice with His mercy.

ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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First Sunday of Lent ~ Sunday, February 14th, 2016

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Confessions:

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM or appointment

Mass Times: Saint John's, on the Lord's Day

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 & 10:00 AM

Sunday Evenings - 7:00-8:00 PM - Adoration

Weekday Mass * (check bulletin weekly schedule)**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 7:00 AM

Tuesday - 5:30 PM

Friday - 6:45 AM

Saturday - 8 AM (1st Saturday only)

Ss. Peter and Paul - Pierre, on the Lord's Day:

Saturday - 5:00 PM, Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Marriage - 6 months preparation: Call Father Ron.

Baptism - Call Father Ron for information.

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



Saint Valentine

Saint Valentine taught us about the importance of love and the Sacrament of Marriage. He believed in these things so deeply that he was martyred for them. Although we live in easier times where marriage and love are not forbidden to us, we must remember that things weren't always this way. We must remind ourselves that all we have is precious. Saint Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to reflect on what we have been given. Celebrating Saint Valentine's Day is a tribute to Saint Valentine, later titled Patron Saint of Lovers. His devotion to God and his commitment to supporting love and marriage set a wonderful example for us.

St. John's Calendar

Sunday, February 14th Fairtrade Coffee sales after Masses

No Faith Formation Classes

5:00 pm Knight's of Columbus Valentine Dinner

No Adoration

Tuesday, February 16th

6:00 am That Man is You

Wednesday, February 17th

6:30 pm Class for grades 8-12

Thursday, February 18th

5:30 pm RCIA

6:30 pm Maranatha Prayer

Friday, February 19th

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 21st Black and Indian Collection

8:35 am Good Shepherd Class

8:40 am Faith Formation Classes 1-7

***Note: KC breakfast to be next Sunday, February 21st**

St. John's Communal Penance service will be Sunday, March 6th at 6:30 pm.



This Lenten season let us remember God's blessings in our lives and also share those blessings with others in need to help Birthright give out **new-born sized sleepers, onesies and clothes** and diapers of all sizes. Bundles for the new-borns are taken to the hospital and also given out at the Birthright office. You may drop items off at the church entrance.

Marian Conference: The Diocese of Rapid City will holding a Divine Mercy/Marian Conference at Blessed Sacrament Church Friday - Saturday April 15 & 16. featuring Fr. Chris Alar, Director of Association of Marian Helpers on Do Whatever He Tells You- John 25.

All are welcome. Contact Frank Birkholdt fabhome@gwtc.net or Fr. Mark mmccormick@diorc.org.

This Lent, Dynamic Catholic has a great opportunity for our parish—a free email program called "Best Lent Ever®."

Each day you'll get an inspirational email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team.

All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. Let's do something life-changing this Lent. Let's take a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus and ourselves—in a deeply personal way.

Fasting and Abstinence:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

From Father Ron

As part of the Year of Mercy celebration in our diocese, you are invited to the first Pilgrimage Day at the Rapid City Cathedral on Saturday, February 27.

This is an opportunity to encounter the Lord through a presentation, prayer experiences, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and a Healing Service.

- Plan to attend and bring a friend to share this rich experience.
- Prepare to receive an indulgence in this journey, walking through the Door of Mercy.
- Begin to build your prayer beads to commemorate the Year of Mercy.

The schedule is as follows:

- 11:00 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Presentation by Bishop Gruss on Reconciliation and Forgiveness
- 11:30 AM Lectio Divina prayer experience on a scriptural passage lead by Susan Safford
- 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation available
Light lunch served in the Cathedral Hall
- 2:30 PM Benediction
- 3:00 PM Celebrate of the Mass with Bishop Gruss presiding - this will be the Mass for 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 4:00 PM Following Mass there will be a Healing Service; praying with and over people who ask for healing in their lives.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: In the first 40 years, more than \$250 million has been given through CRS Rice Bowl to support programs that prevent hunger and poverty around the world. Of that, \$62.5 million went to programs in the U.S. through local dioceses and \$187.5 million went to CRS programs overseas.

Each year CRS Rice Bowl funds are directed to between 40 and 45 countries where CRS runs humanitarian programs.

Lenten alms go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities overseas and in the U.S.: seventy-five percent of gifts support CRS' humanitarian programs around the world. Some examples include:

- Agriculture projects help farmers improve harvests
- Water and sanitation projects bring clean water to communities
- Microfinance projects support small businesses
- Mother and child health projects offer health and nutrition services
- Education projects provide resources and training

25 percent of gifts remain in each U.S. diocese where they were given for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities. Please pick up a rice bowl at the church entrance.

Ft. Pierre Knights of Columbus News:

*****Breakfast will be held next Sunday, February 21st after Masses.**

This **Sunday, February 14th, 5pm**, will be the KC's Celebrate Marriage Dinner in Padre Hall. Widows and widowers of our parish are guests.

Knight's of Columbus Winter Rummage Sale: Please hang on to items or call Tom LeFaive 280-7865 or George Welk 220-0426 and they will pick up items and store them for the sale. You are also able to consign items at this sale. No item too big or small! Date will be April 2nd.

High School Seniors of our parish are eligible for scholarships. Applications are available online at stjohnsfortpierre.org or at the church office.

The Knights of Columbus serve in many ways. Men interested in joining may contact a Knight or call Tom LeFaive at 280-7865.



- Saturday, February 13th
5:30 PM SI Members of Catholic Heritage Society By: WSDCF
- Sunday, February 14th
7:30 AM + Larry Giddings By: Deb Fahey
10:00 AM For Parishioners
- Monday, February 15th
7:00 AM Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, February 16th
7:00 AM Morning Prayer
- Wednesday, February 17th
7:00 AM + Wynn Bergeson By: Mike and Lisa Kenzy
- Thursday, February 18th
7:00 AM SI Kaci Wilsey Thomas By: Bob and Bridget Mayer Family
- Friday, February 19th
6:45 AM + Evelyn Wooten By: Lyle and Phyllis Kenzy
- Saturday, February 20th
5:30 PM + Chuck Livingston By: Tom and Lynda Lowin
- Sunday, February 21st
7:30 AM + Ruth "Chickie" Steiner By: St. John's Parish Family
10:00 AM For Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4 - 5pm

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass for your loved one — Living or Deceased please find Mass Intentions envelopes at the church entrance.

Sunday, February 14th	Mass Readings	Friday, February 19th
Deuteronomy 26:4-10		Ezekiel 18:21-26
Romans 10: 8-13	Wednesday, February 17th	Matthew 5:20-26
Luke 4:1-13	Jonah 3:1-10	Saturday, February 20th
Monday, February 15th	Luke 11:29-32	Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Thursday, February 18th	Matthew 5: 43-48
Matthew 25:31-46	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Sunday, February 21st
Tuesday, February 16th	Matthew 7:7-12	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Isaiah 55:10-11		Philippians 3:17-4:1
Matthew 6:7-15		Luke 9:28b-36

2/07 2016 SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
Regular Collection	\$ 3,410.00
Online Giving	\$ 230.00
Plate	\$ 525.98
Total	\$ 4,165.98

Adopt a Seminarian: \$232.00
Building Fund: \$170.00
PRAA-West River Priest Retirement: \$1,075.00
Our building repair loan payment is \$2,494.28 a month.
Our loan balance is \$35,132.64



May the angels lead **Bruce Krentz and Ruth "Chickie" Steiner** into paradise.

Bruce Krentz services will be in Wagner and Ruth Steiner at Behrens Funeral Home in Rapid City.

*****Community Banquet 2016:** St. John's is on the schedule to serve the Banquet on June 30th.

If someone would like to head this up please call the church office **this week**-otherwise we will give our date to another organization.

Seven Day Virtual Marriage Retreats: Looking for a way to enrich your marriage? Take one of our seven day virtual retreats! Each day for seven days, set aside some time for prayer. Read about the theme for the day, reflect on a real-life marriage scenario, and think about ways to strengthen your own marriage. End each mini-retreat by praying a prayer for married couples. If possible, do the retreat together with your spouse!



Go to uscgb.org Under in the Spotlight - click on Marriage Week Retreat.

Please pray for the sick and suffering:

Bob Rasmussen, Reina and Rolla Scott, Shirley Gross, Jim Steele, Marie Giddings, Duane Pomham, Milton Tiper, Ed Hartman, Julie Jeffries, George Huck, Jim Nagel, Denny Weaver, Ginny Walker, Joan Palmer, Ken Stewart, Kendal and Kenedi Breyfogle, Freda Lawhon, Misty Brown, Lynette Singleton, David Gross, Carl Rathbun, Mike Kelly, Steve Zaiko, Pat Welsh, Spencer Young, Marilyn Tassler, Donald LeClaire, Mike Iversen, Ashlynn Fitts, Claudia Scotter, Heidi Shepherd, Jean Petersen Wilson, Brian Dumas, William Anderson, John Manning, Rich Garrity, Richard Brown, Pam Patton, Terry Hughes, Kathryn Schlechter, Keri Hendrickson, Heidi Alban, Yvonne Ehlers, Steeley Moore, Eleanor Unterbrunner, Leanne Goff, Cassie Miller, Bernie Duffy, Adam Walter, Mary Beth Moser, June Wheeler, Richard Abernathy, Mona Lierly, Kathy Fenwick, Lynae Benham, Theresa Severyn, Kaylee Jo Gallagher, Eva Fischer, Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Maddox Rowland, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Cindy Foreman, Cindy Hogman, and all who have asked for our special prayers.

If you'd like to add/remove someone from the list, call Irma LeFaive - 280-9055 or the parish office.

Saturday, February 20th 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mary Welsh
Readers: Jill Richardson, Diane London
EM's Carol Pond, Mary Welsh
Servers: Kara Weiss, Emma Hunt
Gift Bearers: Sid and Carol Pond
Cantor: Kris Schofield

Sunday, February 21st 7:30 am

Sacristan: Christine Olson
Readers: Tom O'Boyle, Mary Giddings
EM's: Kelly Madsen, Mary Giddings
Servers: Juan and Mercedes Flores
Gift Bearers: Christine Olson
Sunday, February 21st 10:00 am
Sacristan: Pat Storms
Readers: Dan Schneiderhan, Kim Dowling
EM's: Bob and Carolyn Riter, Frank Sack, Irma LeFaive, Pat Storms
Servers: Austin, Ella and Cadence Hand
Gift Bearers: David and Laura Hand
Cantor: Michelle Humann
Homebound: Deb Palmer, Pat Durkin



Ministry schedule

March and April schedule is being made.

This includes Easter. Please let Lou Ann know of any dates you cannot serve by February 15th—otherwise you will be scheduled.

Birthdays

- Sat.13 Matea Austin
- Sun.14 Susan Dowling, Chuck Poches
- Mon.15 Terence Hughes, Tyler Reiman
- Tue.16 Carter Karst, Kim Rogers, Dan Schneiderhan
- Thu.18 James Pospisil
- Fri.19 Bev Hughes, Ken Marks, Rachel Mink
- Sat.20 Jo Lynn Lepowski, Sam Longbrake, Clayton Stoesser
- Sun.21 Shane Badger, Janet Borchard, Mary Collins, Jesse Fosheim, Delaney Stoesser

Anniversaries

- Tue.16 Bob and Sandy Spencer
- If you have a birthday or anniversary you would like included please call the church office with the dates.

***Parish Data Update:

We do not have phone numbers for many of you. Many postal mailing addresses are also outdated. Please contact the parish office or email sherristjohns@midconetwork.com with current information or fill out and drop in collection basket.

Name _____
Home phone number: _____
Cell Phones: _____
Address: _____
Email addresses: _____