

**January 31, 2021**  
**Month of The Passion of Our Lord**

**St. John's The Evangelist  
 Catholic Church**  
 New Underwood, SD 57761



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**Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.**

**Our Daily Scriptures**

Monday Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18  
 Wednesday Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday Heb 12:18-19,21-24 Ps 48:2-4,9-11 Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9c Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday Jb 7:1-4,6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** St. John Bosco  
**Monday:** St. Brigid of Ireland  
**Tuesday:** St. Joan de Lestonnac  
**Wednesday:** St. Blaise  
**Thursday:** St. Joan of Valois  
**Friday:** St. Agatha  
**Saturday:** St. Paul Miki



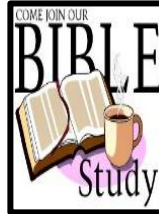
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Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the rosary each Sunday beginning at 10:25 a.m.

**Happy Birthday:**  
**Clay Farland: 2/2!**



**Sunday Readings BIBLE STUDY**



**Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm**  
 ALL ARE WELCOME! No prior knowledge is expected or required and there is no study required outside of our time together. Until the hall is completed, we will meet at the home of Brett & Shawna Hanson, 15442 Hwy 14/16.

*"Ask Him to remind you that in order to really know someone, you must spend time with them ... God is no different."* ~ Jane Trufant Harvey, *Ask Him*



**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

**Les Arney, JoAnn Bjork, Rich Bloom, Remi Brunson, Kristi Tines Cihak, Lana Dacar, Landri Jane Heath, Les Heinrich, Amy Huether, Bud Ireland, Lisa Madsen, Kenny Matt, Sue Rosellas, Jackie Sanchez, Jeannie Sonnenfeld, Casey Stangle, Rosalie Stangle**

All names will remain on the list until otherwise requested. If you would like to add anyone to the prayer list and/or contribute any information to the church bulletin, please contact Connie Heeren at (605) 342-1556, ext. 10 or e-mail: [cheeren@diorc.org](mailto:cheeren@diorc.org). **Please provide all submissions each week by noon on Wednesday.** Thanks!

**Theology on Tap** will meet on the first Monday of each month beginning February 1 from 7:15-9:15 PM at Neighbors in Summerset. **Young adults in their 20s and 30s** are encouraged to attend and learn more about their faith in a relaxed atmosphere. Contact Amy at Our Lady of the Black Hills for more information at 787-5168.

**NEW TO ST. JOHN'S? Be sure to pick up a new member form and return it to the church. If you have any questions, contact Rosalie at 605-993-3137.**

*People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life.*  
 (Mark 1:21-28) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

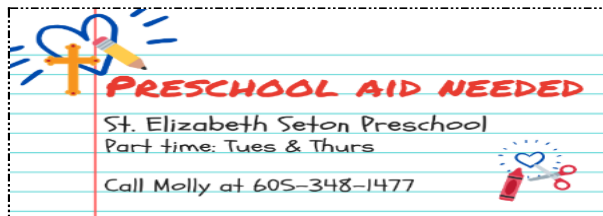
**WANTED: St. Martin Monastery Health Care Unit**  
seeking full-time NIGHT AIDE, part-time WEEKEND  
NIGHT aide & part-time WEEKEND DAY aide.

Will Train!!! *If interested, Call Susan at 519-3649.*

**WANTED: Part-time COOK for**  
**St. Martin Monastery.** 12-20 hrs. per week. Please  
call Sister Lorraine at 343-8011.

### Diocese of Rapid City Vacancy Announcement

Full time Receptionist for the Diocese of Rapid City. Open until filled. A job description and a diocesan application form can be found on the website by clicking on the employment icon at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/>. Interested individuals should submit via e-mail or regular mail, a letter of application along with their resume listing three professional references and a completed application form to: [msimonson@diorc.org](mailto:msimonson@diorc.org) or: Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 225 Main St. Suite 100, Rapid City SD 57701 The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.



**Human Trafficking** *February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. One child trafficked is one too many. Pray for children today.* U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization ([sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

I was in Dollar Tree last night and there was a lady and two kids behind me in the LONG line. One was a big kid, one was a toddler.

The bigger one had a pack of glow sticks and the baby was screaming for them so the Mom opened the pack and gave him one; which stopped his tears. He walked around with it smiling, but then the bigger boy took it and the baby started screaming again.

Just as the Mom was about to fuss at the older child, he bent the glow sticks and handed it back to the baby. As we walked outside at the same time, the baby noticed that the stick was now glowing and

his brother said "I had to break it so you could get the full effect from it." I almost ran because I could hear God saying to me, "I had to break you to show you why I created you. You had to go through it so you could fulfill your purpose." That little baby was happy just swinging that "unbroken" glow stick around in the air because he didn't understand what it was created to do which was "glow". There

are some people who will be content just "being" but some of us have been chosen by God to be "broken". We have to get sick. We have to lose a job. We go through divorce. We have to suffer with the disease of addiction. We have to bury our spouse, parents, best friend, or our child because, in those moments of desperation, God is breaking us, but when the breaking is done, then we will be able to see the reason for which we were created...

so when you see us glowing just know that we have been broken but healed by his Grace and Mercy!!!

## == Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

"Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence," says the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Most Catholics already knew as much, but there is often confusion about what fasting and abstinence really means.

*Can. 1249: The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence, according to the norm of the following canons.*

For Roman Catholics, fasting obligations apply to adults age 18-59. There are certain exemptions to the fasting obligation, which are outlined by the USCCB here: "Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting." If you cannot participate in fasting and abstinence for health reasons, find another way to practice penance.

So, what is fasting? The traditional fast for Catholics is very simple: it is one meal a day that has meat (except on Fridays, when you don't eat meat) and then the other two meals should be more like snacks and nothing in between meals. There's no restriction on liquids. *The USCCB explains Lenten fasting as one meatless meal, and if necessary, two smaller meals may be consumed that combined equal less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no food should be eaten between meals. These guidelines are usually pretty easy to follow, so some people will take their fasting a step further, or even follow a stricter bread and water fast. It's important to talk to your pastor or spiritual director if you have questions or concerns about fasting.*

Abstaining from meat is obligatory on Fridays during Lent for all Catholics age 14 and up. There is some debate about what exactly 'meat' includes, so the US bishops gave some advice. "Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs — all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted."

And remember, it is a day of penance and a time to reflect on Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday — so although a fancy lobster dinner is technically allowed on no-meat Fridays, perhaps it's missing the point. Next week I will talk about prayer that accompanies fasting and abstinence.

~ Fr. Kerry Prendiville