

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

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First Week in Ordinary Time *(Fr. Igwilo in Custer)*

The Baptism of the Lord

1/ 8 Mon.	7:00A	Holy Communion <i>outside</i> Mass
	5:00P	KCs Rosary
1/ 9 Tues.	7:00A	<u>Mass</u> (Int.:)
1/10 Wed.	7:00A	<u>Mass</u> (Int.:)
1/11 Thurs.	7:00A	<u>Mass</u> (Int.:)
1/12 Fri.	7:00A	Morning Prayer and Office of
		Readings, Followed by
		Eucharistic Adoration
	5:00P	Penance/Reconciliation
	6:00P	<u>Mass</u> (Int.)
1/13 Sat.	7:30A	<u>Mass</u> (Int.:) Followed by
		Eucharistic Adoration
	8-8:30A	Penance/Reconciliation
	11:00A	Penance/Reconciliation

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	5:30P	<u>Sun. Vigil Mass</u> (Int.: Bill Wakeland †)
1/14 Sun.	8:00A	<u>Sun. Mass</u> (Int.: <i>Pro Populo</i> ["for the People" of the Parishes])

Note: * indicates that incense will be burned.

Monthly Devotion (Jan.) Holy Name of Jesus

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY! Visit WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE (online) or WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE-APP (mobile app). Create a profile with an e-mail address and a password, set-up a way to give, and begin giving electronically (i.e., e-tithing). So far, we have **42 registered families** and are **processing \$ 649.18 over 26 weeks so far in FY24** Interested? Contact Brenda at the parish church office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: through December 31, 2023

General Collection	\$ 3,389.43	Anawim Fund	\$ 50.00
- via e-giving	\$ 1,159.99	Major Capital Fund	\$ 23.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 100.00	Votive Candles	\$ 0.00
<u>Special Collections:</u>		Gathering Area	\$ 45.00
RFReligious	\$ 111.00	IC/BVM	\$ 10.00
Church in Latin AM	\$ 50.00	Solemnity of Mary	\$ 676.06
		Christmas	\$ 20.00
		First Offering (env.)	\$ 65.00
		Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00

General Fund Income, Actual (to date) : \$108,547.40
General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) : \$ 93,744.00
Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : \$ 14,803.40
Note: Avg. \$3,472/week needed for FY24 budgeted income.



IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS: Stacy Bauer†, Sammie Bland†, Rachel Brickey†, Elaine Emery, Patricia Fritz†, Dan Keierleber, Jackie Loutsch†, Peter Lux, Victor May†, Sr. Irene McDonnell, John Murphy, Michael Murray†, Heather Plaisted†, Jimmie Schneller, Sr. Andrea Turbak, Terry & Bill† Wakeland, Janet & Mary Woytassek & all residents of MH’s facilities in Custer.

In need of a visit? Contact the parish church office or Dn. Pat Coy

Attention Adorers! Come one, come all...
make room for Jesus at the Inn of your Heart on **Friday, January 26**. We will offer Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7am until 5:45pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation begins at 5pm with Benediction to follow. Mass begins at 6pm. Adoration will truly help keep Christ in our hearts.

The Epiphany of the Lord



“the Solemnity of Epiphany, we rejoice with her, as her Son is adored by the three Wise Men.”

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: Epiphany~~ The three wise who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior? **Baptism of our Lord**~~Monday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishop's pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it—especially themselves—to the lord of all"

"In fact, tolerating grave evil within a society is itself a form of serious evil."

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

This Troubled World

We are living in a very troubled world! Nature itself is even trying to warn us to change our ways, but do we listen? No! We ignore the signs.

Back in the time of Moses, God gave us the Ten Commandments to live by. They are the same today as they were then. God has never changed them, because God never makes mistakes. But we human beings have! Money, power and greed have replaced God. We make our own laws that allow sinful deeds to become legal such as abortion. Abortion is the greatest sin against God there is! With abortion we are refusing His precious gift of Life. We have allowed over 63 million innocent babies to be killed! Yet, we are appalled when the terrorists ISIS kill innocent people. Since when do we have the right to kill?

This whole war is a battle between good and evil. The devil is having a field day with us. He wants us to keep him company in hell! We can put a stop to this. We need a spiritual awakening. We need to turn back to our God for forgiveness. We need to change our hearts and minds. We need to uphold the dignity of all human life, young and old. It can be done. *Ruth Weber Davenport Iowa*

Thanks to the KCs for retrieving, placing, and decorating with lights the Christmas tree and the Nativity Scene in the Shrine for Peace Grotto.

Also a big thank you to the A&E Committee for again working so hard to enhance our worship area, to Ann & John Dvorak and Monica Whiting for helping with the Advent wall placards.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

"I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ; I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love."
St. Ignatius of Antioch

news and resources at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/>

ANIMA CHRISTI: Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash over me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from You, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to You bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising You forever and ever. **Amen.**

AN ACT OF CONTRITION (*outside the confessional*): O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they [have] offend[ed] Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



FEEDING S.D. is distributing food/produce in Custer at the **Custer Lutheran Fellowship parking lot, 12622 HWY 16A, on every month's second Tues., 1-2P.** Next scheduled

distributions for 2024: **January 9.** Contact Feeding S.D. (605/348-2689) for more info.

Storehouse donations (655.5 lbs. for the year) Thank you all.

Reverse Advent Calendar for the Holiday Food Drive to supply the Custer Food Pantry. 201#s donated

AN ACT OF CONTRITION (*during a confession*): My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen

~ FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES ~

Contact Amy Julian or Linda Drake (FAMILYLIFE@DIORC.ORG or 605/343-3541) for more info on any FLM-sponsored event or visit WWW.RAPIDCITYDIOCESE.ORG/FLM

Courage is an international apostolate which ministers to persons with same-sex attraction (SSA) who desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. **EnCourage** is a ministry within Courage dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who experience SSA. Members in both groups support one another through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Contact COURAGE@DIORC.ORG for info on Courage. Contact ENCOURAGE@DIORC.ORG for info on EnCourage. Or call 605/787-3837 for either ministry.

The “Flame of Love” Cenacle meets on Thurs. evenings at 6:30P at the home of Delores & Dennis Dahm: 25308 Sidney Park Rd. Contact the Dahms at 605/673-5333.

The Parish Lending Library is available during Office Hours, Tues-Thurs 9-12. Please sign out any books you borrow on the Check-Out Sheet inside the door.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

In the first part of January, we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honor Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist.

Mary, Mother of God

It is through the virginal Motherhood of Mary that the Word was made flesh. In adoring the Son of God made man in the Child of Bethlehem, we recognize that Mary is the Mother of God.

