

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

Visit the National [WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG](http://WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG) site today!

**Second Week in Ordinary Time**                     *(Fr. Igwilo in Hot Springs)*

- 1/15 Mon.**   7:00A   Holy Communion *outside* Mass  
                  5:00P   KCs Rosary
- 1/16 Tues.**   7:00A   LHs: Office of Readings &  
                                  Morning Prayer [OR & MP]
- 1/17 Wed.**    7:00A   LHs: Office of Readings & MP
- 1/18 Thurs.** 7:00A   LHs: Office of Readings & MP
- 1/19 Fri.**     7:00A   LHs: Office of Readings & MP
- 1/20 Sat.**    7:30A   Most Holy Rosary *for Life*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 5:30P   **Sun. Vigil Mass**  
                                  (Int.: Polly Wombacher †)
- 1/21 Sun.**    8:00A   **Sun. Mass**  
                                  (Int.: Marvin Uhrich †)

Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned.

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
after Mass every second Sunday of the month**

On 1st, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Mass and thanksgiving prayers, everyone's invited to the basement for a quick cup of hot coffee to warm up before you leave. There will be juice also available. This is a time for community and some catching up before heading into the week. God Bless!

**GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!** Visit [WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE) (online) or [WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE-APP](http://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 \$ 643.71 over 27 weeks so far in FY24** Interested? Contact Brenda at the parish church office.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**                                 **through January 7, 2024**

General Collection	\$ 2,573.69	Anawim Fund	\$ 2500
- via e-giving	\$ 501.53	Major Capital Fund	\$ 50.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 110.00	Votive Candles	\$ 41.00
<b>Special Collections:</b>			
		Gathering Area	\$ 170.00
		IC/BVM	\$ 10.28
Church in Latin AM	\$ 1.00	Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.28
		Christmas	\$ 10.28
		First Offering (env.)	\$ 30.00
		Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00

**General Fund Income, Actual (to date) : \$111,442.93**  
**General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) : \$ 97,216.00**  
**Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : \$ 14,226.93**  
*Note: Avg. \$3,472/week needed for FY24 budgeted income.*



**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS:** Stacy Bauer†, Sammie Bland†, Elsworth Cox†, Elaine Emery, Jerri Lee Hoeft, Dan Keierleber, Jackie Loutsch†, Peter Lux, Colleen & Marty Mahrt, Sr. Irene McDonnell, John Murphy, 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.

**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.



**STEWARDSHIP SPOT:** In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

## "We Must Protect Vulnerable Life, Especially the Unborn"

Archbishop John C. Wester, Sante Fe

### Stand Up For The Unborn

I remember reading an article about the U.S. birth rate that had dropped for the second year in a row and the birth rate that year set the lowest level in a century. The experts thought it may be because of the recession or it may be because of a decline in immigration to the United States.

Have they never heard of abortion??

Abortion kills approximately 4,000 babies in the womb each day. Can't they do the math and see how this decreases the population? We must not sit back and let innocent babies be killed. We are Americans! Whatever happened to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all?

Since when do we have the right to play God? To choose which baby lives or dies? We do not have that right. We must not sit back and let innocent babies be killed.

Please do not be indifferent to the plight of the unborn. We have lived with this crime of abortion way too long. Stand up for life.

*Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa*

### Monthly Devotion (Jan.) Holy Name of Jesus

"THE CHURCH IS BACK IN ORDINARY TIME,  
BUT EVERY DAY IS EXTRAORDINARY,  
A GIFT FROM GOD, AND CAN BE AN OUTBURST  
OF GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY."

Timothy Cardinal Doyle

**Second Week in Ordinary Time:** Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

***Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us!***

Liturgical Minister Schedule

[WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/LITURGICAL-MINISTER-SCHEDULE](http://WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/LITURGICAL-MINISTER-SCHEDULE)



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

"What wonderful majesty! What stupendous  
condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the  
whole universe, God and the Son of God, should  
humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread,  
for our salvation"

St. Francis of Assisi

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: **February 13.** Contact Feeding S.D.  
(605/348-2689) for more info.

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

**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](mailto:FAMILYLIFE@DIORC.ORG) or 605/343-3541) for more info on any FLM-sponsored event or visit [WWW.RAPIDCITYDIOCESE.ORG/FLM](http://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](mailto:COURAGE@DIORC.ORG) for info on Courage. Contact [ENCOURAGE@DIORC.ORG](mailto: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.

## **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.

