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### WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Visit the National www.EucharisticRevival.org site today!

<u>Third</u>	Week in	n Ordinary	(Fr. Igwilo in Custer)			
1/22	Mon.	7:00A	Holy Communion outside Mass			
		5:00P	KCs Rosary			
1/23	Tues.	7:00A	Mass (Int.: )			
1/24	Wed.	7:00A	Mass (Int.: )			
1/25	Thurs.	7:00A	Mass (Int.:)			
1/26	Fri.	7:00A	Morning Prayer and Office of			
			Readings, Followed by			
			Eucharistic Adoration			
		5:00P	Penance/Reconciliation			
		6:00P	Mass (Int.: Human Life )			
1/27	Sat.	7:30A	Mass (Int.:) Followed by			
			Eucharistic Adoration			
		8-8:30A	Penance/Reconciliation			
		11:00A	Penance/Reconciliation			
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
		5:30P	Sun. Vigil Mass			
			(Int.: Pro Populo ["for the			
			People" of the Parishes])			
1/28	Sun.	8:00A	Sun. Mass			
			(Int.: Polly Wombacher †)			

Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned.

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 <a href="https://www.custerCatholic.org/Give">www.custerCatholic.org/Give</a> (online) or <a href="https://www.custerCatholic.org/Give-app">www.custerCatholic.org/Give-app</a> (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 \$ 652.09 over28weeks so far in FY24 Interested? Contact Brenda at the parish church office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT	:	through January 14, 2024					
General Collection \$	3,518.44	Anawim Fund	\$	105.00			
- via e-giving \$	878.44	Major Capital Fund	\$	110.00			
Adopt-A-Seminarian \$	150.00	Votive Candles	\$	0.00			
Special Collections:		Gathering Area	\$	75.00			
_		Solemnity of Mary	\$	10.00			
		First Offering (env.)	\$	15.00			
General Fund Income,	date) :	<b>\$</b> 1	115,171.37				
General Fund Income,	(to date) :	<b>\$</b> 1	100,688.00				
Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : \$ 14,48							
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.

Thank you note from the Select-A-Gift committee: We truly appreciate that your congregation again hosted a Select-A-Gift tree for the 2023 Christmas Season. We cannot raise the money needed without your generosity. This year we helped 246 families in Custer County have a happier Christmas and you were a part of it. Many Thanks!



**STEWARDSHIP SPOT:** There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellowworkers. To what is Jesus calling me—at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

"When we die, we will come face to face with God, the Author of Life. Who will give an account to God for the millions and millions of babies who were not allowed a chance to live, to experience loving and being loved?" Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### **Abortion and Child Abuse**

Abortion teaches us that violence is an acceptable way to deal with difficult life problems. It teaches us that human beings are only valuable if they meet certain criteria, and it teaches us that the strong have a legal right to kill the weak and defenseless. When the unique value of individual human life is trampled upon, society inevitably suffers.

Abortion advocates argue just the opposite. They purport that aborting "unwanted" children will reduce child abuse, neglect, poverty and violence and will generally lead to happier families. However, our experience since 1973 proves that this theory does not work. During that time, over 63 million "unwanted" babies have been denied the right to live, yet we have more crime, more violence, more dead-beat dads, and more gangs. The list goes on.

Abortion advocates even argue that abortion is an effective way to prevent crime since it eliminates those who are "most likely" to commit crimes, more specifically the babies of poor mothers. Dianne Glass wrote an article supporting this radical idea. It is hard to believe that in this age, people could argue that human beings should be executed for crimes they may commit in the future and that abortion is the answer to solving poverty. Indeed, it is a truly frightening social policy!

In the final analysis, it is only logical to conclude that societies who are willing to abort children before birth will be far more likely to abuse them after birth. Abortion is child abuse, and it is the most severe form of abuse in existence. Pro-Life Articles

### 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



"This supernatural bread and this consecrated chalice are for the health and salvation of mankind." St. Cyprian

news and resources at <a href="https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/">https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/</a>

**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.



### Please bring in your old Palms

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

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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 (<u>FAMILYLIFE@DIORC.ORG</u> or 605/343-3541) for more info on any FLM-sponsored event or visit www.RapidCityDiocese.org/FLM

<u>Courage</u> 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. <u>EnCourage</u> 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 <u>Courage@DioRC.org</u> for info on Courage. Contact <u>EnCourage@DioRC.org</u> for info on EnCourage. Please bring in your Palms 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.

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

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### 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.

