

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards! **Ash Wednesday:** In today's Gospel Jesus warns that our giving must be done quietly, without hoping for recognition or applause. But He also promises that God, who sees even our most secret deeds, will reward those who fast, pray, and give alms.



"There is no cause more important for preserving freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning."

President Ronald Reagan

Abortion and Poverty/Crime

Abortion advocates often argue that the unborn babies of poor mothers are better off aborted and abortion reduces the crime rate.

However, the truth is that the violence of abortion has begot more violence and crime, not less. The pro-choice people have had more than 50 years to weed out all the "unwanted children" yet, we have more child abuse, more spousal abuse, more deadbeat dads, more gangs, more drugs, more homelessness and more crime. The list goes on and on.

By stating that the children of poor people are less entitled to have their lives protected than those of the rich, the writer is plainly of the view that the economic status of a family should be what determines whether children are worthy to be born or not. Laws against robbery and drug-dealing might impact the poor more than the rich, but that does not prevent us from passing and enforcing them. The reason is simple: Robbery and drug dealing, like abortion, is wrong, regardless of the socio-economic class of hypothetical people who might commit these activities.

The solution to poverty is not found in killing the children of the poor. We have been doing that since 1973. Our experience proves that it clearly does not work. Killing poor children is only the solution of "choice" for wealthy elitists. Perhaps a hidden agenda is at work here.

Pro-Life Articles

To all in our Parish of St John the Baptist.
 We need choir members!!!!
 Do you like to sing? Been told you have a good voice? Please consider joining the choir because we need you. It's a way to be of service to our parish and we have the best seats at Mass!



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**Eucharistic
 Revival**

"In the sacrament of the eucharist, Jesus shows us in particular the truth about love which is the very essence of God."

Pope Benedict XVI

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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

Monthly Devotion (Feb.) The Holy Family

*Jesus Mary and Joseph,
 Keep our family from
 all harm and evil. Help
 us live in love, and lead
 us all to our heavenly
 home.*



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 (42.5 lbs. for 2024) Thank you all.

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.

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. **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 February 2024

For the New Martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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.