

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?



“Justice is itself the great standing policy of civil society; and any eminent departure from it, under any circumstances, lies under the suspicion of being no policy at all.” *Edmund Burke*

The Women of St. John Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner is Sunday, March 17, 2024 from 11am to 2pm... The



sign-up sheet is available at the south entry. Please sign up for donations, tasks, and raffle baskets!

Friday evenings during Lent join your parish family at **Stations of the Cross** followed by a Simple Soup Supper beginning @ **5:30pm**.

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!

Forty Days of Lent

Loving God, there is so much darkness in my life and I hide from you. Take my hand and lead me out of the shadows of my fear.

Help me to change my heart. Bring me to your truth and help me to respond to your generous love. Let me recognize the fullness of your love which will fill my life. Free me from the darkness in my heart. AMEN

We adore You, o Christ, and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

“Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice, what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament.”

St. Augustine

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

Monthly Devotion for March ~ St Joseph

Patris Corde Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. 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: **March 12.** Contact Feeding S.D. (605/348-2689) for more info.



Storehouse donations (16.5 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 March 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.

(See also <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024>)

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.



Go to Joseph



“This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to evangelization in the world and to re-evangelization,” wrote St. John Paul II in *Redemptoris Custos* (*Guardian of the Redeemer*).

John Paul II further said, “Because St. Joseph is the protector of the Church, he is the guardian of the Eucharist and the Christian family. Therefore, we must turn to St. Joseph today to ward off attacks upon the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and upon the family. We must plead with St. Joseph to guard the Eucharistic Lord and the Christian family during this time of peril.”