

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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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 \$ 692.77 over 34 weeks so far in FY24** Interested? Contact Brenda at the parish church office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: **through February 25, 2024**

General Collection	\$ 2,225.69	Anawim Fund	\$ 55.00
- via e-giving	\$ 278.44	Major Capital Fund	\$ 10.00
Adopt-A-Seminararian	\$ 145.00	Votive Candles	\$ 0.00
<u>Special Collections:</u>		Gathering Area	\$ 55.00
Ch. in C&E Europe	\$ 10.00		
Black&Indian Miss	\$ 25.00		
CSS: Ash Wed	\$ 30.00		

General Fund Income, Actual (to date) : **\$131,234.07**
General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) : **\$121,520.00**
Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : **\$ 9,714.07**
 Note: Avg. \$3,472/week needed for FY24 budgeted income.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Visit the National WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG site today!

Third Week of Lent (Father Igwilo in Hot Springs)

- 3/4 Mon.** 7:00A Holy Communion *outside* Mass
 5:00P KCs Rosary
- 3/5 Tues.** 7:00A LHs: Office of Readings &
 Morning Prayer [OR & MP]
- 3/6 Wed.** 7:00A LHs: Office of Readings & MP
- 3/7 Thurs.** 7:00A LHs: Office of Readings & MP
- 3/8 Fri.** 7:00A LHs: Office of Readings & MP
 5:30P Stations with Soup Supper
- 3/9 Sat.** 7:30A Most Holy Rosary *for Life*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 5:30P Sun. Vigil Mass
 (Int.: Larry Czech †)
- 3/10 Sun.** 8:00A Sun. Mass
 (Int.: Pro Populo ["for the People" of the Parishes])

Note: * indicates that incense will be burned

Church Gathering Area committee

Our parish seeks volunteers to join our 'gathering area committee.' The committee's primary goal is to plan the construction/inclusion of a nice gathering area in our church building. Please consider contacting our parish office if you feel called to this special ministry.

Come down to the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and share fellowship to start out the week. Next week is the KC's Pancake Breakfast!

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS: Janis Baty†, Stacy Bauer†, Elsworth Cox†, Elaine Emery, Jerri Lee Hoef, Peter Lux, Colleen & Marty† Mahrt, Sr. Irene McDonnell, M.Rev.Bishop Peter Muhich†, John Murphy, Jack O'Connor†, Gayle Schneller, Jimmie Schneller, Jonathan Staley†, Sr. Andrea Turbak, Chuck & Joan Vega Family, 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!
 make room for Jesus at the Inn of your Heart on **Friday, March 15**. We will offer Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, following 7am Mass, until 4pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:15-5:15pm.

Please Welcome and Pray for our catechumens Rose McNeely and Shaun Pitts who will come in to full communion of the Church this Easter.

St John the Baptist Parish needs Readers for Saturday night, Servers, Ushers, and Greeters to enhance our Celebration of the Mass. Please call the office to share your time and talents.



STEWARDSHIP SPOT: When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!



Mother Teresa

““But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because Jesus said, “If you receive a little child, you receive me.” So every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus, the neglect of receiving Jesus.”

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*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!*

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!

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

**FORTY**  
**Days**  
**OF LENT**

Loving Father, So many times I turn away from you and always you welcome me back. Your mercy and love gives me confidence. Thank you for the invitation to

share, fast and pray so that you can form a new heart within me. Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us. AMEN

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



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

“Have a great love for Jesus in his divine Sacrament of Love; that is the divine oasis of the desert. It is the heavenly manna of the traveler. It is the Holy Ark. It is the life and Paradise of love on earth.”

Saint Peter Julian Eymard  
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**

**Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.**



**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** (56.5 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](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. **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.”

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