

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

Visit the National WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG site today!

Fourth Week of Lent (Father Igwilo in Custer)

3/11 Mon. 7:00A Holy Communion *outside* Mass
5:00P KCs Rosary

3/12 Tues. 7:00A Mass (Int.: George Gisi)

3/13 Wed. 7:00A Mass (Int.: Special Intention)

3/14 Thurs. 7:00A Mass (Int.: Special Intention)
6-8P MERCY! Night

3/15 Fri. 7:00A Mass (Int.: Marty Mahrt †)
followed by Adoration

* 4P Benediction
 4:15-5:15P Penance/Reconciliation

5:30P Stations followed by a simple
 soup supper

3/16 Sat. 7:30A Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:30P Sun. Vigil Mass
 (Int.: Wayne Compton †)

3/17 Sun. 8:00A Sun. Mass
 (Int.: Marty Mahrt †)

*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.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after Mass today! Next week come enjoy the Women of St John Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner.



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 \$ 697.74 over 35 weeks so far in FY24** Interested? Contact Brenda at the parish church office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: through March 3, 2024

General Collection	\$ 2,965.79	Anawim Fund	\$ 0.00
- via e-giving	\$ 866.79	Major Capital Fund	\$ 190.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 110.00	Votive Candles	\$ 47.25
Special Collections:		Gathering Area	\$ 145.00
Ch. in C&E Europe	\$ 20.00	Easter Sunday	\$ 100.00
Black & Ind. Miss.	\$ 130.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00
Church in Latin Am.	\$ 25.00		
Cath. Relief Serv.	\$ 60.00	CSS: Ash Wed	\$ 50.00
PGFri. / Holy Land	\$ 60.00	Priest Ret & Aid	\$ 70.00

General Fund Income, Actual (to date) : \$134,742.11
General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) : \$124,992.00
Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : \$ 9,750.11

Note: Avg. \$3,472/week needed for FY24 budgeted income.



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.

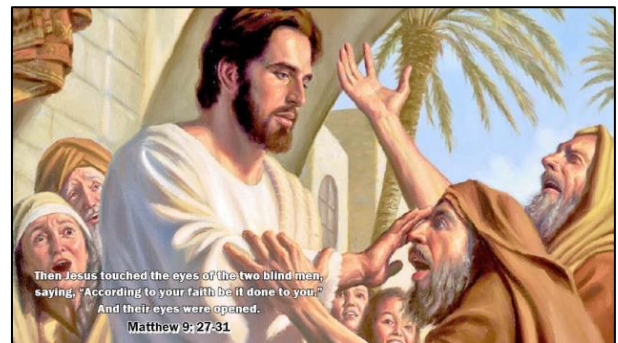
In need of a visit? Contact the parish church office or Dn. Pat Coy

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.



Then Jesus touched the eyes of the two blind men, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. Matthew 9: 27-31

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: The blind man in today's Gospel was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?



“For thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.” Psalm 139:13

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 our Parish Members-- 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 Creator of mine, I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near. I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter and the promised reconciliation with you. Teach me to follow the example of your Son, to be worthy of being called one his people: a Christ-ian. Help me to live each day as he did turning hatred to love and conflict to peace. I await the new life with eagerness, faith and a deep gratitude.

AMEN

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



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

“God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.” “He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned.” St. Maximilian Kolbe

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, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.



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 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.”