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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Visit the National <u>WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG</u> site today!

Fifth Week of Lent		e <u>nt</u>	(Father Igwilo in Custer)					
3/18	Mon.	7:00A 5:00P	Holy Communion <i>outside</i> Mass KCs Rosary					
3/19	Tues.	7:00A	LHs: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer [OR & MP]					
3/20	Wed.	7:00A	LHs: Office of Readings & MP					
3/21	Thurs.	7:00A	LHs: Office of Readings & MP					
3/22	Fri.	7:00A 5:30P	LHs: Office of Readings & MP Stations with Soup Supper					
3/23	Sat.	7:30A	Most Holy Rosary for Life					
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord								
		5:30p	Sun. Vigil Mass (Int.: Joseph Larson)					
3/24	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.



Happy St. Patrick's Day! come enjoy the Women of St John Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner. 11A-2P **GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!** Visit <u>WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE</u> (online) or <u>WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE-APP</u> (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 \$711.51 over36weeks so far in FY24 Interested? Contact Brenda at the parish church office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT	through Mai	through March 10, 2024						
General Collection \$	2,178.88	Anawim Fund	\$	130.00				
- via e-giving \$	1,193.26	Major Capital Fund	\$	106.38				
Adopt-A-Seminarian \$	150.00	Votive Candles	\$	16.00				
Special Collections:		Gathering Area	\$	190.00				
Church in Latin Am. \$	25.00	Easter Flowers	\$	10.00				
Ch. in C&E Europe \$	25.00							
CSS: Ash Wed \$	100.00							
General Fund Income	\$1	37,243.37						
General Fund Income	(to date) :	\$1	28,464.00					
Difference of YtD Act	Budgeted (+/-) :	\$	8,779.37					
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 Hoeft, Colleen & Marty[†] Mahrt, Sr. Irene McDonnell, M.Rev.Bishop Peter Muhich[†], John Murphy, Gayle Schneller, Jimmie Schneller, Gary Sharkey[†], Jonathan Staley[†], Sr. Andrea Turbak, Vaca Eamily, Torry & Bill[‡] Wakaland, Land & Mary

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 <u>Readers for Saturday</u> <u>night</u>, 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 heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives—our sufferings as well as our gifts—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.



""When some lives, including those of the unborn, are subjected to the personal choices of others, no other value or right will long be guaranteed, and society will

inevitably be governed by special interests and convenience." Pope Saint John Paul II

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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 <u>need</u> you. It's a way to be of service to our parish and we have the best seats at Mass!



My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, I want to accept

that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish. Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy. 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 (56.5 lbs. for 2024) Thank you all.

Diocese of Rapid City 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan Appeal

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



"Receive Communion often, very often. There you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing." St. Therese of Lisieux news and resources at <u>https://www.rapidcitvdiocese.org/</u>

**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.** 

<u>AN ACT OF CONTRITION</u> (*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, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of

departing souls, pray for us. 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.

<u>AN ACT OF CONTRITION</u> (*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 <u>www.RAPIDCITYDIOCESE.org/FLM</u>

<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 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 <u>https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-</u> 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."



" Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me, Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Christ. May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us.

