

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Visit the National [WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG](http://WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG) site today!

### Second Week of Easter (Father Igwilo in Custer)

**4/ 8 Mon.** 7:00A Holy Communion *outside* Mass  
5:00P KCs Rosary

**4/ 9 Tues.** 7:00A Mass (Int: Bert & Polly Wombacher †)

**4/10 Wed.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Wilfred Gisi †)

**4/11 Thurs.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Don Mahrt †)

**4/12 Fri.** 7:00A Morning Prayer *followed by*  
Eucharistic Adoration  
5:00P Penance/Reconciliation  
6:00P Mass (Int.: Marty Mahrt †)

**4/13 Sat.** 7:30A Mass

### Third Sunday of Easter

**5:30P** Sun. Vigil Mass  
(Int.: Francis Marso †)

**4/14 Sun.** **8:00A** Sun. Mass  
(Int.: *Pro Populo* ["for the People" of the Parishes])

Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned.



Coffee Fellowship

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!**

The diocese has only **5 adult spots** left to take folks along for the Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis this summer. **Registration closes April 17!** If you know of anyone who might like to join this group and if there are any questions please contact Shawna Hanson, Point Person, Eucharistic Revival, Diocese of Rapid City, [shanson@diorc.org](mailto:shanson@diorc.org), 605-209-3036

**GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!** Visit [WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE) (online) or [WWW.CUSTERCATHOLIC.ORG/GIVE-APP](http://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 \$696.20 over 39 weeks so far in FY24** Interested? Contact Brenda at the parish church office.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT: through March 31, 2024

General Collection	\$ 3,059.50	Anawim Fund	\$ 0.00
- via e-giving	\$ 802.29	Major Capital Fund	\$ 10.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 80.00	Votive Candles	\$ 61.00

## Special Collections:

		Gathering Area	\$ 50.00
Cath. Rel Serv.	\$ 120.50		
PGFri/Holy Land	\$ 126.00		
Priest Ret & Aid	\$ 210.00		

**General Fund Income, Actual (to date) : \$145,681.24**

**General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) : \$138,880.00**

**Difference of YTD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : \$ 6,801.24**

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



## IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS:

Janis Baty†, Hal Hunter†, Colleen & Marty† Mahrt, M.Rev.Bishop Peter Muhich†, Gayle Schneller, Gary Sharkey†, Jonathan Staley†, J. Tindera, Chuck & Joan Vega Family, Terry & Bill† Wakeland, Janet & Mary Woytassek, John, Jessie (Krogman), Madelyn, Noah, Dean & Jude Zeltinger & 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, April 12**. We will offer Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7am until 5:45pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation begins at 5pm with Benediction to follow. Mass begins at 6pm. Adoration will truly help keep Christ in our hearts.



**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: **April 9**. Contact Feeding S.D. (605/348-2689) for more info.

**Storehouse donations** (118.5 lbs. for 2024) Thank you.



"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy"  
Faustina's Diary

**STEWARDSHIP SPOT:** The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each other whatever was needed.



“It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born.”  
*Birthright International*

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!



### ~~~~~Easter Time~~~~~

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung.

The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

The first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated, except where, not being observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it has been assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The weekdays from the Ascension up to and including the Saturday before Pentecost prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
 Revival**

“I desire to unite Myself to human souls, Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things...They treat Me as a dead object.” St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary  
 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 April ~ The Holy Spirit



#### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Universal Renewal**

Holy Spirit,  
 fulfill in us the work begun by Jesus.  
 Let our prayer on behalf of the whole world

be fruitful and unwavering.  
 Hasten the time when each of us will attain a genuine spiritual life.  
 Enliven our work that it may reach all human beings, all who have been redeemed by the Blood of Christ and all His inheritance.

**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.