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**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**First Week of Lent**

*Fr Igwilo in Custer*

- 3/10 Mon.** 7:00A Holy Communion Service  
 5:30P KC's Rosary
- 3/11 Tues.** 7:00A Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
- 3/12 Wed.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Mike Nicksic †)
- 3/13 Thurs.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Milo Kistler †)
- 3/14 Fri.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Human Life )  
*followed by Eucharistic Adoration*  
 5:00P Penance/Reconciliation  
 5:30P Stations of the Cross *followed by*  
 Simple Soup Supper
- 3/15 Sat.** 7:30A Mass  
 11:00A Penance/Reconciliation

**Second Sunday of Lent**

- 5:30P** Sun. Vigil Mass  
 (Int.: Vernon Oban †)
- 3/16 Sun. 8:00A** Sun. Mass:  
 (Int.: Marvin Uhrich †)

Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned.



**Sunday Morning Coffee after Mass**

May Sunday be a day of rest.  
 Let this day be the best.

**March 16, WSJ St. Patrick's Ham Dinner  
 and Basket Raffle! 11a-2p**



Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

**And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:10

<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT:</b>		<b>through March 2, 2025</b>	
General Collection	\$ 2,071.69	Anawim Fund	\$ 25.00
- via e-giving	\$ 356.69	Major Capital Fund	\$ 90.00
Adopt-A-Seminarist	\$ 30.00	Votive Candles	\$ 50.00
<b>Special Collections</b>		Gathering Area	\$ 520.00
CSS: Ash Wed.	\$ 20.00	Flowers	\$ 10.00
Black & Indian Miss.	\$ 77.00		
<b>General Fund Income, Actual (to date)</b>		<b>: \$133,923.66</b>	
<b>General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date)</b>		<b>: \$124,576.00</b>	
<b>Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-)</b>		<b>: \$ 9,347.66</b>	
<i>Note: Avg. \$3,664/week needed for FY25 budgeted income.</i>			



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

– an opportunity to pray before our Eucharistic Lord. “Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul’s deepest desires. may be filled with the sweetness of your presence.”

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS:**

Bob & Karen Fix, Joanne Mason, Florence & John† Murphy, Ilene Schmidt†, Duke Schneller, Rhonda Snyder, Terry & Bill† Wakeland, Dorothy Wehrkamp†, Shirley Whittington†, Claude Vershure, Bill & Linda Young, Madelyn Zeltinger & all residents of MH’s facilities in Custer.

**DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A HOMEBOUND MINISTRY??**

*If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to have someone bring them the Holy Eucharist, please let Dn. Pat Coy know and he can assign a Eucharistic Minister to them*



**Catholics Returning Home**

We welcome returning Catholics who are here to worship with us today. We have a special program for non-practicing Catholics who may be considering a return to the Church. The **Catholics Returning Home** program begins Saturday, March 8, for 6 weeks, from 10:00 - 11:30 @ St. John’s in Custer. For more information see the bulletin flyer or call Lynda Davis, (605) 745-3988.

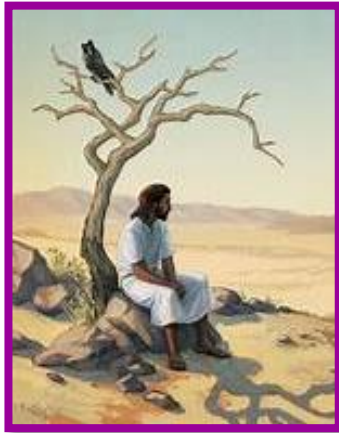
**Adult Faith Formation** Just a reminder that there is a potluck starting at 6pm Wednesday followed by a video and discussion regarding a powerful and moving series called **The Rescue Project**. It’s for all levels of faith and all ages over 7th grade.

**STEWARDSHIP SPOT:** Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?



your individual stand is both important to God and powerful in the fight to save babies and souls

~~First  
**Sunday of  
 Lent**~~  
**Luke 4:1-13:** Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted.



**Are you in the witness protection program? If not...** Kim May and Terry Wakeland are in the process of updating the Parish Directory. They will be taking photos before and after Mass on March 8-9. Please use sign up sheet at south entrance of Church to schedule an appointment. Email: [sjbcuster@gmail.com](mailto:sjbcuster@gmail.com) or call Terry (209-598-5479) Kim (281-881-2905) Thanks, and God bless.

**Worship/Gathering Space Addition Update**

Progress on the exciting new Worship/Gathering Space Addition continues with Father receiving tentative approval from the Bishop to sell the Parish Center.

**Meetings to receive parish input** on the Initial Design Concept are March 8,9 & 15,16 after Mass. Formal approval from the diocese will be requested after input from parishioners is received and Father Collins has approved the plans. If everything proceeds as planned, construction is expected to begin in September 2025 with completion in May 2026. All dates are tentative.

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 The Month of **March** is dedicated to **St. Joseph**



**The Holy Father's Intentions for March 2025**

**For families in crisis:**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**Lenten Trivia**

- Why is it called Ash Wednesday?
- What phrase is used when ashes are placed on the forehead?
- What is the color of Lent and what does it represent?
- What form does penance [the amends for wrong-doing] take in Christian life?

**Double BINGO** next BINGO will be **March 23, 1 pm** with money going to send SJB kids to a fantastic Youth Conference at **Steubenville of the Rockies**. Bring a friend who doesn't normally go to St Johns' events and both you and your friend will get a free bingo card (with purchase of a card).



Trivia Answers  
 Ashes on foreheads are a sign of conversion and repentance; "You are dust, and into dust you shall return"; purple, penance; fasting, prayer, almsgiving

**Prayer for Pope Francis**

**O God**, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;  
**Grant**, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.  
**Through** our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Come join in the Prayer of the Rosary before Mass.  
 Saturday at 4:55pm & Sunday at 7:25am.  
 And with the KC's on Mondays at 5:30pm