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**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**First Week in Advent**

*(Fr Igwilo in Hot Springs)*

<b>12/ 1 Mon.</b>	7:00A	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
	5:30P	KC's Rosary
<b>12/ 2 Tues.</b>	7:00A	OR & Morning Prayer
<b>12/ 3 Wed.</b>	7:00A	OR & Morning Prayer
<b>12/ 4 Thurs.</b>	7:00A	OR & Morning Prayer
	6-8P	MERCY! Night
<b>12/ 5 Fri.</b>	7:00A	<u>Holy Communion Service</u>
<b>12/ 6 Sat.</b>	7:30A	Most Holy Rosary for Life

**Second Sunday of Advent**

5:30P	<u>Sun. Vigil Mass</u>
	(Int.: Benjamin Larson †)
<b>12/ 7 Sun.</b>	08:00A * <u>Sun. Mass</u>
	(Int.: Suzanne L. Morris †)

*Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned*

***Sunday Blessings***

“Happy Sunday! It is never too late to try what you haven’t done before or to go where you’ve never been.”

Take note that the Select-A-Gift tree is up in the back of the Church until the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.



Wednesday, Dec. 10,  
 Please join us for  
 caroling with the Youth  
 Faith Formation.



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 November 23, 2025</b>	
General Collection	\$ 6,219.18	Anawim Fund	\$ 0.00
- via e-giving	\$ 992.24	Major Capital Fund	\$ 23.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 90.00	Votive Candles	\$ 21.01
<b>Special Collections</b>		<i>Gathering Area</i>	\$ 745.00
<i>Cath Cmpg HD</i>	\$ 628.00		
<b>General Fund Income, Actual (to date):</b>			\$ 73,421.93
<b>General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date)</b>			: \$ 77,805.00
<b>Difference of YTD Actual against Budgeted (+/-)</b>			<b>\$ 4,383.07</b>
<i>Note: Avg. \$3,705/week needed for FY26 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:**

Dolly Evans†, Matt Dvorak, Mike Greff, JerriLee & Darwin Hoeft, John Kocer, Leah Miller†, Michael Murphy†, Lyle Reindl†, Bob Roblek, Gayle & Duke Schneller, Rhonda Snyder, Kathryn Tindera, Bill † & Terry Wakeland, Bill & Linda Young, Madelyn Zeltinger & all residents of MH’s facilities in Custer.

*Those on this list will be listed for 3 months at a time;  
 they can be re-listed for an additional 3 months.*

Come spend time with Our Lord!  
 The 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month: 7am-6pm  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**St. John's HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

*If you are homebound or in the hospital and would like to have someone, bring you the Holy Eucharist, please contact*

**Dn. Pat Coy personally.**

Arrangements will be made.



If you or anyone you know have projects of any sort that need to get done while the temps are nice, please call Scott May 281-881-2875 or Eric Adams 952-303-2366. Exterior painting, beautiful greenhouses. Profits will go towards the parish addition or Faith Family Fun events.

Traveling and could use a prayer? Facing health challenges? Know someone in need of spiritual support? At St. John's, our dedicated team of prayer warriors is here for you—ready to lift up your intentions in prayer, whatever they may be. No request is too small—just let us know how we can pray for you!



**STEWARSHIP SPOT:** The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.



Holy Father, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking the restoration of dignity for every human being. [May Your love and grace](#) shine upon those who feel marginalized and forgotten.

Empower us to be instruments of compassion [and justice](#), fostering a world where every soul is valued and respected. Guide us in our efforts to [uplift the downtrodden](#) and honor the inherent worth of all. Amen.

### ~~~First Sunday of Advent~~~



#### Prayer for Hope

Father God, every word in [scripture](#) points to the gift of hope that we have because of Christ Jesus. The Christmas story wasn't the beginning of that message of hope because the Old Testament is full of glimpses of your plan to redeem your people and restore them into a relationship with you, but we are able to truly begin to see and understand just how great your love for us is when we read the story of Jesus' birth in scripture. Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the [salvation](#) that only you, our Heavenly

Father, can give when we believe on your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

### DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.*

Come join in the Prayer of the Rosary before Mass. Saturday @ 4:55pm & Sunday @7:25am. and with the KC's on Mondays at 5:30p  
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!



**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2025**  
**For Christians in areas of conflict.** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. (See also <http://popesprayerusa.net/>)

### KC Pancake Breakfast, December 14,



### Journey in Faith Together

What is "Mercy Night." It is an evening of eucharistic adoration, prayerful music, healing prayers with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Please join us Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm.

### Advent Knowledge

Purple candle means HOPE and is also known as the Prophet's Candle about the coming of the Messiah.

#### Questions to Ponder

Week #1 The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38



- \*In what ways does Gabriel describe Jesus?
- \*What is Mary's response to God's question?

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple—a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

### FEEDING S.D. at the Custer Lutheran

**Fellowship parking lot, 12622 HWY 16A, on every month's second Tues., 1-2P.** Next scheduled distributions for 2025: **December 9.**

Contact Feeding S.D. (605/348-2689)

**Storehouse donations** (301lbs. for 2025) Thank you.



Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.