

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 in Advent**

(Fr Igwilo in Custer)

<b>12/ 8</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	5:30P	<u>Mass</u> (Int.: Lynus S. Ryan†)
<b>12/ 9</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	7:00A	<u>Mass</u> (Int.: Lindsay† & Tony† Venjohn)
<b>12/10</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	7:00A	<u>Mass</u> (Int.: Carol Earles†)
<b>12/11</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	7:00A	<u>Mass</u> (Int.: General Intentions of the Seven Sisters)
<b>12/12</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	7:00A	Morning Prayer, followed by <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
		5:00P	Penance/Reconciliation
		6:00P	<u>Mass</u> (Int.: Victoria (Van Loan) Bantam)
<b>12/13</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	7:30A	<u>Mass</u>
		11:00A	Penance/Reconciliation

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice!**

	5:30P	<u>Sun. Vigil Mass</u> (Int.: John Weichert †)
<b>12/14</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	08:00A * <u>Sun. Mass</u> (Int.: For all persons who have Received Sacraments at SJB)

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

**Sunday Blessings**

"Have a prosperous Sunday! Meet with your family and friends and spend each second of this day enjoying the beauty that surrounds you.



Take note that the Select-A-Gift tree is up in the back of the Church until the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.



If you arrive early on a day that it has snowed and it hasn't been plowed yet, park in the west parking lot so that they can plow in front of the Church and Parish Center first.



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 30, 2025</b>	
General Collection	\$ 2,721.13	Anawim Fund	\$ 50.00
- via e-giving	\$ 535.13	Major Capital Fund	\$ 10.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 30.00	Votive Candles	\$ 20.00
<b>Special Collections</b>		<i>Gathering Area</i>	\$ 155.00
		<i>Flowers</i>	\$ 50.00
<b>General Fund Income, Actual (to date):</b>		\$ 76,213.06	
<b>General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date)</b>		: \$ 81,510.00	
<b>Difference of YTD Actual against Budgeted (+/-)</b>		: \$ 5,296.94	
<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, Glenn Kostecky, 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:** We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."



O Father, we come before You with hearts yearning for universal love and understanding. May Your divine light illuminate our paths, guiding us to embrace one another with compassion and empathy. Help us to break down the barriers that divide us, fostering unity and peace among all nations. Let love reign in our hearts, that we may reflect Your grace to the world.

Amen.



**God of Patience, show us your wisdom in time that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the love view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. Amen.**

### DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Virgin Mary, at the moment of conception, was preserved in advance from all defilement of original sin by a unique privilege of grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.



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**



Join us for Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 10! Soup and chili will be served at 5:45 p.m., and we'll load the hay wagons at 6:15 p.m. Please bring a thermos for cocoa. Last year 40 parishioners joined in spreading joy to the homebound and throughout Custer—let's exceed that number this year!



### *Advent Knowledge*

Purple candle means Faith & Peace. It is also called the Bethlehem's Candle reminding us of Joseph and Mary's arduous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Jesus was born.



Questions to Ponder  
Week #2 The Visitian  
Luke 1:39-56

\*How to Mary & Elizabeth rejoice when they see on another?  
\*What is your favorite line from Mary's prayer?

### **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.

**"Hope is the quiet conviction that light will return; faith is the willingness to keep watch."**

### **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.