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**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**

Visit the National **WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG** site today!

**Third Week in Advent**

(Fr Igwilo in Hot Springs)

**12/15 Mon.** 7:00A **Holy Communion Service**  
 5:30P KC's Rosary  
**12/16 Tues.** 7:00A Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
**12/17 Wed.** 7:00A OR & Morning Prayer  
**12/18 Thurs.** 7:00A OR & Morning Prayer  
 6-8P MERCY! Night @ St Anthony of Padua  
**12/19 Fri.** 7:00A OR & Morning Prayer  
**12/20 Sat.** 7:30A Most Holy Rosary *for Life*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:30P **Sun. Vigil Mass**  
 (Int.: Frances T. Ryan †)  
**12/21 Sun.** 08:00A \* **Sun. Mass**  
 (Int.: *Pro Populo* ["for the People" of the Parishes])

Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned

***Sunday Blessings***

"It's a beautiful Sunday morning and a great opportunity to thank the Lord for reminding us of how blessed we are. Find reasons to celebrate today; they will seed *joy* for tomorrow."

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, please 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

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT: through December 7, 2025**

General Collection	\$ 11,028.61	Anawim Fund	\$ 80.00
- via e-giving	\$ 499.27	Major Capital Fund	\$ 65.69
Adopt-A-Seminararian	\$ 75.00	Votive Candles	\$ 47.11

<b><u>Special Collections</u></b>		Gathering Area	\$ 140.00
Ret Fund/Religious	\$ 100.00	Flowers	\$ 100.00
		Christmas	\$ 50.00
		Imm Con of BVM	\$ 95.00

**General Fund Income, Actual (to date): \$ 87,533.78**

**General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) : \$ 85,215.00**

**Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : \$ 2,318.78**

Note: Avg. \$3,705/week needed for FY26 budgeted income.



**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!



**STEWARDSHIP SPOT:** Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the lord. To what is the Lord calling me?



Our Father, In the midst of life's chaos, grant us the serenity to recognize the sacred value of each moment. Help us to embrace the beauty in our existence and to find peace in our hearts. May we cherish the gift of life and share that love with others, fostering harmony and understanding in our world. Amen.



*"A joyful heart makes the smallest light feel like a festival."*

**DECEMBER IS DEDICATED TO  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Father, The image of the Virgin is found in your Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith. Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



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 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/>)

**"Celebrate not because everything is perfect, but because life is a gift."**



**KC Pancake Breakfast,  
December 14,**

## Journey in Faith Together



**Parish Sweatshirt Design Competition – Coming in January!** Do you have an eye for design or enjoy creating fun, eye-catching artwork? St. John the Baptist Parish will be hosting a sweatshirt design competition this January! We're looking for a creative, welcoming design that reflects the spirit of our parish family. If inspiration strikes, please take some time over the Christmas break to sketch out your ideas. All submissions must be received by the end of January, and the winner will receive a free SJB sweatshirt featuring their design. More details on how to submit your artwork will be shared in early January. We can't wait to see your creativity!

## Advent Knowledge

Pink candle means JOY. It is also referred to as the Shepherd's Candle. We are encouraged to rejoice like the shepherds did on that first Christmas.



Questions to Ponder Week #3  
Preaching of John the Baptist  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

\*How does John prepare the way for Jesus?

\*How can we prepare our hearts for Jesus to come?

**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** (308lbs. for 2025) Thank you.



Please bring in your **Reverse Calendar Donations!**

## 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.