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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Visit the National WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG site today!

Fourth Week of Advent

Fr Igwilo in Custer

12/22 Mon. 7:00A Holy Communion Service
 5:30P KC's Rosary

12/23 Tues. 7:00A Mass (Int.: Carol Earles †)

The Nativity of the Lord

12/24 Wed. 4:45P Christmas Prelude
 5:30P Christmas Eve Mass
 (Int.: Ron Pfeiffer †)

12/25 Thurs. * 8:00A Christmas Day Mass
 (Int.: Bill Wakeland †)

12/26 Fri. 7:00A Morning Prayer *followed by*
 Eucharistic Adoration
 5:00P Penance/Reconciliation
 *6:00P Mass (Int.: General Intentions
 of the Seven Sisters)

12/27 Sat. 7:30A Mass (Int.: Phyllis Johnson †)
 11:00A Penance/Reconciliation

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:30P Sun. Vigil Mass
 (Int.: *Pro Populo* ["for the
 People" of the Parishes])

12/28 Sun. 8:00A Sun. Mass:
 (Int.: Jean Kayl †)

* indicates that incense will be burned.

Sunday Blessings

"Wake up! It is Sunday, which means that spontaneous and happy meetings are guaranteed to start your week off right!"



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 14, 2025

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| General Collection | \$ 7,154.07 | Anawim Fund | \$ 175.00 |
| - via e-giving | \$ 643.76 | Major Capital Fund | \$ 100.00 |
| Adopt-A-Seminararian | \$ 180.00 | Votive Candles | \$ 0.00 |

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| <u>Special Collections</u> | | <i>Gathering Area</i> | \$ 5,200.00 |
| <i>Ret Fund/Religious</i> | \$ 100.00 | Flowers | \$ 336.00 |
| | | Christmas | \$ 75.00 |
| | | Imm Con of BVM | \$ 396.00 |

General Fund Income, Actual (to date): \$ 91,687.85

General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) : \$ 88,920.00

Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) : \$ 2,767.85

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: When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Christmas: For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.



Dear Lord, We come before You, seeking to promote unity among all Your creations.

Help us to honor the sacredness of life by embracing our differences and fostering

love and understanding. May we work together to uplift one another, recognizing the inherent worth in every soul. Guide us in our efforts to build a harmonious world, reflecting Your divine love. Amen.



"In patient waiting we learn the rhythms of hope and the timing of grace."

DECEMBER IS

DEDICATED TO
THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

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/>)

"Patience is the quiet art of trusting the process of becoming."



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.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

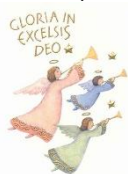
Journey in Faith Together Parish Sweatshirt Design Competition

– 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

Purple candle means LOVE & symbolizes the love God showed humanity through the gift of His Son. It is also called the Angel's Candle encouraging us to sing "Glory to God in the highest" in our hearts.



Questions to Ponder: Luke 2:4-15

*What surprises you about how Jesus was born?

*What gift would you have brought to Baby Jesus?

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: **January 13.**
- 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.