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**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Christmas Time**

*Fr Igwilo in Hot Springs*

**12/29 Mon.** 7:00A Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
 5:30P KC's Rosary  
**12/30 Tues.** 7:00A OR & Morning Prayer  
**12/31 Wed.** 7:00A OR & Morning Prayer  
*Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*  
**1/ 1 Thurs.** 5:30P Mass: (Int.: Patrick Pentel)  
**1/ 2 Fri.** 7:00A Holy Communion Service  
**1/ 3 Sat.** 7:30A Most Holy Rosary *for Life*

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**5:30P** Sun. Vigil Mass  
 (Int.: Victoria (Van Loan) Bantam)

**1/ 4 Sun.** **8:00A** Sun. Mass:  
 (Int.: Carol Earles †)

*\* indicates that incense will be burned.*

***Sunday Blessings***

"Good morning! May you be blessed with love in your heart, happiness in your home, peace in your soul, and joy in your life."

**Thank you from Select-a-Gift and Storehouse**

**(Jan. 12, 2025)** To the parishioners of St John's; Thank you so very much for hosting a Select-a-Gift Tree again this holiday season. You all were quite generous as the box was full each week with donation envelopes! We served **255** families with your help. Blessings, Julie Ames-Curtis SAG Chairwoman



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 21, 2025**

General Collection	\$ 2,449.99	Anawim Fund	\$ 250.00
- via e-giving	\$ 444.99	Major Capital Fund	\$ 0.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 65.00	Votive Candles	\$ 25.87

<b><u>Special Collections</u></b>		<i>Gathering Area</i>	\$ 175.00
<i>Ret Fund/Religious</i>	\$ 145.00	Flowers	\$ 100.00
		Christmas	\$ 190.00
		Imm Con of BVM	\$ 70.00

**General Fund Income, Actual (to date):** \$ 90,428.76

**General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) :** \$ 92,625.00

**Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) :** \$ **2,196.24**

*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:** Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of talents, too!



Dear Lord, We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of life. Grant us the wisdom to cherish and respect every life, honoring Your creation in all its forms. May our actions reflect Your love and compassion, fostering a world where every life is valued and protected. Amen.



**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

### **JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

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 January For prayer with the Word of God.** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. (See also <https://popesprayer.net/>)



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.

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### **BINGO IS BACK!!**

The Knights of Columbus are bringing back BINGO.

### **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!

#### *Christmas Bible Trivia*

1. The Old Testament prophet \_\_\_ foretold Jesus would be born in \_\_\_
2. Who were the 3 Wise Men & what gifts did they bring?
3. The Angel \_\_\_ told Mary she would give birth to Jesus.
4. What age was Jesus when he was visited by the Wise Men?
5. What did the Wise Men follow to find Jesus?

**FEEDING S.D.** at the Custer Lutheran Fellowship parking lot, 12622 HWY 16A, Next scheduled distributions for 2025: **January 13.** (605/348-2689)



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

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

#### Trivia Answers



1. Micah; Bethlehem
2. Casper, Bathazar, Melchior; gold, frankincense, myrrh
3. Gabriel
4. 2 months to 2 years
5. Star of Bethlehem

#### **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.