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**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**

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

- 1/5 Mon.** 7:00A Holy Communion Service  
 5:30P KCs Rosary
- 1/6 Tues.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Mike Greff)
- 1/7 Wed.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Katherine Tindera)
- 1/8 Thurs.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Leah Miller †)
- 1/9 Fri.** 7:00A Morning Prayer *followed by*  
*Eucharistic Adoration*  
 5:00P Penance/Reconciliation  
 6:00P Mass (Int.: Lynne Withers †)
- 1/10 Sat.** 7:30A Mass (Int.:)  
 11:00A Penance/Reconciliation

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

- 5:30P** Sun. Vigil Mass  
 (Int.: Bill Wakeland †)
- 1/11 Sun. 8:00A** Sun. Mass:  
 (Int.: *Pro Populo* ["for the People"  
 of the Parishes])

\* indicates that incense will be burned.

***Sunday Blessings***

As you reflect on biblical Christmas words, may your soul rest in the assurance that God's love was born to remain forever.



KC's Pancake Breakfast after  
 Mass January 11, 2026



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 28, 2025**

General Collection	\$ 2,515.38	Anawim Fund	\$ 100.00
- via e-giving	\$ 444.99	Major Capital Fund	\$ 10.00
Adopt-A-Seminararian	\$ 30.00	Votive Candles	\$ 0.00

<b>Special Collections</b>		Gathering Area	\$ 1,080.00
Ret Fund/Religious	\$ 60.00	First Offering	\$ 25.00
		Christmas	\$ 5,524.46
		Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00

**General Fund Income, Actual (to date):** \$ 98,904.47

**General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date) :** \$ 96,330.00

**Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-) :** \$ 2,574.47

*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, Mary Krogman, Michael Murphy†, Donna Pfeiffer, Lyle Reindl†, Bob Roblek, Gayle & Duke Schneller, Rhonda Snyder, 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:** Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn or the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

**Dearest St. Joseph,** at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.



**We praise God** that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

**Help us to faithfully commit ourselves** to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. 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 message of Christ's birth remind your heart that God's promises arrive gently, wrapped in humility, hope, and a love meant to restore weary souls everywhere.

## **BINGO IS BACK!!**

The Knights of Columbus are bringing back BINGO.

## **Journey in Faith Together**



**Adult Faith Enrichment** will start up again in January. We will focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit using the Wild Goose series by Fr. Dave Pivonka. Join us as we explore how we can experience beauty and freedom of God's love by the Holy Spirit. We will be offering this series on Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings after Mass except on the second Sunday of each month. The Wednesday sessions will start on **January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** but please come and join us for a potluck starting at 6:00 PM. The Sunday morning sessions will start on **January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**. Both sessions will last about an hour. If you have any questions, please contact Delores Dahm at (605) 673-5333 or (812) 568-5066.

## *Christmas Time Bible Trivia*

1. What is another name for the Wise Men?
2. The story of the visit of the Magi appears in the Gospel according to whom?
3. The gift of \_\_\_ was symbolic of Jesus' royal nature. The gift of \_\_\_ was a symbol of his divinity. The gift of \_\_\_ was used as embalming oil and heralded Jesus' sacrificial death.
4. What is the meaning of the word "epiphany"?
5. The Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas Season and is also known as \_\_\_.

**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** (468lbs. for 2025) Thank you.

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

## **Trivia Answers**



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| 5. | Twelfth Day              |
| 4. | Gentiles                 |
| 3. | Jesus Christ to the      |
| 2. | 1st manifestation of     |
| 1. | gold, frankincense, myrr |

## **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.