

**THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.**  
 Philippians 4:10

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT:		through March 1, 2026	
General Collection	\$ 2,799.69	Anawim Fund	\$ 125.00
- via e-giving	\$ 331.69	Major Capital Fund	\$ 60.00
Adopt-A-Seminararian	\$ 115.00	Votive Candles	\$ 45.00
<b>Special Collections</b>		Gathering Area	\$ 315.00
Black & Ind. Mission	\$ 25.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 85.00
<b>General Fund Income, Actual (to date):</b>		<b>\$125,560.36</b>	
<b>General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date):</b>		<b>\$129,675.00</b>	
<b>Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-):</b>		<b>\$ 4,114.64</b>	
Note: Avg. \$3,705/week needed for FY26 budgeted income.			

**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Third Week of Lent**

*Fr Igwilo in Custer*

- 3/9 Mon.** 7:00A Holy Communion Service  
5:30P KC's Rosary
- 3/10 Tues.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Lynne Withers †)
- 3/11 Wed.** 5:30P Mass (Int.: Marvis Bernard †)
- 3/12 Thurs.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Anna Firestone †)  
6-8pm MERCY! Night
- 3/13 Fri.** 7:00A Mass (Int.: Human Life) followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
4:00P Penance/Reconciliation  
5:30P Stations of the Cross followed by Simple Soup Supper
- 3/14 Sat.** 7:30A Mass  
11:00A Penance/Reconciliation

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 5:30P** Sun. Vigil Mass  
(Int.: Bill Wakeland †)
- 3/15 Sun. 8:00A** Sun. Mass:  
(Int.: Dorothy Bunn †)

\* Saturday evening Mass **NO** incense will be burned.

Prayer for Lent: "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."



Join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 5:30p followed by a simple soup supper and fellowship.

**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:**

Dn. Pat & Fran Coy, Bob & Karen Fix, Mike Greff, JerriLee & Darwin Hoeft, John Kocer, Glenn Kostecky, Mary Krogman, Lois Massa†, Donna Pfeiffer, Lyle Reindl†, Spenser Sandven†, 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-5pm  
 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. proceeds 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 Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Ask for healing and restoration for those affected by violence and loss of life.



**MARCH IS DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH**



*The Lord has put his faithful servant in charge of his household.*

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 March For disarmament and peace:**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.. (See also <https://popesprayer.net/>)

**Please be mindful of keeping the handicap parking lot open for those in need.**



**March 15, WSJ St. Patrick's Ham Dinner and Basket Raffle! 11a-2p**

O God, help me know what it means to worship you in Spirit and truth. Let any walls that keep me from letting you in fall. Let me be your instrument in a thirsty world.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

**Journey in Faith Together**



Ever wonder what the Church teaches about funerals? Burial or cremation? Does the burial ground have to be blessed? Can ashes be spread anywhere? How does the community achieve closure? **Come Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. to hear Fr. Collins and Deacon Pat discuss what our Church teaches about these topics.**

*The Stations of the Cross*

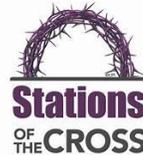
- 8<sup>th</sup> Station: Who are the people Jesus meets?
- 9<sup>th</sup> Station: What happens now?
- 10<sup>th</sup> Station: What do the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?
- 11<sup>th</sup> Station: How is Jesus secured to the cross?
- 12<sup>th</sup> Station: What words does Jesus speak before dying?
- 13<sup>th</sup> Station: Who asks Pilate for the body of Jesus/
- 14<sup>th</sup> Station: What happens to Jesus' body?

**FEEDING S.D.** at the Custer Lutheran Fellowship parking lot, 12622 HWY 16A, Next scheduled distributions for 2026: **March 10.** (605/348-2689)



**Storehouse donations** (15lbs. for 2026) Thank you.

Trivia Answers



- 14. The sepulcher
- 13. Joseph of Arimathea
- commit my spirit"
- 12. "Father, into your hands I
- 11. Nails
- 10. Cast lots for them
- 9. Jesus falls for the second time
- 8. Women of Jerusalem

One simple way to enhance your Lenten practice is to participate in the **CRS Rice Bowl program**. During Lent, Catholics and families across the United States use a Rice Bowl—a small cardboard box—to pray, fast and collect alms in support of their people living in poverty locally and around the world. Each Rice Bowl comes with a calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities and reflections connected to our global family. Unless noted our collection will go to the STOREHOUSE.



**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.