

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## NOVEMBER 27, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

#### First Week in Advent

**11/28 Mon.** 7:00A Communion Service

**11/29 Tues.** 7:00A- ... Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration  
 5:00P \* Eucharistic Benediction  
 4:00P- 5:00P Reconciliation (*during Advent*)  
 5:30P Mass Int.: 2016 Confirmation Class  
 6:15P- 7:15P Reconciliation (*during Advent*)

**11/30 Wed.** 8:00A Mass Int.: Intentions & Blessings for the Dvoraks  
 6:00P- 8:00P Faith Formation: Life Teen & Edge

**12/ 1 Thurs.**

**12/ 2 Fri.** 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional Senior Care

**12/ 3 Sat.** 4:45P- 5:15P Reconciliation

#### Second Sunday of Advent

5:30P \* Mass Int.: Ben Larson †

**12/ 4 Sun.** 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation  
 8:00A \* Mass Int.: Paul & Karen Larson †

Note: \* indicates that incense will be used.

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Beginning **Nov. 30 - Dec. 21**, the **Wednesday morning Mass** will be at **8:00A**. (The Mass on **Wed., Dec. 7** will be at 5:15P.)

**MAGNIFICAT SIGN-UP SHEETS** will be available at the front and side entrance.

**MAGNIFICATS AND WORD AMONG US** for December are available at the front entrance.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** If you would like to remember a loved one for the Christmas season you can make a donation for a poinsettia plant to the church and it will be displayed for the season. You can find envelopes located at both church entrances. We need your donation before **Sun., Dec. 17**. Thank you.

**GIFTS FOR SELECT-A-GIFT** The traditional Select-A-Gift tree for the Christmas project sponsored by our parish has been set up in the back of the church. Please take a tag from the tree and buy a gift for the adult or child listed. Unwrapped gifts should be to the church by **Sun., Dec. 11**. If not brought to the church take to the First Interstate Bank by **Wed., Dec. 14**. For more info call Juli Ames-Curtis 673-2967 or 970/391-9921. Thank you for your generosity.

**ADVENT PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12** at the Lutheran Fellowship Church (east of town). Program starts at 2:00P. Our Choristers, directed by Colleen Mahrt, will be singing.

**Thank you** for sharing your pictures, etc., in the alcove for the month of November. The A&E Committee are going to be decorating for the Advent season. All pictures will be placed in the west entrance for you to pick up.

<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT:</b>		<b>November 13, 2016</b>	
Regular Collection	\$5,528.50	Plate Collection	\$ 205.02
Youth Collection	\$ 22.00	Cap. Improvements	\$ 55.00
Seminarians	\$ 68.00	Gathering Area	\$1,160.00
Anawim	\$ 50.00		
<b>General Donations Collected (to date)</b>		<b>: \$63,592.78</b>	
<b>General Budgeted Expenses (to date)</b>		<b>: \$57,307.75</b>	
<b>Difference (+/-)</b>		<b>: -\$ 6,285.03</b>	

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS:** Sr. Rosalie, Tyler Anderson, Lorena Bottum, Billie Colvin, Jackie DeKeyrel, Lois Dvorak, Sutshe Fireheart, Christine Gay, Gordon C. Gladdin, Tom/Marilyn Green, Jason Hafner, Jill Hart, Jerri Lee Hoeft, John Kocer, Connie Lynch, Michael Murphy, Jesse Olson, Lynus "Pat" Ryan, Jimmy Schneller, Sherry Sharkey, Grace Snyder, Mitchell Snyder, Sue Tennyson, Terry Wakeland, Donale Walker, Roger Whiting, Joyce Whitney, Mary Woytassek, Stephanie Zacher, and all residents of Custer Regional Senior Care Center, Wedgwood Assisted Living.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is every Tuesday from 7:00A until 5:00P. A sign-up sheet is available in the entry of the church. "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 my heart always hunger for you, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence."



## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

### *Advent Weekday*

**Tues., Nov. 29 5:30p**

Sacristan Teresa Fiala  
Servers Thomas Dillon, Johnny Wickham  
Reader Phyllis Wheeler  
EMHCs Dawn Holland, Myra Wickham

### *St. Andrew, Apostle*

**Wed., Nov. 30 8:00A** (please note the time change)

Sacristan Dawn Holland  
Server David Wagner  
Reader Cathy Brickey  
EMHC Myra Wickham

### *Second Sunday of Advent -----*

**Sat., Dec. 3 \* 5:30p**

Sacristan John & Ione Fejfar  
Servers Ana Rosa, Garrett Weiland, Anthony and  
Thomas Dillon  
Readers Myra Wickham, Catherine Fierberg  
EMHCs Joe Uhrich, Dawn Holland, Pat Hoffman,  
Laurie Arthur  
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy  
Greeters Scott and Brenda Oster  
- West Door Don Kistler

**Sun., Dec. 4 \* 8:00A**

Sacristan Mary Eide  
Servers Nancy and Ryken Brown, Darian and  
Logan Block  
Readers Mikal Lewis, Cheri Block  
EMHCs David Wagner, Patty Wagner, Dorothy Vershure,  
Teresa Fiala  
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy  
Greeters Stephanie and Shauna Zacher  
- West Door Russ Arnold

**Thanks** once again for your participation in the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. If you have not yet turned in your pledge for the appeal, please do so. You can place your pledge form in a Sunday collection basket, turn it in to the parish office or you can mail it in the pre-addressed pledge envelope. Pledge forms are available at the parish office.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

**Sun., Nov. 27 – First Sunday of Advent**

**Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God.**

– Pope John Paul II,  
1990 World Day of Peace Message, no. 16

An economic system centered on the deity [of] money also needs to plunder nature to sustain consumption at the frenetic level it needs. Climate change, the loss of

biodiversity, deforestation are already showing their devastating effects in terrible cataclysms which we see and from which you the humble suffer most – you who live near the coast in precarious dwellings, or so economically vulnerable that you lose everything due to a natural disaster.

– Pope Francis, Address to Participants in the World Meeting of Popular Movements, Oct. 28, 2014

Please, I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be “protectors” of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.

– Pope Francis, Homily at Mass for Inauguration,  
March 19, 2013

### **Diocesan Masses for Life Matching Grant**

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission will again match donations made for the “Diocesan Masses for Life” project, up to a total of \$250. The Masses are coordinated by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Pro-Life Committee, but are offered daily at parishes throughout the diocese. This is the tenth year the diocese has matched funds for these Masses for the protection of all life. Please send your donation to:

Diocesan Masses for Life  
c/o Mary Mitchell  
113 S Berry Pine Rd  
Rapid City SD 57702-1911

Donations must be postmarked on or before **Sat., Dec. 31.**

**Sun., Dec. 4, 2:30p** – Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy in different languages, Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City

### ***Lectio Divina* and Centering Prayer each week at Terra Sancta**

A question that is often on our hearts as Christians is how can we grow close and in deeper relationship with our loving God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sacred reading, *lectio divina*, with Sacred Scripture and intentional prayer time for listening to God in the silence of our heart are essential for nurturing intimacy with God. In both *lectio divina* and centering prayer we come to God in the silence of our heart with intentions and desire for letting God fill us with his love. All are invited **every Wednesday to Terra Sancta, Rapid City, from 5:15-6:15p** for *lectio divina* and centering prayer in the Solarium (use the south parking lot and patio entrance). You need not have any experience. We use the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday for our *lectio* time, which helps prepare us for Mass. All are welcome.

**QUILT REQUEST** When the retreat center opened, more than 150 beautiful quilts were donated for use in the 58 lodging rooms (or 114 beds) at Terra Sancta. The quilts truly add to the atmosphere of the retreat center and are an integral part of our guest experience. As we reach the completion of our 5th year of operation, a few of the quilts are showing some wear and tear. If you’re interested helping us replenish our supply and or repair quilts that have been worn, please contact us at 605-716-0925 or email [Stay@TerraSancta.org](mailto:Stay@TerraSancta.org).