

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Third Week in Advent

12/12 Mon. 7:00A Communion Service
12/13 Tues. 7:00A- Eucharistic Exposition &
 Adoration
 5:00P * Eucharistic Benediction
 4:00P- 5:00P Reconciliation (*during Advent*)
 5:30P Mass Int.: Confirmation
 Class of 2016
12/14 Wed. 8:00A * Mass Int.: Connie Meyer †
 (*Anniversary – 1958 – of the
 Dedication of the Church*)

12/15 Thurs.

12/16 Fri. 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional
 Senior Care

12/17 Sat. 4:45P- 5:15P Reconciliation

Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:30P * Mass Int.: Grace Snyder
12/18 Sun. 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation
 8:00A * Mass Int.: Justin Burke †
 and Family

*Note: * indicates that incense will be used.*

HELP NEEDED!!! Sun., Dec. 18 after Mass, we will be setting up the Christmas trees in the sanctuary. All help would be appreciated.

2017 CALENDARS are available in the back of the church.

LIFE TEEN REQUEST We are in need of paper-ware for meals.

Paper plates, plastic utensils and cups. Leave in the basement kitchen.

GIFTS FOR SELECT-A-GIFT The traditional Select-A-Gift tree for the Christmas project 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**. Call Juli Ames-Curtis at 673-2967 or 970/391-9921 for info. Thanks for your generosity.

ADVENT PROGRAM: Sun., Dec. 11 at 2:00P at the Lutheran Fellowship Church (east of town). Our Choristers, directed by Colleen Mahrt, will be singing. **Women of St. John's** are asked to provide cookies and bars. Cookies/bars can be dropped off at the church basement by **Sun., Dec. 11 at 10A**.

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 **Sat., Dec. 17**. Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others--educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:		December 4, 2016	
Regular Collection	\$2,525.00	Plate Collection	\$ 231.00
Youth Collection	\$ 15.95	Cap. Improvements	\$ 153.00
Seminarians	\$ 93.00	Flowers	\$ 80.00
Votive Lights	\$ 34.86		
General Donations Collected (to date)	: \$69,410.41		
General Budgeted Expenses (to date)	: \$62,765.45		
Difference (+/-)	: +\$ 6,644.96		

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, 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 and Wedgwood Assisted Living.



EUCHARISTIC 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

Tues., Dec. 13 5:30p

Sacristan Samantha Wickham
Servers Johnny Wickham, Joshua Wickham
Reader Cathy Brickey
EMHCs Rich Zacher, Joe Uhrich

Anniversary (1958) of the Dedication of the Church

Wed., Dec. 14 * 8:00A

Sacristan Dawn Holland
Server David Wagner
Reader Myra Wickham
EMHC Phyllis Wheeler

Fourth Sunday of Advent -----

Sat., Dec. 17 * 5:30p

Sacristan Tom and Amy Miklos
Servers Rachel Miklos, Thomas Dillon,
Remington Miklos, Amelia Weiland
Readers Fran Coy, Lonnie Arthur
EMHCs Phyllis Wheeler, Catherine Fierberg, Dee Hone,
Lisa Krogman
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters John and Mary Hoover
- West Door Don Kistler

Sun., Dec. 18 * 8:00A

Sacristan Samantha and Laura Wickham
Servers Joshua Wickham, Johnny Wickham,
Gage Tennyson, Logan Block
Readers Cathy Brickey, Gayle Schneller
EMHCs Teresa Fiala, Dorothy Vershure, Joan Vega,
Fran Coy
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters Lewis Family
- West Door Hannah Dillon

It is not too late to participate in the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. 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.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Sun., Dec. 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Gospel Acclamation: Is 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
R. Alleluia, alleluia

HUMAN TRAFFICKING Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. Remember those who are **criminally** bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Web site: www.SistersAgainstTrafficking.org.

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.

REFUEL 2017 For all who serve the church in religious education, youth ministry, evangelization, or catechesis of any kind, join us (Fri.-Sat.) **Jan. 20-21, 2017**, at Terra Sancta Retreat Center for **REFUEL 2017**: “DESIRE: Catechesis in the Heart of Christ.” Our speaker is Jessi Kary, AO, from the Pontifical Secular Institute of the Apostolic Oblates, formator, retreat director, spiritual director, and teacher in the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF). We’ll begin with Mass at 5:30p followed by dinner on Friday evening and end at about 4:30p on Sat. Cost is \$65 and there is an early bird rate of \$50 if you register before **Tues., Dec. 20**. This fee includes the conference, dinner Friday and lunch on Saturday. If you would like to stay at Terra Sancta overnight, there are lodging options available at a lower rate as well. The optional breakfast on Saturday is available for an additional fee. Register online at: www.REFUEL17.com.

STEBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES: The Diocese is accepting applications to attend a youth conference for young disciples in grades 9-12 in Denver, Colo., on (Thurs.-Sun.) **June 22-25, 2017**. The registration deadline is **Thurs., Jan. 12, 2017** -- a deposit of \$70 is required. Total cost: \$390, includes conference, travel, lodging, t-shirt, most meals, and Elitch Gardens. For details on this contact Randy Vette, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, 716-5241 ext. 228.

TERRA SANCTA OFFERS SPECIAL RATES Come away and rest in God this Advent and Christmas season at Terra Sancta Retreat Center... our gift to you is a discounted rate for our family style lodging rooms! These rooms feature two queen size beds and a private bath -- peaceful and quiet, beautiful views of the wooded hillside and minutes from downtown Rapid City. Stay with us **Dec. 15-31** for just \$75 per night per room, including tax. Make your reservation on-line at www.TerraSancta.org/christmas-lodging-2016 or call us at 605/716-0925.

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the **Victim Assistance Coordinator**, Barbara Scherr. To insure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted at 605/209-3418 (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan Web site at www.RapidCityDiocese.org. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Web site at www.USCCB.org.