

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

### Fourth Week in Advent

**12/19 Mon.** 7:00A Communion Service  
**12/20 Tues.** 7:00A- Eucharistic Exposition &  
 Adoration  
 5:00P \* Eucharistic Benediction  
 4:00P- 5:00P Reconciliation (*during Advent*)  
 5:30P Mass Int.: Sally & Bill  
 Thompson  
 6:15P- 7:15P Reconciliation (*during Advent*)  
**12/21 Wed.** 8:00A Mass Int.: Paul Burkey †  
**12/22 Thurs.**  
**12/23 Fri.** 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional  
 Senior Care

**12/24 Sat.**

### Holy Day (HDO): The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

5:00P \* HDO Vigil Mass (Edgemont)  
 5:30P HDO Vigil Mass (Hill City)  
 7:15P- 7:45P Reconciliation  
 8:00P \* HDO Vigil Mass Int.: Loyd  
 Thomsen †  
**12/25 Sun.** 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation  
 8:00A \* HDO Mass Int.: Roger  
 Krogman †  
 8:00A HDO Mass (Keystone)  
 10:30A \* HDO Mass (Hot Springs)

Note: \* indicates that incense will be used.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule for January** Please let the office know before **Tues., Dec. 20** if there will be any conflicts on the schedule.

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CORNER

Schedule for Wednesdays of the Month:

**First Wed.**: Family Formation beginning with Mass at 5:15P followed by a potluck meal and catechesis. All parishioners are welcome. Concludes at 8P.

**Second Wed.**: Life Teen (high school youth beginning at 6P with a potluck meal. Concludes at 8P.

**Third Wed.**: Life Teen (high school youth) and Edge (middle school youth) groups both meet beginning at 6P with a potluck meal. Concludes at 8P.

Elementary (K-5) Family Activity from 6:30-7:30P in the Parish Center.

**Fourth & Fifth Wed.**: Life Teen (high school youth) beginning at 6P with a potluck meal. Concludes at 8P.

Any questions regarding this schedule, please contact Belinda Wickham at 255-5353.

**FR. TOM TIERNEY, S.J.** former VA Chaplain and resident of St. Anthony's Rectory in Hot Springs **passed away on Wed., Dec. 7.** Rest in Peace, Fr. Tierney.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

**December 11, 2016**

Regular Collection	\$1,283.75	Plate Collection	\$ 242.00
Youth Collection	\$ 25.55	Seminarians	\$ 10.25
Flowers	\$ 194.00	Spec. Coll.: RFR	\$ 632.18
HDO: Imm. Conc.	\$ 275.30	Christmas	\$ 10.00
Gathering Area	\$ 500.00	Magnificat	\$ 20.00
Capital Improve	\$ 15.50		

**General Donations Collected (to date) : \$72,114.01**  
**General Budgeted Expenses (to date) : \$65,494.30**  
**Difference (+/-) : +\$ 6,619.71**

**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, 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.  
 R.I.P.: Lynus "Pat" Ryan.



## 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. 20 5:30p

Sacristan Laura Wickham  
Servers Joshua Wickham, Johnny Wickham  
Reader Belinda Wickham  
EMHCs Myra Wickham, David Wagner

### Wed., Dec. 21 8:00A

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

*Holy Day (HDO): The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) -----*

### Sat., Dec. 24 \* 8:00p

Sacristan Fran Coy  
Servers Jon Larcher, Ana Rosa, Darian Block, Frank Rosa  
Readers Ione Fejfar, Lisa Krogman  
EMHCs Phyllis Wheeler, Laurie Arthur, Lonnie Arthur, Pat Hoffman  
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy  
Greeters Hank Whitney, Don Kistler  
- West Door Peggy Williams

### Sun., Dec. 25 \* 8:00A

Sacristan Forrest Lewis  
Servers Jonathan Lewis, Anthony Dillon, Thomas Dillon, Joshua Wickham  
Readers Stephanie Zacher, Ann Dvorak  
EMHCs Duke Schneller, Gayle Schneller, Rich Zacher, Dorothy Vershure  
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy  
Greeters Block Family  
- West Door Joan Vega

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. 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent**

#### From the Diocesan Priority Plan Core Values

**Family: The domestic church, the foundation of society, a communion of persons called to reflect the life of the Trinity.**

**The behaviors that exemplify this value include but are not limited to the following:**

- † We will pray as families and for families.
- † As family members, we will pray to Jesus for an openness to our Catholic Faith.
- † We will support and promote the Church's understanding of marriage and family life.

Priority Plan on the Web: [www.RapidCityDiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/priority-plan-book.pdf](http://www.RapidCityDiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/priority-plan-book.pdf)

**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](http://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](http://www.TerraSancta.org/christmas-lodging-2016) or call us at 605/716-0925.

**TAIZE AT HOLY CROSS CHAPEL** Join us at Terra Sancta Retreat Center on the **second Wednesday of each month** (October - May) to experience the sacred through song, silence and Scripture during a candle lit Christian prayer service. Specific dates for 2016 are **Dec. 23** (special Christmas Taize). **In 2017: Jan. 11; Feb. 8; Mar. 8** (Lent); **April 19** (since the 2nd Wednesday is Holy Week, the April Taize is the 3rd week); and **May 10**.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS