

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

### Octave of Christmas

**12/26 Mon.** 7:00A Communion Service  
**12/27 Tues.** 7:00A- Eucharistic Exposition &  
 Adoration  
 5:00P \* Eucharistic Benediction  
 5:30P Mass Int.: Justin Burke † &  
 Family  
**12/28 Wed.** 8:00A Mass Int.: Loyd Thomsen †  
**12/29 Thurs.**  
**12/30 Fri.** 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional  
 Senior Care  
**12/31 Sat.**

### Holy Day (HDO): Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00P \* HDO Vigil Mass (*Edgemont*)  
 7:00P HDO Vigil Mass (*Hill City*)  
 7:15P- 7:45P Reconciliation  
 8:00P \* HDO Vigil Mass Int.: Loyd  
 Thomsen †

### **2017**

**1/ 1 Sun.** 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation  
 8:00A \* HDO Mass Int.: Charles  
 "Doc" Swanson †  
 8:00A HDO Mass (*Keystone*)  
 10:00A HDO Mass (*Hill City*)  
 10:30A \* HDO Mass (*Hot Springs*)

Note: \* indicates that incense will be used.

## 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.

If you have any questions regarding this schedule, please contact Belinda Wickham at 255-5353.

**THANK YOU** to the ladies who furnished cookies for the Advent concert. – Colleen

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES** for January are available at the front entrance. Those that I have e-mail addresses for should have received a copy via e-mail.

<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT:</b>		<b>December 18, 2016</b>	
Regular Collection	\$2,205.00	Plate Collection	\$ 294.00
Youth Collection	\$ 15.00	Seminarians	\$ 81.00
Flowers	\$ 240.00	Spec. Coll.: RFR	\$ 145.00
HDO: Imm. Conc.	\$ 70.00	Capital Improve	\$ 83.00
<b>General Donations Collected (to date)</b>		<b>: \$75,021.01</b>	
<b>General Budgeted Expenses (to date)</b>		<b>: \$68,223.15</b>	
<b>Difference (+/-)</b>		<b>: +\$ 6,797.86</b>	

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS:** Sr. Rosalie, Tyler Anderson, Lorena Bottum, Billie Colvin, Jackie DeKeyrel, Lois Dvorak, Sutishe 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.



### 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. 27 5:30P

Sacristan Teresa Fiala  
Servers Thomas Dillon, Ana Rosa  
Reader Phyllis Wheeler  
EMHCs Dawn Holland, Patty Wagner

### Wed., Dec. 28 8:00A

Sacristan Dawn Holland  
Server David Wagner  
Reader Cathy Brickey  
EMHC Phyllis Wheeler

*Holy Day (HDO): Mary, the Holy Mother of God -----*

### Sat., Dec. 31 \* 8:00P

Sacristan Jonathan Fitzpatrick  
Servers Thomas Dillon, Carter Tennyson,  
Gage Tennyson  
Readers Lisa Krogman, Ione Fejfar  
EMHCs John Fejfar, Pat Hoffman, Dawn Holland,  
Dee Hone  
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy  
Greeters Bill Wakeland, Don Kistler  
- West Door Pat Sechser

### Sun., Jan. 1 \* 8:00A

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

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

#### Sun., Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

**When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. ... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. ...**

[www.USCCB.org/bible/readings/122516-dawn.cfm](http://www.USCCB.org/bible/readings/122516-dawn.cfm)

### 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, at 716-5241, ext. 228.

### **“HEAL YOUR GRIEF” BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

is an eight-week non-denominational support group for Christian adults grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 6:00P on **Mon., Jan. 30** at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Janece Rieman at 343-5547, or Amy with Family Life Ministries at 716-5214, ext. 236.

### **HEART TO HEART: A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR THE**

**ENGAGED** is a weekend getaway for engaged couples to deepen their relationship with each other and with God by exploring the Catholic Church’s vision of marriage. The winter/spring weekend retreats will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center (all Fri.-Sun.) **Jan. 13-15, Feb. 10-12, March 10-12, and April 28-30**. Please register on-line at [www.TerraSancta.org](http://www.TerraSancta.org). For more information, contact Amy at Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x236 or [AJulian@dioc.org](mailto:AJulian@dioc.org). Please note: Because this retreat is such a powerful preparation for the sacrament of marriage, attendance at a “Heart to Heart” Weekend Retreat is a requirement for couples preparing for marriage in the Diocese of Rapid City.

### **TAIZE AT HOLY CROSS CHAPEL**

Join us at Terra Sancta Retreat Center on the **second Wed. of each month** (Oct. - 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 Wed. is Holy Week, the April Taize is the 3rd Wed.); and **May 10**.

**RADIO RECEPTION** Real Presence Radio at **94.7 FM** is now operating at a new height on the new antenna. Check it out for improved reception.

# ***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***