

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

First Week in Ordinary Time

1/ 9 Mon. 7:00A Communion Service
1/10 Tues. 7:00A- ... Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
 5:00P * Eucharistic Benediction
 5:30P Mass Int.: Loyd Thomsen †
1/11 Wed. NO MASS
1/12 Thurs.
1/13 Fri. 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional Senior Care
1/14 Sat. 4:45P- 5:15P Reconciliation

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30P Mass Int.: Bill & Terry Wakeland
1/15 Sun. 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation
 8:00A Mass Int.: Grace Snyder

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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

January 1, 2017

Regular Collection	\$1,100.00	Plate Collection	\$ 156.00
Youth Collection	\$ 4.16	Seminarians	\$ 25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 759.00	Capital Improve	\$ 53.00
Votive Lights	\$ 29.00	First Offering	\$ 98.00

General Donations Collected (to date)	: \$82,036.94
General Budgeted Expenses (to date)	: \$70,952.00
Difference (+/-)	: +\$11,084.94

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, Rich Walters, 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., Jan. 3 5:30p

Sacristan Ione Fejfar
Servers Anthony Dillon, Thomas Dillon, Amelia Weiland
Reader Cathy Brickey
EMHCs Phyllis Wheeler, Myra Wickham

Wed., Jan. 4 5:15p (Family Formation Night)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Sacristan Laura Wickham
Servers Jonathan Lewis, Carter & Gage Tennyson
Reader Stephanie Zacher
EMHCs Rich Zacher, Dawn Holland

The Epiphany of the Lord -----

Sat., Jan. 7 * 5:30p

Sacristan Catherine Fierberg
Servers Anthony Dillon, Jon Larcher, Ana Rosa, Thomas Dillon
Readers Phyllis Wheeler, Myra Wickham
EMHCs Fran Coy, Mary Eide, Dee Hone, Joe Uhrich
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters Bill & Terry Wakeland
- West Door Hank Whitney

Sun., Jan. 8 * 8:00A

Sacristan Teresa Fiala
Servers Dominic Dvorak, Logan Block, Emma Arp, Darian Block
Readers Joe Raver, Mary Eide
EMHCs Gayle Schneller, Joan Vega, Fran Coy, Duke Schneller
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters Don Kistler, Mary Krogman
- West Door Kim Dillon

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Sun., Jan. 1 – Mary, Mother of God

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and ... all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotion/mary/index.cfm

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. A sample prayer entitled Spiritual Adoption Prayer is as follows: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers."

(From www.RapidCityDiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission.)

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.

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, 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 Julian 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. For more information, contact Amy Julian with Family Life Ministries at 716-5214, ext. 236 or 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 **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**.

MEN IN BLACK BASKETBALL **Mon., Jan. 30** at 5:30-8:30p at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City. The evening includes dinner and basketball games featuring students v. faculty and high school boys v. priests of our diocese. A great night of fun and fellowship celebrating the gift of the priesthood to the Church.