

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

2/20 Mon. 7:00A Communion Service
2/21 Tues. 7:00A- ... Eucharistic Exposition &
 Adoration
 5:00P * Eucharistic Benediction
 5:30P Mass Int: Edna Rotheutner †
2/22 Wed. 8:00A Mass Int: For the 2016
 Confirmation Class
2/23 Thurs.
2/24 Fri. 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional
 Senior Care
2/25 Sat. 4:45P- 5:15P Reconciliation

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30P Mass Int.: Conversion for
 Terry Wakeland's Family
2/26 Sun. 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation
 8:00A Mass Int.: Lynus Ryan †

Note: * indicates that incense will be used.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: February 12, 2017

Regular Collection	\$2,474.75	Plate Collection	\$ 151.14
Youth Collection	\$ 12.00	Seminarians	\$ 60.25
Capital Improve.	\$ 70.50	Votive Lights	\$ 15.99
Anawim	\$ 50.00	C. & E. Europe	\$ 25.00

General Donations Collected (to date) : \$100,695.28
General Budgeted Expenses (to date) : \$ 90,053.95
Difference (+/-) : +\$ 10,641.33

BASKETS FOR OLD PALMS will be located at both entrances of the church building. The palms will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE (March 1, 2017)

St. John the Baptist, Custer

7:00A Liturgy of the Word, followed by the Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

5:15P Mass

St. Anthony of Padua, Hot Springs

7:00A Mass

5:30P Liturgy of the Word, followed by the Distribution of Ashes

St. James, Edgemont

5:30P Liturgy of the Word, followed by the Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

THE WOMEN OF ST JOHN'S Annual Ham Dinner is

planned for **Sun., March 19**. It is not too early to start planning/creating baskets for the Dinner's Silent Auction. Suggestions: Gift Baskets or Service Baskets, like snow shoveling, leaf raking, babysitting, baking, meals, etc. The variety of ideas is great!

THRIVE DRIVE Donate your used "adventure and athletic" gear and equipment. We will have a box set-up in the west entrance of the parish church building during the month of March for your donations. See the brochure insert of this week's bulletin on what types of gear and equipment are needed and for more information.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS: Sr. Rosalie, Tyler Anderson, Lorena Bottum, Billie Colvin, Pam Cornelius, Jackie DeKeyrel, Walter DeNeve, Lois Dvorak, Peggy Grassman, Tom/Marilyn Green, Jason Hafner, Jill Hart, John Kocer, Jimmy Schneller, Sherry Sharkey, Grace Snyder, Mitchell Snyder, Sue Tennyson, Judy Urich, 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.

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 invited!*** 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



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

Tues., Feb. 21 5:30p

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

Wed., Feb. 22 8:00A

Sacristan Dawn Holland
Server Thomas Dillon
Reader Phyllis Wheeler
EMHCs Rich Zacher, Myra Wickham

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -----

Sat., Feb. 25 5:30p

Sacristan Mary Eide
Servers Jon Larcher, Anthony Dillon, Emma Arp
Readers Cathy Brickey, Laurie Arthur
EMHCs Myra Wickham, Laurie Arthur, Fran Coy, Lisa Krogman
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters Craig & Marilee Bobzien
- West Door Anthony & Mai Dillon

Sun., Feb. 26 8:00A

Sacristan Forrest Lewis
Servers Jonathan Lewis, Shauna Zacher, Darian Block
Readers Stephanie Zacher, Ann Dvorak
EMHCs Gayle Schneller, Teresa Fiala, Fran Coy, Joan Vega
- Deacon Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters Block Family
- West Door Russ Arnold

Our ministry at **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** is focused on strengthening and healing families in our Diocese. Our professional staff offers prevention/educational workshops, youth prevention programs, parenting classes and marital/family counseling services. Office locations are in Eagle Butte, Pine Ridge, Rapid City, Spearfish and Sturgis. Your prayerful, generous giving on **Ash Wednesday** allows us to continue to answer Christ's call to serve people in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: In today's reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that --- to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

CATECHETICAL CORNER: Two "In-A-Year" Series: Tidbits from the Catechism each weekday at www.Flocknote.com/catechism; Tidbits about each Pope each weekday at www.Flocknote.com/popes. It's never too late to start!

Prayer + Study + Formation = a recipe for a *Lively Faith!*

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION **Sun., Feb. 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

See www.USCCB.org/bible/readings/021917.cfm

IHM Seminary Visit to Winona, Minn. Join Fr. Mark McCormick, Director of Vocations, for a trip to visit the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn., March 24-26**. We will tour the campus, visit with seminarians, pray with the community and enjoy some recreation. **This trip is open to young men aged 16 and older.** There is no cost for this trip, but a registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the Office of Vocations at 605/716-5214 ext. 233 or SHanson@diorc.org or visit our Web site at www.Gods-Call.org/events.php.

The Way of the Cross for Women Join us at Terra Sancta Retreat Center as we pray the Stations of the Cross using reflections from +Sr. Marie Schwan, CSJ, each Wednesday during Lent (March 8-April 12) at 3P in the Cenacle. All are welcome!

TAIZÉ 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 Sacred Scripture during a candle-lit Christian prayer service. Specific dates for **2017: Mar. 8** (Lent); **April 19** (since the 2nd Wed. is Holy Week, the April *Taizé* is the 3rd Wed.); and **May 10**.

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.) **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@diorc.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.

Hesburgh Lecture Save the date – **Tues., March 28, 7p** "A Pope on the Margins: Pope Francis' Vision for the Church" The Notre Dame Club of the Black Hills and Terra Sancta Retreat Center are co-hosting this free event at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Road, Rapid City. The Hesburgh Lecture Series has brought university faculty to Notre Dame alumni clubs and their local communities since 1986. This year's local lecture will feature J. Matthew Ashley, the Chair of Notre Dame's Department of Theology. His lecture and question and answer session will begin at 7p. It will be followed by light refreshments. All West River Catholics and the general public are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to EdFitz78@hotmail.com one week prior so that Terra Sancta knows what size room will be needed. We hope to see many of you there!

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING Our volunteers are asked to pray three Divine Mercy Chaplets for those near the end of life. You can pray these anywhere – at home, at work, the church building, etc. Members are contacted by text or email. Contact Patrick to join this ministry or request prayers for the dying: 605/569-1012 or PatDanFlan@ProtonMail.com.