

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

### Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

**2/27 Mon.** 7:00A Communion Service  
**2/28 Tues.** 7:00A- ... Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration  
 5:00P \* Eucharistic Benediction  
 5:30P No Mass  
**3/ 1 Wed.** 7:00A Liturgy of the Word,  
 followed by Blessing & Distribution of Ashes  
 5:15P Ash Wed. Mass Int.: Grace Snyder  
**3/ 2 Thurs.**  
**3/ 3 Fri.** 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional Senior Care  
**3/ 4 Sat.** 4:45P- 5:15P Reconciliation

### First Sunday of Lent

5:30P Mass Int.: Leonard Wood †  
**3/ 5 Sun.** 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation  
 8:00A \* Mass Int.: Fallen-away Catholics to return to Faith

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

**THE CURSILLO GROUP** will meet this **Sun., Feb. 26 at 6:30P** in the parish center for the monthly Ultreya. All are welcome.

**FAMILY FORMATION** is **Wed., March 1.** Ash Wed. Mass will be at 5:15P followed by a potluck and catechesis to follow.

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

## 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  
 6:30P 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

## LENT FASTING & ABSTINENCE

- **Fasting:** required for those **ages 18-59**; one full meal, two smaller meals together not equaling one full meal  
 - **Abstinence (from meat):** required for those **ages 14+**  
**Days of Fasting & Abstinence: Ash Wed. & Good Friday**  
**Days of Abstinence: Ash Wed. & all Fridays in Lent**  
 Note: For the days of fasting, if you are sick, have a chronic illness (e.g., diabetes), are pregnant or nursing, you are exempt from fasting. Use common sense and don't further jeopardize your health. See also **February's West River Catholic, page 16.** See more Q&As regarding Lenten practices here: [www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence.cfm](http://www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence.cfm).

**WHAT IS CRS RICE BOWL?** CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent, and hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide. We devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform the lives of the poor. For more ways to participate, visit [www.CRSRiceBowl.org](http://www.CRSRiceBowl.org).

**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! Poster is up at the front entrance to sign up for help or food.

**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, Michael Murphy, Jimmy Schneller, Sherry Sharkey, Grace Snyder, Mitchell Snyder, Sue Tennyson, Judy Uhrich, 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."

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### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Tues., Feb. 28** No Mass

#### *Ash Wednesday*

**Wed., March 1** 5:15P (Family Formation Night)

Sacristan	Dawn Holland
Servers	Anthony Dillon, Frank Rosa, Jonathan Lewis, Joshua Wickham
Readers	Myra Wickham, Stephanie Zacher
EMHCs	Rich Zacher, Phyllis Wheeler, David Wagner, Patty Wagner

#### *First Sunday of Lent* -----

**Sat., March 4** 5:30P

Sacristan	Tom & Amy Miklos
Servers	Thomas Dillon, Rachel Miklos, Remington Miklos, Anthony Dillon
Readers	Mary Eide, Lisa Krogman
EMHCs	Myra Wickham, Phyllis Wheeler, Lonnie Arthur, Dee Hone
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Ed & Pat Hoffman
- West Door	Pat Sechser

**Sun., March 5** \* 8:00A

Sacristan	Joan Vega
Servers	Ryken Brown, Nancy Brown, Darian Block, Dominic Dvorak
Readers	Mikal Lewis, Cheri Block
EMHCs	David Wagner, Patty Wagner, Fran Coy, Teresa Fiala
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Stephanie and Shauna Zacher
- West Door	Russ Arnold

**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.

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 Wed.** allows us to continue to answer Christ's call to serve people in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Additional envelopes will be in the pews.

**STEWARDSHIP SPOT:** Stewards of the mysteries of God – that's what St. Paul says we are in today's second reading. And the first requirement, he says, is that we be trustworthy. Entrusted with the gift of faith, do I share it as gratefully and as generously as I do my time, my talent, and my treasure?

**CATECHETICAL CORNER:** Two "In-A-Year" Series: Tidbits from the Catechism each weekday at [www.Flocknote.com/catechism](http://www.Flocknote.com/catechism); Tidbits about each Pope each weekday at [www.Flocknote.com/popes](http://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. 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Solidarity. "We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict... we are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

**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@dioc.org](mailto:SHanson@dioc.org) or visit our Web site at [www.Gods-Call.org/events.php](http://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!

**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](mailto:PatDanFlan@ProtonMail.com).