

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

### First Week of Lent

**3/ 6 Mon.** 7:00A Communion Service  
**3/ 7 Tues.** 7:00A- ... Eucharistic Exposition &  
 Adoration  
 5:00P \* Eucharistic Benediction  
 5:30P Mass Int.: 2016  
 Confirmation Class  
**3/ 8 Wed.** 8:00A Mass Int.: Edward Meis †  
**3/ 9 Thurs.**  
**3/10 Fri.** 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional  
 Senior Care  
 5:30P Stations of the Cross,  
 followed by Simple Meal  
**3/11 Sat.** 4:45P- 5:15P Reconciliation

### Second Sunday of Lent

5:30P Mass Int.: Tavis & Cindy  
 Weidenbach Anniversary  
**3/12 Sun.** 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation  
 8:00A \* Mass Int.: Justin Burke †  
 and Family

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent will be on Fridays beginning at 5:30P followed by soup and bread in the parish hall. Opening the Word follows in the parish center around 6:30P.

**ST JOHN'S BIBLE STUDY** St. John's will host a weekly Bible Study in the parish center. For more info, please call Ann Dvorak at 673-4478. All are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S HAM DINNER** In preparation for the **Parish Ham Dinner on March 19**, please volunteer on the poster at the parish church building front entry. We need everyone to do what they can. **Information needed by March 10** in order to get the reminders mailed out. Remember baskets for the Silent Auction.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:		February 19 & 26, 2017 Combined	
Regular Collection	\$3,406.00	Plate Collection	\$ 323.86
Youth Collection	\$ 23.00	Seminarians	\$ 75.00
Capital Improve.	\$ 96.00	Votive Lights	\$ 15.99
Anawim	\$ 50.00	C. & E. Europe	\$ 216.00
Black & Ind. Mission	\$ 35.00		
<b>General Donations Collected (to date)</b>		:	<b>\$106,213.38</b>
<b>General Budgeted Expenses (to date)</b>		:	<b>\$ 95,511.65</b>
<b>Difference (+/-)</b>		:	<b>+ \$ 10,701.73</b>

### 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/len/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence.cfm](http://www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/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. **THIS WEEK: ENCOUNTER INNOVATION** -- We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? For more ways to participate, visit [www.CRSRiceBowl.org](http://www.CRSRiceBowl.org).

**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.**

### 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.

**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, Bea Henry, John Kocer, Connie Lynch, Susan McNally, Michael Murphy, Jesse Olson, Maureen Poulas, Jimmy Schneller, Sherry Sharkey, Ashley Gaides Siers, 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.



the sweetness of your presence.”

**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

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

**Tues., March 7 5:30p**

Sacristan	Samantha Wickham
Servers	Thomas Dillon, Joshua Wickham
Reader	Cathy Brickey
EMHC	Phyllis Wheeler

**Wed., March 8 8:00A**

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

**Second Sunday of Lent -----**

**Sat., March 11 5:30p**

Sacristan	Jonathan Fitzpatrick
Servers	Garrett Weiland, Jon Larcher, Jordan Weiland, Amelia Weiland
Readers	Myra Wickham, Phyllis Wheeler
EMHCs	Fran Coy, Laurie Arthur, Pat Hoffman, Joe Uhrich
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Bill & Terry Wakeland
- West Door	Hank Whitney

**Sun., March 12 \* 8:00A**

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

**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 e-mail. Contact Patrick to join this ministry or request prayers for the dying: 605/569-1012 or [PatDanFlan@ProtonMail.com](mailto:PatDanFlan@ProtonMail.com).

**STEWARDSHIP SPOT:** Today’s readings call us to active discipleship. It is not enough to know the commandments; we must actively obey them. It is not enough to hear the words of Jesus; we must act on them. Good stewards demonstrate their gratitude for the gift of faith by putting it into action.

**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!

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**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

**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!

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

**ASH WED. APPEAL** Bless you! Catholic Social Services thanks you for your generosity during this year’s **Ash Wed. Appeal**. Your gift is an overwhelming statement that Christ’s compassion is present in our Diocese. Please continue to pray for the poor among us, and for those suffering from addiction, family conflict and anxiety. Pray also for those who provide services to help strengthen families. Together, we are making a difference.