

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

### First Week of Lent

**3/13 Mon.** 7:00A Communion Service  
**3/14 Tues.** 7:00A- ... Eucharistic Exposition &  
 Adoration  
 5:00P \* Eucharistic Benediction  
 5:30P Mass Int.: Intentions &  
 Blessings for the John  
 Dvorak Family  
**3/15 Wed.** 8:00A Mass Int.: Mike Nicksig †  
**3/16 Thurs.**  
**3/17 Fri.** 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional  
 Senior Care  
 5:30P Stations of the Cross,  
 followed by Simple Meal  
**3/18 Sat.** 4:45P- 5:15P Reconciliation

### Third Sunday of Lent

5:30P Mass Int.: Nick Schmaltz †  
**3/19 Sun.** 7:15A- 7:45A Reconciliation  
 8:00A \* Mass Int.: Loyd Thomsen †

Note: \* indicates that incense will be used.

**+PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, Feb. 12, after Mass.**

**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** Ham dinner reminders  
 have been handed out at Mass this weekend and are being mailed out  
 Monday. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to  
 work and bring food! The "Pot-of-Gold" baskets need to be brought  
 to the Parish Center this week or to the Church basement no later  
 than Stations of the Cross night, March 17th. This fundraiser requires  
 a huge amount of manpower, planning and work. However, it  
 promotes community and fellowship and is "stewardship in action".  
 Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this event!

<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT:</b>		<b>March 5, 2017</b>	
Regular Collection	\$2,347.00	Plate Collection	\$ 231.00
Youth Collection	\$ 50.54	Seminarians	\$ 428.00
Capital Improve.	\$ 153.00	Anawim	\$ 50.00
Cath. Soc. Serv. (CSS)	\$ 620.00	Magnificat	\$ 25.00
Black & Ind. Mission	\$ 850.00		
<b>General Donations Collected (to date)</b>		<b>:</b>	<b>\$109,019.92</b>
<b>General Budgeted Expenses (to date)</b>		<b>:</b>	<b>\$ 98,240.50</b>
<b>Difference (+/-)</b>		<b>:</b>	<b>+ \$ 10,779.42</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  
 NUTRITION** -- We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other  
 mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious  
 meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that  
 those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit  
[www.CRSRiceBowl.org](http://www.CRSRiceBowl.org).

### 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.



**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., March 14 5:30p**

Sacristan	Samantha Wickham
Servers	Johnny Wickham, Joshua Wickham
Reader	Myra Wickham
EMHC	David Wagner

**Wed., March 15 8:00A**

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

**Third Sunday of Lent -----**

**Sat., March 18 5:30p**

Sacristan	John & Ione Fejfar
Servers	Jon Larcher, Thomas Dillon, Remington Miklos, Anthony Dillon
Readers	Laurie Arthur, Catherine Fierberg
EMHCs	Phyllis Wheeler, Myra Wickham, Pat Hoffman, Lisa Krogman
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Scott & Brenda Oster
- West Door	Kim Dillon

**Sun., March 19 \* 8:00A**

Sacristan	Samantha and Laura Wickham
Servers	Joshua Wickham, Johnny Wickham, Maya Tennyson, Gage Tennyson
Readers	Mary Eide, Gayle Schneller
EMHCs	David Wagner, Patty Wagner, Teresa Fiala, Duke Schneller
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Lewis Family
- West Door	Hannah 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:** “It is love that I desire, not sacrifice,” says Hosea in today’s first reading. But for love of us, Jesus sacrificed everything – even His life. Are my small sacrifices gifts of love and gratitude?

**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 Catholic Diocese of Rapid City** is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the **Victim Assistance Coordinator**, Barbara Scherr. To insure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted at 605/209-3418 (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan Web site at [www.RapidCityDiocese.org](http://www.RapidCityDiocese.org). In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Web site at [www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org).