

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

Fifth Week of Lent

4/ 3 Mon. 7:00A Communion Service

4/ 4 Tues. 7:00A- ... Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
 5:00P * Eucharistic Benediction
 5:30P **No Mass; The Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer** with Dn. Coy

4/ 5 Wed. 5:15P * Mass Int.: Fr. Brian Sorenson

4/ 7 Fri. 9:30A Rosary @ Custer Regional Senior Care
 5:30P *Living Stations of the Cross, followed by Simple Meal*

4/ 8 Sat. 3:00P- 4:00P Reconciliation (with Fr. Gerry McManus)
 4:00P- 5:15P Reconciliation

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:30P Mass Int.: Nick Schmaltz †

4/ 9 Sun. 7:00A- 7:45A Reconciliation
 8:00A * Mass Int.: Justin Burke † and Family

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

FAMILY FORMATION is **Wed., April 5**. Mass will be at 5:15P followed by a potluck meal and catechesis to follow. Everyone welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS for the final time this Lent: the parish middle and high school youth groups will be offering *Living Stations of the Cross* on **Fri., April 7**. "Opening the Word" will follow.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE STUDY A weekly Bible study hosted on **Wed. mornings at 8:45A** in the Parish Center. For more info call Ann Dvorak at 673-4478 or the parish office at 673-4426. Come join us!

LILIES FOR EASTER If you would like to remember a loved one during Easter, you can make a donation for a lily plant to the parish. You will find envelopes for donations at the church building entrances.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:		March 26, 2017	
Regular Collection	\$1,352.00	Plate Collection	\$ 158.72
Youth Collection	\$ 1.00	Seminarians	\$ 43.00
Capital Improve.	\$ 100.00	Flowers	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief Svc.	\$ 401.25		
General Donations Collected (to date)		:	\$115,024.61
General Budgeted Expenses (to date)		:	\$106,427.05
Difference (+/-)		:	+ \$ 8,597.56

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
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 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.

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 RESILIENCE** – We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children – even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit www.CRSRiceBowl.org for more.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CORNER

Schedule for Wednesdays of the Month

First Wed.: Family Formation begins 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) "Life Night" begins at 6P with a potluck meal. Concludes at 8P.

Third Wed.: Life Teen (high school youth) "Life Night" and Edge (middle school youth) "Edge Night" both begin at 6P with a potluck meal. Both conclude at 8P.

- Elementary (K-5) Family Activity from 6:30-7:30P in the Parish Center.

Fourth & Fifth Wed.: Life Teen (high school youth) "Life Night" begins 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."

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS: Sr. Rosalie, Tyler Anderson, Lorena Bottum, Billie Colvin, Pam Cornelius, Jackie DeKeyrel, Walter DeNeve, Lois Dvorak, Melanie Forcum, Peggy Grassman, Tom/Marilyn Green, Jason Hafner, Jill Hart, Bea Henry, John Kocer, Connie Lynch, Susan McNally, Michael Murphy, Jesse Olson, Ryan Orr, Donna Pfeiffer, 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, Janet Woytassek, Mary Woytassek, Stephanie Zacher, and all residents of Custer Regional Senior Care Center, Wedgwood Assisted Living and for all those who have received prayer shawls.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Tues., April 4 NO MASS

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

Sacristan Laura Wickham
Servers Jonathan Lewis, Joshua Wickham
Reader Phyllis Wheeler
EMHC Rich Zacher

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -----

Sat., April 8 5:30p

Sacristan Tom & Amy Miklos
Servers Anthony Dillon, Remington Miklos,
Rachel Miklos, Shauna Zacher
Readers Phyllis Wheeler, Ione Fejfar
EMHC Joe Uhrich, Myra Wickham, John Fejfar,
Fran Coy
Greeters Ed & Pat Hoffman
- West Door Tab Arthur

Sun., April 9 * 8:00A

Sacristan Mary Eide
Servers Logan Block, Gage Tennyson, Darian Block,
Carter Tennyson
Readers Cathy Brickey, Cherri Block
EMHC Donna Pfeiffer, Joan Vega, Rich Zacher,
Duke Schneller
Greeters David & Patty Wagner
- West Door Teresa Fiala

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!*

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest one will be rewarded.

See Matt 10:42

NATIONAL KATERI TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

will be held in Rapid City this summer. To help defray the cost of attending raffle tickets will be sold for:

- **1st Prize:** Headdress with beaded headband
- **2nd Prize:** "Dreams of Buffalo" print by Cat Deuter
- **3rd Prize:** *Parfleche* bag with 10 note cards created by Sandy Swallow

Tickets are 1/\$5.00 or 5/\$20.00. The drawing will be Sun., June 4. You need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, please call Mary Eide at 605/673-4063.

WALK WITH ME: A MOTHER'S RERECAT – Journey Through Holy Week with Mary

All mothers are invited to join us in walking with Our Lady as we head into Holy Week. During this one-day retreat (**Sat., April 8**) our presenters will be reflecting on the example of Mary as mirror of Our Lord's love and mercy and model of sharing that with our families. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, presentations, and meals provided. Presentations by Fr. Timothy Castor and Karen Gebes, a mother of eight from Milesville, S.D. **Sat., April 8 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis. Register by Mon., April 2 at www.BlackHillsCHE.com.**

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.

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