

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2016  
**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>8/15</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	7:00A	Communion Service
<b>8/16</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	7:30A- ... 5:00P	Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Benediction
		5:30P	<u>Mass Int.:</u> Intentions and Blessings for the John Dvorak family
		<b>7:00P</b>	<b>Day of Mercy in Hot Springs</b>
<b>8/17</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	7:00A	<u>Mass Int.:</u> Grace of Conversion and for the Outpouring of God's Spirit and Mercy
<b>8/18</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>		
<b>8/19</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	9:30A	Rosary @ Custer Regional Senior Care
<b>8/20</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	4:45 - 5:15P	Reconciliation
		5:30P	<u>Mass Int.:</u> Harold Wheeler, Sr+
<b>8/21</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	7:15 - 7:45A	Reconciliation
		8:00A	<u>Mass Int.:</u> Darlene Sager

**ATTENTION CRAFTERS:** The Art & Environment Committee Bake and Craft Fair on Oct. 1 - 2 needs items. **SHOW US YOUR TALENTS, PLEASE.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS** for a beautiful afghan made by Joyce Whitney can be purchased before and after masses, at the Parish Center, and the Art & Environment members.

<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT:</b>		<b>August 7, 2016</b>
Regular Collection	\$2,032.00	Plate Collection \$ 815.40
Youth Collection	\$ 35.71	Cap. Improvements \$ 223.00
Seminarians	\$ 78.00	
<b>Total Donations Collected (to date)</b>		<b>: \$21,213.07</b>
<b>General Budget Expenses (average to date)</b>		<b>: \$16,373.10</b>
<b>Difference (+/-)</b>		<b>: +\$ 4,839.97</b>

**PARKING LOT** is complete. Total cost was: \$57,991.80.  
 Engineering Services: \$ 3,392.00  
 Dirt work: \$ 6,588.70  
 Paving: \$ 48,011.10  
 Stabilization of the church basement north wall has been completed costing \$4,385.00. Both projects were definitely needed and the parking lot is such an improvement for our church. Thank you everyone for your donations.

**COME JOIN THE FUN** Lifeteen and Edge will be having a kick-off night on Wednesday, August 31st at 6pm. We will meet in the church basement. For information contact Kathleen Lewis at 673-3621 or Belinda Wickham at 255-5353. Hope to see all middle school and high school students!!

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS:** Sr. Rosalie, Tyler Anderson, Lorena Bottum, Billie Colvin, Jackie DeKeyrel, Lois Dvorak, Elaine Emery, Sutishe Fireheart, Christine Gay, Gordon C. Gladdin, Jason Hafner, Jill Hart, Jerri Lee Hoeft, John Kocer, Connie Lynch, Michael Murphy, Jesse Olson, Lynus 'Pat' Ryan, Jimmy Schneller, Sherry Sharkey, Grace Snyder, Mitchell Snyder, Sue Tennyson, Loyd Thomsen, Terry Wakeland, Donale Walker, Roger Whiting, 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.

**August 16 Day of Mercy** Pope Francis announced that 2016 was to be entitled A Jubilee Year of Mercy asking that across the church we celebrate with services that help us live our daily lives constantly aware of the mercy that God extends to all of us. As a Diocese we have scheduled a 7:00 p.m. monthly prayer service involving adoration, confession, a speaker to provide a message on the topic of mercy followed by a coffee social. **On Tuesday, August 16th, 7:00 pm, St. Anthony of Padua Church in Hot Springs will be the host church.**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration is available 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."

## STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

### Tues., Aug. 16 5:30p

Sacristan	Samantha Wickham
Servers	Emma Arp, Joshua Wickham
Reader	Myra Wickham
EMHCs	Donna Pfeiffer, Phyllis Wheeler

### Wed., Aug. 17 7:00A

Sacristan	Ione Fejfar
Server	Jack Sayles
Reader	Phyllis Wheeler
EMHC	David Wagner

### Sat., Aug. 20 5:30p

Sacristan	John and Ione Fejfar
Servers	Frank Rosa, Anthony Dillon, Ana Rosa
Readers	Phyllis Wheeler, Myra Wickham
EMHCs	Fran Coy, Pat Hoffman, Lonnie Arthur, Laurie Arthur
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Hank and Joyce Whitney
- West Door	Kim Dillon

### Sun., Aug. 21 8:00A

Sacristan	Teresa Fiala
Servers	Dominic Dvorak, Emma Arp, Darian Block
Readers	Ann Dvorak, Gayle Schneller
EMHCs	Rich Zacher, David Wagner, Patty Wagner, Fran Coy
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Stephanie and Shauna Zacher
- West Door	Mary Krogman

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

**Sunday, August 14th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** "As defined by the United Nations, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that consists of the illegal trade of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. It takes a variety of forms in every region of the world. Some people are trafficked for prostitution, pornography, and other forms of sexual exploitation. Some are trafficked for forced labor in agriculture, sweat shops, and domestic servitude. Some are trafficked for both. Through sexual slavery, the body becomes little more than an object to be exploited. For victims of forced labor, the body is made into a disposable machine, made to work long hours for little or no pay and for the profit of others. In both cases the person who is enslaved is treated as an object for another's benefit. The person's God-given human dignity is either ignored or forgotten." [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (From [www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission))

**BISHOP'S BOOK** Most homes have received a copy of the book, "Through Him, With Him and In Him," the recently published pastoral letter of Bishop Robert Gruss. A copy was mailed to each

registered house hold. If you did not receive a copy or would like an additional copy for your family, please contact your parish office to reserve one today.

The **South Dakota Right to Life 2016 State Convention** will be hosted by the Rapid City Right to Life Chapter on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Convention speakers include:

- **Fr. Tadeusz Pavcholczyk, PhD** (Fr. Tad) from the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Fr. Tad's column appears monthly in the West River Catholic. He will speak on "Physician Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, Pain Management and Hospice" and "Ethical Decision Making in Sickness, Compromised States and the End of Life Situations."
- **Yvonne Florczak-Seeman** who appeared in the film 40 and is President and founder of Love from Above, Inc., and author of "A Time to Speak" and "A Time to Heal", study programs for post-abortive women.
- **Dr. Patrick Castle** - Coach/Founder of National Life Runners Team. His topic is "Encouraging Life in Vulnerable Times."
- **Eric and Jenny Scherr** - Parents, who will speak on "Chosen, A Parent's Perspective."

Registration is \$25 prior to September 1; \$30 after September 1. Registration at the door, space permitting, will be \$40. For information visit our website at [www.RCRightToLife.org](http://www.RCRightToLife.org), or call Diane Ange at 605/721-3065 or email [rcrtl@rcrighttolife.org](mailto:rcrtl@rcrighttolife.org).

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** The next diocesan pilgrimage will be held August 20 at Holy Rosary Church, Timber Lake. Schedule: 11A Eucharistic Exposition, with Presentation: "Mary, Mother of Mercy" by Bishop Robert Gruss; 11:30A Prayer Experience; NOON-2P Reconciliation and Lunch; 2P Eucharistic Benediction; 3P Mass with Bishop Gruss presiding (Sunday Eucharist); 4P Healing Service. Everyone welcome.

**LIVE MARRIAGE LIFE ABUNDANTLY!!** Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? Do you need time just for the two of you? **A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer!** Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will actually learn a practical communication technique and have an opportunity to rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage. NOW is a good time to invest time in your health, happy relationship, and reconnect with your spouse. Renew the commitment, intimacy and passion in your marriage. For more information visit [www.SDWWME.org](http://www.SDWWME.org) or contact John & Dawn at 605/359-1533.

**A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** 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 website 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 US Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)