

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 26 – Jan. 1

Intentions indicated by "+" are deceased; no notations are for living

MONDAY	7:30 am – Anne R. Vandenberg +
TUESDAY	7:30 am – Alois & Donna Krebs +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY	7:30 am – Donna Baumgartner +
FRIDAY	7:30 am – Rosemary Miller
Holy Family	
SATURDAY	5:30 pm -- Alice Schumacher +
SUNDAY	9:00 am – Parishioners
	5:30 pm – Smith Family – living & deceased

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Wednesday, December 28	Donna Abrams
<i>By Fr. Prendiville – Good Samaritan Center, New Underwood – 9:30 am</i>	
Sunday, January 1	Fr. Tom Tierney, SJ +
<i>By Fr. Prendiville – St. Johns in New Underwood – 11 am</i>	

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59	Ps 31:3cd-4,6-8b,16bc,17	Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12	Jn 20:1a,2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Ps 124:2-5,7b-8	Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-3,5-6	Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-6,12-14	Ps 128:1-5	Mt 2:13-15,19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21	Ps 96:1-2,11-13	Jn 1:1-18
Sunday	Nm 6:22-27	Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8	Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Faithful Citizenship

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger...And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart... <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/122516-d>

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Paula Welch Co-chair: Diane Ange

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Jill Leberknight, Doug Meiron (S) Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Liz Myscofski, Diane Wilkinson, Joe Zacher **Lector:** Scott Sime
Ushers: Jim & Roxie Quintus **Gift Bearers:** Rob & Barb Schuch **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscofski, NEEDED

SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Elaine Kocher (S) Beth Paris, Jan Winegar **Lector:** Tony Berendse **Ushers:** Don Borowski, Bob Ormesher, Bill & Jan Winegar **Gift Bearers:** Don & Dottie Borowski **Altar Servers:** Isabella Ashley, Olivia Ashley, Brock Williamson

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.

**If you have changes for future schedules,
call the office at 342-1556.**

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Parish Family,

Another Christmas brings another family to get to know, love and serve. I have been blessed and gratified to be your pastor these past six months. I can reassert what I said when I arrived, "It is a privilege to be here." I want to join Fr. Kari in wishing you a blessed and lasting Christmas. It is my hope that we all get to know the Christ child and keep him in our heart in the New Year.

Much of the world, especially the Middle East and parts of Africa, are on the move as Joseph and Mary were so near to the birth of Jesus. They will have no trouble imagining the fear or uncertainty of the Holy Family giving birth away from home, or fleeing their homeland for safety. I hope the relative security of our lives gives us the freedom and desire to pray for the refugee, and work to alleviate the suffering of the poor. Thank you for all you have done to extend this season of giving to those in need.

I want to share with you this prayer from Ann Johnson in the words of Mother Mary. *My soul rests confidently in the animal warmth and the lantern light of this simple place, Beloved Creator, and my spirit rejoices in the privacy of this time of birthing we share with you, O God of Creation, for you come alive again tonight in the bone and flesh of your people. Yes, this is the time we have waited for. This is the moment of blessing. Holy is birth, and you shall show yourself from age to age in those who enter into creation with you. You have shown the power of a dream enflashed and we are humbled. You have pulled down all our strivings and lifted up this simple, common moment. This stable is filled with good things, new life and happy people. Are those in the inn rooms as satisfied?*

I am pleased to be joined this Christmas by my brother Kelly, sister Teresa and her husband Ike Hecker, all from Dickinson ND. Merry Christmas everyone and a blessed new year.

~ FR. KERRY PRENDIVILLE

Come, Let Us Adore Him
**40 HOURS
 ADORATION**



St. Therese, the Little Flower

17th Annual Celebration

**Beginning Mass: Sunday,
 January 1st at 5:30 PM**

**CONSIDER A HOLY HOUR WITH YOUR FAMILY
 SIGN UP ON THE POSTER IN THE PARISH CENTER**

ADORATION begins at 6:30 pm through
 Closing Mass: Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:30 am
 Mass on the 3rd will be followed by a CELEBRATION

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!
 To all who helped make our Happy
 Birthday Jesus party a huge
 success! Everyone had a
 wonderful time! Blessings to you!**



Please add Pat Osburn to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Wendlin Baumgartner, James Birch, Shirley Black, Kathy Borkovec, Barbara Boyd, Lorraine Brooks, Britney Weber Brouillette, Rose Brunson, Kellee Callender, Chad, Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Katherine Craig, Tom Crawford, Ginny Elliott, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Albert Fernandez, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Haven Garrett, Tim Garrett, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, Harold & Judy Hansen, Dan Harrahill, Sue Hayden, Cyndy Henriksen, Michi Hittle, Jaime Hopfauf, Rosemary Huggins, Father Kari, Jenny Keitges, Arlene Kingsley, Meg Krause, Corky Leach, Melanie Lewis, Fr. John Lule, Gayle Martin, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Ellen McGuigan, Bob Mercer, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Ann Weber O'Connell, Pat Osburn, Margaret Paris, Donald Pазie, Travis Peterson, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, John Radziwon, Rose, Carla Sandifer, Allen Schwahn, Shirley, Steve & Britney, Greg Suto, Wilma Theis, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Rose Wickenheiser, De Etta Young, Bernadette Zander



THANK YOU from Sue Englin:

"Thank You' to all the folks that helped put the new hymnals in the pew after the Thanksgiving mass. Your gift of time is very much appreciated!"

NOTE: We kept all the Memorial hymnals with names in them; so, if you or your family helped with the purchase of the old red hymnals and would like your copy, please see the office. I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalm 104:33

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain."
 His wife asked, "How do you know?" He replied, "Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY 4:45 pm
Benediction at 4:45 pm
 Come rest in Adoration only for a little while.

Note: There is NO Adoration On Dec. 26th

For unto us is born this day a Savior!! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 4930.00
Plate Collection	\$ 893.00
Children's Collection	\$ 96.28
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.35
Christmas	\$ 60.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 103.00
TOTAL	\$ 6112.63
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 100.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 585.00
Priest Retirement Aid	\$ 21.23
Retired Religious	\$ 10.00

Dec. 25: Holy Christmas / General Fund

Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary / General Fund

Jan. 8: Church in Latin America / General Fund **Jan. 15:** General Fund

Jan. 22: General Fund **Jan. 29:** General Fund

Jan. 31: Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund

JAN.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

Thank you!" to all who so generously showed their "little way" of sharing His love this blessed season through The Giving Tree!



We in the office are so touched by our parish's generosity towards others. It is truly a gift to us to be able to experience the recipient's joy and genuine gratitude at receiving your "gifts". You are truly a wonderful blessing. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We will continue to collect non-perishable food items, NEW socks, gloves, coats, hats and underwear for the COMMUNITY FOOD & COLD-WEATHER ITEM DRIVE through the end of the year!

Thank you so very much for sharing your gifts and blessings! Our parish is so awesome!

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**We wish you a very Merry Christmas!
 May God bless you all!**

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

As mother Maxine sat in her chair Christmas morning, she says, "Come to think of it, a silent morning and a silent afternoon wouldn't be so bad either."