

## MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 11 - 17

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

MONDAY 7:30 am Gladys Smith  
TUESDAY 7:30 am Eugene & Ann Keller +  
WEDNESDAY 9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan – New Underwood  
THURSDAY 7:30 am Judy Hansen +  
FRIDAY 7:30 am Don Wieseler  
7 pm Rose Wickenheiser +  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Gary Gross +  
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Parishioners  
SUNDAY 5:30 pm – Jerry Vifquain +

### MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Wednesday, December 13 For Life  
*Good Samaritan Center – New Underwood by Fr. Kerry – 9:30 am*

### FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

**PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

#### Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13b Mt 11:11-15  
Friday Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13  
Sunday Is 61:1-2,10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

**Faithful Citizenship** A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. [IS 40:1-5, 9-11]  
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121017.cfm>

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 16 & 17

**SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Bob & Kay Olson (S), Pat Guertman, Jill Leberknight, Ellen McGuigan, Paula Shull, Dcn. Chuck Rausch **Lectors:** Tim Renelt, Ron Schuch **Ushers:** Mike & Betty Quasney, Todd Tellinghusen, Jim Treloar **Gift Bearers:** Kathy & Madison Houston, Kay Olson **Altar Servers:** Allison Schuch, Benjamin Schuch

**SUN. 9 am E.M.:** Ginny DeJager, Julie Heintz (S), Holly Bossen, Ray & Mary Wagner, Nadine Zeller, Dcn. Chuck Rausch **Lectors:** Brenda Wills, David Dolan **Ushers:** Dan Chiolis, Dean Hade, Al Thome, Brenda Wills **Bearers:** Gorman Family **Altar Servers:** Lukas Kanta, Michael Gorman, Thomas Gorman

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Beth Paris (S) Bob Heidgerken, Dcn Chuck Rausch **Lectors:** Evan Sand **Ushers:** Greg Rausch, Bob Ormsher **Gift Bearers:** Dave & Chris VanCleave **Altar Servers:** Cooper Sand, Jude Sand, 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](http://www.sainttheresechurch.org)**

**Would you be willing to bring someone to Mass with you?** Call the office TODAY at 342-1556!

## HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY FATHER KERRY

December 13<sup>th</sup>!

We pray your day is great and your year is blessed and full of joy!



Please add Father Marcin Garbacz, Ruthie Jochaim, Jason Raye & Mike Allibone to your prayers.

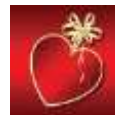
#### Bulletin Prayer List:

Margo Aerts, Mike Allibone, Tim Ange, Bill Backhaus, James Birch, Shirley Black, Kathy Borkovec, Dewayne Borszich, Barbara Boyd, Britney Weber Brouillette, Rose Brunson, Dominic Calvetti, Patricia Cane, Janice Carlbon, Nick Cederberg, Chad, James Coats, Mike Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Clarence & Cody, Katherine Craig, Tom Crawford, Debra, Bob Doran, Brian Duffy, Todd Ennen, Ron Eucher, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Bev Fuller, Fr. Marcin Garbacz, Joe Gruenwald, Laurie Gustaf, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Linda Harrington, Sue Hayden, Heather, Kelly Heintz, Jaime Hopfauf, Rosemary Huggins, Angie Jangula, Ruthie Jochaim, Jeff Jonas, Fr. Arnie Kari, Kelli, Chris Keuhler, Virginia Kessler, Arlene Kingsley, Rita Kutil, Corky Leach, Gary Lewis, Lorraine, Kevin Maher, Gayle Martin, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Bob Mercer, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Millie Oreshoski, Pat Osburn, Donald Pazio, Travis Peterson, Helen Quasney, Ted & Judy Rapp, Peyton Raterman, Jason Raye, Russ Rearick, Gala Rose, Bennie Saldanha, Carla Sandifer, Janelle Scherr, Allen Schwahn, Lillian Schwahn, Shirley, Wilma Theis, Riley Thomas, Rob Tidball, Tim, Terry Usera, Patty Van Horn, Jean Wallman, Eileen Walters, Marjorie Walton, Janet Werner, Larry Wetsch, Diane Wilkinson

Thank you for the continued prayers for Kaitlyn, Ginny DeJager, Cathy Falcone, Haven Garrett, Tim Garrett, Leo Stulc

### The St. Therese Giving Tree

*Sharing "our little way"*



Thank you for taking a tag for the Parishioner Giving Tree and/or the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Please return your unwrapped gift for Salvation Army by December 11th! or WRAPPED or unwrapped gift for the Parishioner Tree by December 18th!

**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.*

**Seeking small gift items, gift bags, and gift tags for the Santa Store at the annual St. Therese "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party to be held December 17.**

If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them by the office! *Also...if you would like to volunteer for the party, contact Bobby Myers or the office!*  
**And thank you for making this such a wonderful event for our Religious Education youth! It is a fantastic time for all!**



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED AND HELPED with the Annual Christmas Pageant! Especially directors Isabella & Olivia Ashley, Chloe Thome, Dave Carroll & Lori Ashley!! And to the parents!!! It was awesome!!**

**Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER**  
 Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Renee Coldwell

**A LITTLE LAUGH ...**

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest met at the town's annual carnival. They had been friends for a long time and launched into their usual banter. "This baked ham is so delicious!" the priest teased. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden. You don't know what you're missing! Tell me, friend, when are you going to give in and try it?" The rabbi looked at the priest and responded, "At your wedding, of course!"



**Next Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 pm**

If you are interested in becoming a Knight, call Grand Knight Bill Schneider at 391-7413 or any KC!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE**

There will be no meeting for the Knights of Columbus 4th degree Monday December 25 due to the holiday. The next scheduled meeting will be on January 22, 2018 7 pm in basement of St. Therese parish. All 4th degree members are encouraged to attend the Jan. meeting.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916**  
**of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

**Annual Advent Party** for all Catholic Daughters of the area on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning with dinner at 6:30pm at St. Therese Church Hall. Members are asked to bring a potluck dish, 5.00 for a charity, 2 cans of food and a door prize. Meat will be furnished. We will have a short meeting after the potluck. All members are urged to come to this very special event as we look forward to the coming of Christmas. Please call us if you need a ride: Florence, 431-0851, or Bonnie, 342-1651.

**St. Therese is having a COMMUNITY COLD-WEATHER ITEM DRIVE through February 2018!**

Please bring your NEW socks, and underwear, & new or gently used coats, gloves, coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. to the Parish Center. These items will then be distributed at the Feeding the Homeless truck on Sundays near Roosevelt Park.



*John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."*

**GENERAL FUND: Contributions this week**

Envelopes	\$ 6418.46
Plate Collection	\$ 1347.86
Children's Collection	\$ 68.92
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.17
Advent/Christmas CD's	\$ 175.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 62.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 71.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8183.41</b>
<b>Amount needed per week:</b>	<b>\$ 6805.00</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Building Improvements	\$ 177.00
Lloyd Petersen Memorial for Building Improvements	\$ 800.00

**"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

Seminarian Fund	\$ 99.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 290.00
Retired Religious	\$ 10.00

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:**

**Dec. 10:** Retired Fund for Religious / General Fund **Dec. 17:** General Fund  
**Dec. 24:** General Fund **Dec. 25:** Christmas **Dec. 31:** General Fund  
**DEC:** Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

**CANNED VEGETABLES, SOUPS, RICE-A-RONI & FEMININE PRODUCTS**

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE  
 Please place your items in box at either entrance! THANK YOU !!

**MOMMY'S CLOSET** Items needed soon:

**FALL CLOTHING** up to size 6, **SOCKS & UNDERWEAR** up to size 6  
**BABY WIPES and DIAPERS: SIZE 5**

We *greatly* appreciate all your contributions.  
 Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

**Through the month of December**



**BABY JESUS SHOWER**  
**For Birthright**

New or slightly used baby clothing 0-12 mo. Most need of disposable diapers in size preemie, newborn, 1 & 2. Our layettes are packed full in white mesh pop-up hampers with diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, a quilt, towel & washcloth, socks, booties, onesies, sleepers, 2-3 outfits & a rattle or other baby toy. We do not accept any baby furniture. Please place your Shower Gift in the box at both entrances! Thank you so much from all of us at Birthright!

**SPAGHETTI DINNER & B-I-N-G-O**

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus  
**SATURDAY, December 16th at 6:30 pm**  
 Free-will offering for dinner – Cards 3 for \$1 per game  
 Proceeds to KC Coats for Kids



**Gift cards make great gifts for those hard-to-buy-  
for people on your Christmas & Birthday lists.**

We Care carries many **\$10 cards** for department stores such as Target and Wal-Mart and restaurants such as Dairy Queen, Arby's, Burger King, Noodles&Co, and Wendy's. They also have **\$25 gift cards** on hand for specialty stores such as Bath & Body Works, Menards, and Kohl's. You can go to the movies with a \$25 AMC gift card or buy dinner for the family with an Applebees, Pizza Ranch, Domino's, Texas Roadhouse or On the Border / Chili's gift card. Get your hair cut with a Great Clips card or shop on line with an Amazon Gift card. You can even purchase gasoline with a Holiday, Exxon Mobil, Wal-Mart or Safeway gift card.

**If We Care doesn't have the card you're looking for they will order them and the best part is, when you buy from We Care, you're helping the needy. Visit us after mass or stop in at the Parish office.**



**PARISH PINNOCLE NIGHTS**

hosted by the KC's

**Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm EVERYONE WELCOME!!** Bring a friend (if you want) and come enjoy the evening.

**Boy Scouts Troop 7 meets Mondays at 7 pm @ St. Therese**

-New Members Welcome! Boys ages 11 - 17

Call Rick Edelen at 415-5764 for more information.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

**SERVICES at 6:30 pm**

Monday, December 11 ~ Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 14 ~ St. Isaac Jogues



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 ~ ST. THERESE**

Wednesday, December 20 ~ Our Lady of the Black Hills

**& EVERY SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 5 PM AND SUNDAY FROM 8 TO 8:30 AM AT ST. THERESE**



**Join the**

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

**For the 5 pm Christmas Eve**

**Mass** (Note time change)

**Practices on MONDAYS at 7 pm!**

PLEASE JOIN US!! Questions? Contact Sue Englin at 343-8455 after 6 pm

**~ PRAYER CHAIN ~**

*This is not the list in the bulletin.*

If you would like prayers or would like to be a link in the prayer chain, please contact Karen Thorp at 342-1556, ext. 15 or [ffkaren@rushmore.com](mailto:ffkaren@rushmore.com).

**== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==**

The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisor group of men and women elected and appointed to help the Pastor and move the mission of the parish forward. It is a working council that meets most months and we have several individuals who have served their 2 consecutive terms (and more) and will be leaving the Council. Earlier this Fall, **Joe Martin** asked to resign, having done fine work on the council for several years, especially in the area of buildings and maintenance. Thank you Joe! I have appointed **Jim Quintus** to fill his remaining two-year term. **Dave Van Cleave, Jill Leberknight, and Brenda Wills** have all served well on our council and will continue to be active in our parish. Thank you Dave, Jill and Brenda!! All of the above will be able to serve the Council again after being off for one year!

Our recent election showed that the parish has great confidence in ALL of the men and women who offered their name for election, each having polled very well. I am pleased to announce the new members of our Parish Pastoral Council for a three year term: **Ralph Dupres, Holly Bossen and Fred Solano.**

*Peace, Fr. Kerry*

**Update from Fr. Godfrey Muwanga**

*(from an email he sent to Fr. Mulloy):*

I hope it is still warm there too as it is here in Uganda. We have been finally assigned though we have not met the Bishop in person yet. Fr. John has been assigned to assist as a chaplain at a convent high school. And I have been asked to found a new parish that of now has no Rectory nor parish church I will be staying in a nearby parish thirty miles away till I am able to build at least a hut or a tent to live in. This new parish is the furthest away from the cathedral, about 3 hrs away. It is a challenging apostolate, but I know that is where the Lord has sent me to do his work to prepare the way for His people. The luxury of St. Joseph's Parish is now history.

I beseech your prayers and those of my priest friends there. We shall talk more about it and keep you informed. As of now I am still at my mother's house. I will be moving at the end of November. Convey my greetings to the Bishop and all my friends. I miss the orderliness of the way things are done in Rapid City Diocese. ~Godfrey

**ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...**

Why was the boy's report card wet?

*Because his grades were below C level!*

Why was the tomato blushing?

*Because he saw the salad dressing.*

John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord.  
Who will proclaim him in this generation? (Mark 1:1-8)  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

### Grades PreK - 5<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am

Dec. 10 Class  
Dec. 17 Happy Birthday Jesus Party  
Dec. 24 & 31 No Class – Christmas Break

### CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 6:30 pm ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Includes Mass)

Dec. 10, 17 Class  
Dec. 24 & 31 No Class – Christmas Break

### Life Teen (High School) & Edge (Middle School):

#### WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:30 pm (Grades 6-12)

#### 6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm

Dec. 13 Life Night: Life Teen/Edge  
Dec. 20 Team Only Planning/Retreat  
Dec. 27 No group – Christmas Break

**Catholics Returning Home** Have you been away from the church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? Do you know someone who wants to return to the Church? If so, there is a special ministry for people who have been away from the Church. The six-week “Catholics Returning Home” series begins on Tuesday, January 9 at 7 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Rapid City. For more information contact Deacon Greg Sass at [gsass@diorc.org](mailto:gsass@diorc.org) or 605-939-0579, or [ReturningCatholics.net](http://ReturningCatholics.net). There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.



**A GOOD BOOK – St. Therese has a library in Room 103!** If you would like to check one out, please sign it out on the sheet and return it when finished. If you have

a book you would like to give to the library, please have the office staff put it in Father Kerry’s office first.

Good books you will find in the library:

The Spiritual Journey of the Apostles: Growth in the Gospel of Mark - by Carlo M. Martini

Prayer for Beginners – by Peter Kreeft

## The True Meaning of Christmas

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

**You will find this CD and other titles and items in the case in the front of the church. Check it out! I'm sure you'll see something you'll enjoy!**



**Did you notice the Christmas Eve Mass times are at 5pm & 10 pm & Christmas Day at 9 am?**



## O Come All Ye Faithful CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5 pm & 10 pm

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9 am

11 am in New Underwood

Come, Let Us Adore Him

## 40 HOURS ADORATION

*St. Therese, the Little Flower*

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration**

**Beginning Mass: Sunday,  
December 31st 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 2nd at 10:30 am

**Mass on the 2nd will be followed by a CELEBRATION**

### Adoration 101

What is Adoration? How would I do it? A one-hour introductory class on Adoration in the Lower Sacristy of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Dr., Rapid City. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Cathedral Adoration Committee. Class times: Monday, Dec. 11, 2-3 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 17, 9:15-10:15 a.m.; or Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7-8 p.m.

### All are invited for a COMMUNITY FOOT CARE CLINIC each month at St. Therese

Interim Healthcare will be providing a community foot care clinic. **\$10 per person: feet soak, toenails cut and lotion applied. December 15th at 9 am til done with those present.** Please call 348-5885 to sign up or ask questions.

### “Diocesan Masses for Life” Matching Grant

The ongoing Masses and prayers for all life challenges are critical to keeping the culture of life strong in South Dakota and throughout the nation. Once again, the Diocesan Social Justice Commission will match monetary donations made for the “Diocesan Masses for Life” project, up to a total of \$250. The Masses are coordinated by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Pro-Life Committee, but are offered daily at parishes throughout the diocese. This is the 11th year the diocese has matched funds for these Masses for the protection of all life. Please send your donation to: Diocesan Masses for Life, c/o Mary Mitchell, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702. Donations must be postmarked on or before December 31st, 2017

## Catholic University Alumni

A social mixer will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19, for Catholic university alumni and their families at 601 Kansas City Street at the Hay Camp Brewery. Catholic college or university students are also invited. For details contact Bill Walsh at (605) 341-0744 or Carman Timmerman at (605) 391-4053.

### ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

A woman rubbed a lamp-out popped a genie. "3 wishes?" she asked. "Nope, 1-wish genie. What'll it be?" "See this map? I want countries to stop fighting-want world peace!" "I'm not THAT good!" he said. "What else?" "Well, I'd love a good man who's considerate, loves kids, cooks, cleans, does laundry and will rub my feet!" "Ok" said the genie with a sigh. "Let me see that map again."

## Prizes Wanted to help veterans fight PTSD

The Sgt. Colton Derr Foundation and Knights of Columbus Council 8025 are soliciting prizes for two events that raise money for treating veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. The first event will be a bowling tournament Jan. 27, 2018, at Meadowood Lanes, Rapid City, beginning with registration at 1 p.m. The second event is a KC Golf Tournament, Prairie Ridge Golf Course, Ellsworth Air Force Base, July 8, 2018. For more information or registration for these events leave a message for William Winch at St. Therese Church, 605-342-1556, on his cell phone 920-222-5937, or email [kc8025golftournament@gmail.com](mailto:kc8025golftournament@gmail.com).

## Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?

**CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD** A group that provides a social and spiritual group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 & up a network of activities that offer companionship for singles.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, December 17** - CC Christmas Dine Out - Pizza Ranch 6pm  
If you need additional information or would like to be put on our email list please contact Brenda at 718-0954 or Larry at 355-9087.



*An informal gathering meant to give people with dementia, as well as their caregivers, a safe place to socialize in a non-medical setting.*

**Coffee, Juice, Finger Food & Conversation**

**December 16th  
9 to 10:30 am**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
1220 East Minnesota Street**

For information contact Sheila (605) 430-1200  
or Colleen (605) 381-2735

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe a bilingual rosary with hymns of praise will be held at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. For information contact Maria Munoz, 791-3430.



## BELOVED: Vocation weekend for young women

God has a plan and a vocation in mind for you. He is inviting you to explore the question, "To whom am I to give myself totally in love?" Join us Jan. 26-28, 2018, for a Vocation Weekend for Young Women at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Rapid City. Open to young women ages 16-30. Directed by sisters from the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, this retreat offers tools to help young women deepen their friendship with Jesus and more clearly hear His plan for their lives, no matter what that may be. For more information or to register, please visit [gods-call.org/events](http://gods-call.org/events) or call the Office of Vocations at 605-716-5214. Deadline to register is Jan. 19.

## MOVIE NIGHT WITH SEMINARIANS

Join Fr. Mark McCormick and our seminarians for pizza, prayer and movie on Friday, December 29, 2017. For more information or to let us know you are coming, please visit [www.gods-call.org/events](http://www.gods-call.org/events) or call the Vocations office at 605-716-5214. Open to young men age 14 and up.

## Diocese of Rapid City Job Openings at St. Thomas More/St. Elizabeth Seton

### Custodial – Full-time

Looking for individuals with an excellent work ethic. Custodial experience preferred. Drug Free workplace. Background check required.

Contact Molly Rausch – [mrausch@rccss.org](mailto:mrausch@rccss.org) – 605-348-1477

## Maintenance Manager Wanted

Blessed Sacrament Church has an opening for a full-time Maintenance Manager. The job description can be picked up in the office or found on our website: [www.blessedsacramentchurch.org](http://www.blessedsacramentchurch.org). The position is posted until filled. Interested individuals are invited to send a cover letter and resume to: Michael Johnson, Parish Administrator, Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Boulevard, Rapid City, SD 57702 or e-mail it to: [michael@blessedsacramentchurch.org](mailto:michael@blessedsacramentchurch.org)

## Sounds of the Season at Holy Cross Chapel

Join us during December for different musical experiences: Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m., the Rapid City Stevens High School Chamber Orchestra will perform selections from Handel's Messiah. This concert will be followed by a dessert reception in the main lobby of the retreat center; on Wednesday, Dec. 13, there will be an Advent Taizè Prayer Service at 7 p.m.

## Experience the Sacred at Terra Sancta

Centering Prayer happens each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. – please use the South Patio entrance and join the group in Hebron. The Breath of God Prayer group meets each Thursday at 6:30-8:30 p.m. — please use the South Patio entrance and join the group in Hebron.

The Children's Memorial Garden is a place where families can celebrate and remember their children who have returned to God. Currently, under construction on the Terra Sancta Campus in Rapid City, we are seeking sponsorships to help us make this dream a reality. Please visit our website to make a donation in any amount. If you'd like to remember a child who has returned to God, please visit our website <http://tsCMG.org>.



**Pilgrimage** Travel with Fr. Timothy Castor to Ireland and England to see the Marian shrines at Walsingham, Knock, Galway, Killarney, Cork, Dublin, and much more! Pilgrimage Dates: Apr. 3-15, 2018. Cost: \$4,600.00 Includes airfare, lodging, meals, etc. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register or find more information at [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com).

**National Pastoral Musicians** NPM will hold its winter meeting on Saturday, Jan. 27, at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Rapid City. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. Maria Munoz and Toni Wilkins will speak on the following topic: "Successful Approaches to Music Ministry in a Bi-lingual and Multi-cultural Environment." Then, a review of the newly revised national NPM website will be held. Many new features are available. During the business meeting, members will vote on bi-lingual songs. Based on the results, NPM will encourage all parishes in the diocese to use the top four/five in their liturgies. In the afternoon, Amber Larson, music director, from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will present "Worship Aides." This will include information on compiling, formatting, and publishing orders of worship along with information on obtaining copyright. For reservations, please contact Pat McDowell, [patmcdowell44@gmail.com](mailto:patmcdowell44@gmail.com) or call 787-0638 no later than Jan. 25.

## Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Jail Program This year's

**Christmas Program will take place on Wednesday December 20.** To make this a truly enjoyable event for the inmates, we ask you to consider donations of puzzles (especially those with a Christian theme), Christmas cards, and paperback books (themes: action, Westerns, historical). Donation boxes are available at the HFNL Display Shelves in the Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Therese. We remind you that inmate prayer requests are collected in binders which are also available for your reflection at our Display Shelves.

Perhaps you can add the inmates' prayers to your daily devotions as we approach the Christmas season. To learn more about our jail ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)**. You are always welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

**REFUEL 2018** For all who serve the Church in religious education, youth ministry, evangelization or catechesis of any kind, join us **January 19-20** at Terra Sancta Retreat Center for **Refuel 2018: SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**. Our speaker is Dr. Bob Rice, internationally known speaker, acclaimed musician, inspirational teacher, and innovative writer. He is an associate professor of Catechetics and the director of the Masters of Arts in Catechetics and Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville. We'll begin with Mass & dinner at 5:30pm on Friday evening, and end at 4:00pm on Saturday. Cost is \$65, with an Advent Special – Early Bird rate of \$55 if you register before December 24. This fee includes the conference, dinner Friday, and lunch on Saturday. If you would like to stay at Terra Sancta overnight, there are lodging options available at a lower rate as well. The optional breakfast on Saturday is also available for an additional small fee. Register online at: [www.Refuel18.com](http://www.Refuel18.com).

**Taizè** Experience the sacred through song, silence and Scripture at Holy Cross Chapel (Terra Sancta) The 2nd Wednesday\*\* of each month (Dec. 13, Jan. 10, February 21\*\*, March 14, Apr. 11, and May 9). The prayer service is from 7 to 8 pm. For more information on Taizè – <http://www.taize.fr/en>

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

*For info. or to register for the following ministries, call Amy at FLM, 716-5214 x236 or [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org)*

**Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged**  
**January 12-14, February 16-18**

**Beginning Experience Separated, Divorced & Widowed Support Group, "Coping with Life Alone"**

Are you recently separated, divorced or widowed? Are you struggling with pain and loneliness? Healing can begin with the next nine-week session of the support group. The group starts at 7 pm on Thursday, January 25 at St. Therese. This non-denominational group is open to all Christian men and women who are hurting following a separation, divorce, or the death of a spouse. Registration fee is \$30.00; need-based scholarships available. Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information and to pre-register, call Amy with Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 or email [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org)

**"Heal Your Grief" Bereavement Support Group**

An eight-week non-denominational support group for Christian adults grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 29 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Janece Rieman, 343-5547 or George Wallace 721-3811. Sponsored by Family Life Ministries. For more questions call Amy Julian 605-716-5214 ext 236 or email [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org).

**January 27—Social Justice Winter Workshop—Rock Bottom: Addiction, Prison, Suicide:** How can we help our loved ones who are hurting? Speakers address Prison Ministry, Addiction Recovery and Suicide Prevention from a Catholic perspective at the 2018 SJC Workshop \$25 Pre-Registration, \$15 Student Registration, \$35 Registration at the Door. Register online at [terrasancta.org](http://terrasancta.org). For information, call Amy at 605-716-5214 ext 236 or email [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org).

**Filipino Advent Celebration** On Friday, Dec. 22, *Simbang Gabi*, a Filipino Advent celebration, will be held with Fr. Jason Marco from the Diocese of Cheyenne. Mass at Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta Center starts at 6:30 p.m. Potluck dinner follows. All are invited. For details go to Facebook event "Simbang Gabi in Rapid City" or call (605) 430-7392.

**Silent Retreat Feb. 26-March 1:** Experience an intimate encounter with Jesus Christ, surrounded by silence, directed by Fr. Mark McCormick. Holy Mass will be offered as well as time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, the Rosary and time to quiet your soul and listen for the voice of God in the silence. Offered by the Offices of Faith Formation and Family Life. For more information call Amy at Family Life Ministries at 605-716-5214 ext 236 or email [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org).

## St. Therese Prayer

St. Therese, the Little Flower, please pick me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favors I ask, I thee implore, and tell Him I will love Him each day more and more.

