

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 12 - 18

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

MONDAY	7:30 am – Eugene Keller +
TUESDAY	7:30 am – Smith Family- living & deceased
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY	7:30 am – Peter Bauhs +
FRIDAY	7:30 am – Steve Kane +
4th Sun of Advent	
SATURDAY	5:30 pm -- Joyce Leischner
SUNDAY	9:00 am – Don Brunner +
	5:30 pm - Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Sunday, December 18 Viola Bruce +
By Fr. Prendiville – St. Johns in New Underwood – 11 am

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!



Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 Lk 7:24-30
Friday Is 56:1-3a,6-8 Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8 Jn 5:33-36
Saturday Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:3-4,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17
Sunday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Faithful Citizenship Alleluia IS 61:1 (CITED IN LK 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Paula Welch Co-chair: Diane Ange

**Interested in becoming a lector, Eucharistic Minister,
Usher, Gift Bearer or Altar Server? Please call the office
TODAY at 342-1556 and we will get you set-up!**

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 17 & 18

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Ellen McGuigan, John Mowry (S) Renee Coldwell,
Patty Fritzie, Bob & Kay Olson, Deacon Rausch **Lector:** Julie Shauger,
Valeria Vifquain **Ushers:** Bill & Kathy Klemann, Jim & Roxie Quintus
Gift Bearers: Ron & Barb Schuch **Altar Servers:** Allison Schuch,
Benjamin Schuch, Adriana Young

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Ginny DeJager, Julie Heintz (S) Diane Ange, Kim Dolan,
Jean French, Mark Vedder, Deacon Rausch **Lector:** David Dolan, Tom
Baumgartner **Ushers:** Dean hade, Rick Heidgerken, Clint Jolley, Joe Martin
Gift Bearers: Morrison Family **Altar Servers:** TJ Morrison, Abigail
Popken, Noah Popken

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Elaine Kocher (S) Deacon Rausch, Rachel Edelen
Lector: Lori Ashley, Dave VanCleave **Ushers:** Edelen Family
Gift Bearers: Beth Paris Family **Altar Servers:** SUBS NEEDED

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.

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

Please sign up for Christmas Masses!



THANK YOU DICK & MARCIA

**CUKA for
Making the new privacy
screen in the confessional!**

You did a great job! It's amazing!

☺ **Thank you to all the little "elves" that
helped stuff the Christmas letter!** ☺

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT
PARTICIPATED AND HELPED with the
Annual Christmas Pageant!**

**Especially directors Dave, Patrick & Chloe!!
And to the parents!!! It was awesome!!**

THANK YOU - THANK YOU – THANK YOU

“Four St Therese bakers made desserts for the
Annual Fund raiser for Love INC. Our 4 desserts
added \$560 to the total collected. Thank you for your
contribution and looking forward to more bakers next
year!” ~ Kathy Grebner

Any questions about Love INC - call me at 718-1404.

Get Father Kari's NEW CD in the office!

“Father Kari's Old Time Classics”

1 for \$15; 2 for \$25!

Please make check payable to:

Fr. Arnold Kari

*Get em while we got em and get your
toes a tappin!*



St. Anthony's Circle will be having the

Annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm

& Sunday, December 11 at 8 am

(along with the KC Breakfast)



Please add TRAVIS PETERSON 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,
Vern Goetz, 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, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland,
Aggie Mousel, Ann Weber O'Connell, 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

Rest In Peace

Therese "Terry" Shoener
Edvina Hersch

They go no further than God - and God is very near.

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

The weekly bulletin can be found there, as well as other
REGISTRATION FORMS & other info. about our parish.

All women 18 & over!

Please join the ALTAR SOCIETY
Friday, December 16th at 8:30 am for
DONUTS & COFFEE in the Parish Hall. If
you want to join in an ORNAMENT
EXCHANGE (\$5-\$10 value), please bring
your wrapped item. We will also have a short
meeting. See you there!



Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask
the Lord what he wants of you. (James 5:7-10)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

The temporary Sunday School teacher was struggling to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn't quite remember it. Finally she went to the pastor's study and asked for help. The pastor came into the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers, he paused and stared blankly for a moment. Finally he looked serenely heavenward and his lips moved silently. Then he looked back at the lock, and quickly turned to the final number, and opened the lock. The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe at your faith, pastor," she said. "It's really nothing," he answered. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

Please come visit Jesus in the Eucharist!
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS: 8 am to 4:45 pm

Benediction & Evening Prayer at 4:45 pm

Come rest in Me. If only for a little while.

"In the presence of this mystery of the Eucharist, human reason experiences its limitations. The heart, however, responds and bows low in adoration and in love." -Pope John Paul II

Join the CHRISTMAS CHOIR!!

For the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
Practices on MONDAYS at 7 pm!

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

SERVICES at 7 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 ~
ST. THERESE



Wednesday, December 14 ~ St. Isaac Jogues
Thursday, December 15 ~ Our Lady of the Black Hills
Monday, December 19 ~ Blessed Sacrament

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

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 6808.88
Plate Collection	\$ 1097.36
Children's Collection	\$ 57.29
All Saints Day	\$ 30.00
Calvin Neiss Memorial	\$ 20.00
Facility Use Donation	\$ 145.00
Rent from House	\$ 650.00
Rent from In-residence priest	\$ 650.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 75.00
Christmas	\$ 55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 95.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 120.00
TOTAL	\$ 9803.53
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements \$ 211.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 89.00
Priest Retirement Aid	\$ 414.00
Retired Religious	\$ 35.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 11: Retirement Fund for Religious / General Fund

Dec. 18: General Fund **Dec. 25:** Holy Christmas / General Fund

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



Gift cards available from a variety of
places you love to shop (not just grocery stores)

Walmart/Sam's Club and Target and
Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market and Safeway and
Texas RoadHouse and RedLobster/Olive Garden and
Starbucks and Burger King and Menards and PetSmart
and BedBath&Beyond and Pizza Ranch

GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST!

Many more available upon request.... order yours today!
For every gift card purchased, you receive piece of mind knowing a
percentage of the money is helping the needy in our community.
Visit the 'We Care' table after mass or come into the Parish Office

The Giving Tree

We are changing the Giving Tree this year to include **MORE** of our parishioners!



We will be accepting gift cards to any place, in any amount, to distribute to our parishioners in need at Christmas **AND down the road.** See sheets with suggestions.

WE ARE ALSO HAVING A COMMUNITY FOOD & COLD-WEATHER ITEM DRIVE through the end of the year! Please bring your non-perishable food items, NEW socks, gloves, coats, hats and underwear to the Parish Center.

St. Therese Parish will again help support The Salvation Army ANGEL TREE this year. Gift Tags are available at all entrances! Please return your unwrapped gift for Salvation Army by Monday, December 12th.

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.

CANNED MEAT & TUNA, SOUPS, CRACKERS AND TOILET PAPER

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

Please place your items in box at either entrance! THANK YOU !!

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

After catching her five-year-old son Lucas trying to pull a fast one, his mother demanded, "Do you think I have idiot written on my forehead?" Lucas answered, "I don't know I can't read."

Thank you to Melanie Karp for your years of service to the Meals on Wheels Ministry and best of luck on your new position!!

So...St. Therese Meals-on-Wheels Team **SEEKING DRIVER or TEAM for the 2nd FRIDAY of the month!! If we get two drivers or teams we can switch off every other month!**

Also...We deliver on Fridays (Takes approximately an hour or so) and seeking people to learn our route (church area) and fill in if needed.

Please call Connie at 342-1556 for information!

AND THANK YOU to those volunteering:

Bob Ormesher, Karen Thorp, Del & Joann Solano, Milferd Best, Leona Best, Connie Lowe, Bobbi Bloom & Kay Pomeranke!

Meals on Wheels is such a wonderful program & you make it happen! You're a blessing!

~ 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

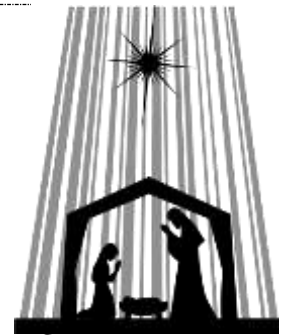
Saturday, December 24th

5:30 pm & 10 pm

Sunday, December 25th

9 am

11 am in New Underwood



Come, Let Us Adore Him

40 HOURS ADORATION

St. Therese, the Little Flower

17th Annual Celebration

Beginning Mass: Sunday, January 1st at 6:30 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

Seeking gift bags, gift tags and small gift items for the Santa Store at the annual St. Therese "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party to be held December 18.

Volunteers to wrap the gifts, too!



ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and 2 sons are with him. He asks for 2 witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak: "My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses. My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments over in the east end. My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the City Centre. Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river." The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have had all this property". The wife replies, "He had a paper route."

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS FROM PAIRIE MARKET & FAMILY THRIFT CENTER! We will send them in! For every \$150,000 in receipts, we receive \$1,000!!! Thank you!! -- St. Therese Youth

Dead Theologian Society – Grades 9 to 12 only will meet Sunday, **December 18th - 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Room 103** New members welcome!!!

Funeral Luncheon Ministry Chairpersons Needed!!

Matthew 5:4—Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
St. Therese is known for their willingness to prepare and serve a funeral luncheon to families following the funeral service of their loved one. This is the greatest gift of love and caring we can show our fellow parishioners during a difficult and sad time in their lives. Caring Chairpersons rotate on a monthly basis to make calls asking for food donations (casserole, salad, cake) and to line-up workers for the luncheons. You would be paired with an experienced person, so don't worry about the newness!! We invite you to be a part of this very important ministry which will eventually affect every family. Please call Renee Coldwell at 721-0808 to add your name to the list to provide food or update your “gift” to help call, set-up, serve and clean up after a meal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE
Grades PreK - 6th: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am
 Dec. 11, 18 Class (18th is Happy Birthday Jesus Party)
 Dec. 25, Jan. 1 NO Class (Christmas & New Years)
CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 5:30 pm ~ 7th Grade
6:30 – 8:30 pm ~ 8th grade +
 Dec. 11, 18 Class (18th is Christmas party)
 Dec. 25, Jan. 1 NO Class (Christmas & New Years)
Youth Connection: WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:30 pm (Grades 6-12)
 Dec. 14, 21 Group (21st is Christmas Party)

Yes! It's that time again!...
Steubenville of the Rockies for grades 9-12
June 22-25 in Denver, CO
Register TODAY!!! Deadline is Jan. 12th!
 CONTACT RITA DUPRES in the youth office
Total cost: \$390, includes conference, travel, lodging, t-shirt, most meals and Elitch Gardens.

Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?
CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD A social and spiritual group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 + The group offers a variety of programs and experiences that enrich its members socially, educationally, and spiritually. 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.
UPCOMING EVENTS:
 Tuesday, December 20 - Music Bingo at Thirsty's at 7pm
 Saturday, January 14 - Dine Out- Chili's at 5:30pm
 Friday, January 27 - Dine Out - Golden Phoenix @ 5pm
 Movie Nights – We can take in movies over the winter at Elks Theatre or Carmike on \$5 Tuesdays. Watch for emails!

Youth Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Kerry, June 8 to 19, 2017

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!!

~ Avon (40% of your order goes to youth!) ~ Qdoba cards for \$10 (\$140 value!) ~ Sponsorship wall for Italy in Parish Center How does it work? Simply take an envelope with a number on it. (This number is also the amount of your donation.) Then put that amount of donation inside, seal it and return to the office, either at Mass or during the week. *If you include your name, address and phone number we will bring you back a small gift from Italy which will be blessed at each of the most holy masses at churches and at the papal audience by our Holy Father Pope Francis.* Please see youth board for our destinations!


~ **BOOK SALE – See the books in Parish Center**
 ~ **PERKINS PIE SALE – Order form on Youth Board**
 See Rita, one of the youth going to Italy, or stop by the office!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!! By making this donation you are making it possible for us to go on this amazing pilgrimage!

Doing some holiday shopping? Gift cards make great gifts and you can get them in various denominations from a variety of stores and restaurants while helping the needy at the same time. Just visit the 'We Care' table after mass on weekends or come to the Parish Office during the week and we'll get you started. The sky is the limit!

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.

Share your gift of intercessory prayer & join the PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING We pray 3 Divine Mercy chaplets for those near the end of life. Volunteers are contacted by text or email and asked to pray from home or church. *Contact Patrick to join or request prayers. 569-1012 patdanflan@protonmail.com.*

Farewell Open House for Suzie Lambert
Tuesday, December 13th ~ 4 to 6 pm
Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Jerusalem Room
 Suzie has served in the Diocesan Finance Office for the past 27 years. *Best of luck Suzie!!!*

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 16th at 9 am** and then **3rd Friday** of every month. Call Nancy Sass at 348-5885 to schedule.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Welcome/Bienvenidos to our Bilingual Celebration Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Our celebrant will be Bishop Robert D. Gruss. *A reception will follow Mass in the Parish Hall. If you wish, you can bring a dessert to share.*



Through the month of December **BABY JESUS SHOWER** *For Birthright*

Baby Items only up to 12 months . . . newly and/or gently used. Outfits,

diapers, rattles, t-shirts & onesies, receiving blankets
Please place your Shower Gift in the box at both entrances! THANK YOU for helping babies!

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

~ ADVENT PARTY ~

Monday, December 12th at 6:30 pm

At St. Therese, the Little Flower

Members, please bring 2 cans of food for Church Response, \$5 for this year's charity (the St. Vincent de Paul Society) and a potluck dish.

We will have a very short meeting. Please plan to come and celebrate Advent together.

2016 Rapid City Right to Life Essay Contests

Topic: Why Are You Pro-Life?

Divisions are as follows:

Grades 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Prizes awarded for each division:

1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25 in each grade division

SEE THE YOUTH BOARD IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR ESSAY DETAILS!

Please contact Diane Ange at 721-3065 for more information.

Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

10th Annual Christmas Jail Program Wednesday December 21st. This year we are again seeking volunteers to help with our program. We are also asking for **donations of postage stamps** for the Christmas cards we will be giving the inmates. Donation boxes are available at the HFNL Display Shelves in the Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Therese. To volunteer for the Christmas program, or to learn more about our ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721) or Tony Galles (348-2301).**

Quilt Request When the retreat center opened, more than 150 beautiful quilts were donated for use in the 58 lodging rooms (or 114 beds) at Terra Sancta. The quilts truly add to the atmosphere of the retreat center and are an integral part of our guest experience. As we reach the completion of our 5th year of operation, a few of the quilts are showing some wear and tear. If you're interested helping us replenish our supply and or repair quilts that have been worn, please contact us at 605-716-0925 or email stay@terrasancta.org.

Kateri Conference seeking Donations

The National Kateri Tekakwitha Conference will be held in Rapid City, July 19-23, 2017. The local committee has several expenses associated with hosting hundreds of attendees. Conference organizers are seeking donations and memorials to help with conference expenses: youth activities, transportation, hotel rooms and speaker honorariums, equipment rental, 1st aid supplies, and more. Please send donations to Kateri Conference, Dcn. Marlon Leneagh, Treasurer, Diocese of Rapid City, PO Box 678, Rapid City, SD 57709. He can be contacted at 605-343-3541 or mleneaghsr@diocrc.org. (See also page 19, November, *West River Catholic*)

New SVDP Thrift Outlet

Following the success of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Spearfish, the Society has opened a SVDP Thrift Outlet in Box Elder as of Dec. 1. All funds generated are used for ministry to the poor. The Outlet store will be a unique place to shop as everything is sold by the pound. The store will also carry low cost mattresses as well as furniture items, which will be individually priced. The new location is off I-90, Exit 63, at 640 Box Elder Rd. W. The store is accepting donations of clothing and household items. *To have furniture or large items picked up call 605-791-0707. Store hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Sunday.*

ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS!

Join the Diocese March for Life 2017

January 24 – 28, 2017

Join us for a trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the Pro-life Rally and March for Life on Friday, January 27th. We depart at approximately 9 pm on Tuesday, participate in the Youth Rally and March on Thursday and Friday, and arrive back in Rapid City late on Saturday night. Cost \$450 (includes travel and hotel). Meals not included. Registration forms available from your parish youth minister OR contact Randy Vette for more information:

rvette@diocrc.org or 716-5214 ext. 228

Ultreya Christmas Party

Grand *Ultreya* Christmas party will be on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3-6 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall in Custer. Your families, including children are always welcome at *Ultreya* potlucks. The afternoon will begin with an *Ultreya*, (sing, pray & witness.) Caroling in the neighborhood at 4 p.m., potluck dinner 5 p.m. — roast turkey and beverages will be provided. There will be two places to meet for car-pooling: Rapid City, Blessed Sacrament Church parking lot, call Bob Melvin at 484-0324. Rapid City, Cathedral Our Lady of Perpetual Help parking lot, call Cammy Brechtel at 381-9299. Meet at 1:45 p.m. Questions please call Cathy or Jim Brickey at 673-4741.

Terra Sancta Offers Special Rates

Come away and rest in God this Advent and Christmas season at Terra Sancta Retreat Center ... our gift to you is a discounted rate for our family style lodging rooms! These rooms feature two queen size beds and a private bath — peaceful and quiet, beautiful views of the wooded hillside and minutes from downtown Rapid City. Stay with us Dec. 15-31 for just \$75 per night per room, including tax! Make your reservation on-line at <http://terrasancta.org/christmas-lodging-2016/> or call us at 605-716-0925.

Job Opportunity Diocese of Rapid City

Due to continued growth, applications are being accepted for a full time **Accounting Clerk** in the Parish Financial Services Accounting Office. Applicants should possess high level of accuracy and attention to details. Education, training, and/or experience in the accounting field are desired. Submit a letter of application and a resume to:

Accounting Manager, PO Box 678, Rapid City SD 57709-0678

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

For info. on the following ministries, call FLM, 716-5214 x236

Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged is a weekend getaway, held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, for engaged couples to deepen their relationship with each other and with God by exploring the Catholic Church's vision of marriage. The next retreat dates are: **January 13-15; February 10-12; March 10-12, April 28-30.** Please register on-line at www.WestRiverHeart2Heart.com. Additional dates are available online. Please note that retreats will be closed to registration once full, and payment does not have to be made on the date of registration, so early registration is recommended, especially if your options are limited. For more information, contact Amy at Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x 236 or ajulian@diorc.org. *Please note: Because this retreat is such a powerful preparation for the sacrament of marriage, attendance at a "Heart to Heart" Weekend Retreat is a requirement for couples doing marriage preparation in the Diocese of Rapid City.*

NFP, Good for your Body, Great for your Soul The next *Natural Family Planning Seminars* will be offered on: **Saturday, January 28, 2017—St. Therese, Rapid City & Saturday, February 18, 2017—Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City** The NFP Seminars are required for all couples planning to marry in the Diocese of Rapid City, however they are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning. NFP provides an all-natural morally acceptable way to plan your family or to monitor the health of your fertility, and can also aid in strengthening marriages. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the theology behind the use of NFP, a witness couple discussing the effect of NFP on their marriage, and the basics of one of the many sound, scientific methods of NFP currently available today. *Please note that the NFP requirement for marriage preparation is met with this seminar. There is no NFP presentation at the Heart to Heart Engaged Couples Retreat Weekend. Couples need to sign up for both the NFP Seminar and The Heart to Heart Weekend.* For more information or to register, contact Amy at 716-5214 x 236, ajulian@diorc.org.

"HEAL YOUR GRIEF" Bereavement Support Group is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Join us for the winter session starting on Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 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 Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214.

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 winter session starts at 7:00pm on January 19th at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams St, Rapid City. The 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 x 236.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PUBLIC PROTEST

Every Friday from 4-5 by the statue of Abraham Lincoln on the corner of 9th and Main to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

January Bishop's Luncheon cancelled

The January 2017 Bishop's Luncheon has been cancelled. The next Bishop's Luncheon is Friday, February 3, 2017, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City. Mass is at 11:15 a.m. Lunch follows Mass in the Cathedral Hall, price \$6, proceeds benefit the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Newman Center.

Human Trafficking

Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. Remember those who are bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, Website: sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

Walking the Christian Prayer Labyrinth

Advent and Christmas are a time for deep prayer and presence with our Savior. Walking our Christian Prayer Labyrinth offers a unique prayer opportunity that involves our body, mind, and spirit. Come walk the labyrinth at Terra Sancta in the quiet and beauty. This is a self-led walk with stations of prayer along the way emphasizing the four Sundays in Advent and coming to the center where we experience the joy of Christmas. It is as if we're walking with the Shepherds and Kings yet on our own journey to see the Babe! You may come anytime between 8 a.m.-4 p.m., on Dec. 27-30 to walk the indoor labyrinth; Advent Prayer pamphlets are available throughout December at the main desk, if you'd like to walk the Outdoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth. Bring your family and friends and pray together in the silence.

SAVE THE DATE: Mother/Daughter HIGH TEA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH at 2 pm

St. Therese Church Hall

Catholic Daughters will host. All ladies/daughters, (members & non-members) are invited. Mark your calendars! It will be lots of fun and "oh, si e'le'gant!"
Details to follow.

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