December 13, 2020

Month of The Divine Infancy

St. John's The Evangelist Catholic Church

New Underwood, SD 57761



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Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9 Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 Mt 21:28-32 Wednesday Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25 Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Lk 7:18b-23 Thursday Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:3-4,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17 Friday Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25 Saturday Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17 Lk 1:5-25 Sunday 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27-29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

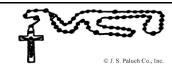
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: St. Lucy

Monday: St. John of the Cross Tuesday: St. Mary Di Rosa Wednesday: St. Ado of Vienne Thursday: St. Olympias

Friday: St. Rufus Saturday: St. Nemesius





Please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the rosary each Sunday beginning at 10:25 a.m.

WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

New Parishioners:

Frank & Laura MOSER, and Bryce, Mitchell & Ryan

Father Bill Zandri has moved!

His new address is: Casa Maria, 12541 Sturgis Rd. Piedmont, SD 57769

Please pick up your envelopes at the back of the church! You can also donate online at

www.sainttheresechurch.org

Click the (Donate Now) button. Thank you!!



"If you are really humble, if you realize how small you are and how small you are and how much you need God, then you cannot fail."

FOOD Thought

 ${\scriptstyle \sim}$ Mother Teresa, ${\it Do\, Something\, Beautiful\, for\, God}$



Happy Birthday:

Fr. Kerry Prendiville: 12/13! Michael Farland: 12/20!

Please add Bud Ireland, Landri Jane Heath, Casey Stangle & Les Heinrich to your prayers.



BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Les Arney, JoAnn Bjork, Rich Bloom,
Remi Brunson, Kristi Tines Cihak,
Lana Dacar, Landri Jane Heath,
Les Heinrich, Amy Huether, Bud Ireland,
Keith Karp, Kenny Matt, Sue Rosellas,

Jackie Sanchez, Jeannie Sonnenfeld,

Marina Spitzer, Casey Stangle, Rosalie Stangle

All names will remain on the list until otherwise requested. If you would like to add anyone to the prayer list and/or contribute any information to the church bulletin, please contact Connie Heeren at (605) 342-1556, ext. 10 or e-mail: cheeren@diorc.org. Please provide all submissions each week by noon on Wednesday. Thanks!

Sunday Readings BIBLE STUDY



Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME! No prior knowledge is expected or required and there is no study required outs ide of our time together. Until the hall is completed, we will meet at the home of Brett & Shawna Hanson, 15442 Hwy 14/16.

God our Father. Mary our Mother.
Please end the pandemic.
Celebrate your Son's birth on Christmas.
Amen. (from Mary K.)





ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Thursday, December 17 ~ 4 to 7 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament

& EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3 to 4 PM & 5:30 pm AND SUNDAY at 6:30 pm AT ST. THERESE

Local TV Mass *KNBN (NBC)*

SATURDAYS ~ 4:30 pm & SUNDAYS ~ 7 am Or on their website newscenter1.tv

O Come All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24th
7 pm
4 pm & 10 pm at St. Therese

Friday, December 25th
11 am
9 am at St. Therese



<u>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS</u> Court St. Rita #916 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

ADVENT PARTY at St. Therese on Monday, December 14th **at 6:30 pm.** All members are asked to bring 5.00 for a charity, and <u>small</u>! items for home visit bags. Ex: small lotion, shampoo/conditioner, hand sanitizer, small packages of tissue, candy bars, dish cloths or washcloths, toothbrush/toothpaste. There will be no potluck or gifts/door prizes this year, but we will have games for our entertainment and fellowship. Please plan to attend this celebration in preparation for Christmas. See you Dec. 14th. Please wear your mask. Thank you.

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Friends.

Today on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Pope Francis issued a letter commemorating the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX naming St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church. It is a deeply personal reflection by Pope Francis about the legal father of Jesus for our times. About these Covid times Pope Francis says, "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet, and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all. "

I believe Francis is giving special thanks to all those who are on the front lines of fighting the pandemic, but also a word of encouragement to everyone who longs for life to return to normal. It has been a long haul. I still speak to many who are hurting from the divisiveness of the recent national election and desire people to come together in peace. I think of all our desires when I read this excerpt from the motu proprio: "Just as God told Joseph: "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20), so he seems to tell us: "Do not be afraid!" We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage. In this way, we become open to a deeper meaning."

The whole document is available at www.vatican.va. I encourage this beautiful spiritual reading for your preparation for Christmas.

Happy Advent,

Tr. Kerry Prendiville

Have family and friends visiting from out of town?

Need a place to stay or gather during the Christmas season? Consider Terra Sancta Retreat Center! In addition to large gathering spaces, we have discounted lodging November 25 through December 31. Just \$75 per night for a family style room featuring two queen size beds with a private bath. Lodging guests have access to our guest kitchen, chapels, hiking trails, quiet and peaceful surroundings. Make your reservation online at http://terrasancta.org/ChristmasLodging or contact us at stay@terrasancta.org (or call 605-716-0925.

NEW TO ST. JOHN'S? Be sure to pick up a new member form and return it to the church. If you have any questions, contact Rosalie at 605-993-3137.