

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 18 - 24

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

MONDAY 7:30 am Jim Vandeberg +
 TUESDAY 7:30 am Gary Gross +
 WEDNESDAY 9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan – New Underwood
 THURSDAY 7:30 am Mike Vandeberg +
 FRIDAY 7:30 am Anne Vandeberg +
4th Sunday of Advent
 SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Anna & Leonard Kuehn +
 SUNDAY 9:00 am – Parishioners
Christmas
 SUNDAY 5 pm – William O. Campbell +
 10 pm – Ken Lovik + & Pete Nold +
 MONDAY 9 am – Paul Heinz +

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Wednesday, December 25 William O. Campbell +
Fr. Bill Zandri – 2:30 pm

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25
 Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25
 Wednesday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45
 Friday 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-7,8abcd Lk 1:46-56
 Saturday Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66
 Sunday 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 23 & 24

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Carolyn Gross (S only), Kathy Houston (S), Dcn Chuck Rausch, Dcn. John Steffen, Ivan & Darlene Davignon, John Mowry, Marcia Zacher **Lectors:** LouElla Vifquain, Mike McNamara **Ushers:** Mac Coldwell, Michael & Sarah Crook, Jim Treloar **Gift Bearers:** Schuch Family **Altar Servers:** Rebecca Theis, Matthew Theis

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Emily Brodeur (S only), Joann Solano (S), Holly Bossen, Kathy Grebner, Paul Schneider, Del Solano, Mark Vedder **Lectors:** Judee Popken, Dik Dahlquist **Ushers:** Bob Heidkerken, Clint Jolley, Joe Martin, Randy Rapp **Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken Family **Altar Servers:** John Auriemma, Johanna Auriemma, Abigail Popken, Noah Popken

SUN. NO 5:30 MASS – CHRISTMAS MASS AT 5 PM

Christmas Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 24 & 25

SUN. 5 pm E.M.: NEEDED (S), Diane Dahl, Ray & Mary Wagner, Tim & Paula Shull, 4 NEEDED for basement overflow **Lectors:** Lori Ashley, Nadine Zeller **Ushers:** MANY NEEDED
Gift Bearers: NEEDED **Altar Servers:** John Auriemma, Johanna Auriemma

SUN. 10 pm E.M.: NEEDED (S), Ellen McGuigan, Paul Schneider, Mark Vedder, ONE NEEDED **Lectors:** Deanna Johnson **Ushers:** NEEDED
Gift Bearers: NEEDED **Altar Servers:** NEEDED

MON. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.

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

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THINGS FOR THE
 CRAFT & BAKE SALE! A special thanks to St. Anthony's**

Circle & Mary's Circle for running it.

Together we made \$369.50!

\$105.50 Crafts

\$414 (-\$150 donation to STM Mission Trip) Bake Sale



**Thank
 YOU!**



O Come All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday, December 24th

5 pm & 10 pm

Monday, December 25th

9 am

11 am in New Underwood

Come, Let Us Adore Him

40 HOURS

ADORATION

St. Therese, the Little Flower

18th 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

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

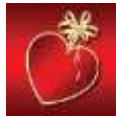
Get the weekly bulletin and
 other information here!!

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 Carlbom, 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, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Millie Oreshoski, Pat Osburn, Donald Pазie, 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, Jean Wallman, Eileen Walters, Marjorie Walton, Janet Werner, Larry Wetsch, Diane Wilkinson
 Thank you for the continued prayers for Bob Mercer & Patty Van Horn

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

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 **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.

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie says she found the perfect weight-loss system. She converted to the metric system and lost half her weight in just seconds. 😊

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.



All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

GENERAL FUND: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 5313.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1219.10
Children's Collection	\$ 108.39
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1208.77
Gifts & Donations	\$ 1158.55
Christmas	\$ 1030.00
Calvin Neiss Memorial	\$ 50.00
Rent from In Residence priest	\$ 650.00
Copier Maintenance-KC's	\$ 50.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 126.00
TOTAL	\$10913.81

Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements \$ 380.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 120.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 157.00
Retired Religious	\$1326.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

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!

Knights of Columbus 5th Annual **BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Meadowood Lanes ~ January 27th

Registration starts at 1 pm (Pre-registration encouraged)

1:30 pm start ~ \$80 entry for 4 person team

CASH PRIZES/DOOR PRIZES/ STRIKE POT & MORE!

Proceeds to "Coats for Kids" **Put a team together and come join the fun!!! Questions or to sign up, call 381-6027.**



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 a Applebees, 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 PINNACLE 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 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**



Faithful Citizenship One of the salient features of the modern world is the growing interdependence of men one on the other, a development promoted chiefly by modern technical advances. Nevertheless brotherly dialogue among men does not reach its perfection on the level of technical progress, but on the deeper level of interpersonal relationships. These demand a mutual respect for the full spiritual dignity of the person. Christian revelation contributes greatly to the promotion of this communion between persons, and at the same time leads us to a deeper understanding of the laws of social life which the Creator has written into man's moral and spiritual nature.

[from Gaudium et Spes] http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii

~ 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.

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

At the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. "I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves..." The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?" The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain." The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked. A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask, "Why is the male brain so much more?" The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used."

Rejoice; never cease praying. Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Grades PreK - 5th: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am

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

**CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 6:30 pm ~ 7th Grade
(Includes Mass)**

Dec. 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. 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 or 605-939-0579, or ReturningCatholics.net. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

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: Sunday, Dec. 17, 9:15-10:15 a.m.; or Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7-8 p.m.

"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

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

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

A blonde guy was screaming into an envelope. I asked him what he was doing and he replied, "I'm sending a voice-mail duhhhhhh!"

Sounds of the Season at Holy Cross Chapel

Join us during Saturday, Dec. 23 for Christmas Taizè Prayer Service at 7 pm in Holy Cross Chapel.

Taizè uses repetitive songs, scripture readings and silence to draw closer to the Lord.

Christian Prayer Labyrinth at Terra Sancta

Monday, Dec. 18 through Friday, Dec. 22 ~ 8 am – 4 pm
Open Dec. 22 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26 – Thursday,
Dec. 28 from 8 am – 4 pm. *The labyrinth is symbolic of our journey here on earth and is simply a tool to nurture prayer. The earliest records of a Christian prayer labyrinth are at a basilica in Algeria in the 3rd century. The Chartres Labyrinth was constructed in the stone floor of the Chartres Cathedral in France about 1201 AD. Medieval Christians pilgrimaged to Chartres and other European Cathedrals as an alternative to walking the dangerous and expensive pilgrimage to Jerusalem. When they entered the cathedrals, they walked the labyrinth (usually in stone on the floor of each cathedral) as their last steps of their pilgrimage. Based upon stories and drawings from that time, medieval monks may have entered the labyrinth during Lent on their hands and knees as a sign of penitence, and pilgrims may have danced on the labyrinth to celebrate Christ's resurrection at Easter time. We walk the labyrinth today as a tool to enhance prayer, contemplation, relieve stress, and for personal growth. Booklets to guide you through this process are available.*

Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

Bringing Christmas to the Marginalized and Forgotten

As we approach the holy season of Christmas, Our Lord Jesus reminds us to share love and hope with those less fortunate than ourselves including the inmates of Pennington County Jail. While the thought of spending the holidays locked away from loved ones is hard to comprehend for most of us, it is a sad fact for over 600 men and women in the county jail. For over 11 years, our ministry has endeavored to bring "Hope For New Life" to the inmates not only at Christmas, but every Wednesday of the year. This year's HFNL Jail Ministry's Christmas Program will take place on Wednesday December 20. We will be singing Christmas carols and distributing gift bags of candy and Holy cards to all the inmates. Please include in your Christmas prayers the inmates and their families and loved ones and ask God's special blessing for them. What better way this holiday season to be a witness to Our Lord's love to the world? We continue to seek donations of puzzles, Christmas cards, and paperback books for the inmates. Donation boxes are available at the HFNL Display Shelves in the Parish Center. To learn more about our jail ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)**. You are always welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

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 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 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 – 605-348-1477

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, February 17th

Mini-Retreat for all men & women

Hosted by the Catholic Daughters

This is a one day retreat at St. Therese Church Hall beginning at 8am with coffee and rolls. Our retreat director will be our chaplain, Rev. Kerry Prendiville and is open to the public-men and women. The mini-retreat and lunch will be provided free of charge. Additional details to follow.

Men in Black Basketball Game

The men in black are back! Join us Monday, January 29, 2018 at St. Thomas More High School. Community dinner will begin at 5 p.m. Tip-off for the game between the priests and students will begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome for this no charge event. The night will be a great opportunity for fellowship and entertainment. For more information visit gods-call.org or contact the Office of Vocations at 716-5214. A free will offering to benefit the Office of Vocations and Mission Jamaica Team will be taken and a Men In Black basketball signed by our priests will be auctioned off.

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. For information, call Amy at 605-716-5214 ext 236 or email 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.

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.