

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 19 - 25

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	– Martha Glissendorf +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	– Rose Justice +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass at Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY	7:30 am	– Gordon Milam +
FRIDAY	7:30 am	– Mike J. Vandeberg +
Christmas		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	-- Parishioners
	10 pm	– Ken Lovik +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	– Special new Born Babies
	NO 5:30 pm	

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Wednesday, December 21	Thomas Baye +
<i>By Fr. Prendiville – Good Samaritan Center, New Underwood – 9:30 am</i>	
Thursday, December 22	William O. Campbell +
<i>By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm</i>	
Sunday, December 25	William O. Campbell +
<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	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a	Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17	Lk 1:5-15
Tuesday	Is 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Sg 2:8-14	Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21	Lk 1:39-45
Thursday	1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8	Lk 1:46-56	
Friday	Mal 3:1-4,23-24	Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14	Lk 1:57-66
Saturday	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16	Ps 89:2-5,27,29	Lk 1:67-79
Sunday	Is 52:7-10	Ps 98:1-6	Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Faithful Citizenship

Family: The domestic church, the foundation of society, a communion of persons called to reflect the life of the Trinity. The behaviors that exemplify this value include but are not limited to the following:

- † We will pray as families and for families.
- † As family members, we will pray to Jesus for an openness to our Catholic Faith.
- † We will support and promote the Church's understanding of marriage and family life.

<http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/priority-plan>

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Paula Welch Co-chair: Diane Ange

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 24 & 25

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Julie Heintz, Diane Dahl (S) Diane Wilkinson, Bob & Kay Olson, Ralph & Rita Dupres, 2 NEEDED **Lector:** Kevin & Chris Hittle **Ushers:** NEEDED **Gift Bearers:** NEEDED **Altar Servers:** Johanna Auriemma, John Auriemma

SAT. 10pm E.M.: Ginny DeJager, Jean French (S) Paul Schneider, Beth Paris, Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Ellen McGuigan **Lector:** Deanna Johnson, Evan Sand **Ushers:** Kent French **Gift Bearers:** Beth Paris & Family **Altar Servers:** Sarah Johnson, Cooper Sand, Joshua French

SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE 4th Degree KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.

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

CHRISTMAS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th

5:30 pm

(Bring the Christ Child from your Nativity to be blessed!)

And 10 pm

Sunday, December 25th

9 am

11 am in New Underwood



Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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'!



THANK YOU TO ST. ANTHONY'S CIRCLE & the Cuka Family and

Thank you to all who brought & bought goodies for the Annual

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE!

Together, we made \$420.65 for Families in Need!

You are truly a blessing!

Please add BOB MERCER 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, 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 for the continued prayers for Vern Goetz +

Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a priest or religious. (Isaiah 7:10-14)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION
SERVICES at 7 pm**

Monday, December 19 ~ Blessed Sacrament

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



**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!**

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

A young mother was having an awful time trying to get her squirming 6-year-old to be quiet during church. Halfway through the sermon she had an idea. She leaned over and whispered to her son, "If you don't hush up and listen, the pastor is going to lose his place and have to start his sermon all over again!"

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

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 6834.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1155.18
Children's Collection	\$ 139.39
Copier Maintenance - KC's	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 891.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 82.36
TOTAL	\$ 9171.93
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 350.33
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 45.00
Priest Retirement Aid	\$ 200.00
Retired Religious	\$ 453.27
Families in Need	\$ 1000.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 18: General Fund **Dec. 25:** Holy Christmas / General Fund
DEC.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

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.

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!

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. Please hand in gifts and gift cards by December 19th.

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 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.

CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED MEAT, SOUPS & DEODORANT ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

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

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

"Be productive. Just don't be repeat it or you'll just be reproductive."

"The great thing about gingerbread men is that each one is a new chance to bite somebody's head off."



**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!

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

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, "Jesus knows you're here." He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard "Jesus is watching you." Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot. "Yep", the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you that he is watching you." The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?" "Moses," replied the bird. "Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?" "The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

**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 Pomerence!

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.**

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. 18 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. 18 Christmas party
 Dec. 25, Jan. 1 NO Class (Christmas & New Years)

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

Dec. 21 Christmas party
 Dec. 28 NO Group - Christmas

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- Chil'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!

☺ BONUS LAUGH ☺

I was at the post office when I saw a blonde guy screaming into an envelope. I asked him what he was doing and he replied, "I'm sending a voice-mail, duhh!"

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.

Christmas Taizè Service –

Friday, December 23 at 7pm in Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta Retreat Center

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 mleneagh@diocrc.org. (See also page 19, November, *West River Catholic*)

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 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 info., contact Amy at Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x 236 or ajulian@diocrc.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* 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@diocrc.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.

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.