

MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 21 - 27

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

MONDAY	7:30 am – Special Intention 5:30 pm – DJ DeJager
TUESDAY	7:30 am – Gordon Milam +
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am – Special Intention
THURSDAY	7:30 am – Rebecca Rencountre + Christmas
THURSDAY	5:30 pm – Joe Engelhardt + 10:00 pm – Ken Lovik +
FRIDAY	9:00 am – William O. Campbell + The Holy Family
SATURDAY	5:30 pm – United States of America
SUNDAY	9:00 am – Don Brunner + 5:30 pm – Alois & Donna Krebs +

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Thursday, December 14	Anne R. Vandenberg + <i>By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm</i>
Friday, December 25	Mike J. Vandenberg + <i>By Fr. Zandri – St. John's in New Underwood – 11 am</i>
Sunday, December 27	Special Intention <i>By Fr. Zandri – St. John's in New Underwood – 11 am</i>

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8d Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4-5b,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Lk 1:67-70
Friday	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
Saturday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17 Mt 10:17-22
Sunday	1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 Ps 84:2-3,5-10 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Christmas Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 24 & 25

THUR. 5:30 pm EM: Julie Heintz, Diane Dahl (S) Mary Ann Ries, Pat Guertman, Paul Schneider, Diane Wilkinson, Joe Zacher, 2 needed Lector: Kevin & Kris Hittle Ushers: Dick Cuka, Michael & Sarah Crook, 1-3 needed Gift Bearers: Needed Altar Servers: Elena Tillett, Harley Tillett
THUR. 10 pm EM: Jean French, Chris VanCleave (S) Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Jan Winegar, Ellen McGuigan, Mark Vedder, 2 needed Lector: Lynn Loomer, Deanna Johnson Ushers: Bill & Jan Winegar, Kent French, Michael French Gift Bearers: Kati French, Rachael French, Jacob French, 1 needed Altar Servers: Joshua French, Sarah Johnson
FRI. 9 am All Ministries by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 26 & 27

SAT. 5:30 pm EM: Bob & Kay Olson (S) Jeff Cook, Pat Guertman, Ellen McGuigan, Patty Fritzie, Joe Zacher Lector: Kevin & Kris Hittle Ushers: Tim & Paula Shull, Fred & Paula Welsch Gift Bearers: Jim & Roxie Quintus Altar Servers: Matthew Theis, Abby Wagner, Arin Wagner, Karen Witcraft
SUN. 9 am EM: Ginny DeJager, John Rapp (S) Ralph & Rita Dupres, Kelly Heintz, Del & Joann Solano Lector: Judee Popken, Jean French Ushers: Dean Hade, Clint Jolley, Billy Schneider, Paul Schneider Gift Bearers: Joe & Gayle Martin, Joshua French Altar Servers: Noah Popken, Abigail Popken, Connor Vernon, Brock Williamson
SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris Bossen (S) Deacon Rausch, Greg Rausch Lector: Tony Berendse, Nancy Palmer Ushers: Chuck Bossen, 1 needed, Bill & Jan Winegar Gift Bearers: Matt & Kati Skinner Family Altar Servers: Max Bossen, Patrick Bossen, Max Edelen, Seth Edelen

THANK YOU!!!!!!!



Thank you for all the donations and shoppers at the Christmas Bake Sale! And thanks to St. Anthony's Circle for hosting! What a wonderful success!

== The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

December 25 is just around the corner. Please refer to the bulletin for the schedule of Masses for both St. Therese and St. John in New Underwood. Let us hope and pray that as the world remembers the birth of the Prince of Peace, that the world will experience that peace. Many people from both parishes are working hard to make our Christmas celebrations a meaningful experience. A great deal of work was, is, and will be done for the parishes and we are grateful for all their work. As we begin to celebrate the Anniversary of the birth of the Lord, let us give thanks to God His Father and our Father, for all the people in our lives. Merry Christmas to one and all!

Rest In Peace

Leota Sidel

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

"Thank you!" to all who so generously showed their "little way" of sharing His love this blessed season through The Giving Tree!



We in the office are so touched by our parish's generosity towards others. It is truly a gift to us to be able to experience the recipient's joy and genuine gratitude at receiving your "gifts". You are truly a wonderful blessing. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Please add MEG KRAUSE to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Wendlin Baumgartner, Shirley Black, Betty Bossen, Brittany, Kellee Callender, Darwin Coats, Jr., Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Ed Davis, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Dick & Diane Fraser, Haven Garrett, Vern Goetz, Leo Grebner, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, Harold & Judy Hansen, Sue Hayden, Rosemary Huggins, Stephanie Johnson, Jim Kampa, Kaylan King, Arlene Kingsley, Meg Krause, Melanie Lewis, Sharon Long, Josh Magbuhat, Margaret, Susan McFadden, Melani, Steve Miller, Calvin Neiss, Ann O'Connell, Ron Oney, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Joyce Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, Kathleen & Larry Riehle, John Radziwon, Steve Rumbaugh, Carla Sandifer, Sand Family, Eileen Sauer, Dc. Beau Schumacher, Dixie Shreves, Mary Swanson, Austin Trask, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Rose Wickenheiser, Betty Wilson, Carolyn Wise, Unborn Palmer Twins, Bernadette Zander, Darlys Zeller, John Zeller

Thank you for the continued prayers for Leota Sidel +, Bob Taylor +, Cathy Robinet & Bonnie Palmer

Rest In Peace

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CONGRATULATIONS Mr. and Mrs.

Patrick & Justyce (Radspinner) OLIVER

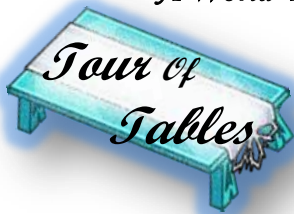
on your marriage, December 11, 2015

Praying you live joyfully ever after with God and each other.



Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Diane Dahl Co-Chairperson: Diane Ange



*A World Youth Day Luncheon Fundraiser
Coming to St. Therese
January 16th, 2016*

*You won't want to miss it!
Mark your calendars!
Details coming soon!*

A WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain." His wife asked, "How do you know?" He replied, "Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

**Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Meadowood Lanes January 16th**

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.**



The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 7401.88
Plate Collection	\$ 2623.27
Children's Collection	\$ 95.72
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1281.00
Deacon Claude Sauer Memorial	\$ 500.00
Adult Education Book	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 77.00
TOTAL	\$12008.87
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 402.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 205.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 250.00
Retired Religious	\$ 349.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 20: General Fund **Dec. 25:** Christmas **Dec. 27:** General Fund
DEC.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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

PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS hosted by the KC's



Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm
EVERYONE WELCOME!! Bring a friend (if you want) !!



**CHRISTMAS
CAROLS**

9:30 pm Christmas Eve
**Come early to the 10 pm Mass and
join in raising our voices to welcome the Newborn King!**

Christmas Mass Schedule

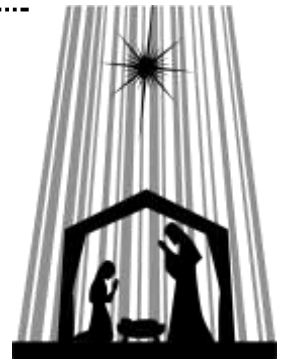
Thursday, December 24th

5:30 pm & 10 pm

Friday, December 25th

9 am

11 am in New Underwood



**CANNED MEAT, SWEET POTATOES,
CANNED FRUIT AND JELLO**

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

MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon:
WINTER CLOTHING up to size 6

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



NOW THROUGH DECEMBER!!

BABY JESUS SHOWER

**0-12 MONTH "GIFTS" FOR
BIRTHRIGHT**

*Please place all items in the cradle "manger" at
either entrance.*

Mary set out in haste, carrying the good news of God's great love. Wherever you go today, take God with you. (Luke 1:39-45)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Attention students in 8th – 12th grades!
STEUBENVILLE SIGN UPS ARE RIGHT NOW!!!

Thirst, June 24-26, in Denver, CO! Seats are going fast, so we have to sign up today to reserve our spots!!! See Rita or the Youth Board for details. Fund raising available, so don't let the cost keep you from going!!

Attention all Volunteer Drivers, we are instructed by the diocese to watch the Safe Driver Video if we transport kids &/or parishioners. This entails getting a user ID and new password. The website to go to is www.catholicmutual.org. You will receive a certification of completion, please file a copy with Rita in the Youth Office for reference. If you need assistance, please contact the office. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Grades PreK - 7th: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am

Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3 NO Class - Christmas

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 6:30 – 8:30 pm:

Dec. 20 Christmas Party
Dec. 27, Jan. 3 NO Class - Christmas

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

Dinner is served, and fun activities are happening!

6th -12th grade!!! Please join us

Dec. 23, 30 No Group – Christmas Break
Jan. 6 Family POTLUCK – Bring a dish or two to share and come enjoy the evening!!

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

A blonde woman is driving down the road when she notices she's low on gas, so she stops at a gas station. While she's pumping her gas, she notices that she locked the keys in the car. So when she goes inside to pay, she asks the attendant for a hanger so that she can attempt to open the door herself. She returns outside and begins to jimmy the lock. Ten minutes later, the attendant comes out to see how the blonde is faring. Outside the car, the blonde is moving the hanger around and around while another blonde inside the car is saying, "A little more to the left...a little more to the right!..."

Come, Let Us Adore Him 40 HOURS ADORATION

St. Therese, the Little Flower

16th Annual Celebration

**Beginning Mass: Sunday,
December 27th 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, December 29th at 10:30 am

Mass on the 29th will be followed by a CELEBRATION

BACK TO BASICS with Father Bill

WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm NEW book, only \$5!

Get in office or at class! (even if you don't come to class).

Come one, or all Wednesdays... let's get back to basics!



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm

Even if we speak with a low voice, even if we whisper without opening the lips, even if we call to him only from the depths of the heart, our unspoken word always reaches God and God always hears.

— St. Clement of Alexandria

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing and what better way to do that than purchasing 'We Care Gift Cards'! You can help the needy AND get your holiday shopping done at the same time!!! They're available for many area stores including Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, & Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market and they're good for all kinds of things like clothes, toys, music and even gasoline! Come by our table after mass or visit the ladies in the parish office. You'll be glad you did!

~ 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 Anne Pozorski at 721-1229.



You can now get Father Kari's CD in the office!

"Father Kari's Favorites"

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!*

Drawing for Pie & Coffee with Bishop Gruss

I would like to invite you to consider taking part in our third online survey, which is on hospitality. I value your insights and opinions. Please use the computer link listed below. From those who respond to the survey, I will randomly draw the names of 50 individuals or a combination of couples and individuals to total 50 people who will be invited to a gathering with me for coffee and pie on Saturday, January 30, at Terra Sancta. *Surveys must be completed and submitted no later than January 19* to qualify for the drawing. Thank you for helping me shape the future of our lives together as faithful stewards by living lives of hospitality, faith, and discipleship in our Catholic way of life.

— **Bishop Robert Gruss**

Survey can be found online at: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/stewardship

And ONE MORE FUNNY...from Father Bill

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (*Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.*) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!" *Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one*

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 Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City. For more information contact Greg Sass at gsass@diorc.org or 605-939-0579, or visit ReturningCatholics.net NO charge & pre-registration not required.

Christmas Taizé ~ Monday, December 21st ~ 7 pm

Join us for a celebration of Christmas through song, scripture and silence. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparation, this is a chance to rest in God's love. The simple and beautiful melodies and prayerful silence nurture our heart and soul and lead us into a deeper relationship with our Emmanuel, God with us! Taizé is always ecumenical and all are welcome. Bring your families and friends. Questions? Call Sandi Ohlen at 341-1078.

Christian Prayer Labyrinth ~ All are welcome!

Need time to get away from busy-ness & distractions to become centered on the true reason for Christmas? Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ using an indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The labyrinth will be available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily December 15-31 (excluding December 24-26). Prayer guides are available.

Calling All Cursillistas "Your Next Step Workshop,"

Saturday, Jan. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to be held at St. John Parish Center, Custer, S.D. For more information call Hugh Brechtel at 605-519-2579 or email RC_Cursillo@outlook.com

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD The Office of Vocations would like to invite the women of our diocese to join us in our Spiritual Motherhood Group, according to the invitation of the Congregation for the Clergy, who asked women everywhere to consider serving as "Spiritual Mothers" to priests. This would include a commitment to prayer and offerings for the priests of our diocese, who greatly need our prayers and spiritual support. We invite the women of our diocese to join us at **Our Lady of the Black Hills in Piedmont, January 8, 2016 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.** At this gathering we will provide more information about what a commitment to Spiritual Motherhood means, we will pray together, share stories, and have a light supper. Please join us! Please RSVP to Shawna Hanson, Office of Vocations and Stewardship at shanson@diorc.org or 716-5214 ext. 233, by January 4th, in order to get a count for the dinner. If you cannot attend, but would like to be a part of this, please contact the office.

The position of part-time cook is available at St. Martin Monastery which might include some weekends. For further information call or email Sister Florence, 343-8011 srfloemcman@aol.com

The 40 Film is coming to Rapid City on January 17!

40 is a powerful pro-life documentary film that takes on the heated issue of abortion in our nation that refuses to go away. Is abortion merely a religious or political issue or is it the most important fundamental human rights issue of our times? 40 features inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews with champions of the pro-life movement. The film also addresses some of the strongest arguments for the pro-choice position countered by pro-life answers from a wide and diverse array of pro-life activists, leaders and youth. A group of generous individuals and families have combined resources to bring this film to our community. **A free showing of 40 with a talk by the producer, John Morales, will take place on Sunday, January 17 at 2pm at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Fine Arts Theater in Rapid City.** Tickets can be reserved at Eventbrite.com under "40 Film Rapid City" or call Jerry Wright at 605-415-2788. For other questions, contact or Amy with Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 ext 236.

Mark your calendars! **Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance**, Saturday, February 6, 2016 Join us for this year's event, **"We Languish with Love"**.

Mass and renewal of vows will be celebrated at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City at 5:30 p.m. The dinner-dance will follow at the Best Western Ramkota, catered by Minervas, I-90 & Exit 59. Registration fee of \$65 per couple includes the dinner and dance and is required to be received by January 28. Please consider sponsoring a couple who would like to attend, but cannot afford the fee. For more information, please contact Amy at Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214 x 236 or ajulian@diorc.org.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

Beginning Experience Level 1 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 7:00pm on January 14th 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.

Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged is a weekend getaway for engaged couples to deepen their relationship with each other and with God by exploring the Catholic Church's vision of marriage. The next weekend retreats will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, January 15-17, 2016 and February 19-21, 2016. Please register on-line at www.terrasancta.org. 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.

"Heal Your Grief" Bereavement Support Group is an eight week non-denominational support group for Christian adults grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 7:00pm on Monday, January 25th at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Janece Riemann, 343-5547 or Amy with Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 ext 236.

Marian Conference

As part of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, the Diocese of Rapid City will be holding a Divine Mercy/Marian Conference at Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, 2016 featuring Fr. Chris Alar, the director of the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge, MA. Theme, "Do Whatever He Tells You." - Jn 2:5. All are welcome! For more information please contact Frank Birkholt at fabhome@gwtc.net or Fr. Mark McCormick at mmccormick@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.



Spearfish Canyon Holy Rosary Tour Looking for a unique and meaningful way to celebrate this year's season of Advent? Consider taking the Spearfish Canyon Holy Rosary Tour. This 2-hour bus ride through beautiful Spearfish Canyon will feature all four sets of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary as well as inspirational songs specifically selected for each mystery. Tours will be given on **Thursdays and Saturdays** now through December 24 beginning at 10 a.m. — ending at noon. Tours will depart from and return to the parking lot at St. Joseph Church, Spearfish. Please reserve your seat on the 14-passenger bus by calling the day before the scheduled tour. The number to call is **722-4068**. Price of the tour is a free-will donation with 100 percent of the proceeds being donated back to the church.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ADVENT PARTY RAFFLE WINNERS:

Six - \$25.00 Gift Certificates to Colonial House Restaurant.....Elaine Whalen
Family Pass for 2016 to Bear Country.....Bill Spratte
Bronze statue of Christ.....Linda Amio
\$100.00 Gift Certificate to FTC.....Maureen Ensor

Thank you to those who contributed prizes and to those who bought tickets. To the winners: Congratulations! Christmas Blessings to Everyone.



Rachel's Corner "He came to restore beauty and dignity to creation, to the universe: This is what began at Christmas and makes the angels rejoice. The earth is restored to good order by virtue of the fact that it is opened up to God. Thus Christmas is a feast of restored creation."
- Pope Benedict XVI

There is restoration and beauty in Christ Jesus. Find healing at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Or for information about local retreats, Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com

Fertility Monitoring Are you interested in learning more about an all-natural morally acceptable way to plan your family or to monitor the health of your fertility that can also aid in strengthening your marriage? The first step to learning more about the **The Creighton Model FertilityCare™** system is to attend a FREE introductory session that will explain the scientific foundations and methodologies of the system. The introductory session can be scheduled to accommodate your needs and schedule. If you are interested in learning more please contact Randi Brickey, FCPI, at 605-390-3769 or randijobrickey@hotmail.com

Women's Conference Sisters in Faith, a ministry of Billings Catholic Radio, KJCR presents Johnette Benkovic of Women of Grace, for a workshop to be held Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, 2016. Grab your soul sisters and get ready for a weekend that is designed to gather women together in faith and fellowship to touch hearts, change minds and deepen faith. As an added bonus, recording artist Jaime Thietten will be our special musical guest to inspire us with song. This faith-filled event will take place at the Billings Crowne Plaza and includes hospitality and a catered lunch. Tickets are on sale NOW! For more information, go to kjcradio.com/sisters-in-faith-2016.