

December 20, 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 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 2:1,4-7,8abcd Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66
Thursday Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25
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 31:3-4,6-8b,16bc,17 Mt 10:17-22
Sunday Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: St. Dominic of Silos

Monday: St. Peter Canisius

Tuesday: St. Chaeromon

Wednesday: St. John of Kanty

Thursday: St. Adele

Friday: St. Eugenia

Saturday: St. Stephen



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



**ADVENT RECONCILIATION
SERVICES**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

6:30 TO 7:30 pm

HERE at St. John, the Evangelist

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

**Please pick up your envelopes at the back of
the church! You can also donate or complete your
Building Fund Pledges online at**

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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



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



***"Peace begins with a
smile. Simply smile
five times a day at
someone you don't
really want to smile at."***

***"Will we accept God's invitation
to joyful generosity?"***

~ Mother Teresa, Do Something Beautiful for God



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,

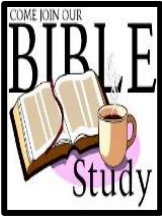
Keith Karp, Kenny Matt, Sue Rosellas,

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 outside of our time together. Until the hall is completed, we will meet at the home of Brett & Shawna Hanson, 15442 Hwy 14/16.

The West River Catholic December e-Edition is available on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org

Or pick up your hard copy at the Parish Center entrance.



Local TV Mass **KNBN (NBC)**

SATURDAYS ~ 4:30 pm

& SUNDAYS ~ 7 am

Or on their website newscenter1.tv

Journey with the Lord in Advent and Christmas

An indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth will be at Terra Sancta Retreat Center Dec. 21, 22, 23 and then Dec. 28, 29 and 30 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. each day . . . all are welcome. We have prayers and information to assist people in using this contemplative form of prayer.



St. Therese Knights of Columbus 7th Annual

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Meadowood Lanes ~ January 9th

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 John at 393-2081 or email jschlim1@gmail.com.

Spread tidings of comfort & joy!

Join us for Caroling!

December 23rd

Gather around 2:30 pm ~ Caroling 3-4 pm

Avantara St. Cloud

(302 St. Cloud, by Star Village)

Song sheets Provided! Call Diane Ange at 721-3065 with questions.



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



== *Fr. Kerry's Korner* ==

Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for the kind wishes, cards, and gifts you offered on my birthday last Sunday. I do enjoy the attention though I protest! I think I gave out three or four different answers to, "How old are you?" The correct answer is.

In only a few days we will celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord. He is the light which dispels darkness and brings fulfillment to God's promise to save. St. John of the Cross, a 16th century mystic said that man suffers two "nights": the night of the senses and the night of the spirit. In the night of the senses nothing satisfies. God's love is at work, cleansing man of all sensory desires to help him see and love more. We feel the emptiness of things, possessions, even experiences which now fail to entertain. During the night of the spirit, other challenges arise. Freed from all sensory desires, man can see more clearly, yet still struggles with his ego and truly loving God before himself. God steps in again to purify to perfection, taking away all gratification, even in religious practices. Our prayer may fail to satisfy, feel dry, as if we are only going through the motions.

Advent is a season of joy in the night of the Church. We participate with penance, prayer, and good works to make a way for the Lord. We open the door to let in the Light and dispel the night, the darkness.

Pope Francis always reminds us that God's mercy is greater than our deepest hope and need. Pope Francis loves saying that the only limits to God's mercy are those we put on God. We stop seeking mercy because we decide that our sins are too terrible to be forgiven. We are wrong. We need His mercy. And He wants us to receive his mercy. God sees what evil is doing to our world. He is greater than evil. He sees what evil is doing to each of us. He sees how much we need to be freed from evil. He has compassion on us.

This Christmas when we gaze on the Christ child, let us remember, as our Holy Father Francis tells us, He is the face of Mercy.

~ *Fr. Kerry Prendiville*

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.

New Little Free Library The Diocese of Rapid City has installed a Little Free Library (littlefreelibrary.org) with a Catholic twist. Located at the Catholic Chancery, 225 Main St., Rapid City, this LFL contains only books on Catholic teachings. For 2000 years the Catholic Church has been sharing the Love of Christ, and we are excited to have this new opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. Anyone who reads these books is invited to contact Pastoral Ministries at 343-3541 or LFL@diorc.org for more info. about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith, as well as a referral to a local parish, where they can find a faith home.