

Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower



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A very MERRY CHRISTMAS

~ From Your Parish Staff



The Parish Staff wishes to THANK those that make our job a pleasure.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & May God Bless You All!

All priests & deacons, the nuns at St. Martin's & all religious & consecrated, the fantastic Bulletin Stuffers, collection Counters, Catechists, Family Rosary leaders, Music Ministry, Homebound Ministers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Mary's Circle, gardeners, bakers, St. Anthony's Circle, Meals On Wheels drivers, youth & parent Volunteers, bulletin Advertisers, Parish Pastoral Council & committees, Shawl makers, Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Prayer Chain members, Trainers, Carpet Cleaners, Altar Linen Cleaners, Alb seamstress & cleaners, Baptismal bib makers, Church decorators, Catholic School donators, RCIA instructors and sponsors, Confirmation leaders, team members & sponsors, Adoration attendees, all who volunteer in our community & parish, those in need that come forward so that we may serve in His name, our beautiful parish family...

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Father Kerry, Deacon Chuck, Connie, Karen, Bobby, Elaine, Faye



4th Sunday of Advent
December 19 & 20, 2020

Sunday, December 20

10:15 am Religious Education classes

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY

Monday, December 21

6:30 pm RCIA

7 pm Boy Scouts meeting

Wednesday, December 23

9:30 am Mass in New Underwood

NO Life Night

6:30 pm Advent Study w/Father Kerry



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

4 pm & 10 pm (incense used)

(Families: for the 4 pm Mass: Bring Baby Jesus from your nativity for a blessing)

Friday, December 25th

9 am

11 am in New Underwood

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us.

As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in the season of giving. Amen.

Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

~ Office Closed NO Daily Mass

Solemnity of Mary - a holy day

MASS TIMES: Thursday, Dec. 31 at 7 pm

& Friday, January 1 at 9 am

(11 am in New Underwood)

Welcome to St. Therese!

We are truly happy you joined us in the Celebration of the Mass!

Please note: If you would like to reschedule your Mass, please contact the office at 342-1556 during the week.

MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 21 - 27

Intentions indicated by "4" are deceased; no notations are for living

MONDAY 7:30 am Jim Bloom +
 TUESDAY 7:30 am Gordon Milam +
 WEDNESDAY Mass in New Underwood
Christmas
 THURSDAY 4 pm Parishioners
 10 pm Kenneth Lovik & Pete Nold +
 FRIDAY 9 am Wenz Wiesner +
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 SATURDAY 4:30 pm Parishioners
 SUNDAY 9 am Leo Grebner +
 5:30 pm Don Brunner +

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Friday, December 25 Betty Halverson +
 By Fr. Bill Zandri

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

YOU CAN EVEN DO THIS IN YOUR HOMES!!



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

HOLY CHRISTMAS ~ Liturgical Ministry

Schedule – December 24 & 25

Thur. 4 pm E.M.: Bob Olson (S) Kay Olson, Diane Ange
Lector: Irene Lee **Ushers:** Dan Chiolis, Dick Cuka, Jim Treloar,
 MANY NEEDED **Altar Server:** Patty Zephier
Thur. 10 pm E.M.: Ginny DeJager (S) Jean French, Deacon Rausch
Lector: Deanna Johnson **Ushers:** Dave & Chris VanCleave, Ben
 VanCleave **Altar Server:** Mercedes Solano
Fri. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES - 4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – December 26 & 27

SAT. 4:30 pm E.M.: Diane Ange (S) Martha Cook
Lector: Tim Renelt **Ushers:** Bob & Kay Olson, Jim Treloar
Altar Server: Mercedes Solano
SUN. 9 am E.M.: Jerry Kanta (S) Marcy Morrison
Lector: David Dolan **Ushers:** Tom Baumgartner, Jason Gorman
Altar Server: Spencer Morrison, Luther Morrison
SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Julie Heintz (S), Deacon Rausch
Lector: Jean French **Ushers:** Bill & Jan Winegar
Altar Servers: Camden Walker

THE NEW LITURGICAL SCHEDULE (Dec.-Feb.) is out!! Please pick up your copy. If you cannot serve, please find a substitute. Call Gayle Martin at 718-4631.

O Come All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday, December 24th

4 pm & 10 pm

7 pm ~ St. John's ~ New Underwood

Friday, December 25th

9 am

11 am ~ St. John's ~ New Underwood



In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 7145.00
Plate Collections	\$ 934.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 156.00
Calvin Neiss Memorial	\$ 50.00
Copier Maintenance-KC's	\$ 50.00
All Souls Day	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 44.00
Building Improvements	\$ 116.00
Fall Festival-Security System	\$ 100.00
Families in Need	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers & Environment	\$ 50.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 85.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 23.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 2310.00
Priest Retirement Fund-egiving	\$ 27.00
Immaculate Conception-egiving	\$ 25.00
Christmas-egiving	\$ 25.00
Building Fund – egiving	\$ 32.00
Seminarian Fund-egiving	\$ 32.00
Families in Need-egiving	\$ 6.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 55.50
TOTAL	\$11330.50

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:

*"Per our budgeted expenses, the amount needed per week is \$10,150. However, a grant from the Cares Act will cover \$928 of that amount leaving **\$9,222** per week needed from parish activities."*

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Retired Religious \$ 79.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

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

Please add DWYLA MARTIN to your prayers.

Bulletin Prayer List:

Mark Biggs, Becky C., Sue Eagleton, Tom Farrar, Patty Fritzie, Tim Garrett, Ruth Geiger, Karla Grosz, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Isa Izaguirre, Kenny & Suzie, Zita Kwartek, Don & Norene Lantz, Rayne LeBeau, Dwyla Martin, Lori Mehlberg, Pat Osburn, Albert Oyler, Nancy Palmer, Helen Quasney, Rachel Rose, Veoma Renelt, Beverly Salvatore, Virginia, Margie Winegar

Watch the St. Therese 9 am
Sunday Mass on the Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleFlowerRapidCity/>.

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie said to Karen, "I need to lose weight. I know how to lose weight, but I don't want to do the things that I need to do to lose weight, but I still want to lose weight. You get me?"

Easy way to help those in need!

**YOU ARE HELPING THOSE IN NEED BY
PURCHASING WE CARE GIFT CARDS!**

**Simply purchase your gift cards for
Wal-mart/Sam's Club, Safeway & Family Fare
BEFORE you go shopping there!**

Stop by the office during the week.

*Each one you purchase brings back money for those
in need at Church Response AND for use right here
at St. Therese*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Dec. 20 CLASS
Dec. 27, Jan. 3 NO CLASS ~ Christmas break

CONFIRMATION: ~ 7th Grade +: WEDNESDAYS: 6 - 8:30 pm

Dec. 23, 30 NO CLASS ~ Christmas break

Life Teen (High School) & Edge (Middle School):

WEDNESDAYS- 6 - 8 pm (Grades 6-12)

6 pm Dinner ~ Class starts at 6:25 pm

Dec. 23, 30 NO GROUP ~ Christmas break

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

You'll find the weekly bulletin, the button for e-giving, the liturgical schedule, registration forms & so much more!

ALSO FIND US (ST. THERESE CHURCH) ON FACEBOOK!!!!

(AND "follow" us & LIKE US!) ☺

<https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleFlowerRapidCity/>

~ 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 the office at 342-1556 or sttherese@diorc.org

== 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

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.



Local TV Mass *KNBN (NBC)*

SATURDAYS ~ 4:30 pm & SUNDAYS ~ 7 am

Or on their website newscenter1.tv

Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them.

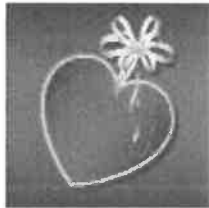
(Luke 1:26-38) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

ANOTHER LITTLE FUNNY ...

Connie said in staff meeting,
"Hey guys, just believe in yourself! If cauliflower
can become pizza, you can do anything!"

The Giving Tree

**The Giving Tree this year will
include MORE parishioners and
those in need in the community!**



THE RESIDENTS AT AVANTARA NORTH

We are collecting PENCIL BOXES, colored pencils (at least 24 ct), individual pencil sharpeners, and adult coloring books. This way, each resident will have their own. Please bring to the parish office.

12 MONTHS OF CHRISTMAS *Interested in sharing the Spirit of Christmas with someone throughout the entire year? Now THAT would be an amazing gift! How 'bout gifting an individual or family for an entire year?! Could send a card in January – a Valentine in February... St Patrick's day has my creative juices flowing for sure! April send a prayer card for Easter. And every month reach out in some 'little' way to bring cheer and the love of Christ to a member of our parish. Do you have someone in mind right now after reading this that you would like to be a 'supportive angel' to? Wonderful!! Or perhaps the idea has sparked you to take this project on, but don't have anyone in mind. Call the office and we will be happy to share a name with one of our parishioners that we feel would love contact throughout the coming year.*

Collections for **HOPE CENTER, Church Response & the Mission:** Non-perishable food items, **NEW SOCKS**, blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, coats, hats, etc.
Rapid Ride bus passes and gas cards are NEEDED TOO! Please put them in collection or bring to office.

And... we always accept gift cards to any place, in any amount, to distribute to our parishioners in need at Christmas AND down the road.

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 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.



**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.**

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

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



AND ONE MORE FUNNY ...

Why do nuns walk in their sleep?

Because they are roamin Catholics.

[ba da dum] [cymbal crash] 😊

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 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 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@dioc.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.