

## MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 25 - 31

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

MONDAY	9:00 am	Paul Heinz +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Al Winland
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass at Good Samaritan – New Underwood
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Don Wieseler
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Arla Tschosik Klein + <b>Holy Family</b>
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Anthony J. "Tony" Quinn +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Don Brunner + <b>Solemnity of Mary</b>
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners
MONDAY	9:00 am	John Zeller +

**FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM**  
**PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

### Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Is 52:7-10	Ps 98:1-6	Heb 1:1-6	Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59	Ps 31:3cd,4,6,8ab,16bc-17	Mt 10:17-22	
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12	Jn 20:1a,2-8	
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Ps 124:2-5,7b-8	Mt 2:13-18	
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-3,5b-6	Lk 2:22-35	
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17	Ps 96:7-10	Lk 2:36-40	
Sunday	Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3	Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19	Ps 105:1-6,8-9	Lk 2:22-40

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 30 & 31

**SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Jill Leberknight, Doug Meiron (S), Jeff & Martha Cook, Pat Guertman, Mary Ann Wheeler, Joe Zacher **Lectors:** Scott Sime, Tim Renelt **Ushers:** Dan Shank, Jim Treloar **Gift Bearers:** Ron & Barbara Schuch **Altar Servers:** Allison Schuch, Benjamin Schuch

**SUN. 9 am E.M.:** Diane Dahl, Ginny DeJager (S), Diane Ange, Ralph & Rita Dupres, Nadine Zeller, 1 NEEDED **Lectors:** Jerry Kanta, Tom Baumgartner **Ushers:** Tom & Melanie Parson, Al Thome, Brenda Wills **Gift Bearers:** Chuck & Holly Bossen Family **Altar Servers:** Sidney Schurger, Chloe Thome, Mady Wolfe

**SUN. NO 5:30 MASS – Solemnity of Mary Mass at 5:30 pm**

### Solemnity of Mary – Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** NEEDED (S), Ellen McGuigan, 5 NEEDED **Lectors:** Kevin & Kris Hittle **Ushers:** NEEDED **Gift Bearers:** NEEDED **Altar Servers:** Elena Tillet, Harley Tillet, Jude Sand

**MON. 9 am E.M.:** NEEDED (S), Mark Vedder, Paul Schneider, 4 NEEDED **Lectors:** Emily Brodeur **Ushers:** NEEDED **Gift Bearers:** NEEDED **Altar Servers:** NEEDED

**Please remember to find a substitute if needed.**  
**If you have changes for future schedules,**  
**call the office at 342-1556.**



## O Come All Ye Faithful CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5 pm & 10 pm**

*8 pm in New Underwood*

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am**

*"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

– Luke 2:10-11

Come, Let Us Adore Him

# 40 HOURS ADORATION

*St. Therese, the Little Flower*

**18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sainttheresechurch.org)

Get the weekly bulletin and other info. here!!

Please add SONNY & LINDA to your prayers!

### 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 Carlborn, 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, Sonny & Linda, Wilma Theis, Riley Thomas, Rob Tidball, Tim, Terry Usera, Jean Wallman, Eileen Walters, Marjorie Walton, Janet Werner, Larry Wetsch, Diane Wilkinson

**"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!



**"Dear Father Kerry, ...I'm truly blessed with the best home parishes I could ever ask for. I was able to raise more than enough to get to DC in January... God Bless, Katie French"**



**"St. Therese Parish –  
We are so thankful for our church  
family, thank you for your generous  
gifts and most importantly –  
Prayers!  
The Raterman's"**



**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!  
To all who helped make our Happy  
Birthday Jesus party a huge  
success! Everyone had a wonderful  
time! Blessings to you!**



**"Thank you!" to the many families  
that donated to the Christmas  
Flower fund.**

**Your generous gift helped to  
make our worship space  
beautiful . . . and inviting.**

*Let us remember, in a special way, donations made  
in loving honor/memory of: Gabriel W. Bachmeier,*

Ember Smith, Jacob Wallace, Ted & Jarod Schulz, Richard Cooper, Sr.,  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Huber, Nan Naumann, Bill & Inez Campbell,  
Claude & Eileen Sauer, Michael J. Dahl, Donald & Mary Fitzpatrick,  
Marcella Klemann, Mary Kary Coughlin, Don & Mary Harsma,  
Tony & Esther Quinn, Mike & Martha Haider, Rita Deppe, Bill Deppe,  
Michael Deppe, Joann Paul, Gordon Milam, Walter & Pearl Mowry,  
Lorraine Ormesher, Lloyd Peterson, Dan Peterson, Katie McNally,  
Darleen & Lyne Maxon, Don Karp, Maybelle Quintus, Robert Zellner,  
Warner Zellner, Rudy & Tillie Duwenhoegger, Auroa Yerden, David Scherr,  
Mr. & Mrs. Norbert & Hilda Thome, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Carmen Naidas,  
Lyle & Ruth Trumble, Jame Trumble, Terry Vik, Rose Wickenheiser,  
Mary Zacher, Anton Zacher, Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Werlinger,  
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Evenson

**A LITTLE LAUGH ...**

Connie said, "Not only did I fall off the Holiday Diet Wagon, I dragged it into the woods, set it on fire, and used the insurance money to buy cupcakes!"

**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.



**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.

**Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER**

Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Renee Coldwell

*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 FUND: Contributions this week**

Envelopes	\$ 8456.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1597.78
Children's Collection	\$ 65.59
Christmas	\$ 570.00
Facility Use Donation	\$ 40.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 55.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10784.37</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Building Improvements	\$ 114.00
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**"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

Seminarian Fund	\$ 685.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 135.00
Retired Religious	\$ 70.00

**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:**

**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!

**Gift cards make great gifts for those hard-to-buy-  
for people on your Christmas & Birthday lists.**

*We Care carries many \$10 & \$25 cards for stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, Safeway, Dairy Queen, Arby's, Burger King, Wendys, Noodles&Co, Bath & Body Works, Menards, Kohl's. AMC theaters, Applebees, Domino's, Texas Roadhouse, On the Border / Chilis, Great Clips, Amazon, Holiday, Exxon Mobil, and Fresh Start (formerly Don's Valley Market)!*

**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.**

*"If life has been bringing you down, may the miracle of Christmas bring you up and fill you with joy, peace, and love. Merry Christmas!"*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

### Grades PreK - 5<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am

Dec. 24 & 31 No Class – Christmas Break  
Jan. 7 Class

### CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 6:30 pm ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**(Includes Mass)**

Dec. 24 & 31 No Class – Christmas Break  
Jan. 7 Class

### 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. 27 No group – Christmas Break  
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 Life Night (Life Teen/Edge)

## 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.**

## ***The Church is like a bank – the more you put into it, the more interest you have in it.***

What Ministry would you like to make a deposit (of time, talent) ?? – funeral meals, Adoration, weekend liturgy, Youth Programs, Homebound, Religious Education, etc.

**Call the office at 342-1556 TODAY!!** 😊

## A GOOD BOOK – St. Therese has a library in Room 103!

If you would like to check one out, please sign it out on the sheet and return it when finished. If you have a book you would like to give to the library, please have the office staff put it in Father Kerry's office first. Sacred Time Make a sacred, inviolable time each day just to be with the one you love. (I mean both the earthly beloved and the Heavenly Beloved.) Not to do anything, just to be there. Nothing should ever be allowed to rob you of your "together-being-time." Better let a thief steal your money than let a thief steal your sacred time, because money isn't life but time is. The thief who steals your money is made of molecules, but the thief who steals your time is made of lies, especially the lie that you have no time to be, you always have to do something.

Visit a church at least once a week and just spend five minutes in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, just adoring Him. He came a long way for this meeting: all the way from Heaven. And He brought you a long way for this meeting: all the way from nothingness, out of which He created you. He thinks this meeting is that important. And you don't? Which of the two of you do you think has it right? taken from "Before I Go: Letters to Our Children about What Really Matters" by Peter Kreeft



## Solemnity of Mary Mass Times

December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm

January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am

11 am in New Underwood

**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](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](mailto:ffkaren@rushmore.com).

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

## ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...



## 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.



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!**

**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](mailto:gsass@diorc.org) or 605-939-0579, or [ReturningCatholics.net](http://ReturningCatholics.net). There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

**"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

**ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...**

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."

**Christian Prayer Labyrinth at Terra Sancta**

**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.*

**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](http://terrasancta.org). For information, call Amy at 605-716-5214 ext 236 or email [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org)

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mrausch@rccss.org) – 605-348-1477**

**SAVE THE DATE Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://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.*

**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](mailto:kc8025golftournament@gmail.com).

**Thank you ALL for sharing YOUR gifts! You are precious!**