

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 28 – Jan.3

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

MONDAY	7:30 am – Donna Abrams 5:30 pm – All Souls in Purgatory +
TUESDAY	7:30 am – Donna Baumgartner +
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am – Rosemary Miller
THURSDAY	7:30 am – Vince Allard + Mary, Mother of God
THURSDAY	7:00 pm – Frieda Niggemann +
FRIDAY	7:00 am – Mary Rieb + 7:00 pm – Klauk Family Epiphany
SATURDAY	5:30 pm – The Ryder Family
SUNDAY	9:00 am – Donna Baumgartner + 5:30 pm – Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Wednesday, December 30	Special Intention By Fr. Zandri – Good Samaritan Center – New Underwood – 9:30 am
Sunday, January 3	Betty Lobbmeyer + By Fr. Zandri – St. John's in New Underwood – 11 am

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5,7c-8 Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mary, Mother of God Ministry Schedule – Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

THUR. 7 pm EM: Diane Wilkinson (S) Ivan & Darlene Davignon Lector: Jean French Ushers: Kent, Michael, Rachael & Katie French Altar Servers: Joshua French
FRI. 7 am Daily Mass Ministers
FRI. 7 pm EM: Paul Schneider, Ray & Mary Wagner Lector: Deanna Johnson Ushers: NEEDED Altar Servers: Sarah Johnson

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Jan. 2 & 3

SAT. 5:30 pm EM: Pat Guertmann, Jill Leberknight (S) Doug Meiron, Ellen McGuigan, Joe Zacher, Patty Fritzie, Martha Cook Lector: Bob Case, Julie Shauger Ushers: Michael & Sarah Crook, Dick Cuka, Dan Shank Gift Bearers: Jack & Dianne Tomac Altar Servers: Catherine Schmahl, Justice Moore, Matthew Theis, Kaleb Hedman
SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Holly Bossen (S) Chris Bossen, Dottie Borowski Lector: Harold Hansen Ushers: Greg Suto, David & Chris VanCleave, Ben VanCleave Gift Bearers: Jerry & Elaine Kocher Altar Servers: Corten Dobesh, Max Edelen, Seth Edelen, Cailin Hair

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.
If you have changes for future schedules,
please call Gayle Martin at 718-4631.



“THANK YOU!!!!!!!! To all who volunteer especially for the Holy Days. Please keep answering your phone when I call. ☺ Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and have a Happy New Year. May God Bless you.”

--Gayle

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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

== The “Z” Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

Thank you to all who, in any way, helped to make our Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birth of the Lord a prayerful and peaceful event.

Our Penance Service held on December 17 was a very well attended event. 14 priests were here and they were busy! On December 18, myself and Father Kari went to the Church of Saint John in New Underwood and we were busy. Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the Heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Confession is a good way to experience that mercy. Please continue the practice of receiving the Sacrament of Confession during the new year.

Please refer to the bulletin for the 40 Hours of Adoration and the schedule of Masses for the Holy Day, January 1.

“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!

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

Bulletin Prayer List:

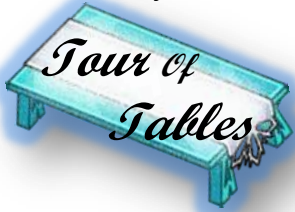
Tim Ange, Don Anton, Wendlin Baumgartner, Shirley Black, Betty Bossen, Brittany, Kellee Callender, Darwin Coats, Jr., Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Ed Davis, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Dick & Diane Fraser, Haven Garrett, Vern Goetz, Leo Grebner, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, 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

A World Youth Day Luncheon Fundraiser

Coming to St. Therese

January 16th, 2016

THEMED TABLES ~ PROGRAM
~ DELICIOUS LUNCH ~ & MORE!
Tickets \$20. You won't want to miss this!



Faithful Citizenship "For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person. Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate* . . . that "The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.'" (no. 15)." www.usccb.org (From www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission)

A WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

Once again, Connie abandoned her strict diet. She's a "desserter!"

Connie's New Year's Resolution: "To avoid things that make me fat like...scales, mirrors & photographs." ☺

**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	\$ 7732.00
Plate Collection	\$ 3081.00
Children's Collection	\$ 55.64
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Copier Maintenance – KC's	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Adult Education Book	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 149.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 89.00
TOTAL	\$11176.64
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 135.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 352.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 65.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER / JANUARY:

Dec. 27: General Fund	Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary
Jan. 3: General Fund	Jan. 10: Church in Latin America / General Fund
Jan. 17: General Fund	Jan. 24: General Fund
Jan. 31: Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund	
JAN.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund	

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.

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. (Luke 2:41-52)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

NO CLASSES DEC. 27 OR JAN. 3

Make plans to attend the Family Potluck on January 6th!

End the old year and feel good too! It's as easy as helping the needy by purchasing 'We Care' gift cards. They are available from Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, and Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market. Come see us after mass or in the office. There's no better way to say goodbye to 2015!

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

Wife to her overweight husband: Last night there were two pieces of cake in this pantry and now there is only one. How do you explain that?
Husband: I guess it was so dark that I didn't see the other piece.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm

~ 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!

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ JANUARY

Chairperson: Diane Ange Co-Chairperson: Lynn Loomer

Have you signed up for an hour of 40 Hours Adoration yet?

CANNED MEAT, SWEET POTATOES,

CANNED FRUIT AND JELLO

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

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

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



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.

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.

Women's Conference Sisters in Faith, a ministry of Billings Catholic Radio, KJCR presents Johnnette 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.

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. The film investigates some of the difficult questions in the abortion debate such as: Doesn't a woman have the right to choose what she does with "her body"? Is there a dispute about when human life begins or does human life begin at conception? Is the fetus just a glob of tissue or a person with inalienable rights? Was the Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion good for women? 40 will answer these and many other important questions about abortion. 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.

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 srlomcman@aol.com

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 Rieman, 343-5547 or Amy with Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 ext 236.

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