

December 27, 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 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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: St. John the Apostle

Monday: St. Anthony the Hermit

Tuesday: St. Aileran

Wednesday: St. Anysia

Thursday: St. Sylvester

Friday: Mary, the Blessed Virgin

Saturday: St. Basil the Great



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



Solemnity of Mary Mass Times

January 1st at 11 am

Dec. 31st @ 7 pm & Jan. 1st @ 9 am ~ St. Therese

Happy Birthday:

Jim Murphy: 12/29!
Pacey Williams: 12/30!



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, meet at the home of Brett & Shawna Hanson, 15442 Hwy 14/16.

"The faith that leads to salvation is an act of acknowledging our utter dependence on God."

~ Alan Schreck, Catholic & Christian



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!

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 Christmas

An indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth will be at Terra Sancta Retreat Center 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**

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Parishes Benefit from Your Charitable Contributions

The Diocese of Rapid City's Office of Development encourages your continued support through our Parish First Initiative, as your charitable gifts before

December 31, 2020, are much appreciated! This past year has been challenging for everyone, we pray for more healing in 2021. Despite these uncertainties, we are humbled by your incredible acts of kindness, faith, and generosity in our parishes during these difficult times. Despite the untethered events of 2020, there are positive things to note. One is the tax benefits for donors created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The legislation created donor-directed charitable giving deduction opportunities for church donations. Charitable gifts made to your parish made before December 31, 2020, can benefit from these tax deductions. We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to your parish to help it thrive through these uncertain times.

CARES ACT TAX BENEFITS OVERVIEW: Itemized Deductions – the adjusted gross income (AGI) limit for cash contributions was increased for individual donors. For cash contributions made in 2020, you can now elect to deduct up to 100 percent of your AGI (increased from 60 percent). **Corporate Giving** – The AGI limit for cash contributions was also increased for corporate donors. Corporations can now deduct up to 25 percent of taxable income (increased from 10 percent). **Not Itemizing Deductions** - The CARES Act allows for an additional, "above-the-line" deduction for charitable gifts made in cash of up to \$300. If you are not itemizing on your 2020 taxes, you can claim this new deduction. We ask that you prayerfully consider how your charitable contributions helps your parish and always discuss your tax deduction strategies with your tax professional. We are grateful for your commitment to our Catholic faith and your willingness to help your parish in these uncertain times. **Please contact your parish and arrange with them how best to make your charitable gift before December 31st.** Thank you for your continued support that helps continue the mission of Christ here in the Catholic Church in western South Dakota. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

God bless you, and thank you for your generosity!

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2021 National Education Contest

1st place: \$100 ~ 2nd place: \$50 ~ 3rd place: \$25
For all students in grades 4-12 (& adult CDA members)

Hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Div. 1: Grades 4-5: *Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art*

Div. 2: Grades 6-8: *Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography*

Div. 3: Grades 9-12: *Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography*

Div. 4: Adult CDA members: *Poetry, Art, Photography*

See the bulletin board for details, deadlines and entry form.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

I hope your holy days are filled with blessed joy and fun with your family and friends. My family and I get together on video messenger or the phone and miles are wiped away. I know that the Lord of all life will draw you close to one another in ways the miles and quarantines cannot overcome.

When I was pastor of St. Ambrose in Deadwood I came across this thought from Ambrose who was the Bishop of Milan:

"Let Mary's soul be in each of you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in the Lord. Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith. Every soul receives the Word of God if only it keeps chaste, remaining pure and free from sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul that succeeds in this proclaims the greatness of the Lord, just as Mary's soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior. The Lord is magnified, not because the human voice can add anything to God but because he is magnified within us. Christ is the image of God, and if the soul does what is right and holy, it magnifies that image of God, in whose likeness it was created and, in magnifying the image of God, the soul has a share in its greatness and is exalted."

As we progress through the Christmas season, we will celebrate on the 1st of January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We will certainly proclaim the greatness of the Lord with her. I hope you will keep the Christ in the center of your life as we observe the holy day of the Incarnation.

Peace and Prayers,

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.

FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA is in need of volunteers to help with Distribution at various location sites. Would you like to gift approximately 2 hrs of your time to 'Help Feed the Hungry'?! Contact Shawn Burke at 348-2689 x-203. You could volunteer at a location close to you! Many locations to choose from too! You pick the date and the location that works best for you! Give us a call!!