

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 4 - 10

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

MONDAY 7:30 am Elmer DeJager +
TUESDAY 7:30 am Jerry & Therese Freese +
WEDNESDAY 9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan - New Underwood
THURSDAY 9:30 am Mass at Golden Living Center Black Hills

Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY 5:30 pm Mike Smith
FRIDAY 7 am Parishioners
7 pm Rose Wickenheiser +

2nd Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY 5:30 pm - Carrol Krause + & Mary Ann Milburn +
SUNDAY 9:00 am - Joe Engelhardt +
SUNDAY 5:30 pm - Parishioners

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Sunday Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Faithful Citizenship

"The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy." (Pope Francis, On Love in the Family [*Amoris Laetitia*. . .], no. 290, quoting the Final Report of the Synod of Bishops, 10/24/15)

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/call-to-family-community-and-participation.cfm>

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. A sample prayer entitled *Spiritual Adoption Prayer: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers.* (From www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-com)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Dec. 9 & 10

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Doug Meiron (S), MaryAnn Wheeler (S), Renee Coldwell, Jeff & Martha Cook, Joe Zacher, Dcn Chuck Rausch **Lectors:** Bob Case, Jim Blackwell **Ushers:** Mac Coldwell, Dan Shank, Fred & Paula Welsch **Gift Bearers:** Schuch Family **Altar Servers:** Matthew & Rebecca Theis

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Ralph Dupres (S), Emily Brodeaur (S only), Diane Ange, Diana Dahl, Rita Dupres, Rachel Edelen, Jerry Kanta, Del Solano **Lectors:** Jean French, Joann Solano **Ushers:** Rick & Rachel Edelen, Seth Edelen, Max Edelen **Bearers:** William & Marcy Morrison **Altar Servers:** Destinee Heizelman, Drake Heizelman, Lukas Kanta

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S) Greg Rausch, Nancy Palmer **Lectors:** Lori Ashley **Ushers:** Dave VanCleave, Bill Winegar **Gift Bearers:** Matt & Kati Skinner **Altar Servers:** Corten Dobesh, Riley Gay

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

Liturgical Ministers Needed for the Holy Day

Immaculate Conception Masses

5:30 pm ~ Thursday, December 7

7 am & 7 pm ~ Thursday, December 8

Please sign up on the sheet in the Sacristy

Parish website: www.sainttheresechurch.org



St. Anthony's Circle will be having the

Annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

**Saturday, December 9 @ 6:30 pm
& Sunday, December 10 at 8 am**

(along with the KC Breakfast)

"Looking forward to seeing all the fantastic goodies from our great cooks and bakers!!

THANK YOU!" - Marcia & Sarah

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

Please add Peyton Raterman & Dewayne Borszich to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Margo Aerts, 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, Ginny DeJager, Bob Doran, Brian Duffy, Todd Ennen, Ron Eucher, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Bev Fuller, Haven Garrett, Tim Garrett, Joe Gruenwald, Laurie Gustaf, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Linda Harrington, Sue Hayden, Heather, Kelly Heintz, Jaime Hopfauf, Rosemary Huggins, Angie Jangula, Jeff Jonas, Kaitlyn, 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, Bob Mercer, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Millie Oreshoski, Pat Osburn, Donald Pазie, Travis Peterson, Helen Quasney, Ted & Judy Rapp, Peyton Raterman, Russ Rearick, Gala Rose, Bennie Saldanha, Carla Sandifer, Janelle Scherr, Allen Schwahn, Lillian Schwahn, Shirley, Leo Stulc, Wilma Theis, Riley Thomas, Rob Tidball, Tim, Terry Usera, Patty Van Horn, Jean Wallman, Eileen Walters, Marjorie Walton, Janet Werner, Larry Wetsch, Diane Wilkinson

Thank you for the continued prayers for Fred Welsch & Jeanette Christensen +

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Renee Coldwell

The St. Therese Giving Tree

Sharing "our little way"

Thank you for taking a tag for the Parishioner Giving Tree and/or the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Please return your **unwrapped** gift for Salvation Army by **December 11th!** or **WRAPPED** or **unwrapped** gift for the Parishioner Tree by **December 18th!**

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.





Attention ladies!!! You are all invited to help decorate the Main Hall for the Christmas season. Meet for coffee & muffins at 8:30 am Thursday, Dec. 7th! After a good chat, we'll get right to work. Hope to see many of you there AND...we'll end with an ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!!! Come share the fun, the fellowship, and the Season. Questions? Call Doris Ann at 348-6311.

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

What do you call a nun on skates?

☺ Virgin Mobile ☺

A teacher asks her student how many presidents we have had in our country. He replied, "I don't know, what do you think?" She replied, "I don't think, I know." He said, "I don't think I know either."



Join the CHRISTMAS CHOIR!!

For the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Note time change)
Practices on MONDAYS, starting December 4th at 7 pm!
PLEASE JOIN US!! Questions? Contact Sue Enqlin at 343-8455 after 6 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 Karen Thorp at 342-1556, ext. 15 or ffkaren@rushmore.com.



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.

Good books you will find in the library:

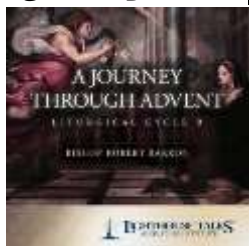
Psalms from the Heartland – by Judy F. Hoff

Writings on Nature: When the Trees Say Nothing – by Thomas Merton

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Journey Through Advent: Liturgical Cycle B

Get the most out of Advent by following along with Bishop Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks these profound scripture readings. The homilies presented on this CD will correspond to the Scriptures for Sunday Masses throughout Advent and Christmas.



You will find this CD and other titles and items in the case in the front of the church. Check it out! I'm sure you'll see something you'll enjoy!

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.



We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 5807.69
Plate Collection	\$ 1358.84
Children's Collection	\$ 61.75
Facility Use Donation	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 749.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 67.00
TOTAL	\$ 8094.28
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 20.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 60.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 20.26

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 3: General Fund **Dec. 8:** Immaculate Conception
Dec. 10: Retired Fund for Religious / General Fund **Dec. 17:** General Fund
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 !!

"Thank you for your recent donation to Mommy's Closet. Your ongoing support means the world to us! Without you and your organization, Mommy's Closet wouldn't be possible!" - Stacey

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!



Everyone come on down!

KC BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 10th

8 am until all served following 9 am Mass

Fresh-made pancakes, hot-out-of-the-oven biscuits topped with scrumptious, country gravy, scrambled eggs and completed with sizzling sausage.

Cost? Free-will offering, proceeds to KC Coats for Kids

K.C. THANK YOU! To everyone who participated with our Hurricane Relief benefits. We raised a little more than \$2100!!! Our December breakfast dinner proceeds will go to our Coats for Kids Program. Last year we were able to purchase 120 coats for needy children in our community!

SPAGHETTI DINNER & B-I-N-G-O

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, December 16th at 6:30 pm

Free-will offering for dinner – Cards 3 for \$1 per game

Proceeds to KC Coats for Kids



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

We Care carries many \$10 cards for department stores such as Target and Wal-Mart and restaurants such as Arby's, Burger King, Noodles&Co, and Wendy's. They also have \$25 gift cards on hand for specialty stores such as Bath & Body Works and Kohl's. You can go to the movies with a \$25 AMC gift card or buy dinner for the family with a Domino's, Texas Roadhouse or Chili's gift card. Get your hair cut with a Great Clips card or shop on line with an Amazon Gift card. You can even purchase gasoline with a Holiday, Wal-Mart or Safeway gift card.

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.

PARISH PINNOCLE 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.



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.

FYI: There is no First Friday Mass and lunch with Bishop Gruss during December.

Seeking small gift items, gift bags, and gift tags for the Santa Store at the annual St. Therese "Happy

Birthday Jesus" Party to be held December 17.

If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them by the office! Also...if you would like to volunteer for the party,

contact Bobby Myers or the office!

And thank you for making this such a wonderful event for our

Religious Education youth! It is a fantastic time for all!



ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

It's the day before Thanksgiving and the butcher is just locking up when a man pounds on the door. "Please let me in," says the man, "I forgot to buy a turkey and my wife will be disappointed if I don't come home with one." "Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what's left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man. "This one's too small and skinny. What else have you got?" says the man. The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a minute then brings the same turkey back out to the man. "Oh no," says the man, "this one doesn't look any bigger, you better give me both of them."

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised. (Mark 13:33-37) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Dec. 3	Christmas Pageant
Dec. 10	Class
Dec. 17	Happy Birthday Jesus Party
Dec. 24 & 31	No Class – Christmas Break

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 6:30 pm ~ 7th Grade (Includes Mass)

Dec. 3, 10, 17	Class
Dec. 24 & 31	No Class – Christmas Break

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. 6	FAMILY POTLUCK! – Please bring a dish or two to share, your family, and come enjoy the evening!
Dec. 13	Life Night: Life Teen/Edge
Dec. 20	Team Only Planning/Retreat
Dec. 27	No group – Christmas Break

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 or 605-939-0579, or ReturningCatholics.net. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

SERVICES at 6:30 pm

Monday, December 4 ~ Cathedral OLPH
Monday, December 11 ~ Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, December 14 ~ St. Isaac Jogues



MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 ~ ST. THERESE

Wednesday, December 20 ~ Our Lady of the Black Hills

**& EVERY SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 5 PM AND
SUNDAY FROM 8 TO 8:30 AM AT ST. THERESE**

Register NOW for the 2018 Life INC Winter Quarter Classes!

Life INC classes are for everyone. Great opportunity to learn and grow. Most classes run for nine weeks at four locations, three different nights. Join us for a wonderful, delicious evening meal serving between 5:30 and 6 pm. Class starts at 6:15. Childcare is provided. **Learn more & register at www.loveinonline.com or call Love INC at 718-5683.**

Apply NOW! New quarter will be starting soon.

Pick up a flyer on bulletin boards at each entrance for class descriptions, list of locations and start dates.

~ Money 101 ~ Financial Freedom ~ Bridges to Freedom ~ Dave Ramsey
Financial Peace University ~ Nutrition on a Budget ~ Marriage-Committed
Couples Class ~ Common Sense Parenting (7 weeks) ~ Let's FLY Together-
Good Housekeeping ~ Victim Awareness ~ Wills and Estate Planning
~ Life Beyond Amazing ~ Better Choices Better Health (8 weeks) ~ Computer
101 ~ Art Class ~ Grief ~ Free to Grow ~ Better Choices Better Health -
diabetes (8 weeks) ~ Love Wisely ~ Cooking For Real (4 weeks)

Christmas Cards for Prisoners

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission is sponsoring Christmas sacks for the inmates at the Rapid City Prison. The sacks will include Christmas cards from children. Can you help us by having children from your parishes or schools make Christmas cards for the inmates. We would also need help with putting the sacks together. There are special instructions for the Christmas cards. Please contact Amy Julian at AJulian@dioc.org or call at 605-716-5214 ext 236 for the instructions on making the cards or to volunteer By December 10.

Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

11th Annual Christmas Jail Program This year's Christmas Program will take place on Wednesday December 20. To make this a truly enjoyable event for the inmates, we ask you to consider donations of puzzles (especially those with a Christian theme), Christmas cards, and paperback books (themes: action, Westerns, historical). Donation boxes are available at the HFNL Display Shelves in the Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Therese. We remind you that inmate prayer requests are collected in binders which are also available for your reflection at our Display Shelves. Perhaps you can add the inmates' prayers to your daily devotions as we approach the Christmas season. To learn more about our jail ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)**. You are always welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...



A letter from the Bishop....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, an annual collection that benefits more than 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways. I am grateful for the service of religious, past and present. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for you!

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Rapid City

Special Collection envelopes
available on the table
in the Parish Center

Collection dates: December 9 & 10, 2017

More information available online at <http://www.retiredreligious.org>

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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 or call the Vocations office at 605-716-5214. Open to young men age 14 and older.