

MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 7 - 13

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Special Intention
Immaculate Conception
MONDAY 7 pm – Elmer DeJager +
TUESDAY 7 am – Francis Mitzel +
7 pm – Ervin Schanning +
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – Special Intention
THURSDAY 7:30 am – Parishioners
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Eugene Keller +
3rd Sunday of Advent
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Don Wiesler
SUNDAY 9 am – Terry Vik +
5:30 pm – Sophia Baechler +

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Wednesday, December 9 Bonnie Walker
By Fr. Zandri – Good Samaritan in New Underwood – 9:30 am
Sunday, December 13 Special Intention
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 Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13b Mt 11:11-15
Friday Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Faithful Citizenship "Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the fundamental rights and dignity of the human person. The United Nations Protocol on Human Trafficking defines it as "the "recruitment, transportation, harboring or receipt of persons by means of force, fraud or coercion." www.usccb.org ALERT Ending slavery is everyone's work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is a collaborative, faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors' services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit the web site: sistersagainstrafficking.org

Liturgical Ministry Schedule –

Immaculate Conception ~ Dec. 7 & 8

MON. 7 pm EM: Bob & Kay Olson, Nancy Hartman **Lector:** Judee Popken **Ushers:** Dave & Chris VanCleave **Altar Servers:** Sarah Johnson
TUE. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES by Tuesday Daily Mass Ministers
TUE. 7 pm E.M.: Ray & Mary Wagner **Lector:** Jean French
Ushers: Kent French, Michael French, Bill & Jan Winegar
Altar Servers: Joshua French, Hayden Czerwonka

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 12 & 13

SAT. 5:30 pm EM: Doug Meiron, John Mowry (S) Martha Cook, Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Ellen McGuigan, Joe Zacher **Lector:** Tim & Paula Shull
Ushers: Mike & Betty Quasney, Michael & Sarah Crook
Gift Bearers: Fred & Paula Welsch **Altar Servers:** Kaleb Hedman, Justice Moore, Allison & Benjamin Schuch
SUN. 9 am EM: Diane Ange, Diane Dahl (S) John Rapp, Kim Dolan, Kelly Heintz, Del & Joann Solano **Lector:** David Dolan, Judee Popken
Ushers: Tom Baumgartner, Joe Martin, Randy Rapp, Bill Schneider
Gift Bearers: William & Marcy Morrison Family **Altar Servers:** John Auriemma, Johanna Auriemma, Joshua French, T.J. Morrison
SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Lynn Loomer (S) Greg Rausch, Rachel Edelen
Lector: Lori Ashley, Deanna Johnson **Ushers:** Bill & Jan Winegar, David & Chris VanCleave **Gift Bearers:** Jerry & Elaine Kocher
Altar Servers: Isabella Ashley, Olivia Ashley, Max Edelen, Seth Edelen

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

WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

Through the Waters of Baptism.

Declan BENNETT, son of Joshua & Kerry
Eleanor BIRCH, daughter of Christopher & Aja

We are in dire need of Ushers for Saturday and Sunday 5:30 pm Mass.
Please prayerfully consider tithing an hour of your time. -- You're here in Church for Mass anyway. MANY hands are needed. Please contact Gayle Martin at 718-4631.

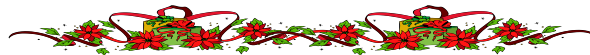
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--- Notes From Father Bill ---

Please keep Father Kari in your prayers. He is going to be in California for an evaluation of his medical situation. He has a sister living in California and he will be staying with her and her family. Father will be back on December 11.

Please remember the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be 7 pm on December 7; 7 am and 7 pm on December 8th and 5 pm at New Underwood. Also, please refer to the West River Catholic for Advent Reconciliation services. Our service is on December 17 at 7 pm and New Underwood on December 18 at 7 pm.

Day of Mercy is at the Cathedral on December 15. Many priests will be there starting at 8 am and ending at 7 pm. Again, please refer to the Catholic paper for more information.



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

After Masses: December 12 & 13

For those of you who enjoy the Christmas baking merriment, we would like your help by sharing some of your extra baked goods for the second round of the Christmas bake sale to help those who do their Christmas "baking" at our table. St. Anthony's Circle appreciates all the wonderfully donated baked goods we receive every year. We would like to thank all of you for your help to make the Christmas Bake Sale/Bazaar what it is!! **So don't forget to stop downstairs after Mass to get YOUR Christmas baking done!**



Setting up the trees! December 9th at 8 am.
Join us to prepare for the Newborn King!



Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Wendlin Baumgartner, Shirley Black, 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, Melanie Lewis, Josh Magbuhat, Margaret, Susan McFadden, Melani, Steve Miller, Calvin Neiss, Ann O'Connell, Ron Oney, Bonnie Palmer, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Joyce Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, Kathleen & Larry Riehle, John Radziwon, Cathy Robinet, Steve Rumbaugh, Carla Sandifer, Sand Family, Claude & Eileen Sauer, Dc. Beau Schumacher, Dixie Shreves, Leota Sidel, Mary Swanson, Bob Taylor, Austin Trask, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Rose Wickenheiser, Betty Wilson, Al Winland, Carolyn Wise, Unborn Palmer Twins, Bernadette Zander, Darlys Zeller, John Zeller

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Diane Dahl Co-Chairperson: Diane Ange

www.saintheresechurch.org

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

A WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

I over heard Connie tell Theresa, "It's time to diet! My muffin top resembles a 3-tier wedding cake!" The next day Connie came into my office and said excitedly, "I've found the perfect weight-loss system! I converted to the metric system and lost half my weight in just seconds!"

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE at St. Therese is

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 ~ at 7 pm

New Underwood, December 18 at 7 pm



"I am a sinner." Reach this awareness. Make this confession; it is the first condition for salvation."

From "Mustard Seeds: Daily Thoughts to Grow With" By Matthew Kelly

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 4970.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1178.00
Children's Collection	\$ 77.41
Christmas Flowers	\$ 408.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 76.00
TOTAL	\$ 6709.41

Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 27.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 25.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 96.00
Retired Religious	\$.07

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 6: General Fund **Dec. 8:** Immaculate Conception

Dec. 13: Retirement Fund for Religious / General Fund

Dec. 20: General Fund **Dec. 25:** Christmas **Dec. 27:** General Fund

DEC.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

CANNED MEAT, SWEET POTATOES, CANNED FRUIT AND JELLO

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

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

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.

PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS hosted by the KC's



Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!! Bring a friend (if you want) !!

Seeking small gift items for the Santa

Store!, gift bags, gift tags, cakes &

cookies for the annual St. Therese

"Happy Birthday Jesus" Party -December 13.

Drop off items for the store in the office and contact us if you are able to volunteer or bring cakes or cookies that day! And thank you for making this such a wonderful event for our Religious Education youth! It is a fantastic time for all!



Attention all Volunteer Drivers, we are instructed by the diocese to watch the Safe Driver Video if we transport kids &/or parishioners. This entails getting a user ID and new password. The website to go to is www.catholicmutual.org. You will receive a certification of completion, please file a copy with Rita in the Youth Office for reference. If you need assistance, please contact the office. Thank you!

Mark your Calendars for the Parish Tubing / Ski Trip! December 28 at Deer Mountain!!! More details to follow!

YOUTH CONNECTION meets on Wednesday

nights 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner is served, and fun

activities are happening! 6th -12th grade!!! Please join us!

Attention students in 8th - 12th grades!

STEBENVILLE SIGN UPS ARE RIGHT NOW!!!

Thirst, June 24-26, in Denver, CO! Seats are going fast, so we have to sign up today to reserve our spots!!! See Rita or the Youth Board for details. Fund raising available, so don't let the cost keep you from going!!

Stebenville of the Rockies!

Thirst! June 23-26, 2016, \$375 per student Register now!!!

Information Parent meeting on Wednesday,

December 9 at 6 p.m. We will also be discussing fundraising opportunities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Grades PreK - 7th: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am

Dec. 6	Class (Christmas Pageant)
Dec. 13	Happy Birthday Jesus Party!!
Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3	NO Class - Christmas

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 6:30 - 8:30 pm:

Dec. 6, 13	Class
Dec. 13	"On Sunday December 16 at 5:30 mass, confirmation class, along with parents and sponsors are invited to the Rite of Welcoming of Confirmation Candidates. Please mark your calendar."
Dec. 20	Christmas Party
Dec. 27, Jan. 3	NO Class - Christmas

Youth Connection: WEDNESDAYS- 6 - 7:30 pm (Grades 6-12)

Dec. 9	Group & Stebenville Info. Meeting w/parents!
Dec. 16	Christmas Party



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

9:30 pm Christmas Eve
Come early to the 10 pm Mass and join in raising our voices to welcome the Newborn King!

BACK TO BASICS with Father Bill

WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm NEW book, only \$5!

Get in office or at class! (even if you don't come to class).
Come one, or all Wednesdays... let's get back to basics!



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS - 5:30 pm

Even if we speak without opening the lips, even if we whisper without the depths of the heart, our unspoken word and God always hears.
- St. Basil of Alexandria

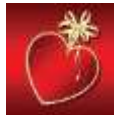
No Adoration
Dec. 7th due
to Holy Day

The Giving Tree

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 or WRAPPED or unwrapped gift for the Parishioner Tree by **December 14th!** 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.



"Dick and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and good thoughts during our trying times with our health. For now we seem to be doing better. St. Therese Church will always be home to us. May God bless each and every one. Thank you." ~ Diane and Dick Fraser
(now in Chatham, VA)

~ 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.

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing and what better way to do that than purchasing 'We Care Gift Cards'! You can help the needy AND get your holiday shopping done at the same time!!! They're available for many area stores including Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, & Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market and they're good for all kinds of things like clothes, toys, music and even gasoline! Come by our table after mass or visit the ladies in the parish office. You'll be glad you did!

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? (Luke 3:1-6)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

A woman rubbed a lamp-out popped a genie. "3 wishes?" she asked. "Nope, 1-wish genie. What'll it be?" "See this map? I want countries to stop fighting-want world peace!" "I'm not THAT good!" he said. "What else?" "Well, I'd love a good man who's considerate, loves kids, cooks, cleans, does laundry and will rub my feet!" "Ok" said the genie with a sigh. "Let me see that map again."

WE NEED YOU! TO DONATE BLOOD AT THE KC BLOOD DRIVE



Monday, December 14th from 3:30 to 6:30 pm
WALK-INS WELCOME! OR CONTACT Bill Schneider at 391-7413.

Or www.bloodhero.com & enter code: therese
WE NEED MORE DONORS!!! Among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver - Maya Angelou

Everyone come on down!

KC BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 13th

8 am until all served following 9 am Mass

Cost? Free-will offering, with proceeds to charity



Hey Catholic men, 18 & up!!

YOU should join the Knights of Columbus NOW so you can be a Knight before Christmas! ☺

Next Knights of Columbus Meeting

Monday, December 14th ~ 7 pm

YOU should be a Knight! See any KC!!

Grand Ultreya ~ Sunday, December 13 at 5:30 pm

Potluck at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please come and join the fun and meet the new *Cursillo* members. A witness will share how God is working in their life. Sing and celebrate the Christmas season with friends old and new. For more information call Bob Melvin at 484-0324.

Whist Card Party with the Knights:

2nd Saturday of each month, a Whist Card Party is hosted by the Cathedral Knights of Columbus at their hall on Minnesota Street, Everyone invited!

December Card Party - Saturday, December 12th at 7 pm

~ Round up all your Whist playing friends and neighbors and come on over for a night of friendly card playing - always enjoyable and lots of snacks to share.

Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?

CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD A group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 and up that provides a social and spiritual network of activities that offer companionship for singles. The group offers a variety of programs and experiences that enrich its members socially, educationally, and spiritually. If you need additional information or would like to be put on our email list please contact Brenda at 718-0954 or Larry at 355-9087.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 8 - Music Bingo - 7pm - Thirsty's

December 12 - Christmas Gathering - Pizza Ranch- Southside - 6pm - bring a decoration to share at your table

December 18 - Blessed Sacrament Church - 5pm - come help fill candy bags for the prison ministry

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916

ADVENT PARTY ~ Dec. 14th at 6 pm at St. Therese

Please bring \$5.00 for a charity, a can of food, and a potluck dish. Note the change in time. Winners of the Catholic Daughter Raffles will be announced. If you need a ride, please call Florence at 431-0851.



Our Lady of Guadalupe The Hispanic community will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 12 at Blessed Sacrament Church at 11 a.m. All are invited. Bishop Robert Gruss will be the principal celebrant and priests of the diocese have been invited to concelebrate. The bilingual Mass will be followed by a reception. Desserts welcomed.

Bilingual Choir The United in Christ/*Unidos en Cristo* bilingual choir will sing at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Dec. 12 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, at 11 a.m. Terry Schroeder (director of the Joyful Sounds Choir at the BSC 11 a.m. Sunday Masses) will direct the choir. Rehearsal will be held at the church Friday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate in this choir/*todos son bienvenidos*.



Take life in a new direction

Join the hundreds of people who have found **financial freedom, parenting help and life skills. FREE tuition, children's program and activities, and groceries for completing weekly assignments. FREE meal for students and their families. Learn more & register at www.loveinonline.com or call Love INC at 718-LOVE (5683).**

Apply NOW! New 9-week quarter will be starting soon.

Registration deadline for all classes is one week before class start dates. 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
~ Common Sense Parenting ~ Stepping into Freedom (Women only)
~ Nutrition on a Budget ~ Kids Cooking (for parents & children)
~ Christianity Explored ~ Bible Class ~ Star Quilting Class 101 (\$25 fee) ~ Vehicle Maintenance Class ~ EWorks

Advent Taizé ~ Wednesday, December 9th ~ 7 pm

Join us for candle lit prayer experience as we prepare for our Savior's birth. All are welcome to join us at Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

Our Gift to YOU! Terra Sancta Retreat Center invites you to come away during the Christmas Holiday and enjoy the quiet and peace of Terra Sancta at a discounted rate. Make your reservation on-line at <http://terrasancta.org/ChristmasLodging2015> for the discounted rate of \$75 per night. Rates honored for family style lodging December 15-31. Questions? Contact us at 605-716-0925.

And ONE MORE FUNNY... from Father Bill

At the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. "I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope. Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves..." The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?" The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain." The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked. A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask, "Why is the male brain so much more?" The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used."

Christian Prayer Labyrinth ~ All are welcome!

Need time to get away from busy-ness & distractions to become centered on the true reason for Christmas? Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ using an indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The labyrinth will be available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily December 15-31 (excluding December 24-26). Prayer guides are available.

Night of Prayer for Life, December 7

The local observance of the National Night of Prayer for Life will begin with **Mass for the Immaculate Conception feast at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 7.** Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary for Life, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Please join Catholics across the U.S. as they pray in thanksgiving for the gift of life (from conception to resurrection), in atonement for the loss of human life from all causes, for healing from abortion and all violence, and seeking life-affirming solutions to all threats against life. Sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee. People from all Rapid City area parishes are encouraged to attend.

Handel's Messiah ~ Sunday, December 13th ~ 7 pm

The Chamber Orchestra from Rapid City Stevens High School will play selections from Handel's Messiah at Holy Cross Chapel. *The concert will feature vocalists Pamela Baker (Soprano); Deb Martin (Alto); Dean Peterson (Tenor); and Matthew Baker (Bass). Goodwill donations will be requested during the concert to support a local non-profit or person in need.*

Christmas Taizé ~ Monday, December 21st ~ 7 pm

Join us for a celebration of Christmas through song, scripture and silence. Featured soloist, Sandi Ohlen, will lead this Taizé prayer service at Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta.

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.