

MASS INTENTIONS ~ January 11 - 17

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Elizabeth Gross + &
Rebecca Russett +
5:30 pm – Mike Smith
TUESDAY 7:30 am – Betty Halverson +
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – Katie Baker +
THURSDAY 7:30 am – Terri Kruse
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Gordon Milam +
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Therese Freese +
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Parishioners
5:30 pm – Fe Hayden +

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Thursday, January 14 Leona Best
By Fr. Zandri – WestHills Village South – 4 pm

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 Mk 1:40-45
Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Faithful Citizenship "Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity. The very fact of our being here to combine our efforts means that we want our strategies and areas of expertise to be accompanied and reinforced by the mercy of the Gospel, by closeness to the men and women who are victims of this crime." (Pope Francis <http://w2.vatican.va>) 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: www.sistersagainstrafficking.org. (From www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission.)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Jan. 16 & 17

SAT. 5:30 pm EM: Jill Leberknight, Pat Guertman (S) Deacon Chuck Rausch, Doug Meiron, Joe Zacher, Ellen McGuigan, Patty Fritzie
Lector: Julie Shauger, Jim Blackwell **Ushers:** Tim & Paula Shull, Mike & Betty Quasney **Gift Bearers:** Becky Huber, Kay Olson, Diane Wilkinson
Altar Servers: Karen Witcraft, Kaleb Hedman, Arin Wagner, Abby Wagner
SUN. 9 am EM: Diane Dahl, Julie Heintz (S) Deacon Chuck Rausch, John Rapp, Paul Schneider, Ray & Mary Wagner **Lector:** Judee Popken, Randy Vette **Ushers:** Bill Schneider, Bob Heidgerken, Al Thome, Brenda Wills **Gift Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken Family **Altar Servers:** Abigail Popken, Noah Popken, TJ Morrison, Paige Kruse
SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Lynn Loomer (S) Deacon Chuck Rausch, Beth Sand **Lector:** Ralph Dupres, Deanna Johnson **Ushers:** Rick, Rachel, Max & Seth Edelen **Gift Bearers:** Tim & Molly Rausch Family
Altar Servers: Isabella Ashley, Olivia Ashley, Cooper Sand, Tyler Matt

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

www.saintheresechurch.org

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

Rest In Peace

Leo A. "Bud" Grebner

They go no further than God - and God is very near.

== The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

Hope all had a great holiday season. Things are getting back to normal in our schedules. The next big event for our parish is the Day of Mercy being held at St. Therese on January 28. After the 7:30 am Mass, two priests will be available for confessions all day until 7 pm. At 7 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place and Jeanne Harper will give a talk on the Corporal Works of Mercy. After which there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. Please try to take advantage of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on that day.

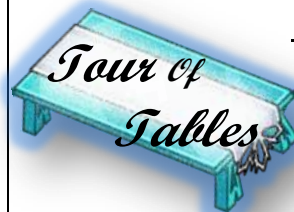
Please add KATHERINE CRAIG, SPECIAL GRANDMA & ROSE BRUNSON to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Wendlin Baumgartner, Shirley Black, Brittany, Rose Brunson, Kellee Callender, Darwin Coats, Jr., Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Katherine Craig, Ed Davis, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Dick & Diane Fraser, Haven Garrett, Vern Goetz, 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 Riehle, John Radziwon, Steve Rumbaugh, Carla Sandifer, Sand Family, Eileen Sauer, Dc. Beau Schumacher, Dixie Shreves, Special Grandma, Mary Swanson, Austin Trask, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Rose Wickenheiser, Betty Wilson, Carolyn Wise, Unborn Palmer Twins, Bernadette Zander, Darlys Zeller

Thank you for the continued prayers for John Zeller, Betty Bossen + & Leo Grebner +

A World Youth Day Luncheon Fundraiser
Tour of Tables at St. Therese
January 16th, 2016 at 11 am



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

A WEEKLY FUNNY... from Father Bill

Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burglarized. She called the police at once and reported the crime. The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the radio and a K-9 unit, patrolling nearby, was the first to respond. As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, then sat down on the steps. Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, "I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help and what do they do? They send me a BLIND policeman!"

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.**



Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ JANUARY

Chairperson: Diane Ange Co-Chairperson: Jan Winegar

MARY'S CIRCLE LUNCH =====

Pizza Ranch North

Wed., January 20th at 11:30 am

Hope to see you there!

RSVP to Darlys at 348-4269!



We would like to thank all those who have helped sell and purchase the 'We Care' gift cards this past year. By doing so, you have assisted the St. Therese Church in raising \$1,067.10 to help the needy in our community. It may have taken only a little of your time and effort, but it made quite an impact in benefiting such a worthy cause.

Again... thank you and keep up the good work!

Stats from this past year (2015):

MONTH	AMOUNT SOLD	AMOUNT FOR NEEDY
January	\$6925	\$112.50
February	\$5450	\$63.25
March	\$6925	\$85.75
April	\$6525	\$86
May	\$5150	\$75
June	\$6125	\$83.50
July	\$5650	\$90.75
August	\$8275	\$125
September	\$4675	\$61.75
October	\$7075	\$105.50
November	\$6500	\$83.25
December	\$7305	\$94.85
TOTALS:	\$76,580 (\$69,110 in 2014)	\$1067.10 (\$1,053.85 in 2014)

* This amount does not include the percentage which Church Response also receives from the sale of these gift cards.

Make a resolution this new year to help others and start by purchasing 'We Care' gift cards to benefit the needy. They are available from various area stores and are good toward groceries, clothes, gifts and even gasoline. Come visit us after mass on weekends or in the office on weekdays. What a great way to start 2016!

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week
(includes Christmas contributions)

Envelopes	\$ 6197.00
Plate Collection	\$ 2421.53
Children's Collection	\$ 32.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1521.13
Christmas	\$ 75.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Donation	\$ 750.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 80.76
TOTAL	\$11082.42
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 239.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 82.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 505.00
Retired Religious	\$ 5.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 5.00

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY:

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

PASTA, SOUP, CRACKERS & LAUNDRY SOAP

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

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

MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon:

BLANKETS, COATS up to sz 6, hats & mittens

We greatly appreciate all your contributions.

Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

Birthright of Rapid City wishes to thank the parishioners for their generosity during the Advent Baby Jesus Shower. In 2015 we were able to help over 300 clients with a pregnancy test, new baby layette, maternity clothes or an ear to listen. If you wish to continue this witness to the lives of the unborn and their mothers and strengthen the culture of life as a volunteer in this ministry, call 391.8307.

This is the National Vocation Awareness Week. Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons. (Luke 3:15-16,21-22)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Jan. 10 Class
Jan. 17 NO Class – MLK, Jr. Day
Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7 Class

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 6:30 – 8:30 pm:

Jan. 10 Class
Jan. 17 NO Class – MLK, Jr. Day
Jan. 24 Class
Jan. 31 4 to 8 pm Mini-Retreat (includes Mass & Meal)

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

*Dinner is served, and fun activities are happening!
6th -12th grade!!! Please join us*

Jan. 13, 20 Group

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY ...from Father Bill

A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband's temper. The Doctor asks: "What's the problem?" The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me." The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down." Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn. The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?" The Doctor says: "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick."

~ 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.

Next Knights of Columbus Meeting

Monday, January 11th ~ 7 pm

YOU should be a Knight! See any KC!!

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

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, January 16th at 6:30 pm

Free-will offering for dinner – Cards .50 each or 3 for \$1 per game



PARISH PINOCCHLE NIGHTS hosted by the KC's

Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm

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

BACK TO BASICS with Father Bill

WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm

Come one, or all Wednesdays... let's get back to basics



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!!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm

Even if we speak with a low voice, even if we whisper without opening the lips, even if we call to him only from the depths of the heart, our unspoken word always reaches God and God always hears.

– St. Clement of Alexandria

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'!



For over 43 years, Catholic Social Services has offered free services to those facing crisis pregnancy throughout our Diocese so they are not forced to face this decision alone or without adequate information. Our professional staff provides them with compassionate support and information, regardless of whether they choose to parent or place their child in a loving adoptive home. The annual collection taken on Ash Wednesday, February 10th allows us to continue these and other valuable services to people of all faiths in western South Dakota, regardless of financial means. Please prayerfully consider your gift that helps so many. Together, we can make a difference in this Holy Year of Mercy.

Healing Prayer Service: 6:30 PM Friday, January 15 at Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont. *The service will include songs, Scripture, and prayer over individuals who request it. Anyone is welcome, Catholic and non-Catholic. Feel free to invite those who have experienced a tragedy and people dealing with spiritual trials. The service will not be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Rather, it will be for anyone in need of healing – physical, emotional or spiritual.*

The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give to others.

Everyone come on down!

KC BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 10th

8 am until all served following 9 am Mass

Cost? Free-will offering, with proceeds to charity



And ONE MORE FUNNY... from Father Bill

Connie says excitedly, "I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, 'FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME.' No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well! I have gotten rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn dish soap instead. Its label reads, 'DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE.' Problem solved!"

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 began 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

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. FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE in the parish office! or 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.

Part-time cook position available at St. Martin Monastery which might include some weekends. For further information call or email Sister Florence, 343-8011 srflomcman@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

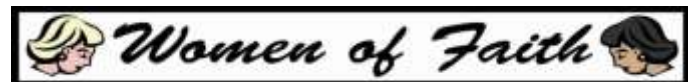
For info. on the following ministries, call FLM, 716-5214 x236

Beginning Experience Beginning Experience® Level 1 Separated, Divorced & Widowed Support Group, *Coping with Life Alone*, begins Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m. The seven-week support group meets at St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church, 532 Adams Street, Rapid City. Christian men and women from any denomination who have experienced the loss of a marriage, long-term relationship or the death of a spouse, are welcome. Pre-registration is requested, but not required. Registration fee is \$30. Need-based scholarships are available. To pre-register or for more information contact Amy at Family Life Ministries 716-5214 ext. 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



WEDNESDAYS: 9-11 AM

Cathedral Hall

Babysitting Provided

Handicapped Accessible

Beginning January 13 join us to view and discuss *Footprints of God*, a fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics course and Church history study rolled into one remarkable adventure series with Stephen Ray! Meet the people and see the places that shaped the salvation story through scripture and Church history from Abraham to Augustine. An optional study guide is available for \$4 cash or can be accessed on-line. Come when you can Wednesdays 9-11AM Cathedral's Lower Sacristy (basement between the stage and kitchen.) 716-4479

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.

Marian Conference

As part of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, the Diocese of Rapid City will be holding a Divine Mercy/Marian Conference at Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, 2016 featuring Fr. Chris Alar, the director of the Association of Marian Helpers in Stockbridge, MA. Theme, "Do Whatever He Tells You." - Jn 2:5. All are welcome! For more information please contact Frank Birkholt at fabhome@gwtc.net or Fr. Mark McCormick at mmccormick@diorc.org

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PUBLIC PROTEST

Every Friday from 4-5 by the statue of Abraham Lincoln on the corner of 9th and Main to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Did you get your TOUR of TABLES tickets yet?

Be sure to get yours TODAY!

ATTENTION ALL 16 – 24 YEAR OLDS!!!!
TEC ~Together Encounter Christ,
a 3 day retreat is FEBRUARY 13-15th at
Terra Sancta. Register NOW!!! Only \$75
includes room, food, materials.
Scholarships available!!!!



See Rita for more info. or applications are on the youth board.

REFUEL 2016 For all who serve the Church in religious education, youth ministry, evangelization or catechesis of any kind, join us **January 29-30** for **Refuel 2016: OUTSIDE THE BOX: How to make Saints out of everyday Sinners.** This will be a great opportunity to meet with other religious educators and youth ministers from around the diocese, and we plan to take some time to talk about relational ministry and thinking outside the box to bring all of us, sinners that we are, closer to Christ, to become the saints that we are called to be. We'll be discussing building relationships and community, and come together for prayer, fellowship, and practical information and discussion for evangelistic and catechetical ministries. We'll begin with Mass & dinner at 5:30pm on Friday evening, and end at about 4:30pm on Saturday. Cost is \$50, and if you would like to stay at Terra Sancta overnight, there are lodging options available at a lower rate as well. Register online at: <http://www.terrasancta.org/Refuel2016>

Making Disciples is a four-day workshop that trains parish leaders and members to foster an awakening of personal faith in Christ and intentional discipleship. It is presented by the Catherine of Siena Institute and will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center on March 11-12 and April 29-30, 2016. Sessions will be held from 9AM to 4PM, and attendance at all four sessions is required. Total cost for the workshop, materials, and four lunches is \$160 per person. The workshop fee of \$160 is due on Feb. 1, 2016. Payments can be made by credit card at www.terrasancta.org/makingdisciples or checks can be sent to Terra Sancta Retreat Center "Making Disciples" in the memo line. For questions about the workshop, contact Joni Osnes by phone at 605-787-5862 (home) or 605-787-5168 (work) or by email at joni.osnes@olbh.org.

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:

January 13 – Wednesday – Taize – Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta at 7pm. Meet at Baken Park at 6:30 to car pool.
January 16 – Saturday – Snowshoe – Call GF&P at 394-3896 to reserve your snow shoes. Meet at 11:30pm at Baken Park to car pool.
January 17 – Sunday -2pm- 40 Film – Civic Center - Contact Jerry at 415-2788 for free tickets. Meet at the Fine Arts door at 1:30pm
January 19 -Tuesday – Music Bingo at Thirsty's 6:45pm
January 29- Friday -Dine Out – 5pm -Native New Yorker Grill
Movie Nights – We will watch Elks Theatre for upcoming movies and will email when a good movie comes up.
February 4 – Thursday – The Flame – adoration, praise, worship & inspiring Catholic stories 7pm at Terra Sancta. Car pool from Baken Park at 6:30.
February 9 – Tuesday – Music Bingo at Thirsty's – 7pm
February 19 – Friday - Lenten Soup Supper – Cathedral – 6pm
February 27 – Saturday -Dine Out – 6:45pm- Longhorn

Ultreya is going to be held at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, regularly on the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting is Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. Come to gather with your friends, make new friends, sing and pray. We will hear a witness speak about what God is doing in their life. For more information, contact Bob Melvin at 605-484-0324.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916

Dates to Remember:

January 11th, 6:30pm, General Membership Meeting, at St. Therese Church. All members and prospective members are urged to attend to plan events for the coming year. A special dessert is being planned. Don't miss it!

January 23rd, 9:30 am, Free Kaffee Klatch social at #1489 Knights of Columbus Center, 1220 E. Minnesota Street (across from Kirk Funeral Home). Program: "We are the Catholic Daughters." This invitation is extended to all practicing Catholic women, *whether a Catholic Daughter or not*. Come and enjoy the company of women who share the same Catholic faith as you do. You do not have to be a Catholic Daughter to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Benedictine Vocation Weekend St. Martin Monastery will offer a weekend for women between the ages of 18 and 59 who are interested in finding out more about religious life Friday-Sunday, Jan. 15-17. Those attending the weekend join the Benedictine community for prayer, meals, daily activities and have time for reflection and discussion. The weekend runs from 7 p.m., on Friday through 2 p.m., on Sunday. For registration information contact Sister Mary Wegher, St. Martin Monastery, 1851 City Springs Road, Rapid City, SD 57702-9613, or 605-343-8011, smary.wegher@yahoo.com.

VOCATION WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Interested in finding the love of your life? God has a plan and a vocation – a love – in mind for you. Join us Friday-Sunday, Jan. 29-31, for a Vocation Weekend for Young Women at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Rapid City. For young women ages 16-30. This weekend will be a great opportunity to spend time with consecrated women and priests and learn more about discernment and vocations. The Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus of New Ulm, MN will lead this retreat. Registrations due Friday, Jan. 15. Contact Shawna Hanson, Administrative Assistant for Vocations, Diocese of Rapid City, at 605-716-5214 ext. 233, or shanson@diorc.org for more information and flyers.

Pro-Life Observance

Jan. 22, Friday, Roe v. Wade Memorial Observance, 7 p.m., St. Therese the Little Flower, Rapid City.

Theme: "Mercy, Forgiveness, Healing."

Sponsored by Rapid City Right to Life.

NPM Meeting

The National Pastoral Musicians winter meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Patrick Church, Lead. All interested music ministers, liturgists, and clergy are encouraged to attend. Items presented by Lee Gwozdz at our October meeting will be reviewed and discussion regarding strategies that can be used in our diocese will be addressed. Also, a variety of parishes will present all of the "known" Mass settings being used in our diocese. In addition, one of the easiest way of utilizing harmony will be showcased. These will include canons and rounds. Whether using children, small ensembles, or large groups, rounds and canons can prove useful in parish music ministry. Reservations are due Monday, Jan. 18, to Kathy Little, 14645 Country Rd., Rapid City, SD 57701 or lovingtrust@live.com. For further information, call Jackie Schnittgrund @342-6132.

Real Presence Radio is seeking applicants for the Following Position: Rapid City Area Listener Relations Representative:

Assist the Listener Relation Coordinator with spreading the word about Real Presence Radio. 40 hours per month and requires work 3-5 hours one weekend per month on average. ~ Promote RPR in the local listening area ~ Manage local parish reps ~ Schedule and give talks at parishes ~ Gather gift certificates for Live Drives ~ Attend events and manage an RPR booth ~ Help gather table hosts, volunteers, etc., for banquets and live drives ~ Other duties as assigned

Positions open until filled. Send Applications to: Real Presence Radio, PO Box 13703, Grand Forks, ND 58208

Knights of Columbus council 8844 invites you to the 3rd Annual

Knights of Wine

An Evening of Wine and Gourmet Food Pairings on Friday, February 5th ~ 6:30 to 9 pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

Tickets are \$40/person or VIP Tickets \$100/person (limited qty)

Join us for an evening to socialize with wine tasting, heavy hors d'oeuvres, demonstrations, games and drawings. Visit our website at www.kofc8844.org to purchase your tickets for this premier event or call James Schaefer at 430-7131, Terri Patterson at 431-2514 or Robert Sass at 390-2688. Tickets are also available at Blessed Sacrament. Dress is Business Elegant

Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy ~ Pope Francis

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Rome Pilgrimage

Father Michel Mulloy, pastor of the Cathedral is offering a pilgrimage to Rome, with side trips to Orvieto and Assisi (home of St. Francis), Apr. 7-17. The pilgrimage will give participants a wonderful visit to the Eternal City. Highlights of the trip will include an historic look at the city from ancient times to the present, an opportunity to walk through the Holy Doors open this Jubilee Year of Mercy, and attend a papal audience. Please contact Father Mulloy, 605-342-0507, or michel@cathedralolph.org for more information.

An Update from the Hope For New Life (HFNL) Jail Ministry Ministry Member Testimony by Fran Solinsky

Our Lord calls us to go forth and spread the Gospel of His love and mercy for each person. For me that was a challenge. I was active in the parish life at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, but something was "missing" and I longed to do more for the less fortunate. I didn't know what that calling was until the seed was planted in the Spring of 2009 when Father read the Gospel of Matthew 25:36 at Mass. Yes, I was feeding and clothing the poor and assisting with my elderly mother and handicapped sister, but the part about **visiting the imprisoned** touched my heart. The only time I had been to the jail was to visit a cousin a few years earlier. With the Holy Spirit's prompting, I made the decision to join the Jail Ministry. You may think that going to the jail is not for you because of fear. I was apprehensive at first also, but my fear quickly dissipated as I came to experience the thankfulness and hunger of the inmates for the Gospel. It is truly uplifting to see the grace and spiritual transformation that takes place in the inmates as they reach out to God. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, what better way to show mercy than to bring the inmates weekly encouragement about God's mercy. What a grace filled journey the past six years have been for me!

To learn more about our ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)**. You are also welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY – HOSPITALITY SURVEY

We are moving into the second phase of our Stewardship initiative, Lively Faith: prayer, study and formation. But we will continue to work to be a people of Generous Hospitality. I would greatly appreciate your feedback on how you have experienced hospitality in the past year, so that we can celebrate our successes and continue to work on areas that we need to improve.

From those who respond to the survey by January 19 and provide contact information, I will randomly draw names to invite 50 individuals to a gathering with me for pie and coffee on Saturday, January 30 at Terra Sancta.

I am grateful to you for your help in shaping the future of our diocese.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Robert D. Gruss

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE USHER DURING OR AFTER MASS or return to the parish office by January 18th. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO FILL THIS OUT.
We value you!

HOSPITALITY SURVEY:

1) To which parish do you belong?

2) Our greeters are friendly and inviting as we arrive for Mass.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Don't Know Agree Strongly Agree

3) A sense of community and hospitality is central to our experience of Mass.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Don't Know Agree Strongly Agree

4) Our greeters wear nametags when greeting parishioners.

Never Rarely Some of the time All of the time

5) Our greeters introduce themselves when parishioners arrive for Mass.

Never Rarely Some of the time All of the time

6) Our greeters greet parishioners by name upon arrive for Mass.

Never Rarely Some of the time All of the time

7) Our greeters choose visitors, families, couples to bring up the Eucharistic gifts.

Never Rarely Some of the time All of the time

8) Our pastor introduces himself at the beginning of Mass.

Never Rarely Some of the time All of the time

9) Our music ministry introduces each hymn by page number.

Never Rarely Some of the time All of the time

10) There seems to be an increased level of welcome and hospitality at our parish.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Don't Know Agree Strongly Agree

11) Our parish has a stewardship committee.

Yes No Don't Know

12) Our parish has a stewardship mission statement

Yes No Don't Know

13) The best experience of having hospitality extended to me at my parish this year was:

14) One thing I wish my parish would do to be more hospitable is:

Any additional comments for my parish about hospitality:

To be eligible for the drawing for "Pie and Coffee with the Bishop" on the afternoon of Saturday, January 30th, please provide your name and email address and/or phone number. If you and your spouse want to be considered as a couple for the drawing, please include both of your names.



Hi there! Have you recently switched to just a cell phone? Do we have your current address & phone number?

We are working to get our records as accurate as possible, so...."THANK YOU!" to those families that recently shared address and phone number changes – helps us keep in touch. 😊 (Anyone else out there in the pews wanting to share changes? We'd love to hear from ya.)