

**MASS INTENTIONS ~ Jan. 16 - 22**

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Therese Freese +  
 TUESDAY 7:30 am – Viola Bruce +  
 WEDNESDAY 9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center  
 THURSDAY 7:30 am -- Tschosik Family – Barbara (o),  
 Adam + & Glenn +  
 FRIDAY 7:30 am – Calvin Neiss +  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 SATURDAY 5:30 pm -- Dick Fraser +  
 SUNDAY 9:00 am – Parishioners  
 5:30 pm – Rose Justice +

**MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese**

Sunday, January 22 Fr. Tom Tierney, SJ +  
 By Fr. Prendiville – St. John, the Evangelist, New Underwood – 11 am

**FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM**

**PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

**Our Daily Scriptures**

Monday Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17 Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14 Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23

**Faithful Citizenship Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Day.** The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative. <http://www.usccb.org>

**Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ JANUARY**

Chairperson: Diane Ange Co-chair: Jan Winegar

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Jan. 21 & 22**

**SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.:** John Mowry, Mary Ann Wheeler (S) Pat Guertman, Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Liz Myscofski, Joe Zacher **Lector:** Bob Case, Scott Sime **Ushers:** Fred & Paula Welsch, Michael & Sarah Crook **Gift Bearers:** Ron & Barb Schuch **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscofski, Allison Schuch, Benjamin Schuch

**SUN. 9 am E.M.:** Julie Heintz, Joann Solano (S) Kim Dolan, Ralph & Rita Dupres, Kelly Heintz, Mark Vedder **Lector:** Judee Popken, David Dolan **Ushers:** Bob Heidgerken, Clint Jolley, Joe Martin, Randy Rapp **Gift Bearers:** Jason & Donna Gorman Family **Altar Servers:** Destinee Heizelman, Drake Heizelman, Chloe Thome

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Chris VanCleave (S) Deacon Rausch, Nancy Hartman **Lector:** Tony Berendse **Ushers:** Bill & Jan Winegar **Gift Bearers:** Jerry & Elaine Kocher **Altar Servers:** Spencer Morrison, Brock Williamson

**Please remember to find a substitute if needed.**

**If you have changes for future schedules, call the office at 342-1556.**

Rapid City Right to Life will host 44<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Roe v. Wade Memorial Observance**  
**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**  
**St. Therese Church**

Gordon Howie will speak on  
 "Roe v. Wade: Where Do We Go From Here?" and our  
 St. Therese Youth will do a skit!

**WELCOME**

to the Faith Community

**Through The Waters of Baptism:**

Alanna NEGRON, daughter of Ricardo & Shannon  
 Selah CLARK, daughter of Kurt & Michelle  
 Henry CLARK, son of Kurt & Michelle



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU to ALL**  
**who helped decorate (&**  
**undecorated) as we welcomed**  
**Our Newborn King during the**  
**Christmas Season! YOU are so great!!!**

*Rest In Peace*

**Judith Joy Hansen**  
**Mary Rearick**

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

**MARY'S CIRCLE LUNCH** =====  
**Wed., January 18th at 11:30 am at**  
**Northside Pizza Ranch**

**EVERYONE**  
**WELCOME!!**

Questions? Call Darlys at 348-4269!

Please add MARGO AERTS to your prayers

**Bulletin Prayer List:**

Margo Aerts, Tim Ange, Wendlin Baumgartner, James Birch, Shirley Black, Kathy Borkovec, Barbara Boyd, Lorraine Brooks, Britney Weber Brouillette, Rose Brunson, Kellee Callender, Nick Cederberg, Chad, Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Katherine Craig, Scott Crawford, Tom Crawford, Brian Engle, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Albert Fernandez, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Haven Garrett, Tim Garrett, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, Harold Hansen, Dan Harrahill, Sue Hayden, Michi Hittle, Jaime Hopfauf, Rosemary Huggins, Father Kari, Arlene Kingsley, Corky Leach, Melanie Lewis, Fr. John Lule, Gayle Martin, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Bob Mercer, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Ann Weber O'Connell, Pat Osburn, Margaret Paris, Donald Pазie, Travis Peterson, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, John Radziwon, Rose, Carla Sandifer, Allen Schwahn, Shirley, Steve & Britney, Greg Suto, Wilma Theis, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Larry Wetsch, Rose Wickenheiser, De Etta Young, Bernadette Zander

Thank you for the continued prayers for Judy Hansen +

## Parish website:

[www.sainttheresechurch.org](http://www.sainttheresechurch.org)

Get the bulletin & other information online!

### A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Heard Connie saying, "I'm on two diets now. I wasn't getting nearly enough food on just one!"



## CHILI COOK OFF & DESSERT AUCTION

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**

To enter your chili...

Simply turn in an entry form, bring your roaster of chili to the church on Saturday, then stick around to see if your recipe is the **WINNER & claim your PRIZE!!!**

**OR Come to sample & Pick Your Favorite!**

**Only \$5 per person for the dinner!**

**All proceeds to the youth pilgrimage to Italy!!**

## Update on Italy

On June 10 we travel to Assisi, the city of birds and silence. Our morning starts with a visit of St. Francis Basilica followed by mass at one of the chapels in the basilica. A walking tour of Assisi and a visit to the church of St. Clare to see her tomb and cross, which spoke to St. Francis. We visit San Rufino Church where St. Francis and St. Clare were baptized and the gallery of John Paul II.

We will also see the church of Santa Maria Degli Angeli. We will stay this night in Assisi. And day 4 we head to Florence!

### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## Get Father Kari's NEW CD in the office!!

"Father Kari's Old Time Classics"

**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!



Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

### GENERAL FUND: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 5200.88
Plate Collection	\$ 1282.52
Children's Collection	\$ 58.83
Gifts and Donations	\$ 750.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Calvin Neiss Memorial	\$ 20.00
Rent from House	\$ 450.00
Copier Maintenance – KC's	\$ 50.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 72.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7914.98</b>

**Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00**

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 369.00
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### "THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 242.00
Priest Retirement Aid	\$ 167.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 312.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ .28

### COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY:

**Jan. 15:** General Fund    **Jan. 22:** General Fund    **Jan. 29:** General Fund

**Jan. 31:** Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund

**JAN.:** Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

## SOUPS, CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT, TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

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

### MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon:

**DIAPERS:** size 3-5, **WINTER CLOTHES** up to size 6, **SOCKS & UNDERWEAR** up to size 6 **We greatly appreciate all your contributions.**

Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

**NEWBORN Baby Items 0-3 months . . new and/or very gently used Diapers, Outfits, rattles, onesies, receiving blankets, etc. will continue to be collected & donated to BIRTHRIGHT. Thank you for your generosity!**

### ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

A farm boy accidentally overturned his wagonload of corn. The farmer who lived nearby heard the noise and yelled over to the boy, "Hey Willis forget your troubles. Come in and visit with us. I'll help you get the wagon up later." "That's mighty nice of you," Willis answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to." "Aw come on boy," the farmer insisted. "Well okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "but Pa won't like it." After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset." "Don't be foolish!" the neighbor said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?" "Under the wagon," replied the farm boy.

**Seeking desserts to be auctioned on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Please call the office if you can make one! ☺**

**If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister?  
Altar Server? Usher? Gift Bearer? We are  
seeking...please call the office at 342-1556.**

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE... We now have a few  
SHOPwithSCRIP cards for local businesses on hand  
at the We Care table after masses and in the Parish  
Office. Get them while they are still available: Bed  
Bath & Beyond \$25, Arby's \$10, Pizza Ranch \$25, Taco  
Bell \$10, and Bath&Body Works \$25 just to name a  
few... So many more gift cards to choose from!  
ORDER THIS WEEKEND, PICK UP NEXT WEEKEND!**

**IT'S THAT EASY!! Let us know where you like to shop...  
recommendations are welcome.**

*WE CARE now has gift cards of \$25, \$50 & \$100 to Fresh  
Start (formerly Don's Valley Market)! For a limited time until gone!  
Purchase yours today!*

**We would like to thank all those who have  
helped sell and purchase the "We Care and  
Scrip" gift cards this past year. By doing so,  
you have assisted St. Therese Church in  
raising \$1,157.42 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  
benefitting such a worthy cause. Again...thank you  
and keep up the good work!**

**Stats from this past year (2016):**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Amount Sold</u>	<u>Amount for Needy</u>
JANUARY	\$5500	\$77.50
FEBRUARY	6175	93.75
MARCH	6970	93.00
APRIL	5305	77.00
MAY	6470	80.90
JUNE	6100	86.00
JULY	6000	87.50
AUGUST	5150	76.50
SEPTEMBER	6500 + 25 scrip	81.00
OCTOBER	4600 + 175 scrip	70.27
NOVEMBER	4775 + 405 scrip	99.77
DECEMBER	8100 + 1250 scrip	224.23
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$71,645 + 1855 Scrip</b>	<b>\$1157.42*</b>
	(\$76,580 in 2015)	(\$1,067.10 in 2015)

+ This amount does not include the percentage which Church Response also receives from the sale of these gift cards. \*\*The amount we receive from Scrip depends on many factors which include the percentage we get from the type of card purchased (ie. Department stores 3-4% vs. restaurants 8-11%) as well as the postage we pay per order vs. free shipping deals when available.

From our birth God calls us to be whole, holy people.  
How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For  
some, the path to wholeness and holiness is through  
service as a sister, brother, or priest. Think about it!  
(1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

**The St. Therese Meals on Wheels Ministry is  
seeking DRIVERS OR TEAMS to deliver once every  
other month or to substitute!!! We deliver on Fridays  
(Takes approximately an hour or so) Please call  
Connie at 342-1556! AND THANK YOU to those volunteering!  
Meals on Wheels is such a wonderful program & you make it happen!  
You're a blessing!**

**ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...**

At a fabric store, a pretty girl spots a nice material for a dress and asks the male clerk, "How much does it cost?" "Only one kiss per yard," replied the male clerk with a smirk. "That's fine," said the girl, "I'll take ten yards." With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the clerk quickly measured out the cloth, wrapped it up, and then teasingly held it out. The girl took the bag and pointed to the old man standing beside her, and smiled, "My grandpa will pay the bill."

**~ 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](mailto:ffkaren@rushmore.com).**

**Yes! It's that time again!...  
Steubenville of the Rockies for grades 9-12  
June 22-25 in Denver, CO  
Register TODAY!!! Deadline is Jan. 12th!**

CONTACT RITA DUPRES in the youth office  
*Total cost: \$390, includes conference, travel, lodging,  
t-shirt, most meals and Elitch Gardens.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Grades PreK - 6<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am**

Jan. 15 NO Class (MLK Day)

Jan. 22, 29 Class

**CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 5:30 pm ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm ~ 8<sup>th</sup> grade +**

Jan. 15 NO Class (MLK Day)

Jan. 22 Class

Jan. 29 4-8 pm Mini Retreat with SPONSORS!

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

Jan. 18, 25 Group

**Do you make a mean pot o' chili? Enter  
the chili cook-off on January 21<sup>st</sup>! Mmm!**

**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.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**MONDAYS: 8 am to 4:45 pm**

**Benediction & Evening Prayer at 4:45 pm**

Come rest in Me. If only for a little while.

"In the presence of this mystery of the Eucharist, human reason experiences its limitations. The heart, however, responds and bows low in adoration and in love." –Pope John Paul II

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS FROM PAIRIE MARKET & FAMILY THRIFT CENTER! We will send them in! For every \$150,000 in receipts, we receive \$1,000!!! Thank you!!** -- St. Therese Youth

**FAITH ON THE ROAD is coming to St. Therese on February 1<sup>st</sup>! For people of all ages!!**

**6 to 6:45 pm POTLUCK DINNER** Please bring a dish or two to share!

**6:45 to 7:30 pm Class** for variety of age groups  
LIVING THE MISSION in the Diocese of Rapid City ~ Learn the Mission and Values covered in the Priority Plan and Bishop Gruss's pastoral letter *Through Him, With Him, and In Him*.

**6:45 to 7:30 pm Closing and Adoration**

### **Catholic Daughters 2017 National Education Contest**

4 Divisions (Grades 4-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 & Adult CDA members)

In Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography –

**SEE THE YOUTH BOARD FOR CONTEST ENTRY FORM,  
THEMES/DIVISIONS/CATEGORIES, PRIZES & RULES!**

**Entries must be received by February 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**Birthright** is looking for dedicated volunteers to help run our center for 2-4 hours, 1 day per week. Training is provided and you won't have to work alone! If interested please call Cathy at 347-6190 or Kay at 484-6222.

Mark your calendar!

Cathedral high school all class reunion

Saturday evening, July 1, 2017

for more information, [schmidins@yahoo.com](mailto:schmidins@yahoo.com)

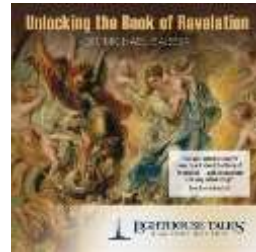
### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

If you have a heart to serve to poor please join us at our Conference meetings: \*Cathedral meets on the 2nd Sundays at noon and 4th Mondays at 6:00pm and \*Our Lady of the Black Hills meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Cathedral 718-5896 serves families in Rapid City & Box Elder and OLBH 389-6739 serves families from Black Hawk thru Sturgis.

### **Unlocking the Book of Revelation**

Dr. Michael Barber, host for Reasons for Faith Live on EWTN, is Professor of Theology and Scripture at John Paul the Great Catholic University. In this exciting presentation, he reveals the deep treasures hidden in the Apocalypse, demonstrating the practical implications for living in today's modern world. When is Jesus coming? Listen and discover the surprising truth!

**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!**



### **Job Opening at St. Thomas More/St. Elizabeth Seton Custodial Positions – Full and Part time**

Looking for individuals with an excellent work ethic. Custodial experience preferred. Drug Free workplace. Background check required. Applications are available to download from our website: [www.rccss.org](http://www.rccss.org) - district information - employment opportunities. Molly Rausch, HR Coordinator, RCCSS

424 Fairmont Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57701

605-348-1477 [mrausch@rccss.org](mailto:mrausch@rccss.org)

### **All are invited for a COMMUNITY FOOT CARE CLINIC each month at St. Therese**



Interim Healthcare will be providing a community foot care clinic. \$10 per person: feet soak, toenails cut and lotion applied. **January 20th at 9 am** and then **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** of every month. Please call 348-5885 to sign up or ask questions.

### **Men in Black Basketball**

– Monday evening, January 30th @ 5:30 – 8:30 pm at St. Thomas More High School

includes dinner and basketball games featuring students v. faculty and high school boys v. priests of our diocese. A great night of fun and fellowship celebrating the gift of the priesthood to the Church.



### **Ladies Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show**

Dress in your finest and join us for an Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show. Enjoy an elegant event while learning the art of a perfect cup of Tea with appetizers. **Saturday, Feb 11, at 2 p.m., St. Therese Church.** Fun for all ladies ages 6 and over. Cost: \$10 over 12 years, \$6 for 6-to-12 years. RSVP with payment to: Roxanne Stephens, 702 Odde Place, Rapid City, SD 57701. For more information, call 605-787-3044. Sponsored by Court St. Rita #916, Catholic Daughters.

**Hey, Mr. Milferd Best will be our auctioneer again on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm!!** 😊



## Catholics Returning Home ~ Still time to join us!

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 Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm at St. Therese! For more information contact Deacon Greg Sass at [gsass@diorc.org](mailto:gsass@diorc.org) or 605-939-0579, or visit [ReturningCatholics.net](http://ReturningCatholics.net). There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

### Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?

**CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD** A social and spiritual group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 + 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:

Friday, January 27 - Dine Out - Golden Phoenix @ 5pm

Movie Nights - We can take in movies over the winter at Elks Theatre or Carmike on \$5 Tuesdays. Watch for emails!

## Radio Reception

Real Presence Radio at 94.7 FM is now operating at a new height on the new antenna. Check it out for improved reception.

## Catholic Medical Association Guild

The Diocese of Rapid City will soon be applying to the Catholic Medical Association to form a Guild in our Diocese. The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) is the largest association of Catholic individuals in health care. We help our members to grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. Local guilds help their members to grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. *If you have recently joined the National CMA, or are interested in participating in the formation of the local CMA Guild, please contact Amy Julian, Director of Family Life at [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org), or 605-716-5214 ext 236. For more information about a CMA Guild or how you as individuals can become of member of Catholic Medical Association, please consult their website at <http://cathmed.org>.*



## Mark your calendars! Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance

Saturday, February 11, 2017 Join us for this year's event, "**A Cord of Three Strands**". Mass and renewal of vows will be celebrated at Terra Sancta, Rapid City at 5:30 p.m. The dinner-dance will follow, also at Terra Sancta with music provided by **A Family Affair**. Registration fee of \$65 per couple includes the dinner and dance and is required to be received by January 31. 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](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org).

## Share your gift of intercessory prayer & join the PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

We pray 3 Divine Mercy chaplets for those near the end of life. Volunteers are contacted by text or email and asked to pray from home or church. Contact Patrick to join or request prayers. 569-1012 [patdanflan@protonmail.com](mailto:patdanflan@protonmail.com).

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

For info. or to register for the following ministries, call Amy at FLM, 716-5214 x236 or [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org)

**Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged** is a weekend getaway, held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, for engaged couples to deepen their relationship with each other and with God by exploring the Catholic Church's vision of marriage. The next retreat dates: **February 10-12; March 10-12, April 28-30.** Please register on-line at [www.WestRiverHeart2Heart.com](http://www.WestRiverHeart2Heart.com). Additional dates available online. Please note that retreats will be closed to registration once full, and payment does not have to be made on the date of registration, so early registration is recommended, especially if your options are limited. *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.*

**NFP, Good for your Body, Great for your Soul** The next *Natural Family Planning Seminars* will be offered on: **Saturday, January 28, 2017—St. Therese, Rapid City & Saturday, February 18, 2017—Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City** Seminars are required for all couples planning to marry in the Diocese of Rapid City, however they are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning. NFP provides an all-natural morally acceptable way to plan your family or to monitor the health of your fertility, and can also aid in strengthening marriages. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the theology behind the use of NFP, a witness couple discussing the effect of NFP on their marriage, and the basics of one of the many sound, scientific methods of NFP currently available today. Please note that the NFP requirement for marriage preparation is met with this seminar. There is no NFP presentation at the Heart to Heart Engaged Couples Retreat Weekend. Couples need to sign up for both the NFP Seminar and The Heart to Heart Weekend.

**"HEAL YOUR GRIEF" Bereavement Support Group** is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Join us for the winter session starting on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 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

**Beginning Experience 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 winter session starts at 7:00pm on January 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Diocesan Social Justice Commission Winter Workshop "Care For Creation"**, Saturday, January 28, 2017. Do you know what the Catholic Church teaches about our responsibility to care for creation? As a largely agrarian state, South Dakotans have cared for creation for generations. 2013 SD Leopold Award Winner, Pat Guptill will be one of our featured speakers. Pat and Mary Lou Guptill have made a lifetime commitment to wise use and conservation of natural resources. As a livestock producer in western South Dakota, they have faced environmental challenges. Over the years, Pat and Mary Lou have done much research into the science of agriculture and natural resources. As they have applied their knowledge over the years, they are seeing results of healthier soil, water, plants, and livestock.

**TEC, Together Encounter Christ Retreat, Feb 18-20, age 16-25!! Sign up today!**