MASS INTENTIONS ~ Jan. 30 – Feb. 5

Intentions indicated by "+" are deceased; no notations are for living	
MONDAY	7:30 am – Anna & Leonard Kuehn +
TUESDAY	7:30 am – Theresa "Terry" Shoener +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY	9:30 am Mass at Golden Living Center BH
FRIDAY	7:30 am – Judy Hansen +
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SATURDAY	5:30 pm Vicki Walters +
SUNDAY	9:00 am – Jerry & Therese Freese +
	5:30 pm – Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Sunday, January 22 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 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a Mk 6:1-6 Thursday Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 Friday Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 Mk 6:14-29 Saturday Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34 Sunday Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

<u>Faithful Citizenship</u> *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*

"Our generation will show that it can rise to the promise found in each young person when we know how to give them space. This means that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development; to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be.." - Pope Francis <u>http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/</u>

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - Feb. 4 & 5

SAT. 5:30 pmE.M.:Jill Leberknight, Ellen McGuigan (S) Jim Blackwell, PatGuerttman, Mary Ann Wheeler, Joe Zacher, one neededLector:ScottSimeUshers:Michael & Sarah Crook, invite someone newGift Bearers:Ron & Barb Schuch FamilyAltar Servers:NEEDED

SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

<u>SUN.</u> <u>5:30 pm E.M.</u>: Elaine Kocher (S) Nancy Hartman, Jan Winegar <u>Lector</u>: Lori Ashley <u>Ushers</u>: Bill & Jan Winegar <u>Gift Bearers</u>: Don & Dottie Borowski **Altar Servers**: Sarah Johnson, Isabella Ashley, Olivia Ashley

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

<u>Urgent Need for Eucharistic Ministers and</u> <u>Sacristans! Please call the office at 342-1556.</u> <u>Training starting soon. Also training soon for</u> <u>lectors & Altar Servers. Please call the office.</u>

<u>Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ FEBRUARY</u> Chairperson: Jan Winegar Co-chair: Bobbi Bloom

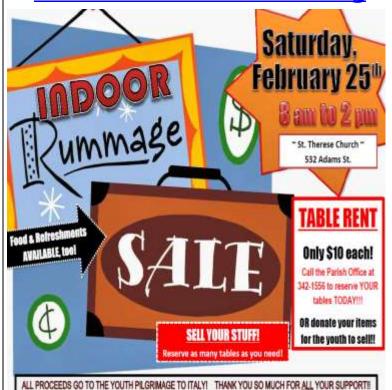
> Hey! Gather up your "treasures" for the St. Therese INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE on February 25th!

Add Bob Doran, Gabriel Bachmeier & Claude & Bennie Saldanha to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Margo Aerts, Tim Ange, Gabriel Bachmeier, 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, Bob Doran, 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 Pazie, Travis Peterson, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, John Radziwon, Rose, Claude & Bennie Saldanha, Carla Sandifer, Allen Schwahn, Shirley, Steve & Britney, Greg Suto, Wilma Theis, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Larry Wetsch, Rose Wickenheiser, De Etta Young, Bernadette Zander

Parish website: www.sainttheresechurch.org



A LITTLE LAUGH ...

A young security guard was posted to the overnight shift outside a bank. Try as he might, he couldn't stay awake for the entire eight hours. His head slumped to his chest and he fell fast asleep. Around 4 am, he awoke with a start to see his supervisor eyeing him suspiciously. Knowing the trouble he'd face for sleeping on the job, he lowered his head once more and intoned, "Ah-men."

Thank you to all who supported the Chili Feed and Auction in ANY way! It was a great time for all!! Special thanks to auctioneer, Milferd Best! Together we made \$2000!! for the Youth Pilgrimage to Italy! Yay!!! ©

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...

<u>recommendations are welcome.</u>

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!

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.

SOUPS, CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT, TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE Please place your items in box at either entrance! THANK YOU !!

<u>NEWBORN Baby Items 0-3 months . . new DIAPERS new</u> and/or very gently used Outfits, rattles, onesies, receiving blankets, etc. collected & donated to BIRTHRIGHT.

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!!

GENERAL FUND: Contributions this week Envelopes \$ 5221.54 Plate Collection \$ 1492.00 Children's Collection \$ 99.57 Christmas Flowers \$ 20.00 \$ Terry Shoener Memorial 25.00 \$ Ralph Glatz Memorial 200.00 50.00 Facility Use Donation \$ Votive Candle Income \$ 56.00 TOTAL \$ 7164.11 Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00 CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND **Building Improvements** \$ 85.00 **"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:** Seminarian Fund \$ 115.00 \$ Priest Retirement Aid 30.00 Catholic Home Missions \$ 5.00 Church in Latin America \$ 2.00 Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$ 2.00 **COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY / FEBRUARY:** Jan. 29: Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund Feb. 12: General Fund Feb. 5: General Fund Feb. 19: Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund

Feb. 26: General Fund FEB.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home! Sheriff: Height? Husband: Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall. Sheriff: Weight? Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat. Sheriff: Color of eyes? Husband: Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed. Sheriff: Color of hair? Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember. Sheriff: What was she wearing? Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly. Sheriff: What kind of car did she go in? Husband: She went in my truck. Sheriff: What kind of truck was it? Husband: A 2017 pearl white Ram Limited 4X4 with 6.4I Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, led lighting, back up and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailering package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB port, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and underglow wheel well lighting. At this point the husband started choking up.

Sheriff: Take it easy, we'll find your truck.!

Blest are they who... take a good look at the beatitudes. These are the gifts of spiritual leaders. Encourage them wherever you see them growing. (Matthew 5:1-12) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**



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!





ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH

In a St. Louis church one Sunday morning, the preacher said, "Anyone with 'special needs' who wants to be prayed over, please come forward to the front by the altar." With that, Leroy got in line, and when it was his turn, the preacher asked, "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Leroy replied, "Preacher, I need you to pray for help with my hearing." The preacher put one finger of one hand in Leroy's ear, placed his other hand on top of Leroy's head, and then prayed and prayed and prayed. He prayed a "blue streak" for Leroy, and the whole congregation joined in with great enthusiasm. After a few moments, the preacher removed his hands and asked, "Leroy, how is your hearing now?" Leroy answered, "I don't know. It ain't 'til Thursday."

What a "treasure" you are!!

Update on Italy ~ Day 5 ~ June 12, 2017

Cascia – Rome After breakfast we depart for Cascia, where we celebrate Mass and visit the Monastery and the Shrine of St. Rita! One of the most popular of the Italian saints. She was a married woman, a mother, a widow, a nun, a stigmatist, and later, a mystic. The Basilica of St. Rita contains her incorrupt body, several relics from her life, and a Eucharistic miracle from before her time. In the late afternoon we arrive in Rome and check into our hotel.

~ 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.

Register TODAY!!! Steubenville of the Rockies for grades 9-12 June 22-25 in Denver, CO

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 - 6th: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am

Jan. 29 Class Feb. 4 at 9 am FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT Feb. 5, 12 Class

<u>CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 5:30 pm ~ 7th Grade</u> 6:30 – 8:30 pm ~ 8th grade +

Jan. 29 4-8 pm Mini Retreat with SPONSORS! Feb. 5, 12 Class Youth Connection: WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:30 pm (Grades 6-12) Feb. 1 FAMILY POTLUCK! Bring a dish or two to share and come enjoy the evening! - All are welcome!!! Feb 8, 15 Group

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAYS: 8 am to 4:45 pm ~ Now in Chapel ~

Benediction & Evening Prayer at 4:45 pm

<u>Come rest in Me. If only for a little while.</u> "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



CURSILLO

 \sim an encounter with Christ \sim

Perhaps you are a "cradle" Catholic – have lived your life attending weekend and Holy Day Mass. You follow God's commandments, are a good person. But something is missing. Maybe you want to "take it to another level," or are simply in need of renewed passion, energy, and commitment to your Faith in God. OR maybe you are a convert to Catholicism – attended RCIA and are now looking for another connection to your church. Sharing morning and evening prayer, the Rosary, talking about your Faith with others may be what will help you continue the faith journey you have been on. OR Have you recently returned to the Catholic Church and would like to get away for a weekend? Here is an opportunity to share your faith and love of God with fellow Catholics.
After the weekend Masses of February 4 & 5, there will be an

After the weekend Masses of February 4 & 5, there will be an information session in Room 103 to answer your questions about Cursillo. For more information, call the office at 342-1556 and Deacon Chuck will return your call.

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.

Vocation Prayer

Learn the new diocesan Prayer for Vocations, see page 2 of the January *West River Catholic.*

Be sure to get your order in by Feb. 23rd! MAGNIFICAT

The *Magnificat* is an abbreviated version of the *Liturgy of the Hours*; it includes the Order of Mass and the readings for the Masses for the month. There are also daily meditations and short excerpts on saints. It is a very good resource for prayer and devotion.

If you wish to subscribe, please complete the order form below and return it with a check for \$26.75 made payable to St. Therese in an envelope marked: **Magnificat.** Get your envelope to us by dropping in the collection basket, bringing it directly to the Office, or you can even mail the order to us here at St. Therese.

The new subscription will begin with the May 2017 issue and end with the April 2018 issue. *Magnificats can then be picked up just outside the office here at St. Therese when you come for Mass or anytime during the week.*

And, "YES" we will check the collection from the weekend Mass for your envelope marked: Magnificat! ©

MAGNIFICAT ORDER FORM

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Daytime Phone Number: _____

Name:

Number of subscriptions: _____ Amount of check: __

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT BY <u>NOON on Thursday, February 23, 2017</u>.

Got stuff? Sell it at the INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE February 25"! Rent a table for only \$10!

Ultreya Meeting

Ultreya will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City from 6:30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Please come to renew old friendships and make new friends. We will sing, pray, meet in small groups, and gather to hear a witness from one of our fellow *Cursillo* members, as to what God is doing in their life's faith walk. Questions, please call Bob Melvin at 605-484-0324.

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 15th!

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 - district information - employment opportunities. Molly Rausch, HR Coordinator, RCCSS, 424 Fairmont Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57701 605-348-1477 mrausch@rccss.org

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.

Men in Black Basketball

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



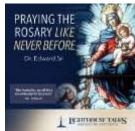
includes dinner and basketball games featuring students v. faculty and high school boys v. priests of our diocese. A great night of fun and fellowship celebrating the gift of the priesthood to the Church.

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 <u>ajulian@diorc.org</u>.

Praying the Rosary Like Never Before

Dr. Edward Sri is a nationally sought Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN, and is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). In this discussion of his book "The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries" (Servant Books), Dr. Sri shares John Paul II's practical strategies for praving the



Rosary better, so that you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer. 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!

Pastoral Ministry Days 2017 ABIDE IN ME

With Keynote Speakers Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran April 3 & 4 (Holy Hour & Hospitality on eve of April 2)

Terra Sancta Retreat Center

The cost is \$75, but if you register before March 15, you can get an early bird rate of \$60. Online registration, the flyer, and a schedule can be found

here: www.PMD2017.com or 605-716-0925.

Call the parish office at 342-1556 or contact Susan Thompson (<u>sthompson@diorc.org</u>) or (<u>ssafford@diorc.org</u>) at 605-716-5214. We look forward to seeing you there!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

For info. or to register for the following ministries, call Amy at FLM, 716-5214 x236 or ajulian@diorc.org

Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged February 10-12; March 10-12, April 28-30. Please register on-line at www.WestRiverHeart2Heart.com.

NFP, Good for your Body, Great for your Soul

Saturday, February 18, 2017— Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City

"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 30th at 7:00 p.m. 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".*

Thursdays at 7 pm 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.

KC Card party

KC Hall on Minnesota St. February 11 at 7pm! Bring a friend & snack. Any ??s call Bill 342-1651.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, Feb. 5

In 1997, Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This day is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This feast is also known as *Candelmas* Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

Rapid City Catholic Schools 2017/2018 Registration



<u>Returning Family Registration</u> Jan. 30 – Feb. 10, 2017

New Family Registration

begins February 13th! St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School <u>NEW FAMILY Preschool-5th grade OPEN HOUSE</u> <u>Thursday, February 16th from 4-7 pm.</u> <u>Registration material for Fall 2017 will be available.</u>

Call Marcia Werner at (605) 348-8484 x 1203 or <u>mwerner@rccss.org</u> for more information <u>WWW.RCCSS.ORG</u>

TEC RETREAT for Older Teens & Young Adults

Together Encounter Christ begins with a three day retreat experience enriched by the beauty of Terra Sancta and time spent surrounded by others who like to share both faith and fun. Come...discover an even stronger bond with the Holy Spirit! TEC is rooted in Catholic doctrine and liturgy, but teens and young adults of any denomination are welcome to participate. **Please join us Feb 18-20.** (Deadline to sign up is in January 31) Applications are available from the church office or at the back of the church. If you have questions you may also contact Jennifer Shama, 605-381-1118, or Rita Dupres, 605-381-4988. Cost for the weekend is \$75 and includes lodging and meals. If cost is a problem, we have scholarships available.

---- Happenings at St. Martin's ---

PRAYERFUL PAINTING

 \sim Saturday, February 4th, 9:15 am to 2:30 pm

Care for Creation is the theme. We will use a *lectio* prayer format. God speaks to us in many ways. St. Martin Monastery, 1851 City Springs Road, Rapid City, SD. \$20 includes lunch. To register and for more info., call Sr. Therese Marie at 343-8011.

Young Women Discerning Vocations

Please consider joining us as we travel to Colorado Springs, CO, to experience a Retreat for Young Women hosted by the Sisters of Life, February 10-12. Cost is \$25. This retreat is open to young women age 18 and older. Theme, "Known by Love" and will include: an introduction to prayer and silence, eucharistic adoration, Mass, conferences by the sisters, opportunities for sacramental confession and the opportunity to meet with a Sister of Life. For more info. or to register, please contact the Vocations Office at: shanson@diorc.org or 605-716-5214 ext. 233.

Kateri Tekakwitha Conference Raffle

Conference to be held in Rapid City, July 19-23, 2017. The conference committee urgently needs donations to defray expenses. The committee is selling raffle tickets \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Prizes — 2 All Terrain Vehicles or a 70" flat screen TV. To purchase raffle tickets from committee members contact the conference treasurer, Deacon Marlon Leneaugh at 605-343-3541 or <u>mleneaughsr@diorc.org</u>. He can list committee names and places for purchasing tickets.

Consoling The Heart of Jesus

Hearts AFIRE

Hearts FIRE "Behold this heart which loves so much yet is so little loved..." Join us for a 10 week retreat as we

draw close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, using Fr. Michael Gaitley's book **Consoling the Heart of Jesus**, inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This retreat gives us an awareness of God's infinite mercy and how we can give him joy, consoling his heart, by accepting his love and trusting in him completely. It also focuses on what to do with the suffering we all encounter and will give you everything you need to become "a saint, a great saint, and quickly"! We will individually read, and meet on Fridays at 5:30 pm in the Cathedral Hall to share a video and group discussion beginning February 10th through Divine Mercy Sunday (during Lent, we will follow Stations and soup supper). You'll be amazed at how much you can grow in such a short time. Please contact Sherry Braun at 341-3712 or sherry Irb@peoplepc.com to register prior to Feb. 2nd so materials may be ordered for you.

On the weekend of February 18-19, Catholic United Financial will be offering refreshments and information following the Masses at St. Therese parish.

Catholic United is a member-owned Catholic resource co-operative with the personal endorsement of Bishop Gruss in the Diocese of Rapid City. They offer financial support, volunteer initiatives, and sponsorships to Catholic parishes, schools, and religious education programs, as well as providing numerous financial services and benefits such as scholarships to their members. Local representative JD Henderson will be available to answer questions about membership.

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people.

To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Scherr. To insure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted **at 605-209-3418** (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at:

http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment/policy-documents/. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection? of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at: www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: http://www.