MASS INTENTIONS ~ February 1 - 7

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

MONDAY 7:30 am - Betty Lobmeyer + 5:30 pm - Smith & Biggs Family

TUESDAY 7:30 am – Rhodell Bauhs +
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – Verdell Bauhs +
THURSDAY 7:30 am – John Leischner +
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Jerry & Therese Freese +

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY 5:30 pm - Donna Meyer + SUNDAY 9:00 am - Don Brunner + 5:30 pm - Fe Hayden +

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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Our Daily Scriptures

Monday 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b,11d-12 Mk 6:7-13

Friday Sir 48:2-11 Ps 18:31,47,50-51 Mk 6:14-29 Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Is 6:1-2a,3-8 Ps 138:1-5,7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

Faithful Citizenship "Pope Francis has a message for these suffering mothers—and all others who have been involved in an abortion: Great joy can be found in Christ's unfailing mercy and love for us sinners. He recently called for the celebration of a Jubilee Year of Mercy from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. In the announcement, he said, "I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time." "If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available: Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE(-4673) or visit Hoppertabortion.org. Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org" (www.usccb.org) (From <a href="www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice-commission)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – February 6 & 7

SAT. 5:30 pm EM: Doug Meiron, John Mowry (S) Martha Cook, Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Ellen McGuigan, Joe Zacher Lector: Tim & Paula Shull Ushers: Michael & Sarah Crook, Dick Cuka, Dan Shank

<u>Gift Bearers:</u> Becky Huber, Kay Olson, Diane Wilkinson <u>Altar Servers:</u> Kaitlyn Schmahl, Karen Witcraft, Allison Schuch, Benjamin Schuch

SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUN. 5:30 pmE.M.:Stephanie Kinsella (S) Greg Rausch, Rachel EdelenLector:Lori Ashley, Deanna JohnsonUshers:Bob Ormesher, BenVanCleave, David & Chris VanCleaveGift Bearers:Jerry & Elaine KocherAltar 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

First Communion is April 30th: Retreat at 9 am & Mass at 5:30 pm. Confirmation is April 27th at 6 pm. REMEMBER: If the student was not baptized at St. Therese, to submit a copy of their baptism certificate to the office as soon as possible. Also, if the student is home study, please contact the office and let us know they will be attending these dates.



----- to the Faith Community

Through the Waters of Baptism:

Declan WALD, son of Zachary & Jaclyn Asher SIGEL, son of Christian & Brittany

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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

~ 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.

== The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill --

Many people came to our Right to Life program held on Friday night on the anniversary of Wade v Roe, which was January 22. The vote of the Supreme Court was 5 to 4. Justice Brennan, a Roman catholic by baptism, was the swing vote and unfortunately for over 50 million babies, he voted for legalized abortion.

On Thursday, January 28, many people and confessors were here for the Day of Mercy. Many took advantage of the presence of many priests and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There was also a reception in the Church Hall after the event. Many people helped with the reception and providing refreshments during the day for the priests who came to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Right to Life program and with assistance on the Day of Mercy!

THANK YOU to all of the people that sent cards, prayers, memorial gifts, food, helped with the lunch and attended Leo's services. You are all a great support group. God Bless you all,

The Leo Grebner family



Please add ALICE SCHUMACHER & RITA STRAND 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, Tim Irvine, 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, Alice Schumacher, Dc. Beau Schumacher,
Dixie Shreves, Rita Strand, Mary Swanson, Austin Trask, Louis Vanderslice,
Eileen Walters, Sharon Weber, Rose Wickenheiser, Betty Wilson,
Carolyn Wise, Twins: Drake & Daxton Palmer, Bernadette Zander,
Darlys Zeller, John Zeller

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ FEBRUARY

Chairperson: Jan Winegar

Co-Chairpersons: Margaret Rossknecht / Joyce Schlim

Steubenville Valentine's BAKE SALE February 5 & 6 after Masses!

Stop by to get your valentine's goodies!!

AND Any donations of baked goods & homemade candies would be appreciated as well! ©
All proceeds will go to the Steubenville of the Rockies
Youth Retreat in Colorado in June 2016.
Contact Rita Dupres at 342-1556, ext 12 with any questions.

A WEEKLY FUNNY... from father Bill

Overheard Connie say to Karen, "I hate when I gain 10 lbs. for a role and then realize I'm not an actress." Karen said, "Connie, you gain 10 lbs 'cuz you EAT the rolls!" ③

So the Dolphins didn't make the Super Bowl. It doesn't mean you can't celebrate the game anyway and what better way than to help the needy by buying your game snacks with 'We Care' gift cards. They are available from Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, and Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market. Come see us after mass or in the office. YAY TEAM!

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

| GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week | | | | |
|--|----|---------|--|--|
| Envelopes | \$ | 4743.00 | | |
| Plate Collection | \$ | 1243.25 | | |
| Children's Collection | \$ | 50.96 | | |
| Christmas | \$ | 50.00 | | |
| Religious Education Program | \$ | 25.00 | | |
| Facility Use Donation | \$ | 20.00 | | |
| Votive Candle Income | \$ | 95.25 | | |
| TOTAL | \$ | 6227.46 | | |
| Amount needed per week: | \$ | 6805.00 | | |

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements \$ 11.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

| Seminarian Fund | \$ | 96.00 |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Priest Retirement Aid Association | \$ | 48.00 |
| Church in Central America & Europ | e\$ | 152.00 |
| Church in Latin America | \$ | 20.00 |

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY / FEBRUARY:

Jan. 31: Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund
Feb. 7: General Fund Feb. 14: Black & Indian Missions / General Fund
Feb. 21: General Fund Feb. 28: General Fund

FEB.: 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.



PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS hosted by the KC's

Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm

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

Before you were formed in the womb, God knew you. Before you were born, you were dedicated to the Lord. Do not be afraid to hear God's call! (Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19) PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Prayerfully consider joining our Homebound Ministry Team.

Take Communion to the homebound parishioners, typically on Friday morning, but can be done anytime! If you would like more information on how YOU can join this ministry, please contact the office AND . . . We'll be happy to share additional ways to reach out to our Homebound. . . perhaps with a weekly phone call . . . or sending a note of cheer!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Jan. 31. Feb. 7 Class

Feb. 14 NO Class – President's Day

<u>CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 6:30 – 8:30 pm:</u>

Jan. 31 4 to 8 pm Mini-Retreat (includes Mass & Meal)

Feb. 7 Class

Feb. 14 NO Class – President's Day **TEC WEEKEND!**

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

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

Feb. 3 FAMILY POTLUCK! Everyone invited!! Bring a

dish or two to share and come investigate LENT!!

Feb. 10 NO Class – ASH WEDNESDAY!

Get FORMED in the Catholic Faith! So many resources available to you for FREE!

Here is just some of what is available:

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained, led by renowned author & speaker Dr. Edward Sri, and other presenters, beautifully filmed around the world. (we use for RCIA) Lectio: Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism, a perfect small-group encounter as Dr. Tim Gray examines the life of St. Peter through

Scripture, history, Church tradition, and art.

33 Days to Morning Glory: bringing spiritual renewal and Marian devotion under the guidance of Fr. Michael Gaitly

Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage: which gets to the heart of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment

E-Books, Lighthouse Catholic Media audio presentations & more!!

Go to: FORMED.ORG Our Parish Code: 2ad1be

You will be asked to set up a profile and a password to access all of the info. Programs, Movies, audios, and books are now available to you for FREE!! Check it out!!

**We will be starting some classroom sessions here at the church for some of these programs, or you may contact the office if you would like to use our computer to view OR get started on your own now!

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

A grandma was out walking with her grandson. He picked something off of the ground and started to put it in his mouth. She took the item away from him and asked him not to do that. "Why?" her grandson asked. "Because it's been on the ground, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty, and probably has germs, and sometimes germs make little boys sick and not feel good" she replied. At this point, the grandson looked at her with total admiration and asked, "Grandma, how do you know all this stuff? You are smart." She was thinking quickly and said to him, "All grandmas know stuff. It's on the Grandma Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a grandma." They walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but he was evidently pondering the new information. "Oh, I get it!" he beamed. "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the grandpa!" "Exactly," she replied with a big smile on her face.

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! Steubenville 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!!



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.

World Youth Day Seminarian Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Parish, Philip; St. Mary Parish, Milesville; and St. William Parish, Midland; have graciously donated two quarters of certified Angus beef to be raffled off to help defray the travel expenses of the seminarians going to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day 2016. Tickets are \$15/each or 5 for \$50. Drawing will be held on May 1. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Vocations Office at 716-5214 ext. 233 or by stopping by the Chancery Office at either Rapid City location: Chancery Office Annex @ Terra Sancta or the Main Chancery Office, 606 Cathedral Drive. Tickets are also available at parishes of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City; St. Joseph, Spearfish; and Sacred Heart, Philip. Thank you for supporting our seminarians!

And ONE MORE FUNNY... from father Bill

Little Dennis the Menace was sitting in church and turns to his mom and asks, "How come we ask for 'Daily Bread'...when we could be askin' for 'Daily Donuts'?"

World Day for Consecrated Life – February 7, 2016

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2 and in parishes on the weekend of February 6-7. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm

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!





Our ministry at Catholic Social Services is focused on strengthening and healing families in our diocese. Our professional staff offers prevention/educational workshops, youth prevention programs, parenting

classes and marital/family counseling services. Office locations are in Eagle Butte, Pine Ridge, Rapid City, Ft. Pierre, Spearfish and Sturgis. Your prayerful, generous giving on **Ash Wednesday**, **February 10th**, allows us to continue to answer Christ's call to serve people in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Together, we can make a difference in this Holy Year of Mercy.

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:

Movie Nights – We will watch Elks Theatre for upcoming movies and will email.

February 4 – Thursday – The Flame – adoration, praise, worship & inspiring Catholic stories 7pm at Terra Sancta. Car pool from Baken Park at 6:30.

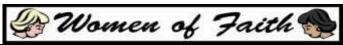
February 9 - Tuesday - Music Bingo at Thirsty's - 7pm

February 19 - Friday - Lenten Soup Supper - Cathedral - 6pm

February 27 - Saturday -Dine Out - 6:45pm- Longhorn

Catholic Daughters Retreat Cancelled

The women's retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 27, at Terra Sancta has been cancelled. We encourage all to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage that will take place at the Cathedral on the same day — February 27. Bishop Robert Gruss will be the featured speaker. Please come and enrich your Catholic faith. Thank you. Court St. Rita, Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



WEDNESDAYS: 9-11 AM Babysitting Provided

Cathedral Hall Handicapped Accessible

Join us to view and discuss the series <u>Footprints of God</u>, with Stephen Ray! Come when you can Wednesdays 9-11AM Cathedral's Lower Sacristy (basement between the stage and kitchen.)

IHM SEMINARY VISIT: On March 4-7, 2016, the Office of Vocations will sponsor a trip to visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN. This weekend offers an opportunity for young men to tour the seminary, learn more about priesthood and seminary life, meet students and faculty and become familiar with St. Mary's University. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information, contact Fr. Mark McCormick at 605-484-2161 or at mmccormick@diorc.org. Deadline for Registration is February 26.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

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 retreat will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 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 required 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.

Making Disciples a 4-day workshop that trains parish leaders and members to foster an awakening of personal faith in Christ and intentional discipleship. Presented by the Catherine of Siena Institute at Terra Sancta Retreat Center March 11-12 and April 29-30, from 9AM to 4PM. Attendance at all 4 sessions required. \$160 includes workshop, materials, and four lunches. Fee 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 with "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.

An Update from the Hope For New Life (HFNL) Jail Ministry

A Moving Encounter HFNL Ministry member Bill Gradoville shared the following story from his jail visit in late December: "Our ministry members were visiting in the jail lobby, when we encountered a Native American man. He asked us if we were involved with prison ministry. When we told him we were, he shared with us that many years ago he had been sentenced to 22 years in prison for possessing 10 pounds of methamphetamines. While in prison, he had come in contact with people like us who ministered to him while he was incarcerated. As a result of this contact, when he was released after being imprisoned for 18 years, he promised himself he would never go back to prison again. He said that it was because of prison ministers like us that he had turned his life around and had abandoned his former sinful ways. Some of us were in tears after he told his story and we all exchanged a hug with him. God is great and so is what we do in the Pennington County Jail each Wednesday evening. We must NEVER forget the importance of our ministry, for we never know how God is working in the lives of the inmates we serve." 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, 6:30 pm.

Need a Perfect Job?

NO NIGHTS NO WEEK-ENDS NO HOLIDAYS

The Rapid City Catholic Schools has a part-time opening available in the Food Service Department at the St. Thomas More High School. We are currently looking for a **cashier**. For more info., contact Barb Fritz at 716-5213 or leave message. Please complete a non-certified application available for downloading and printing at http://rccss.net/EmploymentOpportunities or pick up at any school office. Send or email to: Barb Fritz, RCCSS; 2101 City Springs Rd., Ste 100, Rapid City, SD 57702 bafritz@rccss.org

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are being accepted for the full time position of **Receptionist** for the Diocese of Rapid City beginning in early March. Open until filled. **FUNCTION:** Full responsibility for all aspects of the receptionist function in a positive and hospitable manner. The receptionist also processes incoming and outgoing mail, maintains general office supply inventory and provides departmental support as needed. QUALIFICATIONS: Practicing Catholic, excellent communication and public relations skills with the ability to project a calm demeanor both in person and on the telephone, administrative, secretarial and computer skills, detail oriented, high degree of confidentiality and dependability, ability to multi-task, Interested individuals should send a resumé and letter by e-mail or postal mail listing three professional references along with a completed application form that can be downloaded from the diocesan website at: http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/chancellor/employment/

The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

Office of the Chancellor; Diocese of Rapid City; 606 Cathedral Drive
Rapid City SD 57701 msimonson@diorc.org

Now Hiring - Catering Chef(s)

If you're interested in creating fabulous food in a Christ-centered environment, we invite you to apply to join our team as a **Chef**. Flexible schedule; event-driven hours; a reputation for excellent food and exceptional hospitality. Part-time (averaging 20-30 hours per week), non-benefitted position(s) with opportunity to become full-time as we continue to grow our business. Go to http://terrasancta.org/employment to find out more and to apply or call 605-716-0925.

Petition for St. Faustina to become a Doctor of the Church

From the Blessed Sacrament church, Rapid City, St. Faustina group —The Marians of the Immaculate Conception are leading a petition drive to declare St. Faustina a Doctor of the Church. Through the life and writings of St. Faustina, millions around the world have received the grace to trust in God's merciful love, seek his forgiveness and healing, and bear witness to his mercy in their daily lives. Declaring St. Faustina a Doctor would magnify Christ's redemptive mission to proclaim anew his infinite love and mercy for all humanity. What an appropriate action in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy! Access to sign the petition is online at the Marians of the Immaculate Conception (Divine Mercy) website at http://www.thedivinemercy.org/doctor

Christian Prayer Labyrinth Workshop

You are invited to a Christian Prayer Labyrinth Workshop on Saturday, Apr. 2 from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. The labyrinth is a place of prayer and silence where we can focus on "being" with our Savior. It's a place to experience sacred presence in the present. In 1201 A.D. the Chartres Cathedral in France was built with the labyrinth placed in stone on its floor for all to walk. This same labyrinth is still present today for walking. During this time, nearly every Gothic Cathedral in Europe had a Prayer Labyrinth. Come learn and experience the labyrinth and walk St. Teresa of Avila's three-fold process of Releasing, Receiving, and Returning. This is a prayer tool that can lead us closer and deeper to our Lord. The cost is \$25 and it includes lunch. Sandi Ohlen is a trained *Veriditas* Labyrinth facilitator. To register go to http://terrasancta.org/LabyrinthWorkshop or call Sandi at 605-431-6956 or Terra Sancta at 605-716-0925.

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 kjcrradio.com/sisters-in-faith-2016.

From errors of others a wise man corrects his own.

Coming Soon! An opportunity to be a St. Therese Lenten PRAYER PARTNER!

On February 3rd at the Family Potluck at 6 pm, we will have more information about this program! Bring a dish or two to share and come learn about LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS! Then, at Mass on the weekend of February 6 & 7, you will have an opportunity to submit your name AND receive your name of the person you will pray for throughout Lent!! On Sunday, March 6, we will have a gathering to meet your prayer partner!! What a great way to spend your Lent, praying for, and receiving prayer!!! Contact the office for more information or to submit your name if you cannot be here on February 6 & 7.

Centering Prayer Workshop An introductory workshop on Centering Prayer will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. This workshop includes the history and practice of Centering Prayer with several opportunities to experience the prayer together. Cost for the day is \$25 which includes lunch. Presenter is commissioned Centering Prayer leader Sandi Ohlen. For more information or registration please call Sandi at 605-431-6956 or go to: http://terrasancta.org/CenteringPrayer.

Centering Prayer - Wednesdays at Terra Sancta

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) and Centering Prayer time is offered every Wednesday from 5-6 p.m., at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Come weekly or whenever you are able to deepen your prayer life and relationship with God. This is for everyone including those who are new to centering and sacred scripture reading and for those who have experience. All are welcome; bring a friend. Please call Sandi Ohlen at 605-431-6956 for more information or Terra Sancta at 716-0925.

Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages
The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 18-20, 2016 in
Sioux Falls. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. For questions or to register please contact 605-988-3755 or visit online www.retrouvaille.org

The annual BHP Walk for warmth ~ Saturday, February 6th. Signup will be at Main Street Square between 1:30 and 2 pm and the walk starts at 2 pm.

The purpose of the walk is to bring attention and financial assistance to the families in our community who need help to pay their heat bills. We assist many local families with heat bills in the coldest months of the winter. Families that live on a fixed income and struggle to cover monthly expenses don't have the resources to pay higher energy bills in the winter months.

BHP collects funds through both a program that asks for a donation on your electric bill and the annual walk. The \$10 donation to participate in the walk and the monies collected from donations on your bill will be matched by BHP and provided to Salvation Army and Church Response to be used to assist low income families with their energy bills.

When you sign up for the walk you will receive a wristband that may be used at many of the shops along the walk for discounts on walk day.

The Flame

You are invited to The Flame at Terra Sancta on Thursday, February 4, at 7 p.m. This monthly event begins with adoration — a holy hour of praise and worship — followed by fellowship and inspiring Catholic stories told for live podcast recording. For more information, visit www.TheFlameRC.com.

RESULTS from January 2016 - Hospitality

Survey (We received 14 paper surveys. Does not include any online survey responses or 3 survey responses from parishioners of other parishes). THANK YOU to those who filled out the survey, either at St. Therese OR online! Your feedback is so helpful!

- 1) To which parish do you belong? 14 surveys – St. Therese
- Our greeters are friendly and inviting as we arrive for Mass.

1 – Don't Know 3 - Agree 10 – Strongly Agree

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

1 – Don't Know 5 – Agree 8 – Strongly Agree

Our greeters wear nametags when greeting parishioners.
 7 - Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Some of the time

1 – All the time 1 write in ~ "never noticed"

Our greeters introduce themselves when parishioners arrive for Mass.

2 – Never 6 – Rarely 3 – Some of the time 1 – All the time 2 write ins: \sim not sure \sim most of the time they don't. They greet & are smiling! but no names. We know them and they know us. So, names? Not sure.

 Our greeters greet parishioners by name upon arrival for Mass.

2 – Rarely 10 – Some of the time (w/comments: \sim If they know me \sim If they know them \sim Maybe the Parishioners can be involved & introduce themselves! \odot 1 – All the time 1 write in : \sim not sure

- Our greeters choose visitors, families, couples to bring up the Eucharistic gifts.
 - 5 Never (w/comment: Advertised in bulletin for more help . . . set schedule in advance) 3 All the time
 - 1 blank/no response 5 write ins : ~ not sure ~?
 - ~ I don't know. Gift bearers are scheduled ~ Don't know
 - ~?? and one more with "?"
- 8) Our pastor introduces himself at the beginning of Mass.
 - 1 Never 6 Rarely 5 some of the time
 - 1 All of the time 1 blank w/write-in ~ Fr. Zandri greets people at the door! Nice!
- Our music ministry introduces each hymn by page number.

14 – All of the time 1 w/comment ~ Also have it posted up front where all can see.

- 10) There seems to be an increased level of welcome and hospitality at our parish.
 - 2 Don't Know 5 Agree 1w/comment: ?
 - 5 Strongly Agree 1 write in ~ not sure 1 blank
- 11) Our parish has a stewardship committee.

4 – Yes; 1w/comment: ~I think we did. Do we now? I don't know. Do they meet? Share info? 9 – Don't Know 1 - blank

12) Our parish has a stewardship mission statement.

5 – Yes; 1 w/comment: On front of bulletin 8 – Don't Know 1 - blank

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

5 – blank 9 – commented: ~ Fr. Bill makes us feel like part of the family ~ Greetings @ the door upon arrival ~ Working at activities and meeting new people ~ Office staff inviting me to count mass \$ on Mondays . . . they truly have the parish in mind when it comes to keeping us involved ~ It always feels good and inviting! Like people actually see you when they move over to sit at Mass or even look at me

and then invite into the middle of the pew and past them. Or to say, "Sit with us" at an event. "We have room"; Smiles from the choir. Sincere handshake from greeters ~ People greet you and ask how you are doing ~ being ask to join in the "Family Rosary" on Sunday nights ~ Meeting another member who has been at my church longer than I have.

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

4- blank $10-$ commented: \sim Speakers should speak more clearly during mass so people with hearing problems can hear. \sim N/A $\,\sim$ At some of our "get togethers" have new members tell us who they are & that their new members.

- ~ We could ask if there's any new members here.
- ~ Everybody wear name tags! ~ Nothing. ~ Have greeters at all doors. ~?? Don't know. ~ Well, maybe find ways to help elderly into church from parking lot. Drop off door service maybe. ~ We need more people to volunteer during mass so not to exhaust those that already volunteer. (Eucharistic ministers, ushers.) It is advertised in bulletin, but others need to step up & help. "Do not be afraid.... I am with you!" ~ I am very well satisfied. ~ Please assist the elderly to attend Mass.

Any additional comments for my parish about hospitality:

7 – blank 7 – comments: ~ I really enjoy Mass at St. Therese! Fr. Bill is wonderful & loved by all – He makes everyone feel welcome & always willing to help out. – Fr. Kari is Awesome also. ~ Everyone is very nice and greet with a smile. Keep up the good work! ~ Something always seems to be going on here, but we can always look for ways to welcome, support, include those on the "outside" of the circle. Elderly, shut-in's, single moms, divorced, sick, those in need, etc. ~ Our parish is awesome! ~ Yes - I really like our parish, it is the right size, people are very friendly.

AND . . . how we received this information:

1 – mail 1 – dropped by the office 12 – dropped in weekend collection

So... if you would still like to fill out the survey OR have comments or suggestions about hospitality at St. Therese, swing by the office, or drop them in the Suggestion Box located in the Parish Center! THANK YOU!!

<u>Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy ~ Pope Francis</u>

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.