

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Nov. 21 - 27

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	– Norm Toso +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	– Nancy Palmer – Happy 75 th birthday!
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass at Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY	9 am	– Smith Family – living and deceased
FRIDAY	7:30 am	– Bud & Terry Weisgram + 1st Sun of Advent
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	-- Cheryle Beshara +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	– Don Brunner + 5:30 pm – Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Sunday, November 23	Betty Wilson + By Fr. Prendiville – Good Samaritan Center, New Underwood – 9:30 am
Sunday, November 27	Mildred Roggenbuck + 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	Rv 14:1-3,4b-5	Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6	Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Rv 14:14-19	Ps 96:10-13	Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4	Ps 98:1-3b,7-9	Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rv 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a	Ps 100:1b-5	Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2	Ps 84:3-6a,8a	Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7	Ps 95:1-7b	Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Is 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-9	Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

Faithful Citizenship Pope Francis's Monthly Intentions

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intentions-2016.cfm>

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Nov. 26 & 27

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Jill Leberknight, John Mowry (S) Renee Coldwell, Patty Fritzie, Ellen McGuigan, Doug Meiron, Joe Zacher **Lector:** Bob Case, Scott Sime **Ushers:** Jim & Roxie Quintus, Mac Coldwell, Jim Treloar **Gift Bearers:** Jim & Roxie Quintus **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscowski, Rebecca Theis, Matthew Theis

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Diane Ange, Ginny DeJager (S) Kim Dolan, Julie Heintz, Kelly Heintz, Jean French, Mark Vedder **Lector:** Brenda Wills, David Dolan **Ushers:** Dean Hade, Bob Heidgerken, Clint Jolley, Kent French **Gift Bearers:** Chuck & Holly Bossen Family **Altar Servers:** Joshua French, Mikey Gorman, Connor Vernon

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S) Greg Rausch, Jan Winegar **Lector:** Dave VanCleave, Lori Ashley **Ushers:** Will Winch **Gift Bearers:** Have we invited someone new? **Altar Servers:** Isabella Ashley, Olivia Ashley, Elena Tillett, Harley Tillett

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.

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

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ NOVEMBER

Chairperson: Deanna Johnson Co-chair: Paula Welch

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Parish Family,

I have the opportunity to be in Rome this week to witness the Consistory of Cardinals that will welcome Archbishop Cupich and former bishop of Dallas, Kevin Farrell who is now Prefect of the new dicastery of Laity, Family, and Life at the Vatican. I want to thank Fr. Peter Etzel, SJ for being available this weekend. As a church history buff, I know I will enjoy the event and I will greet Cardinal Cupich for you.

I will return in time to celebrate the quintessential American holiday, Thanksgiving, with Mass at 9:00 a.m. I hope to see you there as we "make a return to the Lord for all he has done for us." In the Eucharistic Prayer II "we give thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you." Of course, we minister to the Lord in the least of his brothers and sisters. This weekend, then, our thanks should include our pledge to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal** for the work of the Diocese of Rapid City.

May your holiday be blessed,

FR. KERRY PRENDIVILLE

COMING IN DECEMBER!...

St. Anthony's Circle will be having the

Annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

**Saturday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm
& Sunday, December 11 at 8 am**

(along with the KC Breakfast)

"Looking forward to seeing all the fantastic goodies from our great cooks and bakers!!

THANK YOU!" – Marcia & Sarah



Every act of kindness to others is an act of kindness to Christ.

Update from Mary's Circle -- The Christmas

Bazaar was a great success! With the combined talents of so many crafters, workers, and shoppers, together we raised \$700! We are truly blest, and now filled with joy, as we gift Birthright with \$100, Mommy's Closet with \$100, our Families In Need Fund with \$200 . . . AND still have the opportunity to reach out and help – in a small way – a couple of our own faith family members here at St. Therese.

Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God. Hebrews 13:16

Please add BRAD MASKOVICH & DAN HARRAHILL
to your prayers.

Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Wendlin Baumgartner, James Birch, Shirley Black, Kathy Borkovec, Barbara Boyd, Lorraine Brooks, Britney Weber Brouillette, Rose Brunson, Kellee Callender, Chad, Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Katherine Craig, Tom Crawford, Ed Davis, Ginny Elliott, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Albert Fernandez, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Haven Garrett, Tim Garrett, Vern Goetz, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, Harold & Judy Hansen, Dan Harrahill, Sue Hayden, Cyndy Henriksen, Michi Hittle, Jaime Hopfauf, Rosemary Huggins, Father Kari, Jenny Keitges, Arlene Kingsley, Meg Krause, Corky Leach, Melanie Lewis, Fr. John Lule, Gayle Martin, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Margaret Paris, Donald Pазie, 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, Rose Wickenheiser, De Etta Young, Bernadette Zander

Thank you for the continued prayers for Steve Rumbaugh & Scott

Parish website:

www.saintheresechurch.org

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

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Four-year-old Larry was asked to return thanks before Thanksgiving dinner. He began his prayer by thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for his mommy, his daddy, his brother and sister, his grandma, his grandpa, and all his aunts, uncles and cousins. Then he began to thank God for the food. The boy gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the dinner rolls, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, and even the whipped cream. Then he paused. After a long silence, he looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't He know that I'm lying?"

Funeral Luncheon Ministry Chairpersons Needed!!

Matthew 5:4—Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. St. Therese is known for their willingness to prepare and serve a funeral luncheon to families following the funeral service of their loved one. This is the greatest gift of love and caring we can show our fellow parishioners during a difficult and sad time in their lives. Caring Chairpersons rotate on a monthly basis to make calls asking for food donations (casserole, salad, cake) and to line-up workers for the luncheons. You would be paired with an experienced person, so don't worry about the newness!! We invite you to be a part of this very important ministry which will eventually affect every family. Please call Renee Coldwell at 721-0808 to add your name to the list to provide food or update your "gift" to help call, set-up, serve and clean up after a meal.

Please come visit Jesus in the Eucharist!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

NO Adoration on November 21st.
Father Kerry is out of town.

"In the presence of Christ, human reason experiences its limit. The heart, however, responds and bows low in adoration and in love." —Pope John Paul II

~ 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.

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 4736.53
Plate Collection	\$ 1398.76
Children's Collection	\$ 76.13
All Saints Day	\$.46
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00
Facility Use Donation	\$ 10.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 93.00
TOTAL	\$ 6344.88
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 260.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 392.02
Priest Retirement Aid	\$ 125.03
Hurricane Matthew	\$ 30.00

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

Nov. 20: General Fund **Nov. 27:** Christmas Flowers / General Fund
NOV.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

The Giving Tree



We are changing the Giving Tree this year to include MORE of our parishioners!

We will be accepting gift cards to any place, in any amount, to distribute to our parishioners in need at Christmas AND down the road. See sheets with suggestions.

WE ARE ALSO HAVING A COMMUNITY FOOD & COLD-WEATHER ITEM DRIVE through the end of the year! Please bring your non-perishable food items, NEW socks, gloves, coats, hats and underwear to the Parish Center.

St. Therese Parish will again help support The Salvation Army ANGEL TREE this year. Gift Tags are available at all entrances! Please return your unwrapped gift for Salvation Army by Monday, December 12th.

Thank you so very much for sharing your gifts and blessings! Our parish is so awesome!

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Annual Christmas Pageant!

"The Not So Silent Night"

December 4th at 10:30 am

CANNED MEAT & TUNA, SOUPS, CRACKERS AND TOILET PAPER

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.*



St. Therese is hosting a special 2-part series event, "Advent circa 80 AD: the birth of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel"

November 28th & 30th
~ 6 -7:30 pm,

with dinner provided on the 30th from 5:15-5:50 pm

This series will engage in an in-depth study of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Free-will donation with all profits to a scholarship fund for parish youth traveling on pilgrimage to Italy in June. ALL are welcome to attend this faith enriching series. More information and event registration is available in the parish office. Childcare will be provided in the church basement for children ages 4 and up. Sign up TODAY!!

Youth Pilgrimage to Italy with Father Kerry, June 8 to 19, 2017

– room for 3 more, but that's it! Need registration form, deposit and copy of your passport.

WAYS TO HELP SEND OUR YOUTH TO ITALY:

- 1) PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!!
 - 2) Avon (40% of your order goes to youth!)
 - 3) Qdoba cards for \$10 (\$140 value!)
 - 4) Sponsorship wall for Italy in Parish Center
- How does it work?** Simply take an envelope with a number on it. (This number is also the amount of your donation.) Then put that amount of donation inside, seal it and return to the office, either at Mass or during the week. *If you include your name, address and phone number we will bring you back a small gift from Italy which will be blessed at each of the most holy masses at churches and at the papal audience by our Holy Father Pope Francis.* Please see youth board for our destinations while in Italy!
- 5) **BOOK SALE** – See the books in Parish Center
 - 6) **PERKINS PIE SALE** – Order form on Youth Board See Rita, one of the youth going to Italy, or stop by the office!
 - 7) **AND THANK YOU SO MUCH!!** By making this donation you are making it possible for us to go on this amazing pilgrimage!

"A BIG THANK YOU!!! to all you girls (and your husbands & supportive families) that gave of your time and talent to make this year's Christmas Bazaar a success. Bless each and every one of you!"

~ Darlys Zeller

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

A Sunday school teacher asked a little boy,
"Do you know who built the ark?"
"No, uh..." he answered quietly.
"That's right!" replied the teacher.



**Gift cards available from a variety of places
you love to shop (not just grocery stores)**

**Walmart/Sam's Club and Target and
Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market and Safeway and
Texas RoadHouse and RedLobster/Olive Garden and
Starbucks and Burger King and Menards and PetSmart
and BedBath&Beyond and Pizza Ranch**

GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST!

Many more available upon request.... order yours today!
For every gift card purchased, you receive piece of mind knowing a
percentage of the money is helping the needy in our community.
Visit the 'We Care' table after mass or come into the Parish Office

Seeking gift bags, gift tags and small
gift items for the Santa Store at the
annual St. Therese "Happy Birthday
Jesus" Party to be held December 18.

If you have any you would like to donate,
please bring them by the office! *Also...if you would like to
volunteer for the party, contact Patrick Schmadeke or the office!*
And thank you for making this such a wonderful event for our
Religious Education youth! It is a fantastic time for all!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Nov. 20	Class
Nov. 27	NO Class – Thanksgiving
Dec. 4	Christmas Pageant – Class
Dec. 11, 18	Class (18 th is Happy Birthday Jesus Party)

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 5:30 pm ~ 7th Grade

6:30 – 8:30 pm ~ 8th grade +

Nov. 20	4 to 8 pm	STUDENT Mini Retreat (Mass & meal included)
Nov. 27		NO Class – Thanksgiving
Dec. 4, 11, 18		Class (18 th is Christmas party)

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

Nov. 23		NO Group – Thanksgiving
Nov. 30		2 nd Night of Parish Advent Class (Lasagna Dinner)



Join the **CHRISTMAS CHOIR!!**

For the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass Practices on MONDAYS, starting November 28th at 7 pm!

PLEASE JOIN US!! Questions? Contact Sue Englin at 343-8455 after 6 pm



Youth Connection has chosen the mission of "being the hands and feet of Jesus". One of our service projects is **care packages for the street angels** God puts in

our path. *The care packages include a bottle of water, gloves, socks, soaps and shampoos, a toothbrush and toothpaste, lotion, simple food/snack, mints, and money or a gift card is optional for those taking the kit.* If you want to help us please drop off donations (items or monetary) at the office.

We have decided to keep at least one kit in our vehicle to hand out when God asks us to help someone!

SAVE YOUR EMPTY Ink Cartridges* AND Toner Cartridges*!

Just place your empties in the box in Parish Center.

****Must be original cartridges – not generic.**

Thank you for supporting OUR YOUTH!

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.



The HOLLY TROLLEY is ready to board!

Grab your hat, get your coat and a large shopping bag and ride with your gal pals on the 4th annual Holly Trolley adventure on Saturday, December 3rd!

We'll hit the Angel Bazaar at the Cathedral, Weathered Vane, and Someone's in the Kitchen, then head to the southern hills for a fun filled day. **There will be music, lots of laughter, prizes galore and great food.** *Two special prizes this year: Ugliest Christmas Sweater and Blingiest Christmas Sweater!* Leaving St. Therese parking lot at 8 am sharp! Don't be late. **Send your check for each person for \$35 along with the names** to Sandi Jolley at 2602 Tomahawk Drive, Rapid City, 57702. We are looking for volunteers to help us and possibly take over for 2017 Trolley. We are so excited for this year's event and hope to see you soon!

~ Sandi Jolley and Kim Dolan

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

Farewell Open House for Suzie Lambert
Tuesday, December 13th ~ 4 to 6 pm
Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Jerusalem Room
Suzie has served in the Diocesan Finance Office for the past 27 years. *Best of luck Suzie!!!*

14 FREE MOVIES – Family Movie Night! **All available on Formed.org!**

It's easy to get started:

1. Go to: FORMED.ORG
2. First time users, type in the parish access code: Our Parish Code: 2ad1be
3. Returning users, log in top right with your username/email and password.
4. You're in! Start watching, listening and reading!



We hope you enjoy this FREE subscription and grow in Faith with FORMED.

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.



The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell

Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading Catholic speakers in the Church today. Fr. Mike tackles four very difficult topics in this exceptional

presentation: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell. Listen to this talk and finally get the answers to the question: "What Happens When I Die?"

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!

Love INC. BANQUET

November 21st

If you would like a ticket to the dinner, text "hopeandlove" to 91999, or visit website www.loveinonline.com/banquet or call the office at 718-5685. Tickets are \$35.

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

Quotes from Maxine: Love Maxine!

- "If it got dark any earlier, we wouldn't have to get up at all!"
- "Trust me. Tight-fit jeans and loose-fit skin are one bad combination."
- "I can rise and shine, but not at the same time."
- "I always start running in the fall-not all of me, just my nose."
- "Ah, this is great sleeping weather. Of course, at my age what isn't?"
- "I use a leaf blower on my lawn. It's called 'the wind.'"
- "I'm going south for the winter...actually...some parts of me are headed there already!"

WIN-terfest, a fundraiser for the RCCSS

December 2nd from 6-10pm

Terra Sancta Gym

Features: a live 90's cover band, wine, beer, appetizers, ping pong, foosball, plinko, giant jenga, auction baskets, a Reverse drawing with prizes of a 50" TV, \$1,500 cash, and more!

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

ADVENT PRAYERFUL PAINTING

~ Saturday, December 3, 9:15 am to 2:30 pm

This is an Advent Retreat day with a theme of Christ. Light to the World. 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.

2016 Rapid City Right to Life Essay Contests

Topic: Why Are You Pro-Life?

Divisions are as follows:

Grades 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Prizes awarded for each division:

1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25 in each grade division

SEE THE YOUTH BOARD IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR ESSAY DETAILS!

Please contact Diane Ange at 721-3065 for more information.



34th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Date: November 24th, 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00pm

Where: St. Thomas More School

(Corner of 5th Street and Fairmont Street)

Rapid City, South Dakota

Please join us. All are welcome!

(Meal is free of charge)

Hosted by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 1489

All VOLUNTEERS please report to
St. Thomas More Cafeteria at 10:15am.

Travel with Fr. Timothy Castor, St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis, on our Pilgrimage to England

Where: London, Kent, Canterbury, Amesbury, Glastonbury, Bath, Birmingham, Cambridge, Walsingham

Trip Dates: Sep 18-27, 2017

Cost: \$4,000.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register: please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370.

You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

You may also call Fr. Timothy at St. Francis for more information: (605) 720-3579.

Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?

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

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving- Deliver Meals to the Shut-Ins for K of C

Tuesday, November 29 - Music Bingo at Thirsty's - 7pm

MORE EVENTS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY!

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend a bilingual Mass to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. Monday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. The celebrant will be Bishop Robert Gruss.



National Night of Prayer for Life

Thursday, December 8th at 7 pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Mass of the Immaculate Conception feast followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary for Life, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Benediction at 9:30 p.m.

Join in prayer for Mary's intercession to strengthen the "Culture of Life," protection against religious persecution, finding life-affirming solutions to societal problems and to ask God to revive our land. The Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee invites everyone to join in this special prayer event for all life.

27th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

7 pm Thur., Dec. 8 – 1 am Fri., Dec. 9

Our Lady's Chapel at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Dr., Rapid City. We will be having adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of the establishment of a culture of life in the United States, protection for the Church from persecution, and the revival of our country. During the Hour of Unity, 10-11 p.m. MST, we will be uniting in prayer with churches across the country to end abortion and to restore God's blessings of life and religious liberty in America.

Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

10th Annual Christmas Jail Program

Wednesday December 21. We are seeking SINGERS &/OR MUSICIANS! Volunteers have to submit to a routine background check to the jail. HFNL will assist you in this. We are also seeking puzzles, Christmas cards & paperback books. Please place your donation in the HFNL display in parish center. To volunteer for the Christmas program, or to learn more about our ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)** or **Tony Galles (348-2301)**. You are also welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES at 7 pm

Tuesday, December 6 ~ Cathedral OLPH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 ~ ST. THERESE

Wednesday, December 14 ~ St. Isaac Jogues

Thursday, December 15 ~ Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, December 19 ~ Blessed Sacrament

& EVERY SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 5 PM AND
SUNDAY FROM 8 TO 8:30 AM AT ST. THERESE



Day of Discernment for Young Men

In the silence, the voice of the Lord is heard (cf. 1 Kings 11-12). In all of the activities and noise of daily life, the voice of Christ can go unheard and unheeded. The Office of Vocations will be sponsoring a Day of Discernment for Young Men aged 16 and up on **December 4, from 1-7 pm at Black Hills State Newman Center in Spearfish**. The day will include Mass, dinner, quiet time to pray, a hike and two talks designed to assist you in hearing Christ and discovering God's plan for your life. There is no cost for the day, but pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, please contact the Office of Vocations at: shanson@diorc.org or 605-716-5214 ext. 233.

Deadline for registration is November 28.

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.

Job Opportunity Diocese of Rapid City

Due to continued growth, applications are being accepted for a full time **Accounting Clerk** in the Parish Financial Services Accounting Office. Applicants should possess high level of accuracy and attention to details. Education, training, and/or experience in the accounting field are desired. Submit a letter of application and a resume to:

Accounting Manager, PO Box 678, Rapid City SD 57709-0678

West River Catholic Update

Check the November issue of the *West River Catholic* for: Post election planning, pages 1-2; Advent Reconciliation times, page 3; Q & A on handling cremation ashes, page 5; Priority Plan progress, pages 12-13 ... and more news

Taizè at Holy Cross Chapel

Join us at Terra Sancta Retreat Center on the second Wednesday of each month (October-May) to experience the sacred through song, silence and Scripture during a candle lit Christian prayer service. Specific dates for 2016 are December 14 (Advent); and December 23 (special Christmas Taizè). In 2017: January 11; February 8; March 8 (Lent); April 19 (since the 2nd Wednesday is Holy Week, the April Taizè is the 3rd week); and May 10.

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.

Diocesan Masses for Life Matching Grant

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission will again match donations made for the "Diocesan Masses for Life" project, up to a total of \$250. The Masses are coordinated by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Pro-Life Committee, but are offered daily at parishes throughout the diocese. This is the tenth year the diocese has matched funds for these Masses for the protection of all life. Please send your donation to: Diocesan Masses for Life, c/o Mary Mitchell, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702. Donations must be postmarked on or before December 31.

United in Christ/ Unidos en Cristo Group

We cordially invite everyone to join us for a holy hour with exposition, rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy in different languages. **Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m.** Come together to pray and praise our Lord — united as one body in Christ Jesus. *Todos están invitados a orar y alabar a nuestro Señor, juntos como un solo cuerpo en Cristo Jesus.* For information call Maria S. Muñoz at 605-791-3430.

Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer – each week at Terra Sancta

A question that is often on our hearts as Christians is how can we grow closer and in deeper relationship with our loving God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sacred reading, *lectio divina*, with Scripture and intentional prayer time for listening to God in the silence of our heart are essential for nurturing intimacy with God. In both *lectio divina* and centering prayer we come to God in the silence of our heart with intention and desire for letting God fill us with his love.

All are invited every Wednesday to Terra Sancta, Rapid City, from 5:15-6:15 p.m., for *lectio divina* and centering prayer in the Solarium (use the south parking lot and patio entrance). You need not have any experience. We use the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday for our *lectio* time, which helps prepare us for Mass. All are welcome.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS!

Join the Diocese March for Life 2017

January 24 – 28, 2017

Join us for a trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the Pro-life Rally and March for Life on Friday, January 27th. We depart at approximately 9 pm on Tuesday, participate in the Youth Rally and March on Thursday and Friday, and arrive back in Rapid City late on Saturday night. Cost \$450 (includes travel and hotel). Meals not included. Registration forms available from your parish youth minister OR contact Randy Vette for more information:

rvette@diorc.org or 716-5214 ext. 228

JOB OPENINGS WITH RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

All job descriptions and requirements are available online at <http://rccss.org/district-information/employment-opportunities/>

Substitute Teachers Needed – Certified and Non Certified

Please call/email Molly Rausch: mrausch@rccss.org, 348-1477 ext 103

Custodial Staff – Full & Part Time

For more information regarding these positions, please visit www.rccss.org
Or see the bulletin board for more details!