MASS INTENTIONS ~ Nov. 23 - 29

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

MONDAY 7:30 am - Marvin Moore + 5:30 pm - Pat McGinnis **TUESDAY** 7:30 am - Marcy Habbe WEDNESDAY 7:30 am - Vince Allard +

THURSDAY 9 am - Donald (o) & Jeanette (+) Culhane

FRIDAY 7:30 am - Fred Meyer +

1st Sunday of Advent **SATURDAY** 5:30 pm - Rose Justice SUNDAY 9 am - Don Brunner + 5:30 pm - Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Wednesday, November 25 Special Intention

By Fr. Zandri – Good Samaritan in New Underwood – 9:30 am

Thursday, November 26 **Special Intention**

By Fr. Zandri - West Hills Village South - 4 pm

Sunday, November 22 Bill Wolken +

By Fr. Zandri - St. John's in New Underwood - 11 am

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

& The Rosary is being said before weekend Masses



Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Dn 1:1-6,8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4 Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Dn 6:12-28 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28 Friday Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) 3:82-87 Lk 21:29-33 Saturday Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36

Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Sunday

Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Faithful Citizenship Origin of the Feast of Christ the King: "In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in encyclical Quas Primas to respond to secularism-the adoration of 'idols; of the earthly world, such as money and fame, above God. Pope Pius recognized that secularism would breed hostility against the Church." "Quas Primas gave Catholics the hope that while governments may crumble, Christ's Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, would last forever."

www.usccb.org (From www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-socialjustice/social-justice-commission)

We are in dire need of Ushers for Saturday and Sunday 5:30 pm Mass. Please prayerfully consider tithing an hour of your time. -- You're here in Church for Mass anyway. MANY hands are needed. Please contact Gayle Martin at 718-4631.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule -Nov. 28 & 29

SAT. 5:30 pm EM: John Mowry, Doug Meiron (S) Martha Cook, Bob & Kay Olson, Patty Fritzie, Ellen McGuigan Lector: Kevin & Kris Hittle

Ushers: Mac Coldwell, Dick Cuka, Fred & Paula Welsch

Gift Bearers: Jim, Roxie & Bradley Quintus Altar Servers: Justice Moore.

Abby Wagner, Arin Wagner, Karen Witcraft

SUN. 9 am EM: Ginny DeJager, Diane Dahl (S) Deacon Rausch, Kim Dolan. Ray & Mary Wagner, Paul Schneider Lector: David Dolan, Jean French **Ushers:** Joe Martin, Randy Rapp, Larry Cole, Dean Hade

Gift Bearers: Tom & Melanie Parson Altar Servers: Chloe Thome,

Destinee Heizelman, Drake Heizelman, Dyson Heizelman SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S) Elaine Kocher, Beth Sand

Lector: Lynn Loomer, Nancy Palmer Ushers: Joyce Lorenzen, Greg Rausch, Greg Suto, Will Winch Gift Bearers: Chuck & Holly Bossen Family Altar Servers: Cooper Sand, Tyler Matt, Corten Dobesh, Cailin Haiar

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

You know you were raised Catholic if while watching Star Wars you hear "May the force be with you", you respond "And also with you." ©

<u>== The "Z" Gram ==</u>

--- Notes From Father Bill --

The Year of Mercy will begin on December 8th and Bishop Gruss will be at the Cathedral to begin the Jubilee Year at the 5:30 pm Mass. Mercy is at the heart of the Good News. It is the door that allows us to enter into life with God. We are called as followers of Jesus, to live and share this message of Mercy with one another. Pope Francis said. "Our salvation depends on it." There is no better way to receive God's mercy than thru the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To achieve that purpose, our Bishop has announced 12 Days of Mercy in our diocese. In Rapid City, these 12 days will be celebrated with Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Each month, one of the parishes will host a Day of Mercy. Confessions will be available throughout the day from 8 am until 7 pm. A talk will be given on some aspect of God's mercy. More about these events next bulletin.

Thanksgiving is Nov. 26. I will be spending that day at Hot Springs VA Hospital. Mass will be at 12:30 and I will have dinner with the vets after that. What a better place to give thanks than at a VA Facility!

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ NOVEMBER

Chairperson: Deanna Johnson Co-Chairperson: Diane Dahl

Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Wendlin Baumgartner, Shirley Black, Brittany, Kellee Callender, Darwin Coats, Jr., Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Ed Davis, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Dick & Diane Fraser, Haven Garrett, Vern Goetz, Leo Grebner, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, Harold & Judy Hansen, Sue Hayden, Rosemary Huggins, Stephanie Johnson, Jim Kampa, Kaylan King, Arlene Kingsley, Melanie Lewis, Josh Magbuhat, Margaret, Susan McFadden, Melani, Steve Miller, Calvin Neiss, Ann O'Connell, Ron Oney, Bonnie Palmer, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Joyce Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, Kathleen & Larry Riehle, John Radziwon, Cathy Robinet, Steve Rumbaugh, Carla Sandifer, Sand Family, Eileen Sauer, Dc. Beau Schumacher, Dixie Shreves, Leota Sidel, Mary Swanson, Bob Taylor, Austin Trask, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters. Rose Wickenheiser, Betty Wilson, Al Winland, Carolyn Wise, Unborn Palmer Twins, Bernadette Zander, Darlys Zeller, John Zeller

Your name or the name of your loved one will remain on our bulletin prayer list FOR ONE MONTH or please inform us of extended prayers.

Thank you for the continued prayers for Deacon Claude Sauer +



St. Therese WOMEN'S POTLUCK Luncheon & **Altar Society Christmas Party** December 2nd from 12 – 1:30 pm

Come over your lunch hour!! Please bring a dish to share and a \$5 (or less) ornament to the party for a fun ornament exchange game. Remember.... If you are a female 18 or older YOU ARE INVITED!!!!!

A WEEKLY FUNNY... from father Bill

Because we miss Father Marcin: A customer asked, "In what aisle can I find the Polish sausage?" The clerk asks, "Are you Polish?" The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am, but let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian? Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German? Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican? Or if I asked for some Irish whiskey, would you ask if I was Irish?" The clerk says, "No, I probably wouldn't." The guy says, "Well then, because I asked for Polish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Polish?" The clerk replied, "Because you're in Ace Hardware."

Rest On Reace

Deacon Claude Sauer

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

We REALLY need additional help for the Sat & Sun night masses. We know there are lots of folks in the pews! Say – Maybe you could help with the collection once in a while!! Call Gayle Martin 718-4631.

PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS hosted by the KC's



Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm

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

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

GENERAL FUND: Contributio	ns la	ast week
Envelopes	\$	6406.72
Plate Collection	\$	1204.82
Children's Collection	\$	62.11
All Saints Day	\$	10.68
Christmas Flowers	\$	31.00
Votive Candle Income	\$	72.01
TOTAL	\$	7787.34
Amount needed per week:	\$	6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements \$ 118.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund \$ 277.00 Priest Retirement Aid Association \$ 95.00

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

Nov. 22: General Fund Nov. 29: Christmas Flowers / General Fund NOV.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

What is the reason I was born? What is the reason I came into the world? Am I called to testify to the truth by becoming a priest, brother, or sister? (John 18:33-37)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

RICE & PASTA RONI, CANNED POTATOES, CANNED FRUIT & DISH SOAP

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

MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon: JACKETS & SWEATERS up to size 6

We greatly appreciate all your contributions.

Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

Birth Right is in need of clothing donations – size newborn up to 12 months. Please call Mary 761-1668 or Jan 787-9867. "Thank you!" We truly appreciate it.

BACK TO BASICS with Father Bill

WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm NEW book, only \$5!

Get in office or at class! (even if you don't come to class). Come one, or all Wednesdays... let's get back to basics!



Oh my goodness!! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED ITEMS & BID! at the

World Youth Day 2016 SILENT AUCTION

TOGETHER, WE RAISED \$691!!! For World Youth Day in Poland 2016! THANK YOU!!!

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. Opportunities for fund raising are available, so don't let the cost keep you from going!!

Seeking gift bags, gift tags, small gift items for the Santa Store, cakes & cookies for the annual St. Therese "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party -December 13.

Drop off items for the store in the office and contact us if you are able to volunteer or bring cakes or cookies that day! And thank you for making this such a wonderful event for our Religious Education youth! It is a fantastic time for all!

The Christmas Pageant "A Mouse's Tale"

Still seeking volunteers! 35 kids auditioned and EVERYONE got a part!
Showings will be **Wednesday**, **December 2**nd at the FAMILY POTLUCK
NIGHT (following dinner) and **Sunday**, **December 6**th after 9 am Mass! We
will have caramel rolls intermission between Mass and showing at 10:20 so we
can set up the church for the play. Shout out to our directors, Lori Ashley
(Pageant Director) and Dave Carrol (Music director)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Nov. 22 Class

Nov. 29 NO Class – Thanksgiving Dec. 6 Class (Christmas Pageant)

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

Nov. 22 Class

Nov. 29 NO Class – Thanksgiving

Dec. 6, 13 Class

Dec. 13 "On Sunday December 16 at 5:30 mass, confirmation class, along with parents and sponsors are invited to the Rite of Welcoming of Confirmation Candidates. Please mark your calendar."

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

Nov. 25 NO Group - Thanksgiving

Dec. 2 Family POTLUCK night & Christmas PAGEANT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm

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

— St. Clement of Alexandria

Are you looking for a way to give back to your church? Maybe you like working behind the scenes, or better yet – do you wish there was something you could do from your own home!?

- Get involved with the Prayer Chain!!
 Something you can do from home . . or even in your car as you travel to and from the office or on errands or at every red light. How 'bout on your lunch hour? Think you could find a moment or two to pray for someone in need? Contact the office 342-1556.
- Wash the kitchen linens and towels!! You can have your washer working and watch a movie, or cook dinner, or play a game with the kids. How 'bout having the kids help fold the towels, and have a family prayer time to say "Thank You" for all the activities your parish offers! Contact the office 342-1556.
- 3) AND . . . a one time of the year commitment Help with the "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" party on Sunday, December 13th.

Prayerfully consider making one of these needs your own "little way" of being a part of your church.

The Giving Tree

If you or your family could use a little "help" this
Christmas, please pick up a request form from the bulletin
board in the Parish Center or contact Father Bill or the parish office.

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

33rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Hosted by the Our Lady of Perpetual Help council 1489

November 26 from 11 am to 1 pm

St. Thomas More School (corner of 5th St. & Fairmont Blvd.)

All are welcome! Meal is free!

<u>Volunteers please report to St. Thomas More Cafeteria at 10:15 am</u>

Please note: There will be no home deliveries and no carry-out meals.



Attention all Volunteer Drivers, we are instructed by the diocese to watch the Safe Driver Video if we transport kids and/or parishioners. This entails getting

a user ID and new password. The website to go to is www.catholicmutual.org. You will receive a certification of completion, please file a copy with Rita in the Youth Office for reference. If you need assistance please contact the office. Thank you!

PS I got my certificate ok, it wasn't too cumbersome!!!

~ 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.

TURKEY DAY IS COMING! TURKEY DAY IS COMING! Get all the fixings for that special day with your 'We Care Gift Cards'! Available for Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, & Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market. What a great way to help the needy while giving thanks with family and friends. Visit us after mass or come into the parish office to get yours. GOBBLE GOBBLE!

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 a helpful housecleaning once a month.

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY... from father Bill

At Penn State University, there were four sophomores taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the hearty partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Penn State until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire. As a result, they missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They guickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms, thought this was going to be easy, then they turned the page. On the second page was written...For 95 points: Which tire went flat?



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916

Thank you to all who contributed to the memorial given to the Catholic Daughters in remembrance of Helen

Bakken. Helen was a very special "daughter" who is now deeply missed by our organization. Be assured we will use these funds in a way Helen would have appreciated. May she rest in peace.

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:

November 26 – K of C Thanksgiving dinner

December 5 Angel Bazaar - Cathedral 8am-2pm

December 8 – Music Bingo – 7pm – Thirsty's

December 12 – Christmas Gathering – Pizza Ranch- Southside – 6pm – bring a decoration to share at your table

December 18 – Blessed Sacrament Church – 5pm -come help fill candy bags for the prison ministry

Pro-life Film A gentle presentation on the effects of abortion on the United States for last 40 years titled "40" will be shown Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016, at 2 p.m., in the Fine Arts Theater of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City. The movie is free to attend. Everyone welcome. A free will offering will be taken at the event — 100 percent of which will be given to pro-life ministries.

And ONE MORE FUNNY... from father Bill

Diet quotes from Connie: "Today I bought a cupcake without the sprinkles. Diets are hard." "It seems my diet plan is: Breakfast: 250 calories; Lunch: 375 cal.; Snack: 125 cal.; Dinner: 70,450 cal."

GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION-full-time Rapid City Catholic School System

300 Fairmont Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57701 (605) 343-8484

Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent, Experience in building and grounds operations with desire to continue career improvement

Submit a completed non-certified application (available for downloading and printing at http://rccss.org/district-information/employment-opportunities/), letter of interest, resume, and three reference letters to: ATTN: Dave Hollenbeck, Director of Facilities c/o Marcia Werner - mwerner@rccss.org (or send to above address)

MOTHER BUTLER CENTER CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 221 Knollwood Dr., Rapid City, SD 57701 (605) 343-2165 Position Definition Under the general direction of the Office Manager, and according to the policies of the St. Isaac Jogues Church and Mother Butler Center's laws and regulations. The Mother Butler Center Custodian/Maintenance person is responsible for the maintenance and repair, upkeep of the building and surrounding area, and security operation. General Duties ~General upkeep of the Mother Butler Center and surrounding area on a daily basis. ~Set up the gym and Parish Hall as needed for church functions~Maintaining the upstairs classrooms on an appointed schedule~Keep the building in good repair. Qualifications Profile: Have knowledge of fire alarms, and other life safety systems, and security systems; skilled in human relations to perform in this capacity with reasonable success; sufficiently articulate to communicate Church policy and Administrative regulations to the general public; Have training, background, and experiences sufficient to satisfy the expectation described in this job description; Able to lift minimum of 50 pounds. High School or GED. Background Check and Drug Test. Closing Date: 12-4-2015 Please pickup application at St. Isaac Jogues Church

Looking for more than just a job?

During his visit to the U.S., Pope Francis spoke about not holding back the little miracles of life – to show our love as signs of Jesus' own living and active presence in our world. Being a part of the team at Terra Sancta Retreat Center provides an opportunity to do just that ... We live our ministry of hospitality and generosity through our work at the retreat center. Applications accepted on a continuous basis as business continues to grow. Additional Event Staff are needed for both Hospitality Services and for Catering Services. Find out more on-line at http://terrasancta.org/employment/ or call us at 605-716-0925.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

<u>Christian Family Planning Seminar</u> will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, November 21, 9:00 a.m. – Noon at St. John's in Ft. Pierre. *This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.* Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, contact Kathy at 716-5214 x 220, kcordes@diorc.org

---- Happenings at St. Martin's --INTO THE HEART OF THE WOMAN

Prayerful Painting~ ADVENT 2015~ Saturday, December 5.

You need not be an artist for God to speak to you creatively. Using a *lectio* format, this retreat day with an Advent theme will help you prayerfully express yourself. 9:30 am to 3 pm. To pre-register and for more info., call Sr. Therese Marie at 343-8011. \$20 includes lunch.

Our Lady of Guadalupe The Hispanic community will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, Dec. 12 at Blessed Sacrament Church at 11 a.m. All are invited. Bishop Robert Gruss will be the principal celebrant and priests of the diocese have been invited to concelebrate. The bilingual Mass will be followed by a reception. Desserts welcomed.

Diocesan Masses for Life Matching Grant

Prayer is essential to ensuring a culture of life in South Dakota and throughout the nation! Again this year, the Diocesan Social Justice Commission will match total donations made for the <u>Diocesan Masses for Life</u> 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 ninth year the diocese has matched funds for these Masses for the protection of all life. Please send donations 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, 2015.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PUBLIC PROTEST

<u>Every</u> 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.

Night of Prayer for Life, December 7

The local observance of the National Night of Prayer for Life will begin with Mass for the Immaculate Conception feast at 7 p.m. on Monday,

December 7. Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary for Life, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Please join Catholics across the U.S. as they pray in thanksgiving for the gift of life (from conception to resurrection), in atonement for the loss of human life from all causes, for healing from abortion and all violence, and seeking life-affirming solutions to all threats against life. Sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee. People from all Rapid City area parishes are encouraged to attend.



Annual STM MISSION TRIP

For the past 6 years, juniors and seniors of STM have had an opportunity to serve others during our annual mission trips. We team up with Muster Seed Communities, a Catholic organization that was established in 1978 in the impoverished community of Mona Common on the outskirts of Kingston, Jamaica, as a home for a handful of abandoned and disabled children. Today they serve over 500 children, young adults and families who belong to the most vulnerable groups in Jamaican society. The populations of our homes include children and young adults with disabilities, children affected by HIV/AIDS and teen mothers along with their babies. Our fundraising goal is \$5,000.00. We will use these funds for the orphanages daily care items such as diapers and medication. And to purchase items for improvement projects we will complete while we are there. Please plan to attend our

PIANO CONCERT fundraiser on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Terra
Sancta Holy Cross chapel at 6.00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5.30 pm. Mila Belakova, an accomplished concert pianist, will be performing. Mila was born in a Russian city of Orenburg in the South of the Ural Mountains. At the age of 5 she made her first steps in music, and that turned out to be the beginning of a lifelong exciting journey. She received her degree in music from one of the oldest music colleges in the country, where she was trained in the best traditions of the Russian performance school, her teacher being the student of one of Tchaikovsky's students.

If you cannot attend but still would like to support our effort, you can make a donation at Saint Thomas More Mission Team Program, 300 Fairmount Blvd, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Shattered Hearts.... A Grandparents Grief

<u>To offer friendship to those who share the same loss...</u> <u>The loss of a grandchild</u>

9-10 am ~ Saturdays: November 28, December 26
Rapid City Public Library, Helen Hoyt Room, 610 Quincy St.

There is still time to sign up for the Pilgrimage with Bishop Robert Gruss to Lourdes, Spain & Fatima and an optional Rome Extension ~ Feb. 5-15, 2016

The 11-day pilgrimage includes round-trip airfare from Rapid City, daily Mass in significant Catholic shrines and churches, professional Catholic tour escorts /guides and daily sightseeing that includes the sites of Lourdes and Fatima, touring the Marian apparition of Zaragoza, St. Teresa's city of Avila, Madrid, and much more — price \$3,299. February 15-19, 2016, there is an optional 5-day extension to Rome that includes a Papal Audience with Pope Francis, the major Basilica's of Christian Rome, ancient Rome sites, and the Vatican \$1699

Centering Prayer at Terra Sancta

Join us each week on Wednesday at 5 p.m. for an hour of quiet reflection centered on the Lord. Sandi Ohlen leads this contemplative prayer experience, which allows you to deepen your personal relationship with Christ. Centering Prayer adds depth to your prayer life and helps put us in a more receptive place for all prayerful experiences. Never done Centering Prayer? Sandi will help you through the process. Please use the south patio entrance and join the Centering Prayer group in the Solarium at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Weekly starting November 4 through May. All are welcome.



Please get your baking hats on and bring your delicious items to the church on Saturday, December 12th. This is a perfect time to get all your Christmas goodies before the big celebration!!



Prayer for Peace ~ Every Thursday from Noon to 1 pm (noon hour) you are invited to come to the Cathedral in Rapid City to pray for peace.

An Update from the Hope For New Life (HFNL) Jail Ministry 9th Annual Christmas Jail Program One of the traditional events presented each year by the HFNL Ministry is the Christmas Program for the inmates of Pennington County Jail. Imagine a Christmas holiday during which you were

Pennington County Jail. Imagine a Christmas holiday during which you were separated from your family and friends? Now imagine your separation from your loved ones being a result of your incarceration in Pennington County Jail.

While it is difficult for most of us to think of ourselves in jail during the Christmas holiday, this is a fact for nearly 500 prisoners currently serving sentences in our community. During our Christmas program, we sing carols and distribute between 500-600 bags of holiday candies and Holy cards to the inmates we entertain. Because our regular weekly jail groups average about 30 men and women (approximately 6 percent of the jail population of 500 people), the Christmas Program gives us a wonderful opportunity to reach out to many more people in several different cell blocks. This year's Christmas Program will

take place on **December 20**. We are seeking volunteers to help with this program, sing or can play the guitar or musical instrument, our ministry would welcome your participation. In order to enter the jail, volunteers have to submit to a routine background check. HFNL will assist you in this. We are also asking for donations of puzzles and paperback books. To volunteer for the Christmas program, or to learn more about our ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville** (341-2721). You are also welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

St. Therese Prayer

St. Therese, the Little Flower, please pick me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favors I ask, I thee implore, and tell Him I will love Him each day more and more.



Take life in a new direction

Join the hundreds of people who have found financial freedom, parenting help and life skills. FREE tuition, children's program and activities, and groceries for completing weekly assignments. FREE meal for students and their families. Learn more & register at www.loveinconline.com or call Love INC at 718-LOVE (5683).

Apply NOW! New 9-week quarter will be starting soon.
Registration deadline for all classes is one week before class start dates. Pick up a flyer on bulletin boards at each entrance for class descriptions, list of locations and start dates.

~ Money 101 ~ Financial Freedom ~Bridges to Freedom ~Common Sense Parenting ~Stepping into Freedom (Women only) ~Nutrition on a Budget ~Kids Cooking (for parents & children) ~Christianity Explored ~Bible Class ~Star Quilting Class 101 (\$25 fee) ~Vehicle Maintenance Class ~EWorks

March for Life Pilgrimage in 2016- Join the Diocese of Rapid City and Pro-Life Groups from across the nation for an exciting Pilgrimage to Washington, DC on January 20th through 23rd 2016! In addition to the traditional March for Life events at the US Capital Building and the steps of the Supreme Court, we'll also enjoy many other activities! Package includes; round-trip airfare from Rapid City, 3 nights hotel, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, motor coach transportation, & entry fees per itinerary. Cost starts at \$995 per person for quad occupancy. Contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at 1-800-653-0017 or visit www.canterburypilgrimages.com for more information or to register.

Only 2 seats left for Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage to Mexico with Father Brian Lane, Jan. 7 – 13. Sign up today!

Contact Rita Dupres for more information at 381-4988.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray. O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us-this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to all involved in the Funeral Meal Ministry! What a blessing you are!

SD Mines music programs will light-up the holidays with several performances. The Concert Choir, University Choir, and Master Chorale will present their 33rd Annual Holiday Cathedral Concert –

Saturday/Sunday, December 5/6, 2015, 7:30PM each night – at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. No admission charge. For more about these concerts and the music programs at SD Mines, please visit the http://music.sdsmt.edu link.

