

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Nov. 24 - 30

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Dave Skroch +
5:30 pm – Vera Jonas +
TUESDAY 7:30 am – Special Intention
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – Mary Zandri +
THURSDAY 9:00 am – Joe Engelhardt +
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Don Wieseler
1st Sunday of Advent
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Special Intention
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Duke & Gail Schneller Families
5:30 pm – Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Thursday, November 27 John & Sandy Davis
By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm

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 63:16-17,19; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

Faithful Citizenship "In South Dakota, 1 in 5 children are food insecure, meaning they do not have regular access to food. But it's not just children who are struggling with hunger. Many individuals, families, and seniors also have this challenge. One in eight South Dakota residents are food insecure and over 120,000 live in poverty. Our goal during Hunger Action Month is to raise awareness of hunger in all of South Dakota. (Feeding South Dakota website <http://www.feedingsouthdakota.org>)" *West River Catholic*, September 2014. www.rapidcitydiocese.org (From Diocesan Social Justice Commission www.rapidcitydiocese.org/WP/offices/social-justice-commission)

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Thanksgiving Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Nov. 27

THUR. 9 am E.M.: 3 needed **Lector:** Nancy Palmer
Gift Bearers: 2 needed **Altar Servers:** 2 needed

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Nov. 29 & 30

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Jill Leberknight, John Mowry (S) Joe Zacher, Martha Cook, Diane Wilkinson, Joe Zacher, Patty Fritzie **Lector:** Jim Blackwell, Valeria Vifquain **Ushers:** Jim Theis, Dan Shank, Tim & Paula Shull
Gift Bearers: Bill & Kathy Klemann **Altar Servers:** Abby Wagner, Arin Wagner, Karen Witcraft
SUN. 9 am E.M.: Ginny DeJager, Diane Dahl (S) Kelly Heintz, Ron & Anita Miller, Ray & Mary Wagner **Lector:** Brenda Wills, Randy Vette **Ushers:** Tom & Melanie Parson, Greg Schmelz, Al Thome **Gift Bearers:** John & Nadine Zeller **Altar Servers:** Destinee, Drake & Dyson Heizelman
SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Beth Sand (S) Jan Winegar, Greg Rausch
Lector: Deanna Johnson, Lori Ashley **Ushers:** Greg Suto, Stan Fisher, Ben Schutz, William Winch **Gift Bearer:** Chuck & Holly Bossen Family
Altar Server: Jacob Rausch, Sarah Johnson, Isabella Ashley

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

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ NOVEMBER

Chairperson: Deanna Johnson Co-Chair: Team

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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

WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

New Parishioners:

Adrian & Crystal DE LA CRUZ

SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

Thank you to all who have donated these fabulous items--couldn't do it without ya! and

Thank you for bidding!! Together we made \$455.50 for Steubenville of the Rockies Youth Retreat!

Check out the highest bids on the bulletin board in the Parish Center!



== The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

This coming Thursday, November 27, our country will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Mass at St. Therese will be at 9 am. Please try to attend that service. Also, please read in the bulletin the Proclamation written by Abraham Lincoln on October 3, 1863. Please read the paragraph that begins with the words, "But we have forgotten God." That paragraph is just as valid today as it was in 1863. "We have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us." Do those words sound true for us today? A few weeks later, Abraham Lincoln wrote another Proclamation that has gone down in history as the Gettysburg Address. These two proclamations really give us the reason to say "Thank You God." Please spend some time on the 27th of November to give thanks to God and never forget God!

Please add GERI HOLMGREN to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Marlene Baker, Jerry Bartholmay, Wendlin Baumgartner, Sharon Baumgartner, Larry Blote, Dewayne Borszich, Jeanne Carey, Margaret Chronos, Tina Chronos, Cindy, Eleanor Clarich, Dorothy Coats, Shania Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Colette DeVries, Brandon Eastman, Kelli Eastman, Ben Eicher, Don Everett, Lena Fagen, Cathy Falcone, Gene Farrell, Joan Feller, Sheryl Feller, Judy Fisher, Vic Gaudette, Darlene Grass, Alma Gruenig, Jim Hanna, Judy Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Sue Hayden, Jacob Heil, Charlie & Brandi Henriksen & Family, Charles Hewitt, Jeannine Hittle, Geri Holmgren, Ellen Horan, Rosemary Huggins, Tim Irvine, Marlys Johnson, Baby Kash, Fern Keller, Shirley Kenoyer, Jerry & Elaine Kocher, Kathy Krause, Peter Krause, Melanie Lewis, Mike, Julie Lindy, Pearl Lyon, Kevin Maher, Mary Maher, Luke Mars, Susan McFadden, Robert Melvin, Jr., Anita Miller, Steve Miller, Zane Morris, Ron Oney, Heather Popken, Helen Quasney, Joyce Quinn, Dorothy Rapp, Ted & Judy Rapp, Joel Reed, Joseph Regal-Frazier, Mary Rieb, Andrea Rivera, Doyle Roseland, Karla Sandifer, Claude & Eileen Sauer, Deacon Jim Scherr, Beau Schumacher, Sister Marie Schwan, Leota Sidel, Mike Smaltz, Donna Stulken, Nick Tomac, Bud Torp, Betty Wilson, Al Winland, Ryan Wise



The HOLLY TROLLEY is ready to board!

Come on ladies-- for a fun-filled day of shopping, food, fun and fellowship with other church ladies.

Saturday, December 6

We leave from St. Therese parking lot at 8 am and return at 5 pm. Great day planned for you with pampering, goodies, surprises, wonderful food, lots of fun and shopping, shopping! Destinations in Rapid City, Custer, and Hill City. We've checked out the businesses and they are giving us great discounts! Limited number of seats, so contact Sandi Jolley, 348-6840 or Kim Dolan at 381-2801. Cost is \$30 per person. We'd love to see you and entertain you on the HOLLY TROLLEY!

**CANNED OR BOXED POTATOES, (including sweet),
JELLO, CANNED FRUIT & DISH SOAP
ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE**
Please place your items in box at either entrance! **THANK YOU !!**

***MOMMY'S CLOSET* Items in need are:**
**Winter coats/jackets size 4-6, hats, mittens/gloves
& size 4/5 diapers**

*We greatly appreciate all your contributions.
Thank you for your kindness to mothers and their little ones!
Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.*

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 5428.09
Plate Collection	\$ 1063.80
Children's Collection	\$ 40.50
Copier Maintenance – KC's	\$ 50.00
Adult Education	\$ 5.00
Religious Education Program	\$ 25.00
Facility Use Donation	\$ 150.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 88.42
TOTAL	\$ 6850.81
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements \$ 96.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund \$ 346.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association \$ 56.00

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

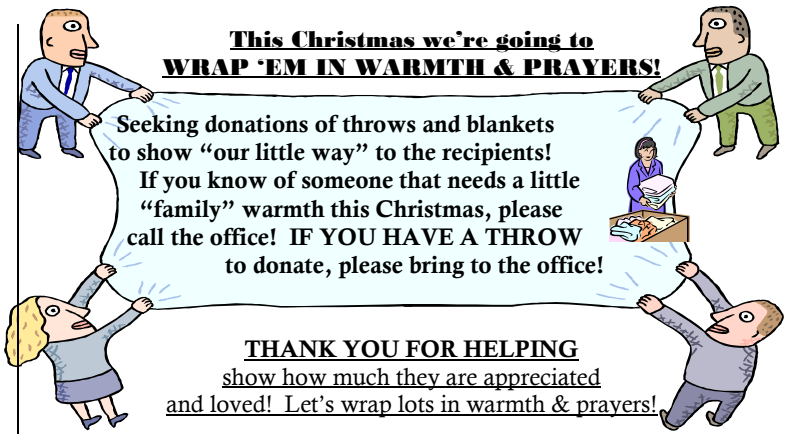
Nov. 23: General Fund **Nov. 30:** Christmas Flowers / General Fund
NOV.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvement, Seminarian Fund

HELP NEEDED! IT'S AMAZING WHAT LITTLE THINGS CAN BRING BIG RESULTS!

For just a little time and effort, once a month after mass, you can be such a big benefit to our parish and the community by helping sell gift cards for the We Care program. No salesmanship needed... these little cards will sell themselves, but we need people like you to make them available to our parishioners. There's really not much more to it than that. Just give me a call, text or leave a message at 430-0459. You can even e-mail me at yw_flowers65@hotmail.com. I'll be happy to get you started.--Melanie Karp

THE WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

One year at Thanksgiving, my mom went to my sister's house for the traditional feast. Knowing how gullible my sister is, my mom decided to play a trick. She told my sister that she needed something from the store. When my sister left, my mom took the turkey out of the oven, removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, and inserted it into the turkey, and re-stuffed the turkey. She then placed the bird(s) back in the oven. When it was time for dinner, my sister pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird. With a look of total shock on her face, my mother exclaimed, "Patricia, you've cooked a pregnant bird!" At the reality of this horrifying news, my sister started to cry. It took the family two hours to convince her that turkeys lay eggs!!



The Giving Tree Once again, we will

have both the Parishioner Giving Tree and the Salvation Army Angel Tree. **If you, or another parishioner could use some help this Christmas, either pick up a request form from Father Bill or the parish office.**



Gift tags will be up soon! Simply take a tag and return your gift (unwrapped for Salvation Army, and either wrapped or unwrapped for Parishioner Tree by December 15th) *Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

TURKEY DAY IS COMING! TURKEY DAY IS COMING!



Get all the fixings for that special day with your 'We Care Gift Cards'! Available for various stores including Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market, and Don's Valley 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!

Seeking Adorers, especially from 11 am to noon.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm

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

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

Grandma was showing the children a painting of a Pilgrim Family on a Thanksgiving Day card that they had received and she commented, "The Pilgrim children enjoyed going to church with their mothers and fathers and praying to God." Her youngest grandson looked at her doubtfully and asked, "Then why is their Dad carrying that rifle?"

~ 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.

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 14.



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 Beth Sand 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!

ONE MORE FUNNY...from Father Bill

A man wrote a letter to the IRS: "I have been unable to sleep knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. I understated my taxable income and have enclosed a check for \$200.00. If I still can't sleep, I will send the rest."

BACK TO BASICS with Father Bill WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm

NEW book, "BIBLE BASICS for CATHOLICS" available for only \$5. (even if you don't come to class). Come one, or all Wednesdays... let's get back to basics!



PARISH CARD NIGHT SOCIAL hosted by the KC's

Tuesdays from 7 to 9 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!! Bring a friend (if you want) and come enjoy the evening. (Don't know how? We'll show ya!)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Grades PreK - 5th: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am

AND CONFIRMATION: Grades 9 & 10 (and 11- 12 if needed): & *NEW* & EXCITING!!! YDISCIPLINE Small Group (11th & 12th)

SUNDAYS: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

- Nov. 23* Class
*Nov. 23 Confirmation mini-retreat 4:30-8:30 pm
- Nov. 30 No Class – Thanksgiving
- Dec. 7 Class
- Dec. 14 Happy Birthday Jesus Party / Christmas Party

Youth Connection: Grades 6 - 8: WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:30 pm

Meal provided

- Nov. 26 No Class – Thanksgiving
- Dec. 3 Family Night Potluck & activities for all ages
- Dec. 10, 17 Class



Adoration
MONDAYS AT ST. THERESE



Steubenville CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

December 6th & 7th after Masses!

Stop by to get your Christmas goodies!!

AND Any donations of baked goods would be appreciated as well! ☺

All proceeds will go to the Steubenville of the Rockies Youth Retreat in Colorado in June 2015. Contact Randy Vette at 342-1556, ext 12 with any questions.



ATTENTION MEN! Prayer Group

Let's join together to pray the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & other prayers at 6 am on Saturdays!

ST. THERESE CHAPEL (door beyond entrance to Parish Center)

Rest In Peace

James R. Hanson

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

Hey! Check out the back of the bulletin too!! ->>

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE BACK PAGE?

These are advertisers that help support YOUR parish.

Please support them & THANK THEM!

Interested in advertising? Contact Mike Quasney at 716-0387.



Please join us in praying for parish family members in the military....

Maj. Thad Thome, US Army; Sgt. Stephanie (Thome) Kinsella, Natl. Guard; Sgt. Chad Moore, SPC Raquel Carlin, A1C Kyrie M. Heintz-Travis, Lt. Levi Lee, Spec Travis Aschwege, Sgt. Sean Mulloy, Pfc. James Meyer, A1C Robert Martin, 1SGT. Shawn Klosterman, Ssgt. Jeremy Martin, Air Guard, Tyler Martin, Air Guard, Major Jeremy Wagner, Navy; Capt. Cory W. Wallace, Msgt Allen J Wolf, Air National Guard, A-1 Christopher Fraser, SRA. Brandon Eastman, Tsgt. Charles Henriksen, Ssgt. Ryan Emery, 2Lt. Zachery Feterl, Jake Rivers, Ssgt. Amber Emery, Ssgt. Jeff Weishaar, Ryan Blindert-Willms, Tony LaCroix, Airman, Josh Sunstrom, Maj. Marvin Wade, A1C Michael Fraser, Brandon Whitney, Tom O'Grady, Bob O'Grady, Father Dave Reinhardt, Eddie Byrns, SRA Terry Irvine, CW4 Michael Reindl, Sgt. Matthew Reindl, Pfc. Jacob Korzeniewski, Spc. Rachel Korzeniewski, If you have a family member to add to this list, call the office at 342-1556.

A Rose by any other Name! While most of us like the scent of perfume, some of us can have severe reactions to artificially scented products. Perfumes can cause sniffing, dizziness, headaches, nausea and breathing problems. Some reactions, like shortness of breath, are particularly severe for people with other respiratory conditions. Please thoughtfully consider using products with only lighter scents or no scent when you attend mass.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES at 7 pm

- Tuesday, December 9 ~ OLBH Piedmont
- Monday, December 15 ~ Blessed Sacrament
- Tuesday, December 16 ~ Cathedral OLPH

Wednesday, December 17 ~ St. Isaac Jogues

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 ~ ST. THERESE

Friday, December 19 ~ St. John's, New Underwood

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



Christmas Decoration Recycling!!



Do you have some gently-used Christmas decorations that need a new home? If so, Church Response would love to have them for our Christmas Decoration Recycling project. Many of our clients have very few, if any, holiday decorations, and we would like to pass along your donated items to these families to make their Christmas a bit more festive! If we receive enough decorations we would also like to sell them to the general public every December at reasonable prices and donate the money to Church Response. Cleaning out your Christmas storage boxes will result in a cheerier holiday for many Rapid City families and also provide additional income to Church Response – everybody wins! Please bring your donations to your church, or the Church Response office at 30 Main St. THANK YOU! Call (342-5360) for more info.



WE NEED YOU! TO DONATE BLOOD AT THE KC BLOOD DRIVE



Monday, December 1st from 3 to 6:30 pm

WALK-INS WELCOME! OR CONTACT Bill Schneider at 341-6608.

Or www.bloodhero.com & enter code: therese

WE NEED MORE DONORS!!! Among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver – Maya Angelou



Everyone come on down!

KC BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 7th

8 am until all served following 9 am Mass

Cost? Free-will offering, with proceeds to KC Charity fund

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER!!

BABY JESUS

SHOWER

0-6 MONTH "GIFTS" FOR

BIRTHRIGHT

Please place all items in the cradle "manger" at either entrance.



What we've done to the least of our brothers and sisters we've done to Christ. Choose to serve in every instance; listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or sister. (Matthew 25:31-46)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

"Diocesan Masses for Life" Matching Grant: Again this year, The Diocesan Social Justice Commission will match total donations made for the "Diocesan Masses for Life" project, up to a total of \$250. These Masses are coordinated by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Pro-Life Committee, but are offered at parishes throughout the diocese. This is the eighth year the diocese has matched funds for the daily Masses offered throughout the diocese for the protection of all life. Prayer is essential to ensuring a culture of life in South Dakota and throughout the nation. Donations must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2014. Please send donations to: Diocesan Masses for Life, c/o Mary Mitchell, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 1489 - 32nd Annual



THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 27th ~ St. Thomas More School

(Corner of 5th St. and Fairmont Blvd)

11 am to 1 pm ~ FREE of charge! All are welcome!

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

Contemplative Prayer Handouts: Anyone who attended the Evening of Contemplative Prayer with Bishop Robert Gruss in September at Blessed Sacrament Church and did not get the handout, there are several copies left. They can be picked up at Blessed Sacrament Church; on the table by St. Jude Chapel. Email or call Halina Hladyasz at halina@rushmore.com, 718-5719



"Thank you – thank you – thank you for continuing to save Box Tops for Education and Family Thrift receipts for St. Elizabeth Seton. There is an envelope at the south entrance to the church for collection as well as an envelope outside the parish office. Know we appreciate your support!!" – SES School.

Please continue to save the Campbell soup labels for the local schools in our area, too. It is such an easy thing to do: open a can and heat . . . Mmmmm good! And then turn the label into educational supplies for the children and schools in our area.

More than just a job, it's a ministry! Join a great team at Terra Sancta Retreat Center and help provide hospitality to our many guests. The retreat center is seeking high-energy people to help with hospitality services: ~**Event Staff** job responsibilities include serving meals, room set-ups, cleaning and more. Hours each week will vary depending on retreat center needs. This is a part-time, non-benefitted position. ~**Event Coordinator** collaborates with the retreat center team (the director, catering services and hospitality services) to ensure the successful and efficient operation of the diocesan retreat center. Must be available to work nights and weekends when retreats/programs are in session. Several positions available including one full-time, benefitted position and one to three part-time; non-benefitted positions. Complete job descriptions and application form available on-line at <http://terrasancta.org/employment>. If you have questions, please contact us at 605-716-0925.

Diocese of Rapid City Applications are being accepted for an Accounting Clerk position(s). Assistance is needed at Terra Sancta Retreat Center and in the Parish Financial Accounting Office. There is an opportunity for this to be either one full time or two half time positions. Duties include handling all the business transactions at the retreat center and providing bookkeeping services to parishes in the diocese. Applicants should possess high level of accuracy and attention to details. Education, training, and/or experience in the accounting field preferred. Interested individuals should submit a letter of application and a resume to:

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

Complete job description and application form available on-line at <http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/WP/offices/chancellor/employment>
If you have any questions please contact Suzie Lambert at 605-343-3541.



Marriage Encounter Weekend – In the Gospels it says that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." God loves us and cares for us. He wants married couples to have happy and fulfilling sacramental marriages. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Weekend is December 5-7 in Duluth, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.sdwwme.org or contact John & Dawn Elsinger at applications@sdwwme.org or 605-362-0924.

An Update from the Hope For New Life (HFNL) Jail Ministry Annual Christmas Jail Program 2014

One of the traditional events presented each year by the HFNL Ministry and the Destiny Four Square Church is the Christmas Program for the inmates of Pennington County Jail. This consists of caroling by our ministry members, enhanced by the talented voices of several volunteers from our different parishes. For our last four Christmas Programs, we have been blessed to have Father Ed Vanorny accompany us on his melodious guitar. During the event we also distribute between 500-600 bags of holiday candies and Holy cards to the inmates we entertain. Because our regular weekly jail groups average about 20 men and women (approximately 5 percent of the jail population which numbers about 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 Sunday December 21 at 3:00 PM.** We are seeking volunteers to help with this program, so if you like to sing or you can play the guitar or other musical instrument, our ministry would welcome you. We are also asking for donations of puzzles (especially those with a Christian theme), playing cards, paperback books (themes: action, Westerns, historical), and Bibles. Boxes for your donations will be available at your parish. **To volunteer for the Christmas program, please contact Cathie Harris at 431-8370. Volunteers will need to complete a short background check for the Jail to approve their entrance. The background check must be completed no later than 5 December.**

**Top Hats and Roses Annual Christmas Spectacular
Concert & Silent Auction to benefit
CHURCH RESPONSE December 14, 2014, at
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 717 Quincy St.**

Silent auction items from local merchants will include gift certificates, decorating items, quilts and hand-made items, candy, jewelry, etc. Also Christmas baked goods and lefse will be sold. The silent auction will open at 1pm, and the free Top Hats and Roses holiday concert will start at 2pm. Non-perishable food donations, proceeds from silent auction and bake sale, and a free will offering will benefit the Church Response Community Pantry. Church Response is celebrating its 42nd year of service to the needy of Rapid City. This is a wonderful free holiday event for the whole family that is sure to add to your Christmas Spirit. For more info., email churchresponsepantry@gmail.com or call Dan Palmer at 381-7957 or "like" Church Response on Facebook.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

Beginning Experience® Level 1 Separated, Divorced & Widowed Support Group, "COPING WITH LIFE ALONE". Are you recently separated or divorced? Are you struggling with the pain and loneliness? Healing can begin with the next nine-week session of the support group. The group starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams St., Rapid City. The non-denominational group is open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Registration fee: \$30.00; need-based scholarships available. Pre-registration is requested! For more information and to pre-register, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214 ext. 236 or jslegner@diorc.org.

Association of Commissioned Lay Ministers serving the Catholic Diocese of Rapid City: The Nominations and Election Committee (NEC) of the above association is seeking the names of interested candidates to fill the following positions with service commencing in late March 2015:

Vice-Chair (four year commitment); **Secretary** (two year commitment); **Deanery Directors for Deanery 1, 3, and Deanery 5** (two year commitment); **Nominations and Elections Standing Committee** (two members to be elected for a one year commitment). *Nominations for deanery directors are restricted to members resident in that deanery. Deanery 1 includes the parishes in Rapid City, Hermosa, New Underwood, Ellsworth Air Force Base Chapel, Piedmont, Hill City, Keystone, Hot Springs, Custer, and Edgemont. Deanery 3 includes parishes in Kadoka, Martin, Phillip, Midland, Milesville, Wall, Lakeside, Interior, Pine Ridge, Oglala, Red Shirt Table, Kyle, Lower medicine Root, Wanblee, Manderson, and Porcupine. Deanery 5 includes parishes in Eagle Butte, Bridger, Cherry Creek, Dupree, Promise, Red Scaffold, Ridgeview, White Horse, Lemmon, Bison, Morristown, McLaughlin, Kenel, Watauga, Mcltosh, Bullhead, Wakpala, Timber Lake, Isabel, Trail City, Faith, Red Owl, and Mud Butte.* **Process:** Association members may nominate themselves or others for the above positions. All nominations must be in writing/email and include a short biography and summary of the gifts and talents the person can bring to the office. Before names are placed on the ballot, the NEC will obtain the written consent of each individual nominated. Please send nominations by e-mail or U.S. mail no later than November 26, 2014 to one of the NEC members **By e-mail:** Sharon Brunner, Chair, bbrunca@aol.com Don Kistler, Member, dkistler@realestatecenters.com Dave and Nancy, Member, gmawag@yahoo.com **By U.S. mail:** Dave and Patty Wagner, P.O. Box 486, Custer, SD 57730

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.



Deepen Your Relationship with Our Lord

Rapid City — Come to *Lectio Divina* and Centering Prayer on Wednesdays each week from 5-6 p.m., at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in the Solarium (please use the south parking lot and patio entrance) beginning November 5 through April 2015. The Scriptural reading for *Lectio Divina* each Wednesday will generally include the Gospel lectionary reading for the following Sunday. *Lectio* and centering prayer nurture and deepen our relationship with our loving Lord as we "soak in His love" for us! All are welcome.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE STAFF AT ST. THERESE

*We are truly blessed to work for our Parish Family!
What a blessing you are!*

The Gift of Silence during Advent

Take a few days this Advent season to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Father Peter Etzel, SJ, will lead a silent preached retreat at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, December 11-14. Begins with dinner December 11 and concludes after lunch on December 14. Daily Mass, times for prayer and silence are included in the schedule. Costs based on your preference for lodging range from \$245 to \$365. Meals, lodging, talks by Fr. Etzel, and spiritual direction are included in your costs. Scholarships available. Find out more and register on-line at <http://terrasancta.org/silentretreats/> or call us at 605-716-0925.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting
Monday, December 8th ~ 8 pm**

Please note time! Holy Day Mass is at 7pm, so we will meet immediately after.
Interested in becoming a Knight? See any KC!!

25th Annual National Prayer for Life Gathering

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rapid City, will join other US parishes on December 8 in prayer for the respect and defense of all life from conception to natural death. Adoration will follow the 7 p.m. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Rosary for Life and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. Benediction will take place at 9:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from my infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know my infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in my Mercy." **All are invited to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy & the Rosary every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel at Cathedral.**

Experience the Sacred Through Song and Silence

October through May- **Taizé**, an ecumenical prayer gathering to worship our Lord, Jesus Christ ~ 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta. All are welcome!

**I believe in the sun, even when it isn't shining.
I believe in love, even when I am alone.
I believe in God, even when He is silent."**

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year old David's comment. Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. 'Listen', she said... 'What do you suppose that is?' He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap - tap - tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, 'Is that Jesus knocking?'
Have a Blessed day!