

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Nov. 25 – Dec. 1

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

MONDAY 7:30 am -- Jeanette Culhane +
5:30 pm – Marge Wagner +
TUESDAY 7:30 am -- Margaret Preuss +
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am -- Margaret Mae Hanson +
THURSDAY 9:00 am – Margaret M. Johnson +
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Angetta Peters
1st Sunday of Advent
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Ramona Schanning +
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Virginia Zankl +
5:30 pm – Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: **Other than at St. Therese**

Wednesday, November 27 Marion Wilson +
By Fr. Zandri – at Good Samaritan – 9:30 am
Thursday, November 28 Special Intention
By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm
Sunday, November 29 Margaret Feist
By Fr. Zandri – at St. John's in New Underwood – 11 am
Sunday, November 29 John Melton +
By Fr. Zandri – at Ft. Meade VA – 2:30 pm

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Dn 1:1-6,8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday 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 Sir 50:22-24 Ps 138:1-5 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19
Friday Dn 7:2-4 (Ps) 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 4:18-22
Sunday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

Faithful Citizenship "The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky proclaims its builder's craft." **Psalms 19:2**

(From Diocesan Social Justice Commission)

www.rapidcitydiocese.org/WP/offices/social-justice-commission

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Jill Leberknight, Doug Meiron (S) Ellen McGuigan, John Mowry, Liz Myscowski, Mary Ann Ries, Joe Zacher **Lector:** Paula Bailie, Tim Shull **Ushers:** Jim & Roxie Quintus, Bradley Quintus **Gift Bearers:** Jack & Dianne Tomac **Altar Servers:** Juliene Moore, Justice Moore, Corten Dobesh

SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Holly Bossen (S) Lynn Loomer, Elaine Kocher **Lector:** Stacy Thomlison **Ushers:** David & Chris VanCleave, Bill & Jan Winegar **Gift Bearer:** Matt & Kati Skinner Family **Altar Server:** Max Bossen, Patrick Bossen, Ben VanCleave

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.

If you have ANY information changes or CONFLICTS with THE MINISTRY schedule, call Gayle Martin at 718-4631.

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

Rest In Peace

Sheryl Allen

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

NO Back to Basics w/Father Bill on Nov. 27th

WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

Through The Waters of Baptism

Dylan HARTLEY, SON OF Matthew & Melissa

Thanksgiving Day Mass

November 28th at 9 am (no 7:30 am Mass)

Office closed Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29

There will be 7:30 am Mass on Friday, November 29

== The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

This coming week our country will be celebrating on November 28, the last Thursday of the month of November, our day to give thanks. To give thanks for what? That question has to be answered by each one of us. All of us have reasons to give thanks to God for many things, first of all is the gift of life. The entire month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the faithfully departed. On November 28 we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with a Mass at 9 am. This is the best way to start our Thanksgiving Day.

Another good way to give thanks is to remember our diocese with a contribution to the Diocesan Appeal Drive that is going on throughout the diocese. We are a very fortunate parish, very generous in many things. A good way to give thanks is to share our financial gifts with other members of our diocese. No amount is too small.

Hopefully all of us will give thanks for many things that sometimes we take for granted.

Please add Barb Collins, Mary Reiner and Martin & Angelia Espinoza family to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

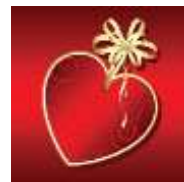
Larry Amburn, Tim Ange, Don Anton, Bob Bachmeier, Jerry Bartholmay, Kellee Callender, Margaret Chronos, Tina Chronos, Eleanor Clarich, Barb Collins, Brandon Eastman, Kelli Eastman, Martin & Angelia Espinoza family, Don Everett, Denny & unborn baby, Lena Fagen, Cathy Falcone, Margaret Feist, Joan Feller, Sheryl Feller, Dick & Diane Fraser, Vic Gaudette, Darlene Grass, Judy Hansen, Sue Hayden, Jacob Heil, Ellen Horan, Rosemary Huggins, Vera Jonas, Jerry Kaiser, Baby Kash, Dennis Keller, Fern Keller, Shirley Kenoyer, Albert Kittelson, Jerry & Elaine Kocher, Kathy Krause, Laura & unborn baby, Luke Mars, Theresa Martin, Robert Melvin, Jr., Anita Miller, Bob Miller, David Oulman & family, Joyce Quinn, Raelynn, Dorothy Rapp, Ted & Judy Rapp, Joel Reed, Mary Reiner, Mary Rieb, Andrea Rivera, Doyle Roseland, Jim Russell, Karla Sandifer, Linda Schooley, Art Schwahn, Leota Sidel, Mary Sigler, Donna Stulken, Jim Theis, Elizabeth Torp, Aaron Totten, Sharon Weber, Betty Wilson, Al Winland, Bernie Zander

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 17th)

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



Rest In Peace

Michael Volk

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

THE WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

Grandma was showing the children a painting of the 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?"

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm

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

Doesn't our new piano sound delightful?

THANK YOU to all those involved!

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	\$ 4778.35
Plate Collection	\$ 931.00
Children's Collection	\$ 60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Copier Maintenance - KC's	\$ 50.00
Facility Use Donations	\$ 315.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 51.71
TOTAL	\$ 6206.06

Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements \$ 155.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 253.00
Priest Retirement Aid Assoc.	\$ 62.00

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER:

Nov. 24: General Fund

Dec. 1: Christmas Flowers / Priest Retirement Aid Assoc. / General Fund

Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception / Retirement Fund for Religious / Building Improvements / General Fund

Dec. 15: Seminarian Fund / General Fund

Dec. 22: General Fund **Dec. 25:** Christmas **Dec. 9:** General Fund

TURKEY DAY IS COMING! TURKEY DAY IS COMING! Get all the fixings for that special day with your 'We Care Gift Cards'! Available from 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!

ADULT SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

A Diocesan requirement for all adult volunteers.

Thursday, December 5th at 7 pm

Call Randy Vette at 342-1556, ext. 12 with any questions.

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ NOVEMBER

Chairperson: Margaret Rossknecht/Peggy Pientok

Co-Chairs: Team

CANNED MEAT, CANNED OR BOXED POTATOES, CANNED FRUIT & BAR SOAP ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

Please place your items in box at either entrance! THANK YOU !!

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love never fails.

Our God is Love.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Nov. 24	Class
Dec. 1	NO Class - Thanksgiving
Dec. 8	Class
Dec. 15	"Happy Birthday Jesus" Party
Dec. 22, 29	NO Class - Christmas

Youth Connection: Grades 6 - 9: WEDNESDAYS- 6 - 7:30 pm

Meal provided

Nov. 27	No Class - Thanksgiving
Dec. 4, 11, 18	Class
Dec. 25, Jan. 1	NO Class- Christmas

CONFIRMATION: Grades 10-11: SUNDAYS- 6:30 - 8 pm

Nov. 17	Class
Nov. 24	Mini Retreat, 4-8 pm
Dec. 1	NO Class - Thanksgiving
Dec. 8, 15	Class
Dec. 22, 29	NO Class - Christmas

BACK TO BASICS w/Father Bill: WEDNESDAYS - 7 - 8 pm

Come one, or all Wednesdays



Annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

After Masses: December 7 & 8

We need your help to fill the tables with your Christmas & gift items and handmade crafts and homemade "goodies" for the BAKE SALE!!

Please bring your priced items & un-priced "goodies" to the church at 2 pm Friday, Dec. 2nd.

Call Darlys Zeller at 348-4269 with any questions.



DAILY ADORATION FOR ADVENT

Our Lady's Chapel at the Cathedral OLPH

7:30 am - 9:30 pm beginning Dec. 2

Call Randy Vette at 342-1556, ext. 12 for more info.

**We now have a website!!
sainttheresechurch.org**

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

MOMMY'S CLOSET Items in need are:

**(No mittens) but Winter coats & jackets,
Baby & toddler Blankets, and 3-5T clothing**

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.

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

A teacher was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his cowboy boots. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet. He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, "They're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear 'em." Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But, she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his little feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."

PARISH CARD NIGHT SOCIAL

hosted by the KC's

Every Tuesday 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!)

Questions? Call Ray Wagner at 343-7601.



**Annual Thanksgiving
Day Dinner - No Charge**

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Thursday, November 28th

From Noon to 2 pm

St. Thomas More High School

Volunteers are needed! Especially a couple of days prior, at 4 am preparation & clean up. Meals will be delivered for those unable to attend. Contact Jeff Meyers at 430-5752.



Seeking help with the meals that are served on Wednesday evenings for **Youth Connection**. Currently Altar Society and Knights of Columbus each take one Wednesday per month. Parents? Volunteers? This is such a great program to provide our young people. Contact Lynn Loomer at 381-7662 if interested.

The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is the servant-leader, who let go of his life for our sake. Who will follow the example of David, the example of Jesus, and renounce worldly power for the power of the children of God? (2 Samuel 5:1-3) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**



**Announcing...
A SILENT AUCTION**

Another auction is in progress to help raise funding for youth activities. Auction ends at 7 pm on **DECEMBER 15th**, so check it out and get your bids in!! Good luck & happy bidding!
HUGE "thank you" to the donors too!!

- 1 **Spanish picture of St. Francis of Assisi** HIGHEST BID: \$10
- 2 **Christmas Wreath** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 3 **"Kindness" warms the heart** -HIGHEST BID: \$2
- 4 **Framed Spanish picture** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 5 **Jesus in the Garden** - framed picture HIGHEST BID: \$10
- 6 **Mr & Mrs Gingerbread Folk** HIGHEST BID: \$2
- 7 **Adorable fluffy Teddy Bear** HIGHEST BID: \$2
- 8 **Boyd's Christmas Teddy Bear** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 9 **Loveable Paddington Bear** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 10 **Huggable Stuffed Rhino** HIGHEST BID: \$1
- 11 **Snowman boot candle/snuffer** HIGHEST BID: \$1
- 12 **"God - Family - Country" coasters** HIGHEST BID: \$3
- 13 **Cribbage Board** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 14 **"Silent Night" bell** HIGHEST BID: \$1
- 15 **porcelain ROSE** HIGHEST BID: \$1
- 16 **Set of 5 Christmas Stockings** HIGHEST BID: \$1
- 17 **1000 pc FOOD PUZZLE** HIGHEST BID: \$1
- 18 **Cream Cheese RECIPE BOOK** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 19 **XBOX 360 games: Kung Fu Panda & Indiana Jones** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 20 **Play Station & Controller - PLUS 10 games!** HIGHEST BID: \$21
- 21 **"1776" Chess Set** HIGHEST BID: \$60
- 22 **Colorful, Detailed Crucifix!** HIGHEST BID: \$10
- 23 **Handmade BROWN Rosary** HIGHEST BID: \$3
- 24 **Handmade BLUE Rosary** HIGHEST BID: \$3
- 25 **Handmade BROWN Rosary** w/ Painted Miraculous HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 26 **Brass Wall Crucifix** HIGHEST BID: \$3
- 27 **Mary and Infant Jesus** icon picture HIGHEST BID: \$15
- 28 **Clear Rosary** w/ flowered heart-shaped box HIGHEST BID: \$3
- 29 **Wooden Rosary** w/ beautiful earth-tone case HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 30 **Sacred Heart Icon** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 31 **Snowman Table Decorations** (set of 3) HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 32 **Family Snowman figurine** HIGHEST BID: \$10
- 33 **Snowman Candle Holders** (set of 2) HIGHEST BID: \$2
- 34 **Basil, Rosemary, Herbs CUTTING BOARD** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 35 **Antique Lionel Train cars & throttle pack** HIGHEST BID: \$45
- 36 **Total of 3 - DVD ACTION Movies** ("The League", "Next", "Mission Impossible III") HIGHEST BID: \$10
- 37 **5 VHS FAMILY Movies** "Aladdin", "Scooby Doo", "3 Men & A Little Lady", "Cinderella", "Peter Rabbit/Velveten Rabbit HIGHEST BID: \$3
- 38 **2 Cross Candle Stick Holders** HIGHEST BID: \$5
- 39 **2-tape WYATT EARP VHS Movie** HIGHEST BID: \$2
- 40 **Mary w/Rosary & Poinsettia** Table Decoration HIGHEST BID: 2 bids for \$25
- 41 **GROUNDS FOR MURDER** puzzle game HIGHEST BID: \$3
- 42 **GINGERBREAD Table Runner & 4 Placemats** HIGHEST BID: \$15
- 43 **Space Heater** HIGHEST BID: \$30
- 44 **"Don't Break the Ice" Cootie Game** HIGHEST BID: \$4.01
- 45 **"Ninja" toy set** - let the imagination run wild!! HIGHEST BID: \$10
- 46 **Nintendo 64** w/ controller & 10 games! HIGHEST BID: \$20
- 47 **Xbox** w/controller & 4 games HIGHEST BID: 2 bids for \$20
- 47 **Colorado Avalanche Jacket** - nice!!! HIGHEST BID: \$10

SAVE YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES!

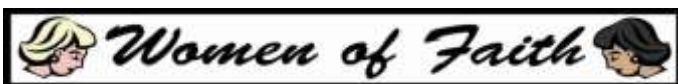
Just place your empties in the box in Parish Center.
Thank you for supporting St. Therese YOUTH!



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

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, Sfc. Scott Feterl, Pfc. Nick Weishaar, Ssgt. Jeff Weishaar, Pfc. Brian Berendse, 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, Spec 4 Anthony & Pfc Shaeyon Klemann, CW4 Michael Reindl, Sgt. Matthew Reindl, Pfc. Jacob Korzeniewski, Spc. Rachel Korzeniewski, 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, A1C, Major Jeremy Wagner, Navy; Capt. Cory W. Wallace

If you have a family member to add to this list, call the office at 342-1556.



WEDNESDAYS: 9-11 AM Cathedral Hall

Babysitting Provided

Handicapped Accessible

No Women of Faith this week, join us again December 4th.

~ 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.

Please note! New date for First Communion!

April 26, 2014 at 5:30 pm Mass.

The retreat will be from 9 to 11:30 am.

Also, First Reconciliation is January 11, 2014 at 9 am.

BIBLE STUDY with Ben Eicher *Note new night Bible Study using the TV Series "Joan of Arcadia" as a basis for discussion. Ben was the show's religion consultant. Each week a different episode of the series will be watched and then the Bible references and theology will be discussed. **MONDAY** nights at 7pm in Room 104

Ladies! Don't miss this exciting event!
The Holly Trolley is coming!!!
Saturday, December 7th!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends for a day of fellowship (shopping), food (shopping), and frivolity (with a little shopping) as we tour the Northern Hills! Board the bus at 8 am & return at 5 pm! Tickets are \$30 and includes the bus, lunch, snacks, prizes & a whole lot of fun!! For tickets or more information, contact Kim Dolan at 381-2801 or Sandi Jolley at 348-6840.

Deadline: Tues., Nov. 26th!! Call Today!!



ONE MORE FUNNY ...from Father Bill

TEACHER: "Maria, go to the map and find North America."

MARIA: "Here it is."

TEACHER: "Correct. Now class, who discovered America?"

CLASS: "Maria."

The Top Hats and Roses Annual Christmas Spectacular Concert & Silent Auction to benefit the Church Response Community Pantry

December 8th at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 717 Quincy St., with special guest performer Kenny Putnam.

Silent auction items from local merchants will include gift certificates, decorating items, quilts and hand-made items, candy, jewelry, etc. Christmas baked goods, lefse, & cupcakes will be sold. Silent auction starting at 1pm, **FREE** Top Hats and Roses holiday concert 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 41st year of service to the needy of Rapid City. This is a wonderful event for the whole family that is sure to add to your Christmas Spirit. For further info., email Church Response at churchresponsepantry@gmail.com or call Dan Palmer at 381-7957

"Love One Another As I Have Loved You"

"Thanks once again for your participation in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not yet turned in your pledge for the Annual Diocesan Appeal, please do so. You can place your pledge form in a Sunday collection basket, turn it in to the parish office or mail it in the pre-addressed pledge envelope. Pledge forms are available through the parish office."

RAPID CITY – CITY-WIDE YOUNG ADULT GROUP:

COR JESU ~ CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Monday Night Catechism Study at Cathedral, 7pm

Tuesday Night Scripture Study at St. Therese Parish, 7pm

Find the group on Facebook, "Cor Jesu - Rapid City Catholic Young Adults"

Call Randy Vette at 641-3303 for more info

Vatican Survey for the Extraordinary Synod on the Family 2014 The Synod of Bishops will meet in 2014 to reflect on Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization. A world-wide survey has been initiated to allow the particular Churches to participate actively in the preparation for the Extraordinary Synod. **Bishop Gruss invites us to participate in the survey & our responses will be included as he compiles a report to submit to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please respond all or part of the survey by December 14, 2013. The survey can be found at www.rapidcitydiocese.org. If you are unable to complete the survey online, printed copies are at each entrance. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

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 9, 2014** 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@dioc.org.

YEAR OF FAITH CLOSING MASS

2 p.m., November 24.

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Men's Al-Anon Group meets Saturday mornings at 9:30 am in the Large Meeting Room below the Cathedral Rectory. Come join us! If interested, contact Ken Moon (605) 390-2884.

9 day NOVENA PRAYER: BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII

Healing for Fr. Kari & everyone in our personal prayers

Blessed Pope John XXIII, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you were chosen to shepherd the church and begin the reform and renewal of the church through a council, in your gentle and kind way, you inspired the people of God to begin to open the windows of the Church to new fresh air of hope, charity, and acceptance, faith and truth. Through the guidance of that same Holy Spirit, our Holy Father, Pope Francis will call the church to venerate you as a saint living in the full beatific presence of the Trinity.

Your prayers have guided our Church. Now we ask for your special prayers and intercession on your way to sainthood, gentle, "good Pope" pray for God's mercy and healing. In the Gospel, Jesus asks: "What would you have me do?" Please pray that Father Arnie Kari will be cured of his illness of Rosie Dorfman, and breathe again fresh air through healing. (Insert private intentions here).

We believe and know that all goodness comes from God. And we ask only what will conform to His will. May the Lord be praised and glorified through your prayers and through our faith and petition. We ask all in Jesus' name.

Amen.

"Understanding Open Adoption" Catholic Social Services Final Lecture Series on Monday, November 25th

presented by Sarah Zimmerman and Jean Verch

Noon to 1 pm ~ CSS Offices, 529 Kansas City St.

Please bring your own "brown bag" lunch. Beverages will be provided.

To reserve your chair at the Lecture, please call Catholic Social Services at 348-6086 or email to css@cssrapidcity.com.

An Update from Hope For New Life Jail Ministry

Annual Christmas Jail Program

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. For several years, the HFNL Ministry has reached out to these men and women through our annual Christmas program which consists of caroling by our ministry members, enhanced by the talented voices of several volunteers from our different parishes. Additionally, HFNL will provide 200 Christmas cards with stamps for the inmates to mail to their families. During the Christmas program, we will distribute between 500-600 bags of holiday candies and Holy cards to the inmates we entertain. The celebration is uplifting for all who participate and is a truly wonderful way to honor Our Savior's birth. **This year's Christmas Program is Sunday December 22 at 3 pm.** If you like to sing, or you can play the guitar or other musical instrument, we welcome your participation. We are also asking for donations for the jail of puzzles (especially those with a Christian theme), checker games, decks of cards, and paperback books (themes: action, Westerns, historical). Donations can be placed in specially marked boxes in your parishes. **To volunteer to sing for the Christmas program, please contact Cathie Harris at 431-8370. Volunteers will need to complete a form for the Jail to approve their entrance. This form must be returned to Cathie by December 12th. Thank you!** To learn more about the HFNL ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)** or **Jennifer Shama (381-1118)**. You are also welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 7pm.

BLIZZARD/RANCHER RELIEF

Catholic Social Services is seeking volunteers from the disaster-impacted regions who are willing to work with families needing assistance with their application. If you are interested in helping your neighbors, please contact Lorinda Collings at Lorinda.Collings@cssrapidcity.com. Volunteers will be provided forms, some training, and assistance with travel expenses if need. Volunteers will be asked to work with families from their area that have applied for funds. It is hoped that training will be held before the end of the month so that the allocations of funds can happen before Christmas. In the interim if you are aware of disaster impacted families who have immediate needs (examples: food, utilities, health care) please have them contact 211 or 877-708-4357 as we have authorization to disperse some funds immediately if needed.

Taize Christmas Prayer Service

Sunday, Dec. 15th at 4 pm in the Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Rd

Taize worship includes silence, song, and prayer. Bring your family and friends for a time of Christmas meditation and reflection.

Call 341-1078 for more information or visit <http://terrasancta.org>

Hear the Christmas Story in Song and Scripture

presented by Sandi Ohlen and Kaia Murphy

Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 4 pm

Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta

Bring your family and friends to rest and listen to the story of the birth of Jesus and many of your favorite Christmas melodies. A free will offering will be taken for Rancher's Relief. Call 341-1078 for more information or visit <http://terrasancta.org>

So it is, dear brothers and sisters, that God's voice is not recognized in noise and bustle...Join us during the noise and bustle of the Advent season for a silent retreat at Terra Sancta Retreat Center December 12-15, 2013. Directed by Fr Michel Mulloy and Susan Safford, this retreat is for men and women. There will be conferences on the theme of the Annunciation, and opportunities for spiritual direction. Mary teaches us to listen to the voice of God who speaks in silence; to welcome his Grace that sets us free from sin and from all selfishness in order thereby to taste true joy. More information available on-line at <http://terrasancta.org/silentretreats/>. Register on-line or call 605-716-0925. Please note this is the retreat formerly listed as women only. It has been changed to accommodate all adults.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER BOOKLET

"Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand" (Jas 5:7-8). The Office of Vocations would like to invite the individuals and families of our diocese to pray for vocations during the season of Advent. Booklets can be downloaded at www.Gods-call.org. A short scripture passage and reflection is provided for each day of the season. Please gather around the Advent wreath and join us in preparing for the coming of the Lord!

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

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RELIGIOUS VOCATION INFORMATION

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Środowisko Young Adult Events

Środowisko /Shroe-doe-VEES-koe/, Polish, noun., defn.: milieu, environment, surroundings. This is the term used by Bl. John Paul II to describe the network of young adults and young married couples with whom Fr. Wojtyla prayed, played and discovered Christ during the early years of his priesthood. For our own diocesan środowisko, we will be having monthly events of prayer and fellowship for young adults ages 18-35. Join us on Sunday, Nov. 24, at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 3:30pm to watch "For Greater Glory". Mexican potluck to follow! Check out our facebook page at www.facebook.com/youthrscd or contact Bridget Decker (716-5214 x233, bdecker@diorc.org) or Susan Thompson (716-5214 x221, sthompson@diorc.org) or Susan Safford (ssafford@diorc.org) for more information.