

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Nov. 29 – Dec. 6

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Deacon Claude Sauer +
5:30 pm – Poor Souls in Purgatory +
TUESDAY 7:30 am – Mary Rieb +
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – Helen Cole +
THURSDAY 7:30 am – Marguerite Livesay +
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Jerry & Therese Freese +
2nd Sunday of Advent
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Parishioners
SUNDAY 9 am – Vic Gaudette +
5:30 pm – John & Dorothy Schulte + &
Steve & Fe Hayden +

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Wednesday, December 2 Special Intention
By Fr. Zandri – Good Samaritan in New Underwood – 9:30 am
Thursday, December 3 Special Intention
By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm
Sunday, December 6 Betty Halverson +
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 Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Sunday Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Faithful Citizenship Current Threats to Religious Liberty: Discrimination against small church congregations: New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses. Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services: After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching. Christian students on campus: In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage. www.usccb.org

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 – Dec. 5 & 6

SAT. 5:30 pm EM: Doug Meiron, Marcia Zacher (S) Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Ellen McGuigan, Mary Ann Ries, Pat Guertman **Lector:** Julie Shauger, Scott Sime **Ushers:** Mike & Betty Quasney, Fred & Paula Welsch **Gift Bearers:** Jim, Roxie & Bradley Quintus **Altar Servers:** Ben Schuch, Allison Schuch, Matthew Theis, Justice Moore

SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Holly Bossen (S) Nancy Hartman, Nancy Palmer **Lector:** Lynn Loomer, Evan Sand **Ushers:** Chuck Bossen, Joyce Lorenzen, Bill & Jan Winegar **Gift Bearers:** Matt & Kati Skinner Family **Altar Servers:** Max Bossen, Patrick Bossen, Elena Tillett, Harley Tillett

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

The Lord is near! Am I able to read the signs of the times?
What is God asking of me? (Luke 21:25-36)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

New Parishioners:

Dr. David & Andrea SABOW

Mary RIES

Tim & Joan RENELT

Dave & Joan REINHARDT, and David

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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

== The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

In addition to the 12 Days of Mercy, the bishop has announced five pilgrim days, all on Saturdays, in each deanery of the diocese. Each of these days will include a presentation on mercy, an opportunity to experience a meditative prayer and Reconciliation. It is important to realize that all of these events planned by the diocese are meant to encourage us not only to receive God's mercy, but also to share that mercy with others. More information will be provided in the West River Catholic newspaper.



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!!!!

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Diane Dahl Co-Chairperson: Diane Ange

The Christmas Pageant "A Mouse's Tale"

December 2nd, 6:30 p.m. following the Religious Education Family Potluck, bring a dish to share and join us for a fabulous show! Second showing following 9 a.m. Mass on December 6th at 10:30 a.m. Intermission between mass and the play will include donuts and rolls downstairs (fundraiser for Steubenville)!!!!

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, Claude & 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.

Setting up the trees! December 9th at 8 am.
Join us to prepare for the Newborn King!



A WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

Hayden failed his exam at school. When he informed his father, the father asked, "Well, how close were you to passing?" Hayden responded, "About two seats over."

If you would like to help prep Fr. Bill's Christmas cards for mailing... your helping hands are needed Tuesday, December 1st at 8:05am – right after morning Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

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| Envelopes | \$ 5754.51 |
| Plate Collection | \$ 2718.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$ 61.71 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 130.00 |
| Copier Maintenance – KC's | \$ 50.00 |
| Votive Candle Income | \$ 110.47 |
| TOTAL | \$ 8824.65 |
| Amount needed per week: | \$ 6805.00 |

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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| Building Improvements | \$ 25.00 |
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

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| Seminarian Fund | \$ 120.00 |
| Priest Retirement Aid Association | \$ 96.00 |
| World Youth Day | \$ 212.00 |

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER:

Nov. 29: Christmas Flowers / General Fund

Dec. 6: General Fund **Dec. 8:** Immaculate Conception

Dec. 13: Retirement Fund for Religious / General Fund

Dec. 20: General Fund **Dec. 25:** Christmas **Dec. 27:** General Fund

DEC.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

CANNED MEAT, SWEET POTATOES,
CANNED FRUIT AND JELLO

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

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

MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon:

WINTER CLOTHING up to size 6

We greatly appreciate all your contributions.

Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.



NOW THROUGH DECEMBER!!

BABY JESUS
SHOWER

0-12 MONTH "GIFTS" FOR BIRTHRIGHT

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

PARISH PINOCCHLE NIGHTS hosted by the KC's



Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm

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

Seeking small gift items for the Santa Store!, gift bags, gift tags, 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!

Mark your Calendars for the Parish Ski Trip! December 28 at Deer Mountain!!! More details to follow!

YOUTH CONNECTION meets on Wednesday nights 6 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner is served, and fun activities are happening! 6th -12th grade!!! Please join us!

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!!

Steubenville of the Rockies!

Thirst! June 23-26, 2016, \$375 per student Register now!!!

Information Parent meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at 6 p.m. We will also be discussing fundraising opportunities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

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| Nov. 29 | NO Class – Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 6 | Class (Christmas Pageant) |
| Dec. 13 | Happy Birthday Jesus Party!! |
| Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3 | NO Class - Christmas |

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

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| 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." |
| Dec. 20 | Christmas Party |
| Dec. 27, Jan. 3 | NO Class - Christmas |

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

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| Dec. 2 | Family POTLUCK night & Christmas Pageant! Bring a dish or two to share and come enjoy the St. Therese Christmas Pageant! Fun Times!! |
| Dec. 9 | Group & Steubenville Info. Meeting w/parents! |
| Dec. 16 | Christmas Party |

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!



**Needed: Adoration coverage
from 10 am to 11 am on Monday,
November 30th and December 7th**

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

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.

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!?

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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! Call 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.

~ 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.

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing and what better way to do that than purchasing 'We Care Gift Cards'! You can help the needy AND get your holiday shopping done at the same time!!! They're available for many area stores including Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, & Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market and they're good for all kinds of things like clothes, toys, music and even gasoline! Come by our table after mass or visit the ladies in the parish office. You'll be glad you did!



Hi there! Have you recently switched to just a cell phone? Do we have your current address & phone number?

We are working to get our records as accurate as possible, so....“THANK YOU!” to those families that recently shared address and phone number changes – helps us keep in touch. ☺ (Anyone else out there in the pews wanting to share changes? We'd love to hear from ya.)

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY . . . from Father Bill

Ole always caught his limit of fish and he would never tell anyone his secret. Finally the Game Warden threatened to take away Ole's license unless Ole taught him how he did it. Ole finally agreed to meet him early one morning to go fishing. The Game Warden came with six rods and three tackle boxes, so he's be ready for anything. Ole showed up with a small brown paper bag. They climbed in a row boat and Ole rowed out to a spot on the lake. Ole then opened his bag and pulled out a stick of dynamite, lit it and tossed it into the water. After an explosion and shower of water, dozens of fish floated to the surface. Ole started to row the boat around picking up fish. The Game Warden was surprised and furious. He shouted, “Ole, you can't do that! It's against the LAW!” Ole calmly reached into his bag and took out another stick of dynamite and lit it. He tossed it to the Game Warden and asked, “Vell, are ya gonna talk? Or, ya gonna fish?”



The HOLLY TROLLEY is departing!!!

Just a reminder that the bus LEAVES at 8 am and will return at 5 pm! See you Saturday, December 5!
Call Kim Dolan 381-2801 or Sandi Jolley 348-6840 with any questions.



Everyone come on down!

KC BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 13th

8 am until all served following 9 am Mass

Cost? Free-will offering, with proceeds to charity

Hey Catholic men, 18 & up!!

YOU should join the Knights of Columbus NOW so you can be a Knight before Christmas! ☺

Next Knights of Columbus Meeting

Monday, December 14th ~ 7 pm

YOU should be a Knight! See any KC!!

An Update from the Hope For New Life (HFNL) Jail Ministry Annual Christmas Jail Program 2015

Imagine a Christmas holiday during which you were separated from your family and friends due to your incarceration. This is a condition which fortunately few of us have experienced. But for some the pain of this separation is all too real. This was brought home to me while I was parked outside the Pennington County Jail a few weeks ago. There I noticed a young woman with two small boys looking up toward the jail windows. Suddenly, she became quite excited and began to wave joyously. Calling the little boys to her side, she pointed upward. The boys began to laugh and wave and the littlest one began to throw kisses. A family visit was in progress. Each year our ministry sponsors a Christmas caroling event in the jail. Our 9th annual program is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 20th at 7:00 pm. **We are very much in need of one more guitar player to accompany our singers.** The program lasts about an hour and a half. We typically give a short message about Christmas and sing 3-4 songs in each area. We also distribute candy bags for all inmates. This is often an especially moving experience for those volunteers who encounter the inside of the jail for the first time. **If you are interested in joining us for this year's program, please contact Bill Gradoville 341-2721, Jill Leberknight 431-1926, or Tony Galles 348-2301.** As part of the volunteer process, you will be required to fill out two short forms a few weeks before the event so the jail has time to complete a basic background check for your clearance. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. If you would like to learn more about our ministry, you are welcome to attend our monthly HFNL business meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services beginning at 6:30 pm.

---- **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.

**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:

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

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.



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.

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.



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.loveinonline.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

Advent Taizé ~ Wednesday, December 9th ~ 7 pm
Join us for this candle lit prayer experience as we prepare for our Savior's birth. All are welcome to join us at Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

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.

And ONE MORE FUNNY...from Father Bill

Karen says to Connie, "Isn't it great that you don't have to diet this time of the year? 'Tis the season to set your scale BACK 10 pounds!"

Christian Prayer Labyrinth ~ All are welcome!

Need time to get away from busy-ness & distractions to become centered on the true reason for Christmas? Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ using an indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The labyrinth will be available 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily December 15-31 (excluding December 24-26). Prayer guides are available.

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.

Handel's Messiah ~ Sunday, December 13th ~ 7 pm

The Chamber Orchestra from Rapid City Stevens High School will play selections from Handel's Messiah at Holy Cross Chapel. *The concert will feature vocalists Pamela Baker (Soprano); Deb Martin (Alto); Dean Peterson (Tenor); and Matthew Baker (Bass). Goodwill donations will be requested during the concert to support a local non-profit or person in need.*

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.

Christmas Taizé ~ Monday, December 21st ~ 7 pm

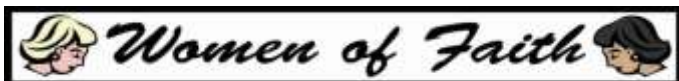
Join us for a celebration of Christmas through song, scripture and silence. Featured soloist, Sandi Ohlen, will lead this Taizé prayer service at Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta.

Our Gift to YOU!

Terra Sancta Retreat Center invites you to come away during the Christmas Holiday and enjoy the quiet and peace of Terra Sancta at a discounted rate. Make your reservation on-line at <http://terrasancta.org/ChristmasLodging2015> for the discounted rate of \$75 per night. Rates honored for family style lodging December 15 through 31. Questions? Contact us at 605-716-0925.

THE FLAME ~ You are invited to The Flame at Terra Sancta on Thursday, December 3 at 7 p.m.

This monthly event begins with adoration — a holy hour of praise and worship — followed by fellowship and inspiring Catholic stories told for live podcast recording. For more information, visit www.TheFlameRC.com.



WEDNESDAYS: 9-11 AM

Cathedral Hall

Babysitting Provided

Handicapped Accessible

Mary of Nazareth, an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus will be shown in two parts Dec. 2 & 9, 9-11AM in Cathedral's lower Sacristy (in the hall between the stage and kitchen.) Shot in High Definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. **No cost.**

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 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 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.

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.

St. Thomas More High School Fine Arts

FUN-DRAISER at Pottery 2 Paint

December 6th ~ 11 am – 4 pm

Check in as a guest of St. Thomas More. Pottery 2 Paint will give back 25% & Mostly Chocolates will give back 25%!

Every pottery piece counts. Come have fun & help raise money for the New York City trip. **GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!**

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2016 "Above all, let your love for one another be intense"

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

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.

**Thank you to all involved in a ministry like the Meals on Wheels ministry, the homebound ministry, the Mission meal ministry & the Funeral Meal Ministry!
What a blessing you are!**

SHATTERED HEARTS... A GRANDPARENTS GRIEF

To offer friendship to those who share the same loss...

The loss of a grandchild

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

GROUNDSCKEEPER 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

Visit Ireland Join Fr. Marcin Garbacz on a pilgrimage to experience the faith of the Irish, June 2-13, 2016. Price based on two people per room, \$3,895.00 from Rapid City. For more information contact Select International: Susan Prendergast 800-842-4842 or susan@select-intl.com Rita Dupres 605-381-4988 or Ritadupres@msn.com

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.



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