

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Dec. 1 - 7

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Virginia Zankl +
5:30 pm – Maurine DeJager +
TUESDAY 7:30 am – Don Fitzpatrick +
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – Marguerite Livesay
THURSDAY 9:00 am – Ida Engelhardt
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Jerry & Therese Freese +

2nd Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Marge Wagner +
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Terry Vik +
5:30 pm – Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Wednesday, December 3 Special Intention
By Fr. Zandri – Good Samaritan Center, New Underwood, 9:30 am
Thursday, December 4 Special Intention
By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:7-8,12-13,17 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 Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 MI 1:1-8

Faithful Citizenship The chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, Bishop Richard J. Malone of Buffalo, New York, and the chairman of the USCCB's Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, expressed serious disappointment at the October 6 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court not to consider current cases that strike down laws upholding marriage as between one man and one woman. "Millions of Americans had looked to the Court with hope that these unjust judicial decisions might be reversed," Bishop Malone and Archbishop Cordileone said. "The Supreme Court's action fails to resolve immediately the injustice of marriage redefinition, and therefore should be of grave concern to our entire nation." USCCB Chairmen Express Grave Disappointment toward Supreme Court's Action, Oct. 6, 2014. www.usccb.org

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Dec. 6 & 7

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Marcia Zacher, Jill Leberknight (S) Ellen McGuigan, Doug Meiron, John Mowry, Mary Ann Ries, Jeff Cook **Lector:** Bob Case, Julie Shauger **Ushers:** Tim & Paula Shull, Fred & Paula Welsch **Gift Bearers:** Ryan & Susie Marcks Family **Altar Servers:** Juliene Moore, Justice Moore, Allison Schuch

SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Holly Bossen (S) Lynn Loomer, Erin Bossen **Lector:** Tony Berendse, Evan Sand **Ushers:** Chuck Bossen, Justin Lefevre, Joyce Lorenzen, Greg Rausch **Gift Bearer:** Needed **Altar Server:** Max Bossen, Patrick Bossen, Tyler Matt

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

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Team Co-Chair: Diane Ange

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised. (Mark 13:33-37) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

== The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

November 30 is the First Sunday of Advent, the first day of the beginning of the Church year. The Sunday readings are referred to as cycle B, and the weekday readings are referred to as Year II. The 2015 ecclesiastical year is another year to experience all of the spiritual gifts that are being given to us by God and our Church. As we begin this new year, please, if you have not done so, to think about the 2015 Diocesan Appeal. This year's theme is "Sown in the Heart". Many programs in the diocese are funded by this appeal. With the beginning of a new year, this time of the year is a good time to ask ourselves, how I/we can be of assistance to those less fortunate than us. Hope that this new ecclesiastical year of 2015 will be another year that all will experience the continued love and compassion of God.

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

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.



Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Marlene Baker, Jerry Bartholmay, Wendlin Baumgartner, Sharon Baumgartner, Larry Blote, Dwayne 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, Ellen Horan, Rosemary Huggins, Tim Irvine, Marlys Johnson, Baby Kash, Fern Keller, Shirley Kenoyer, Kathy Krause, Peter Krause, Melanie Lewis, Mike, Julie Lindy, Pearl Lyon, Kevin Maher, Mary Maher, Luke Mars, Susan McFadden, Robert Melvin, Jr., Anita 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

Thank you for the continued prayers for Steve Miller and Jerry & Elaine Kocher

~ 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.

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)

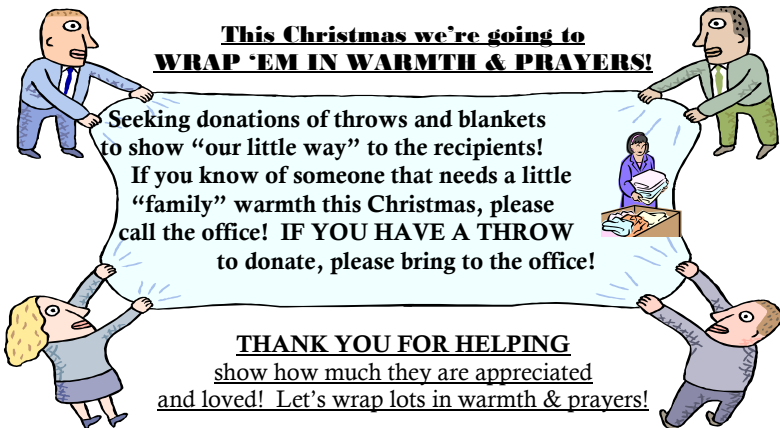
Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



This Christmas we're going to WRAP 'EM IN WARMTH & PRAYERS!

Seeking donations of throws and blankets to show "our little way" to the recipients! If you know of someone that needs a little "family" warmth this Christmas, please call the office! IF YOU HAVE A THROW to donate, please bring to the office!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING show how much they are appreciated and loved! Let's wrap lots in warmth & prayers!



We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He find us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 5077.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1139.24
Children's Collection	\$ 30.61
All Saints Day	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 105.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 6376.85
Amount needed per week:	\$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 120.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 66.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 55.00

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER:

Nov. 30: Christmas Flowers / General Fund

Dec. 7: General Fund **Dec. 8:** Immaculate Conception

Dec. 14: Retirement for Religious / General Fund **Dec. 21:** General Fund

Dec. 25: Christmas **Dec. 28:** General Fund

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

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.

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

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!



THE WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

Three engineers and three accountants were traveling by train to a conference. At the station, the three accountants each bought tickets and watched as the three engineers bought only one ticket. "How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asked an accountant. "Watch and you'll see", answered an engineer. They all boarded the train. The accountants took their respective seats, but the three engineers all crammed into a rest room and closed the door behind them. Shortly after the train departed, the conductor came around collecting tickets. He knocked on the restroom door and said, "Ticket, please". The door opened just a crack and a single arm emerged with a ticket in hand. The conductor took it and moved on. The accountants saw this and agreed it was a quite clever idea. So, after the conference, the accountants decide to copy the engineers on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that). When they got to the station, they bought a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the engineers didn't buy a ticket at all. "How are you going to ride without a ticket?" said one perplexed accountant. "Watch and you'll see", answered an engineer. When they boarded the train, the three accountants crammed into a restroom and the three engineers crammed into another one nearby. The train departed. Shortly afterward, one of the engineers left his restroom and walked over to the restroom where the accountants were hiding. He knocked on the door and said, "Ticket, please."



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 Don's Valley 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!

So, you heard that Don's Valley Market has a new owner? NOT TO WORRY - We Care Food Certificates are still good and being honored by the new owners. Yes, you can still buy We Care... & shop!... at Don's!!



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, 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!

ATTENTION MEN! If any member of the parish is interested in becoming a Knight, 1st Degree Simplification into the Knights of Columbus here at St. Therese on Monday, December 1st at 7 pm downstairs in the KC room, located in the north hall.

Cost is: \$20. If you need more information contact DJ DeJager 342-2460 or Grand Knight Marv Czerwonda 605 209-1086.

All current KC members are invited to come, observe, and be a part!

ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

A man found himself stranded on the roof of his house in a terrible flood, praying to be saved. A rescue boat appears but the rescuers cannot convince the man to board. "The Lord will surely save me." The man said. Soon another rescue boat arrives but still the man won't board, despite the rising water. "The Lord will surely save me." The man said. As darkness falls, a helicopter flies overhead and drops a rescue basket for the man. The man waves it away, vowing, "the Lord will surely save me." Indeed the man dies. Upon arriving in Heaven, the man asks the Lord, "I put all my faith in you, sure you would save me and yet I died. How could this happen?" The Lord replied, "I sent 2 boats and a helicopter!"

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER!!

**BABY JESUS
SHOWER**

**0-6 MONTH "GIFTS" FOR
BIRTHRIGHT**

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



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 clothing & coats/jackets size newborn – 6T

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.

**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**



32nd Annual SDSM&T HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT

Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7, 2014
at 7:30 pm at Cathedral OLPH.

FREE Admission, free will donation

Save . . . and recycle. **The Funeral Dinner committee volunteers would appreciate some LARGER containers to wrap leftover cakes in.** You all have done amazingly well with the cottage cheese and butter tubs and cool whip containers to send salads home. Thank you! Now, we are asking you to please save (and recycle!) your microwavable lasagna containers, and aluminum cake pans, etc. We can certainly put some of these LARGER containers to good use.



Share the Christmas spirit with Veterans!!

Once again we are collecting socks, underwear/shorts, t-shirts and toiletries for the VA Home.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

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

SUNDAYS: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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| Nov. 30 | No Class – Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 7 | Class |
| Dec. 14 | Happy Birthday Jesus Party / Christmas Party |
| Dec. 21, 28 | No Class – Christmas / New Years |

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

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| Dec. 3 | Family Night Potluck & activities for all ages |
| Dec. 10, 17 | Class |
| Dec. 24, 31 | No Class – Christmas / New Years |

Card Party with the Knights: 2nd Saturday of each month, a Whist Card Party is hosted by the Cathedral Knights of Columbus at their hall on Minnesota Street, Everyone invited! Card Party for December - Saturday, December 13, at 7 pm – Invite your friends and neighbors to come along.

ONE MORE FUNNY...from Father Bill

A man in South Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then got back in the car to wait. A passerby studied the scene as he drove by, and was so curious he turned around and came back. He asked the fellow what the problem was. The man replied, "I got a flat tahr." The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?" The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

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.

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.