

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 20, 2009**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**

7:00 am Communion Service at St. Joseph  
Lay Minister Bruce Byrum  
10:00 am Funeral Mass at St. Paul  
Intention: Eva Rail

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

7:30 am Mass at St. Paul  
10:30 am Funeral Mass at St. Joseph  
Intention: Kenneth Oban

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph  
Intention: Joe Acri+  
10:00 am Mass at BF Nursing Home

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

8:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
Intention: Gene Fujan+  
12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Joseph  
Intention: For the people of our parishes  
12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Paul

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

8:30 am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite  
Intention: Eileen Humbracht+  
10:30 am Christmas Day Mass at St. Joseph  
Intention: Emil Piaggio+  
10:30 am Christmas Day Mass at St. Paul

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

9:00 am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite  
at St. Joseph  
Intention: Elizabeth Yanzick  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph  
Intention: Mass for Life

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph  
Intention: Mass for Life  
10:30 am Mass at St. Paul  
1:00 pm Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite  
at St. Joseph  
4:00 pm Spanish Mass at St. Paul  
Intention: Gary & Linda Velder  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph  
Intention: Joe Smythe+

**CONFESSIONS TIMES:**

St. Joseph: 4:00—5:00 pm on Saturday & Sunday and  
11:30—12:30 pm on Thursday.  
St. Paul: 2:00—3:00 pm on Saturday.

**REST IN PEACE**

Prayers for the repose of the souls of  
Kenneth Oban and Eva Rail  
May they rest in peace.  
Prayers also for the comfort of their families.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

***St. Joseph***

- Mass at 8:00 pm *Christmas Vigil*
- Mass at 12:00 *Midnight*

***St. Paul***

- Mass at 12:00 *Midnight*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

***St. Joseph***

- Mass at 8:30 am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite
- Mass at 10:30 am *Christmas Day*  
*Incense free*

***St. Paul***

- Mass at 10:30 am *Christmas Day*

**FAITH AND FINANCES CLASS**

True financial freedom and peace is to recognize that God has a plan for our life - including our finances. St. Joseph's will be offering a class exploring what Christ and his Church say about handling money and what it means for us. The class is open to anyone who is interested in learning about their faith as it relates to finances and couples are encouraged to attend. Whether you are struggling to make ends meet or have questions about the future of your resources, this class can help you develop answers for your own personal situation. The course will cover:

- How to strengthen your marriage and family life, and how to teach children the ABCs of managing their resources wisely.
- The tools needed to create a budget and stick with it.
- The basics of saving and investing and what you need to know in order to plan for your children's future.
- How you can break free from the bondage of debt.
- Answer questions about owning and buying a home and becoming mortgage free.
- Learn how to manage risk through the appropriate use of insurance.
- Discover the importance of basic estate planning mechanisms for the well being of your family.

The course is designed to meet for 7 sessions and classes will be held Mondays at St. Joseph from 6:30-8:30 starting Jan. 11th. The cost of the class is \$30 for a single and \$47 for a couple. Scholarships are available for those in need. The class will be limited to 12 participants and sign ups will be taken through January 4th. For further information or to reserve your spot you may contact Whitney Driscoll at 642-1695 or Jon Pochop at 642-1885, 722-3939 or sign up in the church office.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE COMMISSION

"The Church insists on the unbreakable link between an ethics of life and every other aspect of social ethics, for she is convinced that, in the prophetic words of the late Pope John Paul II, "a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized." (Evangelium Vitae, 93; cf. Caritas in Veritate, 15)

*Pope Benedict XVI, Oct. 2, 2009 address to Miguel Humberto Díaz, new ambassador from the U.S. to the Holy See.*

### CHRISTIAN FAMILY PLANNING SEMINAR

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m.-Noon at St. Joseph's in Spearfish. *This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.* Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. To register for the seminar or for more information, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541.

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

**Beginning Experience® Separated & Divorced Support Group, ENCOUNTERING 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 separated and divorced support group. The next session starts at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. The support group is non-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Pre-registration is requested! Registration fee is \$25.00. Need-based scholarships available. To pre-register or for more information, call Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

### HEAL YOUR GRIEF

*HEAL YOUR GRIEF* Bereavement Support Group is an eight-week non-denominational group open to all Christian adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The support group begins at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2010, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An **Engaged Encounter Weekend** for engaged or newly married couples to honestly and openly examine their future life together, will be held **March 12-14, 2010** at *Terra Sancta*, Rapid City. To register for the weekend or for more information, contact Greg & Connie Forstner, 605-341-6032.

### GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC

The Good Shepherd Clinic, located at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish, whose mission is to "provide quality medical care for people without health insurance and to take the light of Christ into the community," is open Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Please continue to pray for the volunteers and those who may need medical assistance.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Judy & Bob Camp, Mike Furois, Dorothy Mahloch, Tim Barrett, Evelyn Harr, Becky Wickenhagen, Bob Speirs Sr., Delores Hoffman, Judy Tishmack, Charles Cerney, Henry Schumacher, Jr. Wyatt Harmon and Kenadi Jean Weis.

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tony Donovan, James Lasser, Larry Zimmerman, Matthew Charles Langenfeld, Christi & Shilo Apland, Cory Carlson, Don & Jennifer Meek, Mark Jensen, Tony Silvernagel, Joseph Winkleman, Tanner Baird, and Steven Apland.

## ST. JOSEPH INFORMATION

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH HAPPENINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

2:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration Rosary

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00 pm Children's Choir practice

6:30 pm RCIA Class

9:00 pm Benediction

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

2:00 pm Children's Choir practice

7:00 pm Choir practice

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

*Office Closed*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

*Office Closed*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

*\*For Mass & Confession times refer to the first page.*

### St. Joseph Weekly Collection 12/13/09

**INCOME:**

General Collection	\$6,795.00
Children's Collection	\$45.00
Building Fund	\$571.00
Joseph Fund	\$233.00
Newman Collection	\$15.00
RE Collection	\$20.00
Retired Religious collection	\$756.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$807.00

*The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.*

December Renovation Donations: \$1,368.00  
 Renovation Monthly Payment \$5,000.00  
 Renovation Loan Balance: \$228,667.50  
 Newman/Parking lot Monthly Payment: \$1,100.00  
 Newman/Parking lot Loan Balance: \$88,371.80

**EXPENSES:**

Art & Environment	\$335.36
GOF meals	\$187.03
MDU	\$543.00
Sharkey Plumbing-repair	\$78.38

### PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations to Larry Vavruska and Don Sargent in their election to serve on the St. Joseph's Parish Council. Thank you to Bruce Byrum and Damon Isburg for their past service to the Parish."

### CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS CHILDREN'S GROUP

**K-5<sup>th</sup> grade children** are invited to sing for prelude music for Christmas Eve 8 pm Mass. Practices for this performance are **Tuesday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm and Wednesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm.** Meet in the main church. Please come even if you can make only one practice. Everyone K-5<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note—there will be no Children's Liturgy on December 27<sup>th</sup> or January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will begin decorating the church for Christmas on Monday night at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please join us. We will meet in the main church.

### PRELUDE MUSIC

Prelude music is needed for the 10:30 am Christmas Mass. Please volunteer! Everyone welcome!

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This Sunday is Elta Johnson's 80th birthday. Please join her family and friends for cake and fellowship in her honor, following Mass.  
*Thank you, Kathy Reiswig*

### NEW CD!

Check out the NEW Lighthouse CD  
**"Glory to the New Born King"**  
Traditional Christmas carols and hymns sung by Lindsey Todd.

### CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

There are still a few spots open for Christmas Liturgical Ministers. Please take some time to sign up. The sign-up sheets are in the church entryway.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ROSARY

Every Tuesday is Eucharistic Adoration Rosary from 2-3 pm in the chapel. Everyone is welcome.

### ROSARY

The rosary is said every Saturday night at 5:00 p.m. before the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

### BAPTISMAL CLASS

Baptismal classes are offered once a month. The next class is at St. Paul on January 17th at 11:30 am. If you are planning on baptizing your baby soon, please contact your church office to register for the class.