

Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower



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Pastor: Rev. Kerry Prendiville
Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Michael Oli
Deacons: Charles Rausch & Don Moore

Our parish, dedicated as St. John the Evangelist on November 27, 1941, is presently known as Saint Therese the Little Flower. We have and will continue to proclaim and celebrate the gospel message by building community and serving in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate our gifts: a strong loyal parish community and our Catholic bond of faith dedicated to service and love of the Church.

Our Stewardship Mission is to love God first and commit ourselves to be the heart, hands and feet of Christ in our community.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday:

8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 3:00 pm

(We're PROBABLY there earlier/later or through lunch hour, so call daily for additional hours!)

YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

PASTOR~Fr. Kerry Prendiville, 605-591-9991

Assoc. Pastor ~ Fr. Michael Oli, 605-430-3571

CHAIRPERSON ~ Ralph Dupres 381-6027

VICE CHAIRPERSON ~ Fred Solano 381-7783

Council Secretary ~ Irene Lee 431-0358

Buildings & Grounds ~ Chad Carroll 863-2005

Faith Formation ~ Will Winch 920-222-5937

Stewardship ~ Sarah McGill 769-5016

Council Member ~ Matt Schmahl 348-0427

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Altar Society ~ Doris Ann Werlinger 348-6311

Knights of Columbus ~ Jim Blackwell 923-2955

Your Parish Council meets on the LAST Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. You are WELCOME to attend or contact any member. If you have new business, contact a council member prior to meeting.

WELCOME TO ST. THERESE!!

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION Schedule

Saturday 3 to 4 pm

5:30 pm

Sunday 8 am & 4:30 pm

Or by appointment!

YOUR PARISH STAFF

PASTOR ~ Father Kerry Prendiville, 342-1556 ext. 4 ASSOC. PASTOR ~ Father Michael Oli, 342-1556

Deacon Charles Rausch, ext. 3 & Deacon Don Moore, ext. 3 OFFICE STAFF: ~ Connie Heeren, ext. 1

~ Karen Thorp, ext. 2 YOUTH FORMATION COORDINATOR~ Bobby Myers, ext. 5

JANITORIAL & MAINTENANCE CUSTODIAN ~ Don Moore, ext. 3 FACILITY JANITOR ~ Elaine Duncan

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Homebound Ministry: Jerry Kanta, Kathy Grebner, Rick Edelen, Rita & Ralph Dupres, Jeff & Martha Cook
Liturgy/Music: Sue Englin, Jeanne Schneider & Joleen Click 1st Communion & Confirmation: Bobby Myers

RCIA: Anthony Flores BAPTISM: Call the office: Deacon Chuck Rausch

Altar Society President: Doris Ann Werlinger Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight, Jerry Kanta

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9 & 10, 2023

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

O Lord our God, make us watchful and cheerful as we await the coming of your Son, Christ our Lord, that when he comes and knocks, he will find us not sleeping in sins but awake and rejoicing in his praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, December 9

5:30 pm CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Sunday, December 10

8 am til all served after 9 am Mass

KC BREAKFAST

& CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

9 am Mass

10:15 am Religious Education classes

5:30 pm Mass

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, December 11

7:30 am Mass

Mercy Night 6-7:30 pm ~ Our Lady of BH

6 pm Catholic Daughters

6:30 pm Catechism In A Year

7 pm Boy Scouts

7 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

7 pm Christmas Eve Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 am Mass

6 pm Pinochle Night! *Hosted by the KC's!*

Wednesday, December 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Father Kerry!

7:30 am Mass

11:30 am Office closed for birthday lunch

6 pm Chosen PARENT NIGHT

6 pm LifeNight

Thursday, December 14

7:30 am Mass

1 pm Matthew BIBLE STUDY

Mercy Night 6 pm ~ St. Isaac Jogues

Friday, December 15

7:30 am Mass

8-9 am Adoration & morning prayer

Saturday, December 16

8 am Mass w/special blessing for youth

5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner *Hosted by KC's*

Please note: If you would like to reschedule your Mass, please contact the office at 342-1556 during the week.

MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 11 - 17

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Gabriel Mesteth +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Gene & Anna Keller +
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am	For Life
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Lyle Sauer +
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Hazel Smith +
SATURDAY	8 am	Mike Smith +
3rd Sunday of Advent		
SATURDAY	4:30 pm	Tom Sulla +
SUNDAY	9 am	Rose Holzer +
	5:30 pm	Parishioners

SATURDAY MORNING Mass at 8 am
SPECIAL BLESSING for youth & young adults!

EVERYONE WELCOME!!! PLEASE JOIN US!!
FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM



Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13b Mt 11:11-15
 Friday Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13
 Sunday Is 61:1-2a,10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24
 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

You will find the weekly bulletin, Liturgical schedule, upcoming events, the "button" to e-giving and more!

ALSO FIND US (ST. THERESE CHURCH) ON FACEBOOK!!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleFlowerRapidCity/>

Liturgical Ministers: Please sign up for the Christmas Masses on Dec. 24th at 4 pm & 10 pm

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – December 16 & 17

SAT. 4:30 pm E.M.: John Mowry (S) DEACON, Janine Wehrkamp
Lector: Jackie Schnittgrund, Louella Vifquain
Ushers: Tim & Paula Shull, Dick Cuka, Will Dixon
Altar Server: Tom Baumgartner

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Bill Schneider (S) DEACON, Paul Schneider
Lector: ST. THERESE YOUTH **Ushers:** ST. THERESE YOUTH
Altar Server: Dixon Heizelman, Ly Hoang, Sydney Truong

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Jan Winegar (S only) DEACON
Lector: Deanna Johnson, Jeff Cook
Ushers: David & Chris VanCleave, Benjamin VanCleave, Angie Williamson
Altar Server: Toni Weber

Remember to find a substitute if you will be gone. Call GAYLE at 605-718-4631 if you have any schedule questions/changes.

The Liturgical Schedule may be found at the bottom of the BULLETIN page of the website: sainttheresechurch.org.

You will find a paper copy by the exit in the Parish Center.

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

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 8024.00
Plate Collections	\$ 3999.75
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 40.00
Building Improvements	\$ 81.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 55.00
Families in Need-Christmas	\$ 250.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers/Environment	\$ 222.00
Shawl Ministry	\$ 25.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 81.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 297.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 2093.00
TEXT TO GIVE	\$ 225.00
Building Fund-egiving	\$ 55.00
Families in Need-egiving	\$ 125.00
Priest Retirement Fund-egiving	\$ 165.00
Seminarian Fund-egiving	\$ 30.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 91.25
TOTAL	\$15,909.00

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$12,793

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Retired Religious	\$ 240.00
Campaign for Hum. Development	\$ 20.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 40.00
Campaign for Hum. Dev.-egiving	\$ 30.00

Dec. 10: Retirement Fund for Religious /General Fund **Dec. 17:** General Fund
Dec. 24: General Fund **Dec. 25:** Christmas **Dec. 31:** General Fund
DEC.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 11 ~ 6 to 7:30 pm
~ Our Lady of the BH, Piedmont

Thursday, December 14 ~ 6 pm ~ St. Isaac Jogues

MERCY NIGHT ~ ST. THERESE
4:30 to 6:30 pm ~ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

& EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3 to 4 PM & 5:30 pm AND SUNDAY at 8 AM & 4:30 PM AT ST. THERESE

Please add NORENE to your prayers.

Bulletin Prayer List:

Mark Biggs, Brad, Cindy, Bill Cole, Deb, Dorothy & Linda, Sue Eagleton, Maureen Ensor, Theresa Greska, Linda Haeder, Tom Haney, Haylie, Kelly Heintz, Marietta Hollinger, Dcn. Rob Hrabec, Ivory, Jackie, Jess, Julianne Johnson, Karrie, Roy Kress, Richie Kudlock, Linda, Mary, Mike & mom Patty, Bishop Peter Muhich, Norene, N.T., Pat, Isla Pearl, Peggy Pientok, Marcia Potts, Tom & Gayle Reed, Rick, Roxanne, Doug Rumpca, David Sabow, Carol Schneider, Pat Silbernagel, Marian Silcox, Nick Sparks, Joyce Thome, Jack Tomac, Trista, Jim Tynen, Jim Van Loan, Virginia, Debbie Walker, Larry Willis, Liz Willis, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Fr. Bill

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Parishioners of St. John and St. Therese,

I would like to invite you all to a very special event, the dedication and blessing for our Habitat for Humanity Catholic Building on Faith event to be held this Tuesday, December 12th at 9 a.m. at the site, 726 E Madison St. Real Presence Radio will be live at the event. In attendance will be musicians from STM, dignitaries from the City, Bishop Muhich (health permitting), pastors or their designates, members of the Steering Committee for the project, and YOU the Catholic community that will be partnering with four families chosen by Habitat. I hope you will come to see the dedication and blessing and give our event a great start. There will be Black Hills Bagels and schmeer, and Dunn Bros. coffee and hot chocolate.

I would like to congratulate our parishioner, Tina Neumann, for being selected as the new Director for Church Response. We have been a cooperating Church since the inception of Church Response, and we wish Tina all success and spiritual satisfaction in her new responsibility.

Please mark your calendar for the Mercy Night at St. Therese Church, Thursday, December 21st from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. We will also have confessions at St. John's Wednesday, December 20th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."

St. John Paul II

Peace in Christ, *Fr. Kerry Prendiville*

NEED A GREAT GIFT?

We Care cards MAKE GREAT GIFTS & IT'S LIKE YOU'RE GIVING TWICE! Each gift card purchase brings a percentage back to St. Therese AND helps those in need!! Pick up your Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway & Family Fare cards today! We have them on hand!

You know you're going to use them anyway!

Come see us after Mass or in the office.



**Council 8025 will be meeting
December 11th @ 7 PM**

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Overheard Connie telling Karen, "Trust me. Tight fit jeans and loose-fit skin is one bad combination."

O Come All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24th

4 pm (no 5:30 pm) & **10 pm**

Monday, December 25th at 9 am

11 am ~ St. John's ~ New Underwood



Please note: Mass on Dec. 23 @ 4:30 & Sun., Dec. 24 @ 9 are the 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas Masses are Dec. 24 at 4 & 10 and Dec. 25 at 9 am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Dec. 10 CLASS
Dec. 17 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS party
Dec. 24, 31 NO CLASS ~ CHRISTMAS break

CONFIRMATION: ~ 7th Grade +: WEDNESDAYS: 6 - 8:30 pm

Dec. 13 CHOSEN PARENT'S NIGHT
Dec. 20, 27 NO CHOSEN - CHRISTMAS break

Life Teen (High School) & Edge (Middle School):

WEDNESDAYS- 6 - 8 pm (Grades 6-12)

Dec. 13 LifeNight
Dec. 20, 27 NO LIFENIGHT - CHRISTMAS break

Hey!! Check this out!! It's FREE!

Go to: FORMED.ORG

Enter our parish zip code: 57701 and choose "St. Therese" Enter your name and email. (Then click on the link in your email)



Matthew

The King and His Kingdom, a 24-part Jeff Cavins BIBLE STUDY featuring video and discussion. THURSDAYS from 1 to 3 pm

Contact Carol at 605.716.4479.

Seeking gift bags (all sizes), and gift tags for the Santa Store at the annual St. Therese "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party -December 17th

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 Bobby Myers 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!



Meet the Candidates for the St. Therese Parish Council

Voting will take place December 16 & 17 at all Masses for registered members ages 18 & older. You will choose up to two candidates. *Term is 3 years and Council Members cannot serve more than 2 terms back to back.*



CARMEN TIMMERMAN

Hi, I joined St. Therese the Little Flower Parish two years ago, and I'm a long time Rapid City resident, having attended Cathedral Grade School and Cathedral High School back in the day. I'm a retired RN and the mother of two daughters and grandmother of five grandchildren, all of whom live here in Rapid City--so thankful for that. Since joining St. Therese, I sing in the choir, serve as a lector, assist with food for various parish activities and most recently, type recipes for our upcoming parish cookbook. If elected, I see my role as someone who is approachable and who communicates in an honest and accurate way. Please consider me for a place on the St. Therese the Little Flower Parish Council.



NEIL WHARTMAN

My name is Neil Whartman, and I am a dedicated individual seeking to serve my community by running for parish council. I was born and raised in Rapid City. With a background in restaurant leadership, I bring valuable business skills that can contribute to effective decision-making and resource management. As a devoted husband and father of two daughters, family values are at the core of my beliefs, driving my commitment to fostering a strong and supportive community. Having recently joined the Catholic Church this year, I am eager to deepen my connections and actively contribute to the well-being of the St Therese Parish. My diverse experiences and genuine passion for community growth make me a candidate dedicated to enhancing the overall welfare of our parishioners.



JEAN FRENCH

Hi, I'm Jean French and have been a member of St Therese for around 20 years. I previously served our parish as an Eucharistic Minister, helped with various groups and currently serve as lector. Through my marriage to Kent French, God gifted us with 9 children, one of whom is waiting for us in Heaven. Currently, I work as a podiatrist assistant and volunteer at the Outdoor Campus teaching foraging. I truly love my Catholic faith and look forward to serving on our parish council. Thank you and God bless.



CHAD CARROLL ~ Seeking 2nd term ~ Currently Buildings & Grounds

I'm 65 years old-born and raised in Wyoming, BS in Economics from the University of Wyoming 1982, Married Julie (Peterson) Carroll in 1981 and have 5 children. I am the owner of CJD Carroll Construction since 1998. I was confirmed in 1971; a Marriage Encounter Team Presenter for 7 years; Co-Instructor of NFP/Marriage Prep for 15 years with my wife for Couple to Couple League; Member of Knights of Columbus since 1983; and Habitat for Humanity/Catholic Build Chairman for St. Therese from 2013-2015.



IRENE LEE ~ Seeking 2nd term ~ Currently Council Secretary

When my husband retired from the military, we joined St. Therese as our parish home. We have been blessed with three children and two grandchildren. I retired from a career in education and currently work at the Catholic Chancery. Over the years I have periodically taught religious ed class and helped in various liturgical ministries, currently serving as a lector and as an usher. I enjoy supporting and helping with parish events. A few years ago, when grocery shelves were bare, I organized a garden share program at St. Therese. The proceeds were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul program. I have enjoyed supporting our ministry team and parish on the pastoral council and would be honored to serve St. Therese for a second term.



PARISH PINOCHELE NIGHTS

hosted by the KC's~ ALL WELCOME!

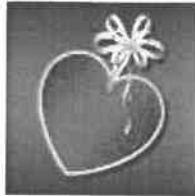
Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 pm

Scams Abound! Reminder...

No one from church will ever solicit you by text or email for money, gift cards, or personal financial help.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree this year will include **MORE** parishioners and those in need in the community!



Take a gift tag off the tree in the Parish Center and return your gift (wrapped or unwrapped) to the church by December 18th.

Don't forget to include a note on your gift tag.

St. Therese Parish will again help support The Salvation Army ANGEL TREE.

Take a Gift Tag . . . go shopping . . . say a prayer . . . And then return your unwrapped gift for Salvation Army by Monday, December 11th.

And... we always accept gift cards to any place, in any amount, to distribute to our parishioners in need at Christmas **AND** down the road.

Through the month of December BABY JESUS SHOWER

For Birthright New or slightly used baby clothing 0-12 mo. Most need of disposable diapers in size preemie, newborn, 1 & 2. Our layettes are packed full in white mesh pop-up hampers with diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, a quilt, towel & washcloth, socks, booties, onesies, sleepers, 2-3 outfits & a rattle or other baby toy. *We do not accept any baby furniture.*



Please place your Shower Gift in the box at both entrances!

CHURCH RESPONSE: Non-perishable food items & personal hygiene items: This month: **CANNED MEAT/ TUNA, mac n cheese & BODY SOAP**

Another way to give...

The winter is expected to be very cold with lots of snow. Please bring your NEW SOCKS, blankets/sleeping bags, gloves, scarves, coats, hats, etc. to the Parish Center. Place them in the big boxes under the tree. Rapid Ride bus passes and gas cards are NEEDED TOO! Please put them in the collection basket or bring to the office.

Thank you so very much for sharing your gifts and blessings! Our parish is so awesome!

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

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH ...

Why is it every time I open a can of evaporated milk, it's still there?

St. Therese The Little Flower

STEUBENVILLE CARAMEL ROLLS

Frozen, you bake!

9 pack \$10 or 4 pack for \$5

Proceeds benefit
Pilgrims attending
Steubenville Summer 2024
See Bobby

LIFE TEEN

Reverse Advent Calendar

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. After Christmas, bring the filled box to the church and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will distribute in the following months.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Dec. 3 ~ Canned chicken or meat | Dec. 17 ~ Canned vegetables |
| Dec. 4 ~ Bottle of cooking oil | Dec. 18 ~ Shelf-stable or Powdered Milk |
| Dec. 5 ~ Granola Bars or Cereal Bars | Dec. 19 ~ Canned Beans |
| Dec. 6 ~ Canned or Jar of Nuts | Dec. 20 ~ Box of Crackers |
| Dec. 7 ~ Box of Cereal / Oatmeal | Dec. 21 ~ Package of Rice |
| Dec. 8 ~ Peanut Butter & Jelly | Dec. 22 ~ Sugar &/or Flour |
| Dec. 9 ~ Stuffing Mix | Dec. 23 ~ Package Pasta & Jar of pasta sauce |
| Dec. 10 ~ Boxed Potatoes | Dec. 24 ~ Spices |
| Dec. 11 ~ Tea bags / coffee | <i>These are just suggested items.</i> |
| Dec. 12 ~ Canned Fruit | <i>Cans with pop-tops if available</i> |
| Dec. 13 ~ Canned Tomatoes | <i>Personal hygiene & feminine products are highly needed too.</i> |
| Dec. 14 ~ Canned Tuna | |
| Dec. 15 ~ Dessert Mix / cake/frosting | |
| Dec. 16 ~ Canned soup/chili/stew | |

Use this list or find a larger print list at either entrance.



Saturday December 16th starting at 5:30

"Eat In" or "To Go" Options Available

Cost: Free Will Donation

Proceeds going to help

NAMI Rapid City
National Alliance on Mental Illness



St. Vincent de Paul HOME VISIT TRAINING

CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT'S
INVOLVED IN A HOME VISIT?

Join us for training!

BLESSED SACRAMENT
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL

JANUARY 13, 2024 | 9:00AM TO 12:00 NOON

ALL ARE WELCOME,
THERE WILL BE FOOD!
PLEASE RSVP TO RITA
AT (605) 381-4988



Job posting ~ Senior Videographer/Editor

Healing the Culture is an international leader in pro-life advocacy, delivering respect life education in the United States and around the world. Duties include putting together storyboards and shot-lists; assembling and managing crew and talent; set design, studio set-up and operation of cameras, lights, and audio equipment; directing shoots; post-production; and project storage and backups. Must be proficient in Adobe Creative Suites, particularly Premiere Pro and After Effects. Proficiency in media production, electronic media, film, TV, or related field, plus at least 5 year's experience in the field. This position is full-time and onsite at Rapid City studio. To apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and demo reel to [hiring@healingtheculture.org](mailto: hiring@healingtheculture.org). Cover letter should (1) emphasize your relevant skills and experience, (2) detail your PRO-LIFE background and commitment, and (3) explain why you would like to work for us. Closing date Jan. 30, 2024.

John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation?

(Mark 1:1-8)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Job Opening — Housekeeper and Cook

Blessed Sacrament Church is seeking a full-time rectory housekeeper and cook. This position would be responsible for preparing lunch and dinner, Tuesday-Friday, for residents and their guests (some may have restrictive diets), cleaning the rectory, and washing all associated laundry. This is a full-time (32 to 40 hours per week), permanent position with benefits, subject to a probation period. There may be occasional weeknight or weekend work. To apply or to see a full job description, please contact Ruth Zagala at [ruth@blessedsacramentchurch.org](mailto: ruth@blessedsacramentchurch.org).



O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

The South Dakota Abortion Amendment Explained

1st Trimester:
Because of the vague word 'effectuation,' meaning "to bring about," the State would be completely prohibited from enacting any abortion regulations.

Example: Even health/safety protections for women getting an abortion would be banned.

2nd Trimester:
Abortion would still be legalized for any reason, even after the child is viable outside of the womb.

3rd Trimester:
The U.S. Supreme Court defined 'health' to include 'all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age.' This broad definition of 'health' would allow for abortion all the way to the point of birth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE
PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

That Article VI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by adding a
NEW SECTION:

Before the end of the first trimester, the State may not regulate a pregnant woman's abortion decision and its effectuation, which must be left to the judgement of the pregnant woman.

After the end of the first trimester and until the end of the second trimester, the State may regulate the pregnant woman's abortion decision and its effectuation only in ways that are reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman.

After the end of the second trimester, the State may regulate or prohibit abortion, except when abortion is necessary, in the medical judgement of the woman's physician, to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman.

Adding abortion to our State's Constitution would take away the people's ability to change the law through the legislative process.

Only after the start of the 2nd trimester could the State impose safety standards on abortion facilities that would protect women from unsafe abortions.

The 'physician,' in this case, would often be a Planned Parenthood abortionist who profits off of abortion.

Can You Handle the Deep?

The Diocese of Rapid City Office of Vocations would like to invite all college students to consider an employment opportunity while teaching their Catholic Faith next summer. As a missionary on the Duc In Altum Team of four students, you will travel the Black Hills and rolling prairies to visit parishes and teach grades 1-12 about their Catholic faith. In 2024, the focus is on teaching the Creed of our faith and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary by playing games, skits, Mass, Reconciliation, and praying. If you would like more details and an application, please scan the QR code or visit [gods-call.com](http: // gods-call.com) under events. Contact Tanya: [tcooper@diorc.org](mailto: tcooper@diorc.org); 605-343-3541.

**NOW HIRING:
HEAD VOLLEYBALL
COACH**

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL

Apply by January 15

visit [rccss.org](http: // rccss.org) or call Molly at 605-348-1477





**St. Therese Knights of Columbus Annual
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Proceeds to "Coats for Kids"

Meadowood Lanes ~ January 13th

Registration starts at 1 pm (Pre-registration encouraged) 1:30 pm start
~ \$20 per person/\$80 entry for 4 person team

CASH PRIZES/DOOR PRIZES/ STRIKE POT & MORE!

Questions? John Schlim 605-390-1584 or email jschlim1@gmail.com

**Advent Day of Reflection ~ Dec. 15th
From Emptiness to Encounter**

The Life & Wisdom of St. John of the Cross

10 am to 3 pm with Retreat Director Susan Safford at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. *The Lord worked in St. John of the Cross throughout his life, drawing him near to the Lord through beauty, truth, suffering, and emptiness. This great saint shows us how to encounter the Lord.*

Presentations, prayer, lunch, adoration, confessions, and Mass.

Suggested Donation of \$45 includes lunch and materials.

Register on-line at terrasancta.org/advent and to find out more!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916
of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

ADVENT PARTY & MONTHLY MEETING

Mon., Dec. 11th ~ Rosary at 5:30 pm; Meal at 6 pm

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck, \$5 donation, a food item for Feeding South Dakota, and a gift (\$10) for the gift exchange. Questions, contact Jan at 605-830-2625.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. *Is*

there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas. Contact Rita Dupres at 605-381-4988 for more info. on our local SVP Society.

Catholics Building on Faith

Tuesday, December 12th at 9 am

**Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity Kickoff Event
will be held at 726 E. Madison St., Rapid City.**

Real Presence Radio will broadcast live — prizes, food, activities.

Prepare the Way

Join our Advent Mission to house four families in our community.

What gifts can I share to love to my neighbor? Talents – volunteering time? Prayers— Can I offer an hour of adoration for the success of the project? Treasure — Can I offer a donation toward the project? Questions visit

BLACKHILLSHABITAT.ORG/BUILDING-ON-FAITH or
call 605-348-9196

Christmas at the Cathedral ~ December 17th

The Dakota Choral Union will sing at 3 p.m.

Admission is free with a donation of non-perishable food items for Church Response. Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Email: dcurapidcity@gmail.com or website: dakotachoralunion.org.

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH ...

Mr. Marlow was strolling through the country when he saw a stable with the most beautiful horse he ever laid eyes on. It was seventeen hands high and white, with rippling muscles and a fine, flowing mane. Mr. Marlow struck a deal to buy it from the owner who did, however, pass on one key piece of information. "We are a religious family, Mr. Marlow, and we've instilled those values in our horse. To get him to gallop you must say 'Thanks God'. To get him to stop you must say 'Our Father Who Art in Heaven.'" Settling into the saddle, Marlow said, "Thanks God," and the animal took off. They rode for miles; suddenly they were coming up to a cliff. Unfortunately, Marlow couldn't remember the phrase to make the animal stop and tried every Biblical passage he could think of until, just a few feet from the edge of the cliff, he shouted, "Our Father Who Art in Heaven!" The animal stopped instantly. Shaking and perspiring, Marlow reached into his pocket and pulled out a handkerchief. "Thanks God," he said as he mopped his brow...

Simbang Gabi 2023 ~ December 15-23

A Filipino Advent Novena of Masses at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help — all held at 5:30 p.m.

The Friday, December 15th Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jason Marco, a Filipino priest from Wyoming.

It will be followed by a traditional Filipino meal.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
December 12th ~ Blessed Sacrament Church**

7:45 a.m. bilingual Rosary & worship music;

4:30 p.m. Rosary again; 5:15 p.m. procession

5:30 p.m. Mass w/ Bishop Peter Muhich.

The "KW Players" Catholic Youth Theatre Troupe
presents

A Yuletide Musical Revue

Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 4:00pm

*at the Blessed Sacrament Church Theatre Room
(4500 Jackson Blvd/Rapid City)*

—Admission is FREE/seating is limited—

This performance is appropriate for ages 8 yrs. and up.

A nursery will be provided in the upstairs area.

The KW Players Theatre Troupe was formed to carry on the spiritual, cultural, and artistic legacy of the Rhapsodic Theatre, a Polish underground theatre company co-founded by Karol Wojtyła (Pope Saint John Paul II) in the 1940s in opposition to Nazi oppression.

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