

Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower



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Rapid City, SD 57701

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sainttheresechurch.org

Pastor: Rev. Kerry Prendiville

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Charles Rausch

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 ~ Father Kerry Prendiville,
605-591-9991**

CHAIRPERSON ~ Rita Dupres	381-4988
VICE CHAIRPERSON ~ Patty Brunner	393-2577
Council Secretary ~ Fred Solano	381-7783
Buildings & Grounds ~ Jim Quintus	593-1207
Faith Formation ~ Holly Bossen	209-3268
Stewardship ~ OPEN	

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 7 pm. You are WELCOME to attend or contact any member. If you have new business, contact a council member prior to meeting.

WEEKEND Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
	5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 - 8:30 am

Or by appointment!

Daily Mass Schedule:

December 16 - 20

Monday 7:30 am

Tuesday 7:30 am

Wednesday 9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center – New Underwood

Thursday 7:30 am

Friday 7:30 am

YOUR PARISH STAFF

PASTOR ~ Father Kerry Prendiville, 342-1556 ext. 11 DEACONS – Rev. Mr. Charles Rausch
OFFICE STAFF: ~ Connie Heeren, ext. 10

YOUTH FORMATION COORDINATOR – Bobby Myers, ext. 12

JANITORIAL & MAINTENANCE CUSTODIAN ~ Chuck Rausch FACILITY JANITOR ~ Elaine Duncan

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Homebound Ministry: Jerry Kanta, Kathy Grebner, Rick Edelen, Ron Miller, Sandi Jolley
Liturgy/Music: Sue Englin, Jeanne Schneider & Joleen Click 1st Communion & Confirmation: Bobby Myers
RCIA: Deacon Chuck Rausch BAPTISM: Call the office: Deacon Chuck Rausch
Altar Society President: Doris Ann Werlinger Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight, Tom Baumgartner

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14 & 15, 2019

Week of December 15

Sunday, December 15

10:15 am HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

PARTY for Religious Education &

Confirmation classes

6:30 pm XLT for all middle and high school students! Hope to see you here!

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, December 16

7 pm Reconciliation at OLBH Piedmont

7 pm Boy Scouts meeting

7 pm Christmas Eve Choir practice

Tuesday, December 17

6:30 pm Pinochle Night hosted by the KCs

6:30 pm RCIA

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

6 pm Edge / LifeTeen

7 pm Reconciliation @ St. Isaac Jogues

Thursday, December 19

7 pm Reconciliation Service

here at ST. THERESE!!!

NO Bible Study

Friday, December 20

7:30 am Mass

8 to 9 am Holy Hour of ADORATION

followed by Benediction & Morning Prayers

9 am FOOT CLINIC



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

4 pm & 10 pm

Sunday, December 25th

9 am

11 am in New Underwood

Welcome to St. Therese!

MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 16 - 22

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Richard & Eileen DeSchamp +
	7:30 am	Don Wieseler
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Diane Ange
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass -New Underwood Good Samaritan
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Glenn & Carol Barb
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Cecilia Smith +
4th Sunday of Advent		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Carrol Krause +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Don Brunner +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Nm 24:2-7,15-17a	Ps 25:4-9	Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2,8-10	Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17	Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8	Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19	Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a	Ps 71:3-6,16-17	Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14	Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21	Lk 1:39-45
Sunday	Is 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Rom 1:1-7
			Mt 1:18-24

Faithful Citizenship "The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free." Justice for the oppressed and freedom for captives was one of the signs of the advent of the Messiah: a sign of the Day of Jubilee. Why does the Church seek justice for the oppressed? Because God does and we are the people of God who are to live with Christ as our guide and role model, even to the ridicule of society. As we watchfully wait for the coming of the Messiah, both in his infancy at Christmas, and in his glory at the Parousia, who are the oppressed and the captives in our midst? The immigrant? The unborn baby? The child worker or the human trafficking victim? We can be certain that they are both voiceless and powerless. As we count our blessings during this Advent Season, may we strive to find the ways to be a blessing to those who have so few. Catholic disciples on mission are called to put Two Feet of Love in Action! This foundational tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways we can respond to the Gospel call to put love in action: social justice (addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people) and charitable works (short-term, emergency assistance for individuals). <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/two-feet-brochure.pdf>

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – December 21 & 22

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Mary Ann Wheeler, Marcia Zacher (S) Ellen McGuigan, Martha Cook, Doug Meiron, Bob & Kay Olson **Lectors:** Julie Shauger, Jim Blackwell **Ushers:** Mac Coldwell, Dick Cuka, Dan Shank, 1 NEEDED **Gift Bearers:** Fred & Paula Welsch **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscofski, Ben Schuch

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Del & Joann Solano (S) Tom Baumgartner, Kathy Grebner, Mark Vedder, Ray & Mary Wagner **Lectors:** Brenda Wills, Jean French **Ushers:** Bob Heidgerken, Tom & Melanie Parson, Randy Rapp **Gift Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken Family **Altar Servers:** Nora Popken, Cameron Mortensen

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Chris Bossen **Lector:** Dave VanCleave **Ushers:** Bob Ormesher, Bill & Jan Winegar, NEED 1 **Gift Bearers:** Ushers **Altar Servers:** Kayden Schutz, Camden Walker

The Liturgical Schedule for January thru April 2020 is in the works! If you know you will be gone during that time, PLEASE call Gayle Martin at 718-4631. Also, if you are interested in being a Liturgical Minister mentioned above, please contact the office TODAY! Get your family involved in the greatest prayer of thanksgiving... THE MASS!

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 5399.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1202.53
Children's Collection	\$ 70.06
Building Improvements	\$ 215.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 351.00
Christmas	\$ 40.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 137.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 194.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 1255.00
TEXT TO GIVE	\$ 250.00
Families in Need – Text to Give	\$ 10.00
Families in Need – egiving	\$ 54.00
Building Improvements-egiving	\$ 43.00
RE Registration-egiving	\$ 20.00
Fall Festival Dinner – egiving	\$ 15.00
Priest Retirement Fund-egiving	\$ 64.00
Seminarian Fund-egiving	\$ 43.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 58.50
TOTAL	\$ 9421.09

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9762.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

World Mission Sunday-egiving	\$ 20.00
Campaign for Human Dev.-egiving	\$ 23.00
Catholic Schools-egiving	\$ 3.00
Retired Religious	\$ 1843.10

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 15: General Fund	Dec. 22: General Fund
Dec. 25: Holy Christmas	Dec. 29: General Fund

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

Please add LES ARNEY, KIRK, FATHER JOHN LULE, PEGGY PIENTOK & MELANIE CROCKETT to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

David Ange, Les Arney, Rick Bell, Rick & Kathy Borkovec, Sara Buller, Mike Cole, Irene Cox, Melanie Crockett, Ralph Dupres, Cheryl Feist, Zach Feist, Patti Fritzie, Amy Fust, Karla Grosz, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Joleen H., Bill Hershley, Cindy Hise, Maureen Jund, Ashley Kauffman, Kirk, Sally LaCroix, Norene Lantz, Fr. John Lule, Rosie Mansfield, Nancy Palmer, Trish Peterson, Peggy Pientok, Helen Quasney, Norita Rice, Elizabeth Richards, Mary Ellen Solano, Virginia, Karla Winland, Carolyn Wise, Angie Zacher, Darlys Zeller

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THINGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE! & those who bought goodies, too!!!
A VERY special "THANK YOU" to St. Anthony's Circle for running it!
Together we made \$450.72

(\$150.24 for Steubenville, \$150.24 to Cornerstone Mission & \$150.24 to St. Therese Families in Need)

"We really appreciate you!"



Thanks

A HUGE "Thank You!" to all those that donated at the KC BLOOD DRIVES this past year. You definitely gave a Gift of Life!! The KC BLOOD DRIVES for 2020 will be: Tuesdays, March 31, July 21 & December 1. Special thanks to Bill Schneider for heading them up.

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

"This year has gone by so fast, I didn't get a chance to lose weight!"



THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT DONATED & BID ON THE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION! TOGETHER, WE MADE \$205.50 towards sending our young people to the amazing Steubenville St. Paul Retreat in July 2020!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES at 7 pm

Monday, December 16 ~ Our Lady of the BH
Wednesday, December 18 ~ St. Isaac Jogues



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th
~ **ST. THERESE** (note date change!)

& EVERY SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 5 PM AND
SUNDAY FROM 8 TO 8:30 AM AT ST. THERESE

Check out our parish website!!
saintherechurh.org

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

Pre-order Christmas CARAMEL ROLLS...MMMM!

Yes! Fill out this order form and send in with payment NOW, then pick up your Take & Bake Rolls on December 21st and 22nd! It's that easy!! Packages of 6 or 12!



NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

___ SIX (\$6) ___ TWELVE (\$12) (check quantity)

___ FROZEN? ___ THAWED? (Rolls need to rise for 12 hours from frozen before baking)

When will you pick up December 21 or 22?

(circle one) after 5:30 Sat. Mass after 9 am Sun. Mass
after 5:30 pm Sun. Mass

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. THERESE YOUTH

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Friends,

This past week at Mercy Night at Blessed Sacrament Church I had mostly women coming to confession at my position. Seriously, maybe one in twenty was male. I commented to a woman who came to confession who I knew well, "it seems like only women are sinners here tonight." She quickly responded, "you mean only Repentant sinners!" It was a very good response!

There were many men in attendance, and they were repentant, but in another priest's line. Father's are as important as Mother's in teaching by example the importance of using the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the spiritual medicine for our sins. The sacrament of Penance is an act of humility that acknowledges our need for divine grace, sanctifying grace, to overcome our sinful desires and be made new in God's image and likeness. It is an encounter with Christ by grace who loves us so much and invites us to have life to the fullest without shame or sadness.

St. Therese the Little Flower, will host a penance service for the city this Thursday the 19th, beginning at 7pm. Many priests will be in attendance to assist. There will be a time of silence to pray and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. I invite you to come and experience the Lord sacramentally. There will be materials available to help you and your children with the confession. I join with my brother priests in inviting anyone who has been away for a long time to come and receive the goodness of the Lord.

Fr. Kerry Prendiville

Gift idea...When you purchase GIFT CARDS TO WALMART/SAMS CLUB, SAFEWAY & FAMILY FARE from your church before you go shopping or give them as a gift, then a percentage comes right back to St. Therese AND a percentage goes to Church Response! How easy is that? GET YOURS TODAY!! After Mass in the Parish Center or in the office during the week!

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

A little boy in the Sunday school kindergarten class got up from his craft and went over to ask one of the adult helpers a question. "Are you a Christian?" "Yes," she replied. "Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head. "Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes." With that he asked his final question: "Will you hold my quarter while I go to the bathroom?"

O Come All Ye Faithful
CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th

4 pm & 10 pm

(Children: for the 4 pm Mass: Bring the Baby Jesus from your nativity scene for a blessing)

Wednesday, December 25th

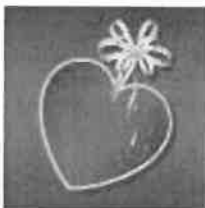
at 9 am

11 am in New Underwood



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 17th. Don't forget to include a note on your gift tag.

Another way to give...The winter is expected to be very cold with lots of snow. WE ARE HAVING A COMMUNITY COLD-WEATHER ITEM DRIVE!! Please bring your NEW SOCKS, blankets/sleeping bags, gloves, rain ponchos, 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 collection or bring to office.

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!



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 16th.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Dec. 15 Happy Birthday Jesus Party
 Dec. 22, 29 NO CLASS - Christmas Break

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 9 - 11:30 am ~ 7th Grade +
(Includes Mass)

Dec. 15 Happy Birthday Jesus Party
 Dec. 22, 29 NO CLASS - Christmas Break

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

WEDNESDAYS- 6 - 7:45 pm (Grades 6-12)

6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm

Dec. 18 Edge / LifeTeen
 Dec. 25, Jan. 1 NO GROUP - Christmas Break



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY!

Starts at 6:30 pm. Gain a better understanding of upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. For more info. contact Melanie Karp at 430-0459 (message or text).

~ 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 the office at 342-1556 or sttherese@diorc.org

e-giving is Easy & SECURE!

Online - Make a donation on our website:
www.sainttheresechurch.org

Text to Donate - Make a donation to our Number: 605-250-1952

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) to the number above and follow the prompts to complete your donation! See the text code word listing at both entrances but "Donation" is default.

Give+ App Search "GivePlus Church" in your phone App store, download- find St. Therese Church by 57701.

A parishioner is seeking someone to clean her home

~ once a month ~ approx. 3 hours Call the St. Therese office at 342-1556 and we will get the information to her.

Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Renee Goldwell

If you would like to be involved in this meaningful ministry, please call the office today at 342-1556.

Father Kari's CD's in the office!

"Father Kari's Old Time Classics"

1 for \$15; 2 for \$25!

Please make check payable to: Fr. Arnold Kari

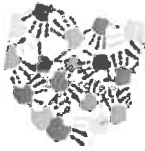
Get em while we got em & get your toes a tappin!



HELPING HANDS

St. Therese parishioners are so amazing and generous! Truly showing your "Little way".

We are TAKING DONATIONS for:



HOPE CENTER: SOCKS (Adult), BUS PASSES (orange-color), SLEEPING BAGS (Adult), HYGIENE ITEMS, & LAUNDRY PODS

ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTERS: PUZZLE BOOKS: crossword, word find, Sudoku, etc., PENS/PENCILS

BIRTHRIGHT PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Newborn-6 mo. BABY-CARE PRODUCTS, CLOTHING, DIAPERS, & MATERNITY WEAR

BIRTHRIGHT IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

Please call 343.1732

VETERAN'S OUTREACH CENTER: This month: NEW SOCKS, Laundry pods, personal hygiene items, shavers, shaving cream!

CHURCH RESPONSE: Non-perishable food items & personal hygiene items: This month: LAUNDRY SOAP, CANNED MEAT, CANNED VEGETABLES & SOUPS!!

MOMMY'S CLOSET: DIAPERS especially sz 5+, Children's CLOTHING to sz. 6, SOCKS & UNDERWEAR to sz 6, BABY WIPES

The boxes for ALL organizations are located in the Parish Center. We will get them to the appropriate places.

PARISH PINOCHE NIGHTS *hosted by the KC's*

Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 pm

Don't know how to play? We'll show you!
EVERYONE WELCOME!!



AND ONE MORE LAUGH...

This week's Senior Citizens Entertainment...
Go to the mall or Walmart and sit in the parking lot with your backup lights on for a couple hours.

All are invited for a COMMUNITY FOOT CARE CLINIC each month at St. Therese



Interim Healthcare will be providing a community foot care clinic. \$10 per person: feet soak, toenails cut and lotion applied. December 20th at 9 am til done with those present. Please call 348-5885 to sign up or ask questions.

St. Therese Knights of Columbus 7th Annual

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Meadowood Lanes ~ January 11th

Registration starts at 1 pm (Pre-registration encouraged)

1:30 pm start ~ \$80 entry for 4 person team

CASH PRIZES/DOOR PRIZES/ STRIKE POT & MORE!

Proceeds to "Coats for Kids" **Put a team together and come join the fun!!!** Questions or to sign up, call John at 393-2081 or email

jschlim1@gmail.com



Take Your Life in a New Direction Register NOW for the 2020 Life INC WINTER Quarter Classes! Life INC is for people from all walks of life to find support, knowledge and encouragement. Join the hundreds of students who have found financial freedom, parenting help, and life skills. **Classes are free and include a free meal, childcare, and various incentives for completing weekly assignments.** Learn more & register at www.loveinonline.com or fill out the registration application on the bulletin board in the Parish Center and turn it in to the office or call Love INC at 718-LOVE (5683).

Apply NOW! New quarter will be starting soon.

Pick up a flyer on bulletin boards at each entrance for class descriptions, list of locations and start dates.

- ~ Art Class ~ Becoming Whole (seminar for volunteers)
- ~ Better Choices, Better Health: Chronic Disease ~ Bridges to Freedom
- ~ Bringing Your 'A' Game ~ Common Sense Parenting
- ~ Faith and Finance ~ Financial Freedom ~ Nutrition On A Budget
- ~ Why I Believe by Chip Ingram ~ Computer Soft Skills ~ Overcomer
- ~ Paths to Progress ~ Weigh Down

It's time to take FINANCIAL PEACE! Join the millions who never worry about money! Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to beat debt and build wealth with the most powerful tool there is...your income. Financial Peace University begins on Tuesday evenings starting January 7th at Our Lady of the Black Hills in Piedmont at 6:30 pm. Register ASAP because class size is limited. www.fpu.com/1101027 For more info. bwentz@security1stbank.com

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The Universal Prayer – The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer, otherwise known as the Prayer of the Faithful. The Catechism notes that intercessory prayer is "characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy." Christ's mercy has come upon us in the Liturgy of the Word, and now we respond with the heart and mind of Jesus. His loving presence gives us the courage to pray for the needs of the Church and the world. The prayers are meant to be universal in scope, for those in authority, for those experiencing various needs and sufferings and for the salvation of all. We must also not forget the needs of the parish or local community. Our response to each petition is significant. As the Body of Christ, we are joining our prayers to Jesus, asking the Father to care for his people.

CHECK OUT THE BACK PAGE OF THE BULLETIN!

These are advertisers that help support YOUR parish.

Please support them & THANK THEM!

Interested in advertising? Contact Mike Quasney at 716-0387.

**Hey ladies!! The next
ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

January 5th @ 10:15 am in Room 103

Caramel rolls provided!

All women in the parish, age 18 + are already members! Come check it out! It doesn't mean you'll have to be on every committee or work every event. You can be as involved as you want!



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

haven't received them? Have you received envelopes & no longer want them?

We are working to get our records as accurate as possible to send for the recent Pictorial Directory, 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.) Thanks for your patience . . . AND all your input!!

Special shout out of "THANKS!" to ALL involved in the funeral ministry! You truly show "our little way" to the families that need our support and care. Call the office if you can help serve a meal or call, etc.

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.



Hey! Register for Steubenville St. Paul 2020

~ It's going to be AMAZING!!

When? July 23 - 26, 2020

Who? Youth entering grades 9-2020 high school graduates

How Much? \$395 (includes youth conference, amusement park ticket, hotel, t-shirts, most meals, and bus transportation)

Registration? Pick up a form from the YOUTH bulletin board, or <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/syc/> & fill it out!!

More info? Contact Bobby Myers at 605-381-0053!



Join youth and young adults from around the country for a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to participate in the Annual March for Life on Friday, January 24, 2020. Our pilgrimage will kick off at 6:30pm Tues., January 21st and end at the Cathedral for the 5:30pm Mass on Sun., January 26th. The pilgrimage is open to all high school and college age students. Cost: \$500 (includes bus trip, hotel, some meals, snacks, entrance to the rallies, and an unforgettable experience witnessing to the sanctity of life.) Registration Deadline December 17, 2019.

Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you. (James 5:7-10)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Diocesan Pastoral Center Construction Continues —

Tours still underway Tours are available to the public on the third Friday of each month from 3-6 p.m. Pre-registration not needed. If you have tour questions, contact Todd Tobin at the Chancery, 605-343-3541. This month Friday, December 20, 2019, next opportunity, Friday, January 17, 2020. Time: 3-6 p.m., Location: 225 Main St., Rapid City. Special Instructions: Building access directions signage will be posted at each event. Hard hats will be provided. See pages 12-13 of the December *West River Catholic* for more on the new building.

Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

13th Annual Christmas Jail Program

One of our ministry's traditional events presented each year is the Christmas Program for the inmates of Pennington County Jail. This year marks our 13th endeavor to bring the joy and blessings of the Christmas holiday to the inmates. Our program includes the singing of carols with guitar and flute accompaniment and the distribution of over 600 bags of holiday candies and Holy cards to the inmates we entertain. Because our regular weekly jail groups average 10-15 inmates, the Christmas Program gives us a wonderful opportunity to reach out to many more inmates in several different cell blocks. **This year's Christmas Program will take place at 7:00 pm Wednesday December 18th.**

To make this a truly enjoyable event for the inmates, we ask you to consider donations of puzzles (especially those with a Christian theme), Christmas cards, and paperback books (themes: action, Westerns, historical). Donation box at the HFNL Display Shelves in the Parish Center. We remind you that inmate prayer requests are collected in binders which are also available for your reflection at our Display Shelves. Perhaps you can add the inmates' prayers to your daily devotions as we approach the Christmas season. *If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please contact Bill Gradoville 605 430-2697. If you would like to volunteer to be a HFNL prayer partner, call or text Jennifer Shama 605 381-1118. We also invite you to our monthly HFNL business meetings every 3rd Monday of the month (6:30 pm) at CSS.*

Gather family, friends, or co-workers and give a gift to the work of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

Simbang Gabi Friday, December 20, Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Advent celebration will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City. Fr. Jason Marco from the Diocese of Cheyenne will be the celebrant. Confessions at 5:30 p.m. Mass at 6 p.m., followed by dinner.

Have a Past or Present Connection with a Catholic College or University? Plan to Attend 3rd Annual Black Hills Christmas Mixer If you have a connection with a Catholic college or university (current student, parent of a student, graduate or friend), plan to attend this Christmas mixer on Tuesday, December 17 from 5–8 p.m. in the Mothership Coffee & Commons space at the Haycap Brewing Company located at 601 Kansas City Street in Rapid City. Join others from Mt. Marty (SD), St. Thomas (MN), Notre Dame (IN), Loretto Heights (CO), Creighton (NE), St. John's (MN), St. John's (NY) and other Catholic colleges and universities. We look forward to seeing you. For further details, contact Bill Walsh at (605) 341-0744 or Carman Timmerman at (605) 391-4053.

REFUEL 2020 This year, we are holding a very special Refuel event for all who serve the Church – join us **January 17-18** at Terra Sancta Retreat Center for **Refuel 2020: IN HIDDEN MAJESTY: A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST.** Eucharistic adoration, a procession, presentations on the Eucharist, a Eucharistic Miracles display, testimonies, and fellowship will inspire and help us to grow in our love and encounter with our Lord in the Eucharist. We'll begin with Mass & dinner at 5:30pm on Friday evening, and end at 3:30pm on Saturday. Cost is \$70, with an Early Bird rate of \$55 if you register by January 1. This fee includes the conference, dinner Friday, and lunch on Saturday. If you would like to stay at Terra Sancta overnight, there are lodging options available at a reduced rate as well. The optional breakfast on Saturday is also available for an additional small fee. Register online at: www.Refuel20.com

Diocesan Masses for Life — Matching Grants

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission will match donations (up to \$250) for parishes offering a daily Mass for the protection of all life. Donations ensure that this program continues in Western South Dakota. The Masses are coordinated by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Pro-Life Committee. Please act by sharing your treasure and mailing your donation to: Diocesan Masses for Life, c/o Mary Mitchell, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702. Donations must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31.

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 29, 2020, SATURDAY

EVENT: One day (CDA) Lenten DAY OF RECOLLECTION
PLACE: St. Therese Church Hall, Rapid City, SD
FOR: Men, Women, Teenagers and Young Adults
DIRECTOR: Msgr. Charles Mangano, Diocese of Sioux Falls
COST: NO CHARGE
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DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Diocese of Rapid City Vacancy Announcement

Terra Sancta Retreat Center is seeking applications for the position of full-time **Head Chef**. **SEE BULLETIN BOARDS.**

APPLICATION PROCESS: A job description and on-line application at <https://terrasancta.org/headchef> Questions? Contact Margaret Simonson via email msimonson@diorc.org or: Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 606 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City SD 57701 Or contact Reeny Wilson (TSRC Director) at maureen@diorc.org or call 605-716-0925. The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.



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Please use the South Patio entrance. Questions? Contact us at stay@terrasancta.org or call 605-716-0925.

Telehealth Counseling Available

Catholic Social Services has launched telehealth counseling across western SD. A caring and professional therapist is only a smart phone, tablet, or laptop away through confidential video counseling technology. Please call us at 348-6086 for more info. or to schedule an appointment.

Marriage Matters Retreat ~ February 14-16, 2020

Terra Sancta Retreat Center

8:30 AM Sat., Feb. 15 — 2 PM Sun., Feb. 16

With Optional Friday Night Check In (6 PM Feb. 14) & Social

Presented by Catholic Social Services and Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

For more details, Visit <https://terrasancta.org/marriagematters2020>

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Lisieux, Avila, and a stop at Normandy are just a few of the many places we will visit with Father Brian Lane from July 6-17, 2020. Register early to secure your seat. We will depart from Rapid City. 4- and 5-star hotels and 90% of all costs are included in the price. More info in the brochures or at selectinternationaltours.com. Total cost is \$4,195, registration deadline is March 20, 2020, with final payment due May 1.

Poland Pilgrimage, June 1-12, 2020, with Father Andrzej Wyrostek, (ONLY 8 Seats left). Total cost including air from Rapid City, hotels, all entrance fees, and most meals for 13 days is \$3,995. Deadline to register is February 19, 2020, with final payment due April 2, 2020. Contact Rita Dupres, 605-381-4988 or Jane at Select International Tours 1-800-842-4842.

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