

Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower



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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 2 - 6

Monday 7:30 am

Tuesday 7:30 am

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

Thursday – 9:30 am Mass at Avantara North

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

**1st Sunday of Advent
November 30 & December 1, 2019**

Week of December 1

Sunday, December 1

after Mass YOUTH ROLLS

NO Religious Ed. or CONFIRMATION class

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, December 2

7 pm Christmas Eve Choir practice starts

7 pm Boy Scouts meeting

Tuesday, December 3

3 to 5:30 pm KC BLOOD DRIVE

Walk-ins welcome!

6:30 pm Pinochle Night hosted by the KCs

6:30 pm RCIA

Wednesday, December 4

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

6 pm PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

ALL WELCOME! Bring a dish or two to share and come enjoy the evening!!

Thursday, December 5

9:30 am Mass at Avantara North

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, December 6

7:30 am Mass

8 to 9 am Holy Hour of ADORATION

followed by Benediction & Morning Prayers

Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE! Baked good donations much appreciated, and don't

forget to pick up all your delicious goodies!

Sunday, December 8

8 am til all served following 9 am Mass

KC BREAKFAST

Get breakfast then goodies at bake sale!

Heavenly Father,

I come to you as humble as I know how. I confess my sins, those known and unknown. Lord, You know I am not perfect and I fall short everyday of my life, but I want to take time out to say thank You for your mercy. I may have more bills than money, but thank You for my family, friends, a roof over my head, food on my table, and everything I DO have. Amen.

Welcome to St. Therese!

MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 2 - 8

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Cathy Schatz +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Dcn. John Steffen +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass -New Underwood Good Samaritan
THURSDAY	9:30 am	Mass - Avantara North
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Leo Boland +
2nd Sunday of Advent		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Elvina Crawford-Follum +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Lucy Weisgram +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Wednesday, December 4 Leonard Dolen +
By Fr. Bill Zandri - Edgewood, Rapid City

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
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 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Faithful Citizenship "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." The inevitability of the day on which the Lord will come for each of us gives urgency to our efforts to evangelize our neighbor. When we think of Social Justice, we generally think of the Corporal Works of Mercy; those acts which attend to our neighbor's physical needs. And yet, our spiritual needs affect our eternal destiny. The Spiritual Works of Mercy of **Admonishing the Sinner** and **Instructing the Uninformed**, can appear to be intolerant. And yet, when we "speak the truth in love," while exercising the virtue of prudence (saying the right thing in the right way at the right time), these works can assist our neighbor in meriting eternal life. We do not know the day. Do we love someone enough to want them to be with us in heaven? Let us pray for the discernment to have the right words at the right time. And for the ability to speak those words in love.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - December 7 & 8

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Kathy Houston, Tim Shull (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Tim & Joan Renelt, Ellen McGuigan, Liz Myscofski **Lectors:** Kevin & Kris Hittle
Ushers: Jim & Roxie Quintus, Fred & Paula Welsch **Gift Bearers:** Kathy Houston, Mady Houston **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscofski, Ben Schuch

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Ginny DeJager, Jerry Kanta (S) Jean French, Kathy Grebner, Bob Heidgerken, NEEDED, Liz Myscofski **Lectors:** David Dolan, Judee Popken
Ushers: Tom Baumgartner, Dan Chiolis, Dean Hade, Brenda Wills **Gift Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken Family **Altar Servers:** Ryan Gay, Riley Gay

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Elaine Kocher (S) Chris Bossen, Greg Rausch **Lector:** Dave VanCleave **Ushers:** Dave & Chris VanCleave, Will Winch, 1 NEEDED
Gift Bearers: Jerry & Elaine Kocher **Altar Servers:** Elena Tillett, Harley Tillett

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 becoming one of the Liturgical Ministers mentioned above, please contact the office TODAY! Get your family involved in the greatest prayer of thanksgiving... THE MASS!

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 5632.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1539.25
Children's Collection	\$ 90.51
Building Improvements	\$ 41.00
All Saints Day	\$ 4.00
Flowers & Environment	\$ 246.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 15.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 41.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 1114.00
TEXT TO GIVE	\$ 420.00
Families in Need - text to give	\$ 10.00
Building Improvements-egiving	\$ 118.00
Priest Retirement Fund-egiving	\$ 30.00
Seminarian Fund-egiving	\$ 53.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 58.00
TOTAL	\$ 7596.26

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9762.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 1: General Fund
Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception / Retirement for Religious / General Fund
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

Everyone come on down!

KC BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 8th

8 am until all served following 9 am Mass
Fresh-made pancakes, hot-out-of-the-oven biscuits topped with scrumptious, country gravy, scrambled eggs and completed with sizzling sausage. Cost? Free-will offering! All proceeds will go to Black Hills Pregnancy Center



NEXT WEEKEND!...

St. Anthony's Circle will be having the
Annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
Saturday, December 7 @ 6:30 pm
& Sunday, December 8 at 8 am

(along with the KC Breakfast)

"Looking forward to seeing all the fantastic goodies from our great cooks and bakers!!
THANK YOU!!" - Marcia & Sarah



Bulletin Prayer List:

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

Thank you for the continued prayers for Alvin Jochim + & Vickie Werlinger

Rest In Peace

Millie Moffenbier

They go no further than God - and God is very near.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES at 7 pm

5:30 – 8:30 pm **MERCY NIGHT ~ Tuesday,
December 10th ~ Blessed Sacrament ~
Reconciliation & Healing Prayer**



Wednesday, December 11 ~ St. John's, NEW UNDERWOOD

**Monday, December 16 ~ Our Lady of the Black Hills
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*

Seeking Candidates for Parish Pastoral Council:

Have you ever considered being a part of the parish pastoral Council? We will have several members to replace by election in December. This involves a monthly meeting and service of the parish in leadership of events and communication. *If you would like to be considered for placement on the ballot, please contact Fr. Kerry or the office staff.*

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie said to Father, "We're all brave in our own way. For example, I am not afraid of raw cookie dough."

Ends NEXT WEEKEND!! SILENT AUCTION!

*All proceeds go towards sending our
young people to the amazing
Stuebenville St. Paul Retreat in July 2020!*

**Auction ends Sunday,
December 8th at 7 pm!**

*Check out & Bid on the fabulous items in the
Parish Center! Happy bidding!!*

Time to warm up your voices! Let's make a Glorious Sound!!

All voices and musicians are asked to join the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass Choir! Rehearsals will be Mondays, December 2, 16 & 23!

*Let's get as many voices, 2nd grade and up,
involved this year to sing praises. And*

remember, we need moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas – ALL OF US – to join in the choir this year!

Check out our parish website!!

sainttheresechurch.org

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

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Friends,

*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming.*

In the Collect of the Roman Missal for the first Sunday of Advent, we pray the above prayer. I love the action the prayer calls for with a poetic reflection on our Christian lives. Our journey through life is described as running forth to meet Christ. Along the way we accomplish righteous deeds by the grace of God. Even as we are on the way to this encounter, Christ is coming to meet us.

Not only does this prayer describe our lifelong journey, but it also describes our journey this Sunday to come to the church building where Christ encounters us in his body the living Church, in the word proclaimed, in the ministers, and especially in the communion we share.

This season let our deeds speak for us. To increase our faith, let us increase our prayer. Reflecting on God's word each day, let us simply ask "what would you have me do today Lord." I invite you to use the Word Among Us available at the entrance of the Church or reflections from Bishop Barron delivered daily to your email to help you in your prayer <https://adventreflections.com/>
Good Advent!

Fr. Kerry Prendiville

A parishioner is seeking someone to clean her house ~ once a month ~ approx. 3 hours

Please call the St. Therese office at 342-1556 and we will get the information to her.

Funeral Chairpersons ~ NOVEMBER

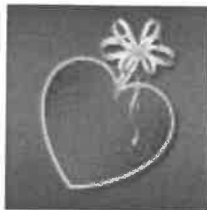
Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Renee Coldwell

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

**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!**

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.

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.

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...



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

9 am

11 am in New Underwood



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Dec. 1 NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 8 CLASS
Dec. 15 Happy Birthday Jesus Party

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

Dec. 1 NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 8 CLASS
Dec. 15 Happy Birthday Jesus Party

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. 4 Family POTLUCK
Dec. 11 Life Night: Edge/LifeTeen
Sunday, December 15 XLT at St. Therese!!



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).

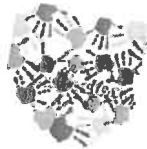


THANK YOU to all those who participated in the changing of the hymnals party! You sure are a blessing to this parish!

HELPING HANDS

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

We are TAKING DONATIONS for:



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

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!!

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

Stay awake! Be ready! God needs you to make known his eminent presence. (Romans 13:11-14)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

AND ONE MORE LAUGH...

We were doing home renovations and, incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully furnished room!! And then I remembered, "We live in a duplex..."

PARISH PINOCHLE 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!!



~ 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

Year of the EUCHARIST

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY | JUNE 2019 - JUNE 2020

The Homily and silence – The homily is a continuation of the Liturgy of the Word. The priest is "in persona Christi", in the person of Christ, the Lord Jesus continues to speak to us, he can better understand what Jesus is communicating to us through His word in this encounter and apply it to our life and relationship with the Lord. He can also speak on the liturgical day or some aspect of the Mass.

The homily is a response to the scriptures, which are designed to lead us, the people of God, into the mystery of our salvation and Christ's love for us.

The silence after the homily is significant. We are allowing Jesus to speak to us, receiving the message of the scriptures deeply our hearts and minds. The silence after the homily can also call forth a response from us, a desire to walk more completely with the Lord in our lives.

National Night of Prayer for Life @ Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday, December 8th

from 5-7 pm Please join us for this special prayer event for all life! For questions contact Sue Jimmerson: kjimner48@gmail.com or 605-721-7712.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION 

advent

Excelsis

Deo



Verbum Caro Factum Est

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL
IN THE FLEETING DAYS OF ADVENT



Take some time away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and join us for a day of reflection with Fr. Kerry Prendiville, pastor St. Therese of the Little Flower, Rapid City.

Saturday

Dec 14

10am-3pm

\$25 per person includes lunch.
Questions?
Contact us at 605-716-0925 [HTTP://TERRASANCTA.ORG/ADVENT](http://TERRASANCTA.ORG/ADVENT)

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Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am
 5:30 pm



DECEMBER 2019

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday: 4 to 5 pm
 Sunday: 8 - 8:30 am

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve ~ 4 pm & 10 pm
 Please note the time for the early Mass!!

Christmas Day ~ 9 am
 11 am in New Underwood



O Come Let Us Adore Him
 Please consider a Holy Hour this month for God's gift - ALL OF US!!

1	after Mass YOUTH ROLLS ND Religious Education or Confirmation	2	7:30 am Mass	3	7:30 am Mass 3 - 5:30 PM KC BLOOD DRIVE!	4	9:30 am Mass @ Good Samaritan 6 pm Edge - Life Teen FAMILY POTLUCK! ALL WELCOME! Bring a dish to share!	5	5:30 am Adventura North Mass 6:30 pm Bible Study Note: Advent Penance moved to Dec. 19th	6	7:30 am Mass HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	7	After Mass CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE (Sun. morn too!)
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8	KC BREAKFAST 8 am 'till all served after Mass CANCELLED PAGEANT	9	7:30 am Mass 7 am & 7 pm IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	10	7:30 am Mass Merry Night 4 - 7 pm Blessed Sacrament	11	9:30 am Mass @ Good Samaritan ADVENT RECONCILIATION 7 pm St. John's New Underwood	12	7:30 am Mass 6:30 pm Bible Study	13	7:30 am Mass HAPPY BIRTHDAY Father Kerry! HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	14	6:30 PM SPAGHETTI DINNER & B-I-N-G-O-I-I!
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15	10:15 am "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS" party 10:15 am CONFIRMATION 6:30 pm XLT - St. Therese	16	7:30 am Mass ADVENT RECONCILIATION 7 pm OLBH Piedmont	17	7:30 am Mass 6:30 pm Card Night	18	9:30 am Mass @ Good Samaritan 6 pm Edge - Life Teen ADVENT RECONCILIATION 7 pm St. Isaac Jogues	19	7:30 am Mass ST. THERESE RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT 7 PM	20	7:30 am Mass HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction Foot Clinic	21	
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22	ND Religious Education or Confirmation 7 pm Family Rosary	23	7:30 am Mass	24	ND 7:30 am Mass 4 pm Mass 10 pm Mass HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	25	9 am Mass If am in New Underwood	26	7:30 am Mass 6:30 pm Bible Study	27	7:30 am Mass HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	28	HERE COMES 2020 Middle & High School LOCK-IN!
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Please read or attach this letter to your bulletins the weekend of December 1, 2019.



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On December 7-8 our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to “serve the Lord with gladness” (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service—past and present—is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise, and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God’s continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michel Mulloy".

Very Rev. Michel Mulloy
Diocesan Administrator

More information is available online at <http://www.retiredreligious.org>.

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