

# 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 Quintos	593-1207
Faith Formation ~ Holly Bossen	209-3268
Stewardship ~ Chris VanCleave	716-5526

### ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Altar Society ~ Doris Ann Werlinger	348-6311
Knights of Columbus ~ Jim Blackwell	923-2955

Your Parish Council meets on the LAST Monday 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. Monthly meeting minutes e-filed on website: [sainttheresechurch.org](http://sainttheresechurch.org)

### 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 3 - 7**

**Monday 7:30 am**

**Tuesday 7:30 am**

**Wednesday 9:30 am Mass at  
Good Samaritan New Underwood**

**Thursday 9:30 am Mass at  
Good Samaritan New Underwood**

**Friday 7:30 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 1 & 2, 2018

### Week of December 2nd

**Sunday, December 2**

after Mass YOUTH ROLLS

10:15 am Religious Education &  
Confirmation classes

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

**Monday, December 3**

6:30 pm Light Weigh

7 pm Boy Scouts

7 pm Christmas Eve 4 pm Mass Choir practice

**Tuesday, December 4**

3:30 – 6 pm KC BLOOD DRIVE

Walk-ins welcome!

6:30 pm RCIA

7 pm CARD NIGHT

**Wednesday, December 5**

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

6 pm FAMILY POTLUCK – ALL

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

**Friday, December 7**

7:30 am Mass

8 to 9 am Holy Hour of Adoration

*followed by Benediction & Morning Prayer*

**7 pm Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day Mass**

**5 pm in New Underwood**

**Saturday, December 8**

**9 am Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day Mass**

**6:30 pm Christmas Bake Sale**

*Don't forget to bring your goodies for the  
sale too! Yummmmmmmmm!*

### DOWN THE ROAD

**Sunday, December 9**

8 am til all served following 9 am Mass

KC BREAKFAST &

**Christmas Bake Sale**

*Bring your goodies for the sale too!*

**Welcome to St. Therese!**

**We are truly happy you joined us in  
the Celebration of the Mass!**

*If you would like information about the parish, or to  
register, please call the office at 342-1556.*

### YOUR PARISH STAFF

PASTOR ~ Father Kerry Prendiville, 342-1556 ext. 11 DEACONS – Rev. Mr. Charles Rausch

OFFICE STAFF ~ Karen Thorp, ext. 15 ~ Connie Heeren, ext. 10

ACCOUNTING ~ Diocese of Rapid City YOUTH FORMATION COORDINATOR– Bobby Myers, ext. 12

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS ~ OPEN FACILITY JANITOR ~ Elaine Duncan

### PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Homebound Ministry: Jerry Kanta, Kathy Grebner, Joan Feller, Rick Edelen

Liturgy/Music: Sue Englin, Jeanne Schneider & Joleen Click 1st Communion & Confirmation: Bobby Myers

RCIA: Ralph & Rita Dupres, Deacon Chuck Rausch BAPTISM: Call the office: Deacon Chuck Rausch

Altar Society President: Doris Ann Werlinger Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight, Tom Baumgartner

## MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 3 - 9

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Members of the SD Catholic Foundation
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Lyle Walstad +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass New Underwood Good Samaritan
THURSDAY	9:30 am	Mass BH Care Center
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Catherine Allard +
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>		
FRIDAY	7 pm	Dcn. John Steffen +
SATURDAY	9 am	Agnes Mousel +
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Marrietta Hollinger
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Jerry & Therese Freese +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners

### FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!



### Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Is 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-9	Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10	Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17	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	Gn 3:9-15,20	Ps 98:1-4	Eph 1:3-6,11-12
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9	Ps 126:1-6	Phil 1:4-6,8-11
			Lk 3:1-6

**Faithful Citizenship** "The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions . . ." *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2007, #48*

### Subsidiarity and the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

A constant teaching of the Church is that Attending to the needs of the poor is best done by the local community, rather than dependence on a "welfare state." St. Vincent de Paul Society is a perfect example of subsidiarity in action, serving West River South Dakota now with 5 active Conferences in the Rapid City area, Piedmont-Black Hawk, Spearfish-Newell, Sturgis-Newell, and Lead-Deadwood, and a Thrift Store in Spearfish. The work of the Society is to help families in need through assistance and advocacy. To get involved, find out more information or donate, contact your local chapter, visit the Thrift Store or visit <http://www.ssvdprapidcity.org/>

**Please sign up for Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses: December 7th at 7 pm & December 8th at 9 am. Sign up sheet in the sacristy.**

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule – December 8 & 9

**SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.:** John Mowry, Tim Shull (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Jeff Cook, Ellen McGuigan, Bob & Kay Olson **Lectors:** Kevin & Kris Hittle **Ushers:** Mike & Betty Quasney, Fred & Paula Welsch **Gift Bearers:** Kathy Houston, Mady Houston **Altar Servers:** Johanna Auriemma

**SUN. 9 am E.M.:** Diane Dahl, Ginny DeJager (S) Diane Ange, Tom Baumgartner, Holly Bossen, Rachel Edelen, Jean French **Lectors:** Jerry Kanta, Judee Popken **Ushers:** Rick, Seth & Max Edelen, Dan Chiolis **Gift Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken **Altar Servers:** Chloe Thome, Mercedes Solano, Nathan Kanta

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Elaine Kocher (S) Amanda Williamson, Greg Rausch **Lector:** Nancy Palmer **Ushers:** Will Winch, Bill & Jan Winegar **Gift Bearers:** David & Chris VanCleave **Altar Servers:** Elena Tillett, Harley Tillett, Thomas Rausch

**Remember to find a substitute if you will be gone  
PLEASE call GAYLE MARTIN at 718-4631.**

## Still seeking volunteers for a new Pictorial Directory?!!

We will be signing up families for picture times in January and February VERY SOON!

Please call the office at 342-1556.



### Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Renee Coldwell

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Alyssa (Naasz)

THOME on your marriage,

November 24, 2018

*Praying you live joyfully ever after with God and each other.*



## WELCOME

to the Faith Community

### Through the Waters of Baptism

Noah ASHLEY, son of Justin & Keara

## Rest In Peace

### Agnes Mousel

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

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

### GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 3324.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1266.91
Children's Collection	\$ 113.19
Electronic Tithing	\$ 2027.00
Families in Need-egiving	\$ 5.00
TEXT TO GIVE	\$ 45.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 10.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 51.00
Flowers & Environment	\$ 293.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 10.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 95.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9267.10</b>

### WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9418.00

### COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

<b>Dec. 3:</b> General Fund	<b>Dec. 8:</b> Immaculate Conception
<b>Dec. 9:</b> Retirement Fund for Religious / General Fund	
<b>Dec. 16:</b> General Fund	<b>Dec. 23:</b> General Fund
<b>Dec. 25:</b> Holy Christmas	<b>Dec. 30:</b> General Fund
<b>DEC:</b> Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund	

Please add JUDY HERRICK to your prayers.

**Bulletin Prayer List:**

Mandy Aarkfeld, Kathy Borkovec, Dewayne Borszich, Joyce Braun, Britney Weber Brouillette, Mike Cole, Irene Cox, Bonnie Elwood, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Kelly Heintz, Judy Herrick, Bill Hershley, Norene Lantz, Erin Maddox, Kevin Maher, Mary Maher, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Jack Myers, Leah Nixon, Susie Powers, Helen Quasney, Jim Quinn, John Radziwon, Ted Rapp, Russ Rearick, Elizabeth Richards, Bennie Saldanha, Blakelynn Sharkey, Janice Simons, Karla Winland, Carolyn Wise, Angie Zacher

Thank you for the continued prayers for Danelle Horton, Jeff Pansch, Catherine Allard +, Maureen French +, & Aggie Mousel +

*Rest In Peace*  
**Catherine Allard**

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



**Yes! NEXT WEEKEND!**

St. Anthony's Circle will be having the  
**Annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**  
**Saturday, December 8 @ 6:30 pm**  
**& Sunday, December 9 at 8 am**

(along with the KC Breakfast)

"Attention ALL KINDS OF BAKERS... bring your delicious goodies & make other spirits bright! THANK YOU!" - Marcia & Sarah

Everyone come on down!

**KC BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, December 9th**

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 with proceeds to the Serra Club (for vocations)



**A LITTLE LAUGH ... punny jokes**

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

**KC BLOOD DRIVE**

**December 4th ~ 3:30 - 6:15 pm**

For an appointment contact: Bill Schneider at 605.391-7413 or go to bloodhero.com and enter sponsor code: therese WALK-INS WELCOME, TOO!



**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 3, 10 & 17!**

*Let's get as many voices, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!*

**HEARTS OF FIRE Adult Education group**

**Phase 2: Wisdom & Works of Mercy Group Study**

**"The One Thing is Three" & "You Did It to Me"**

If you have completed "33 Days to Morning Glory" & "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" then this group is for YOU to help advance in understanding the riches of the Catholic faith and how to concretely live it by doing works of mercy. This 10 week study begins **JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. THERESE @ 6 PM (includes meal)**. Call Karen or Connie in the office at 342-1556 to order your materials **BY DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**. Cost is \$37 for Participant pack w/premium copy of both books or \$10 for just the books.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

**TIM RENELT & GENE FISHER**

**Knights of Columbus 6th Annual BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
**Meadowood Lanes ~ January 12th**



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.**

**Gift cards make great gifts for those hard-to-buy-for people on your Christmas, Birthday OR any gift list, including for YOU!**

**We Care has ON-HAND many GIFT CARDS from MANY businesses in a large VARIETY OF AMOUNTS!!**

**We even have cards ON-HAND from VISA and Amazon!**

**If We Care doesn't have the card on-hand that you're looking for, they will order them and you can pick them up the NEXT WEEKEND! The best part is, when you buy from We Care, you're helping the needy. Visit us after mass or stop in at the Parish office.**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

**Friday, December 7**

5 pm in New Underwood ~ 7 pm at St. Therese

**Saturday, December 8**

9 am at St. Therese

## == *Fr. Kerry's Korner* ==

*Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way. Ps. 25*

We begin Advent with this psalm in praise of God. Advent is a season of hoping and waiting for the Christ to be born, and a time of coming to seek the Lord while he may be found in the repentance of our sins. It is both a personal journey and the community's mission.

In our world today, religiously and politically, we are mired in finger pointing; we expose the faults, inconsistencies, and sins of others. We deflect blame, misdirect attention, and project a presumption of evil intent on the motives of others. All of this seeks to alienate and isolate, making trust impossible and hope appear foolish.

The stanza above from Ps. 25 is a word of good news. God is not interested in only those who are humble. God is also interested in sinners. This psalm is a wake-up call. If the Father can be receptive to transgressors, then so must God's people especially those who deem themselves "righteous" and "just." The psalmist calls God "good" and "upright" because our God is ultimately a God of compassion; all are welcomed to learn the ways of holiness.

As we begin these short weeks of Advent let us seek justice, receive mercy, and rejoice in the coming of the Messiah.

*- Fr. Kerry Prendiville*

## SPAGHETTI DINNER & B-I-N-G-O

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

**SATURDAY, December 15 at 6:30 pm**

Free-will offering for dinner

Cards 3 for \$1 per game

Proceeds to KC Charity



## Next Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Monday, December 10th ~ 7 pm**

If you are interested in becoming a Knight,

call Grand Knight Tom Baumgartner at 348-9528 or any KC!

## ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

punny jokes cont.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.  
This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.  
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.  
I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.  
They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.



## YOU ARE INVITED!

**Help wrap Christmas gifts from  
the parish on  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th at 8:30 am.**

The Altar Society will provide donuts and coffee.  
Please join us for some fellowship. We'll have a merry 'ol time!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

**Grades PreK - 5<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am**

Dec. 2 Christmas Pageant - cancelled Reg. Class  
Dec. 9 Class  
Dec. 16 Happy Birthday Jesus Party  
Dec. 23, 30 NO CLASS - Christmas Break

**CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 9 - 11:30 am ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade +  
(Includes Mass)**

Dec. 2 Christmas Pageant - cancelled Reg. Class  
Dec. 9 Class  
Dec. 16 Happy Birthday Jesus Party  
XLT here at St. Therese - 6:30 pm  
Dec. 23, 30 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. 5 Family Potluck - All Welcome! Bring dish to share  
Dec. 12 Life Night  
Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm XLT here at St. Therese  
Dec. 19 Life Night  
Dec. 26 NO LIFE NIGHT - Christmas Break

**St. Therese Church now accepts  
credit/debit cards!! Easy & SECURE!**

**If you can't come into the office,  
you can use it these other ways:**

**Online** - Make a donation on our website:  
[www.sainttheresechurch.org](http://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](http://St.Th Therese Church by 57701).

**SEEKING ITEMS FOR Addiction Recovery Centers:**

Pens/Pencils, Crossword puzzles, word puzzles, word search, Sudoku, and regular puzzles. Place in the box in the Parish Center by the offices.

**CANNED MEAT, PASTA & RICE  
ARONI & DISH SOAP**

ARE NEEDED AT **CHURCH RESPONSE**

Please place your items in box at either entrance! **THANK YOU !!**

**NEWBORN BABY ITEMS 0-12 months new and/or very gently used Outfits, rattles, onesies, receiving blankets, etc. & MATERNITY CLOTHING in all sizes are collected & donated to BIRTHRIGHT. Also, if you are interested in volunteering with Birthright, call Cathy at 347-6190.**

**The new VETERAN'S Outreach Center** is a safe place for veterans and their families to connect with resources they need for housing, employment, healthcare and other basic life necessities. The center is equipped with free laundry, shower facilities, message and mail center, telephone, as well as a computer resource center and community day room. They offer free coffee and snacks, laundry soap and hygiene items. We are collecting: New socks & underwear, razors, shaving cream, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent pods, dryer sheets, female personal products, *(Trial sizes work great!)* towels, wash clothes, coffee, creamers, Equal, Individually wrapped snacks.  
**BRING TO THE BOX IN THE PARISH CENTER! THANK YOU!**

**MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon:**

**DIAPERS especially sz 5 & BABY WIPES**

**WINTER CLOTHING to sz. 6, SOCKS & UNDERWEAR to sz 6,**

***We greatly appreciate all your contributions.***

*Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.*

**Items needed ASAP at the HOPE CENTER:**

**deodorant, razors, travel size lotion and conditioner, laundry soap, Kleenex, disinfecting wipes and cleaning supplies such as Pinesol or toilet bowl cleaner!**

615 Kansas City St., Rapid City or the Parish Center.

**PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS** *hosted by the KC's*



**Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!! Bring a friend (if you want) and come enjoy the evening.**

**~ 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 Karen Thorp at 342-1556, ext. 15 or [kthorp@diorc.org](mailto:kthorp@diorc.org)

**Rapid City Night of Prayer for Life**

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Church

*Hosted by Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee*

- 5:30 p.m. Mass of the Immaculate Conception Feast
- 6:30—9 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration including the Rosary for Life and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 9 p.m. Benediction

*Participants will pray for Mary's intercession to strengthen the "Culture of Life", protect religious freedom, provide life-affirming solutions to societal problems, and for God to REVIVE OUR LAND. Please join us for this special prayer event for all life!*

**ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...**

**punny jokes cont.**

We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Broken pencils are pointless.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?

A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL** Thanks once again for your participation in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not yet turned in your pledge for the appeal, please do so. You can place your pledge form in a Sunday collection basket, turn it in to the parish office or you can mail it in the pre-addressed pledge envelope. Pledge forms are available at the parish office.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES at 6:30 pm**

**Monday, December 10** ~ Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, December 11** ~ St. John's,  
NEW UNDERWOOD

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 ~ ST. THERESE**

**Monday, December 17** ~ Our Lady of the Black Hills

**Wednesday, December 19** ~ St. Isaac Jogues

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



**REFUEL 2019** For all who serve the Church – join us **January 25-26**

at Terra Sancta Retreat Center for **Refuel 2019: Source & Summit: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.** We have a dynamic speaker lined up — **Fr. Scott Traynor**, author of "The Parish as a School of Prayer" and priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. He 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 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening, and end at 4 p.m. 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.Refuel19.com](http://www.Refuel19.com)



## REAL PRESENCE RADIO Annual BANQUET

**Real Presence Radio will host Teresa Tomeo as keynote speaker at their annual fundraising banquet on Tuesday, Dec 4th in Rapid City. We invite you to join us!** *Teresa Tomeo is host of EWTN's "Catholic Connection" as well as a bestselling author and print, radio, and television journalist with more than 30 years experience in media.* For more information about the event, or to become a sponsor, host a table, or register to attend as a guest, please call (877) 795-0122 or email [jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com](mailto:jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com)

### Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

**Jail Cannot Dampen the Spirit of Christmas** The celebration of Our Savior's birth brings with it happiness, reconciliation and peace to our families, friends, parishes, and community. During this special and sacred holiday, we all feel blessed, united, and joyful. But imagine how you would feel at Christmas if you were isolated from family and loved ones. This is the sad reality for over 600 men and women in the Pennington County Jail. Throughout the year, the HFNL Jail Ministry dedicates itself to bringing Hope and New Life to the jail inmates. But for Christmas we redouble our spiritual outreach efforts by presenting a **Christmas Program of caroling and gifts at the jail. Our 12th annual Christmas Program is scheduled for Wed., December 19.** In keeping with one of the great traditions of Christmas we provide **cards and postage stamps** for the inmates to connect with those from whom they are separated. The provision of Christmas cards is deeply appreciated by the incarcerated men and women. If you are able to donate Christmas cards, or are willing to make a monetary donation for the purchase of postage stamps, your generosity will be gratefully appreciated. You might also consider donations of **puzzles (especially those with a Christian theme) and paperback books (themes: action, Westerns, historical).** Donation boxes are available at the HFNL Display Shelves at Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Therese. For this year's Christmas Program we also need volunteers to assist with the **preparation of candy bags** for distribution to the inmates. This will take place beginning at **4:30 pm Sun., December 16th** at the Blessed Sacrament parish hall. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bill Gradoville (430-2697). **From all of us in the HFNL Jail Ministry we wish each of you a blessed and joyful Christmas!**

*If you would like to learn more about our ministry, we invite you to attend our monthly HFNL business meetings every 3rd Monday of the month (6:30 pm) at Catholic Social Services.*

### Cooking for Christ

Catholic Rural Life is selling a cookbook that began in 1949. It contains recipes, stories and traditions. It is newly updated to follow the liturgical year with ideas for feast days. It is \$18 plus shipping. Bulk discounts on orders of 3 or more by telephone. Order now for Christmas. Visit [CatholicRuralLife.org](http://CatholicRuralLife.org) to order online or call 651-962-5955.

### Diocesan Masses for Life Matching Grant

Masses and prayers for all life challenges are critical to keeping the culture of life strong! For the last 12 years, the Diocesan Social Justice Commission has matched monetary donations made for the "Diocesan Masses for Life" project, up to a total of \$250. The "Masses," for the protection of all life, are coordinated by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Pro-Life Committee, but are offered daily at various parishes throughout the diocese. Please send 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 December 31.

**Simbang Gabi** A Filipino Advent Celebration, to be held Friday, December 21, at Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Rd., Rapid City. Mass 6 p.m. with potluck dinner and Christmas caroling to follow. For more information call 605-430-7392.

**ACLM Positions** Calling all members of the Association of Commissioned Lay Ministers (ACLM) - The Association is looking for members to fill some leadership positions for 2019-2020. Consider nominating a fellow ACLM member or yourself for any of these positions: Chair-elect - Secretary - Deanery 1 Representative for: Deanery 1 (RC and SW) - Nominations/Elections Committee Members Please contact Marie Hicks (343-8106) or Ruby Matejick (430-7392) to submit your nominations. Deadline for submitting nominations is December 10, 2018. *Give us eyes to see the path of service you desire for us and ears to hear the cry of the world's needs that you have equipped us to meet. (From Commissioned Lay Ministers' Prayer)*

**Permanent Diaconate – Is God Calling You?** Could God be calling you to serve Him and the Church as a Permanent Deacon? Come and explore the possibility of the Permanent Diaconate by attending a presentation on the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Rapid City. Husbands and wives are encouraged to attend. **Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center** 11:45 AM Mass (Holy Cross Chapel), 12:30 PM Luncheon, 1:30 PM Presentation *As counts for lunch and space is required, please contact Deacon Greg Sass to make your reservation to attend.* **Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont** ~ 6:30 PM Presentation *No reservation required.* **Additional presentations will be scheduled at other locations.** *Watch the West River Catholic and your bulletin for additional dates and locations. For more information, contact Deacon Greg Sass, [gsass@diorc.org](mailto:gsass@diorc.org), (605) 791-7282 or visit <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/permanent-diaconate/diaconate-formation/>.*

**Christmas Taizé Service** Please join us Saturday, December 22 at 4 p.m. for a Christmas Taizé Prayer Service in Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. *Taizé is a meditative form of prayer – combining repetitive songs/chants, scripture readings and silence. The lights are dimmed and an icon/image is placed at the front of the chapel with candles surrounding it. It's a beautiful way to be still before the Lord during the Christmas season.*

**Holy Day Mass** A pre-recorded Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be posted on the diocesan Website: [www.rapidcitydiocese.org](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org) starting December 7. Viewing does not meet the obligation of attending the December 8 holy day Mass. This service is offered for those who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. An explanation of the holy day Masses is on the front cover of November *West River Catholic*.

**Advent Labyrinth Prayer Opportunity** A special Advent labyrinth prayer experience will be available for you **at Terra Sancta from December 18-31 from 9 am - 6 pm daily** (exceptions - closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; and ending at 3 p.m. on December 31). A self-led prayer pamphlet will guide you while walking the labyrinth with prayers for each Sunday in Advent including coming into the Center representing Christmas day. This prayer time will enrich our Advent as we prepare for Jesus' birth. To learn more, join Sandi Ohlen for a **labyrinth workshop on Monday, Dec. 17 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** This workshop will provide more information about the labyrinth's history and prayerful steps for walking the labyrinth. We will also walk together using the Advent prayers. Please register at [TerraSancta.org](http://TerraSancta.org) for this workshop. Light snacks will be available. The cost for the workshop is \$15.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On December 8-9 our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.”<sup>1</sup> This analogy has certainly borne out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies—allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

*+ Robert D. Gruss*

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss  
Bishop of Rapid City

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

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<sup>1</sup> Pope Francis, Homily, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2018, [https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco\\_20180202\\_omelia-vita-consacrata.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180202_omelia-vita-consacrata.html).

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