

Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower

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sainttheresechurch.org

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

1st Sunday of Advent
December 2 & 3, 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.

Sunday, December 3

9 am Mass

after Mass YOUTH ROLLS

10:15 am Altar Society Meeting

10:15 am Religious Education classes

5:30 pm Mass

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, December 4

7:30 am Mass

6 pm OCIA

6:30 pm Catechism In A Year

7 pm Boy Scouts

7 pm Christmas Eve Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 am Mass

Mercy Night 4- 7 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament

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

6:30 pm Shawl Ministry Gathering

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 am Mass

6 pm Chosen & LifeNight

Thursday, December 7

7:30 am Mass

1 pm Matthew BIBLE STUDY

Immaculate Conception Masses:

Thursday, December 7

7 pm

Friday, December 8

7 am & 7 pm

5pm in New Underwood

Friday, December 8

NO 7:30 am Mass – Holy Day

8-9 am Adoration & morning prayer

Saturday, December 9

8 am Mass w/special blessing for youth

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ December 4 - 10

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

MONDAY 7:30 am Terry Vik +
 TUESDAY 7:30 am Mark +
 WEDNESDAY 7:30 am The Ritzert Family
 THURSDAY 7:30 am Don Wieseler
The Immaculate Conception
 THURSDAY 7 pm Don Brunner +
 FRIDAY 7 am Parishioners
 7 pm The French Family
 SATURDAY 8 am Mena Cordell +
2nd Sunday of Advent
 SATURDAY 4:30 pm Carrol Krause +
 SUNDAY 9 am Jim Zeller +
 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 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 Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 35:10:1,5a,6-8
 Sunday Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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 **Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses** on Dec. 7th at 7 pm & Dec. 8th at 7 am & 7 pm & **Christmas Masses** on Dec. 24th at 4 pm & 10 pm if you are available.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – December 9 & 10

SAT. 4:30 pm E.M.: Bob & Kay Olson (S) Renee Coldwell

Lector: Bob Case, Jim Blackwell

Ushers: Sarah Crook, Lucky & Irene Lee, Roxanne Quintus

Altar Server: Patti Zephier

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Ginny DeJager (S) Ivan & Darlene Davignon

Lector: Jerry Kanta, Chris Wehrle

Ushers: Jason Gorman, Chris Gorman, Clint Jolley, Bob Heidgerken

Altar Server: Lizzy Gorman, Catherine Lang

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Julie Heintz (S)

Lector: Anthony Flores, Greg Josten

Ushers: Curtis & Trish Peterson, Bill & Jan Winegar

Altar Server: Laura Snider

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	\$ 3803.00
Plate Collections	\$ 2735.30
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Plant Ministry	\$ 11.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 265.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers/Environment	\$ 220.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 10.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 45.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 2068.00
Building Fund-egiving	\$ 80.00
Families in Need-egiving	\$ 165.00
Priest Retirement Fund-egiving	\$ 190.00
Seminarian Fund-egiving	\$ 55.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 99.08
TOTAL	\$ 9,771.38

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$12,793

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Campaign for Hum. Development	\$ 276.00
Campaign for Hum. Dev.-egiving	\$ 15.00

Dec. 3: General Fund

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



Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule~ a Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7th

7 pm

Friday, December 8th

7 am & 7 pm

5 pm at St. John's in New Underwood

Bulletin Prayer List:

Mark Biggs, Brad, Cindy, Bill Cole, Deb, Dorothy & Linda, Sue Eagleton, Theresa Greska, Linda Haeder, Tom Haney, Haylie, Kelly Heintz, Marietta Hollinger, Dcn. Rob Hrabe, Ivory, Jackie, Jess, Julianne Johnson, Karrie, Roy Kress, Richie Kudlock, Linda, Mary, Mike & mom Patty, Bishop Peter Muhich, 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 VanLoan, Virginia, Debbie Walker, Larry Willis, Liz Willis, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Fr. Bill Zandri

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Parish Family,

*If the Lord does not build the house,
then in vain do the builders labor. Ps. 127.1*

In Advent the parishes of our deanery are going to begin the work to bring four homes for partnering families with Black Hills Habitat for Humanity to our north Rapid community at 726 E Madison St. Four qualifying families will be taught how to afford and maintain a home of their own and receive a low interest loan along with sweat equity, working alongside volunteers. Loan repayment pays forward the possibility of a home for the next families chosen by Habitat. This will help our community by moving in healthier families who know how to be good neighbors. The Garfield project is a result of Habitat involvement in our neighborhood.

In the next 2 years the parishes of our Deanery 1 will raise \$460,000 and generate teams of builders, helpers, organizers, and fundraisers to bring success. In the next few weeks, and through the project, we need to:

- ~ Pray for volunteers, Habitat partner families, and Habitat staff.
- ~ Volunteer for construction on build days determined with leaders from each church.
- ~ Financial support over the next two to three years.
- ~ Recruit in-kind contributions of licensed subcontractors coordinated with the local Habitat office.
- ~ Seek to maintain a relational link and prayer support for Habitat homeowners affected through our partnership.

To date we have two team members identified for our St. Therese committee of the Habitat Catholic Building on Faith project. If you would like to be part of this committee, please call me on my mobile phone. I encourage you to drive to 726 E Madison St., just north of East North Street McDonalds where the four townhomes will be built.

Please mark your calendar for the blessing and dedication of our Habitat Catholic Building on Faith project held at the site on Tuesday, December 12th at 9 am.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Kerry Prendiville

*A BIG, HUGE "THANK YOU" to all those
who changed out the hymnals on Monday!
(☺ Violet Rausch ☺ Thomas Rausch ☺ Maureen Ensor)*

You are awesome! ☺

~ 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



THE WINNERS ARE....

Congratulations to this week's winners of the *Eucharistic Miracles Discovery Question* bi-weekly drawing.

- Martha Cook
- Casey (no last name)
- Sally Munger
- Diane Ange
- Jan Winegar

CORRECT ANSWERS:

What was left on 1610 Rome, Italy altar steps by a fallen Host?

IMPRINT, IMPRESSION, OR STAIN OF BLOOD

What was made in 1449 to hold a sacred Host found in 1300?

A MONSTRANCE

*The next bi-weekly pew cards (green)
and panels are on display now.
Enter for your chance to win!*



**Let's make a Glorious Sound!!
Join the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass Choir!
Rehearsal Mondays at 7 pm!**

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie said, "Yes I bought a chocolate Advent calendar from the youth! But according to that, there's only 2 days til Christmas!"

Join us December 10th for our "Famous" Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast



Serving 8 am until all served after 9 am Mass

"Eat in" or "To go" options available

Cost: Free Will Donation

Proceeds going to help B H Pregnancy Center



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

- Dec. 3, 10 CLASS
- Dec. 17 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS party
- Dec. 24, 31 NO CLASS ~ CHRISTMAS break

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

- Dec. 6 CHOSEN
- Dec. 13 CHOSEN PARENT'S NIGHT
- Dec. 20, 27 NO CHOSEN - CHRISTMAS break

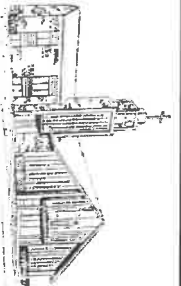
Life Teen (High School) & Edge (Middle School):

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

- Dec. 6, 13 LifeNight
- Dec. 20, 27 NO LIFENIGHT - CHRISTMAS break

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am
 5:30 pm



DECEMBER 2023

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday: 3 - 4 pm
 5:30 PM
 Sunday: 8 - 8:30 am
 4:30 PM

SUNDAY **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

Please note: Mass on Saturday, Dec. 23rd @ 4:30 pm & Sunday, Dec. 24th at 9 am are the 4th Sunday of Advent. (NO 5:30 pm)
 Christmas Obligation Masses are Sunday, Dec. 24th at 4 pm & 10 pm & Mon., Dec. 25th at 9 am.
CHRISTMAS MASSES
 Christmas Eve ~ 4 pm & 10 pm
 Christmas Day ~ 9 am
 11 am in New Underwood



after Mass YOUTH ROLLS 10:15 am RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS 10:15 am Altar Society meeting 7 pm Family Rosary	7:30 am Mass 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Christmas choir practice	7:30 am Mass 4 - 7 pm Mercy Night Blessed Sacrament 6 pm Pinnocle Night 6:30 pm Shawl Ministry	7:30 am Mass 6 pm Chosen 6 PM LIFE NIGHT	7:30 am Mass 1 pm Matthew Bible Study IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS 7 pm	HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	8 am Mass
KC BREAKFAST 8 am 'till all served after Mass 10:15 am RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS 7 pm Family Rosary	7:30 am Mass Mercy Night ~ 6 to 7:30 pm OLBH Piedmont 6:30 pm Catholic Daughters 7 pm KC meeting 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Christmas choir practice	7:30 am Mass 6 pm Pinnocle Night	7:30 am Mass HAPPY BIRTHDAY Father Kerry! 6pm Chosen PARENT NIGHT 6 PM LIFE NIGHT	7:30 am Mass 1 pm Matthew Bible Study ADVENT RECONCILIATION 6pm St. Isaac Jogues	HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	8 am Mass 5:30 PM PARISH DINNER hosted by the KC's
9 am YOUTH MASS 10:15 am "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS" party 7 pm Family Rosary	7:30 am Mass 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Christmas choir practice	7:30 am Mass 6 pm Pinnocle Night	9:30 am Mass @ Good Samaritan NO CHOSEN NO LIFE NIGHT	7:30 am Mass 1 pm Matthew Bible Study ST. THERESE MERCY NIGHT 4:30 to 6:30 PM	HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	8 am Mass
9 am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (NO 5:30 pm) 4 pm & 10 pm Christmas Mass NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 7 pm Family Rosary	9 am Christmas Mass 11 am in New Underwood	7:30 am Mass 6 pm Pinnocle Night	7:30 am Mass NO CHOSEN NO LIFE NIGHT	7:30 am Mass 1 pm Matthew Bible Study	HOLY HOUR 8 TO 9 AM w/ Benediction	NO 8 am Mass ~ Fr. Michael gone until February 3rd Pray for safe travels
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 7 pm Family Rosary	Solemnity of Mary Mass January 1, 2024 at 9 am 11 am in New Underwood	(OFFICES CLOSED)	(OFFICES CLOSED)	(OFFICES CLOSED)	(OFFICES CLOSED)	(OFFICES CLOSED)



ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH ...

Who named them "veterinarians" and not "dogtors"?

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.



PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS

hosted by the KC's~ ALL WELCOME!
Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 pm

Attention all who KNIT, CROCHET, QUILT or SEW ... Next Prayer Shawl Ministry gathering is Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm in Rm. 103 ~ All welcome! Bring your completed and current projects to work on. We will gather on the 1st Tuesday of every month. Questions? Call Flo at 605-390-0366.

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait;
be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life.
Be willing to be surprised. (Mark 13:33-37)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Reverse Advent Calendar

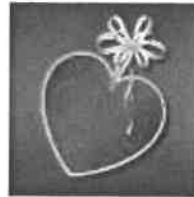
EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. After Christmas, bring the filled box to the church and the St. Vincent DePaul Society will distribute in the following months.

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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.

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.

The youth are selling chocolate Advent calendars

Each day in December, open the door of the day and inside is a piece of chocolate and a Bible verse for the day!

GET YOURS TODAY!

1 for \$8; 2 for \$14; 3 for \$20; 4 for \$25

All proceeds go to St. Therese youth programs! Thank you!



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!

Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Renee Coldwell & Carol Peters
Next month (Jan.): ??????????

WE CAN ALWAYS USE YOU! Call the office if you would like to get involved with this wonderful parish ministry!!

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.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary School

invites you to

Kindergarten Preview Day

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

*Learn About our Curriculum & Program.
Receive Tuition Assistance Information
Tour classrooms & School.
Enjoy Refreshments - Meet our Team!*

Rapid City Catholic School System
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
2101 City Springs Road | Suite 100
Rapid City SD 57702
(605) 716-5213



RSVP to attend,
email: mwerner@rccss.org



Annual NIGHT of PRAYER for LIFE

Thursday, December 7th at

Blessed Sacrament Parish

5:30 pm Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass

6:30 pm Prayer Service

This special time of prayer and song seeks Mary's intercession and God's help for all life issues and challenges. Please join us in Adoration, singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet, praying the Rosary and honoring God in Benediction.

Call Sue at 605-721-7712 with any questions. Sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee

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: dcrapidcity@gmail.com or website: dakotachoralunion.org.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION



MERCY NIGHT: Tuesday, December 5
4 to 7 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament

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



St. Francis of Assisi
Holiday Goodies Sale

Saturday, December 16th

8:00 AM to Noon

Parish Hall

1049 Howard Street

Sturgis

"Let us do your baking!"

Enjoy Hot Cider while you shop.

\$6 per pound--candy & cookies

Proceeds benefit

St. Aloysius Cemetery & St. Martin's Chapel.

Black Hills Area
Habitat for Humanity
presents

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 9:00AM

KICKOFF
EVENT

726 E. MADISON STREET

SPECIAL GUESTS

YOUR PASTORS, FRIENDS, AND YOU

FEATURING

A REAL PRESENCE RADIO LIVE BROADCAST
PRIZES - FREE FOOD - ACTIVITIES

CAN'T JOIN US, BUT STILL WANT TO TAKE PART?



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NETWORK

QUESTIONS? VISIT [FACEBOOK.COM/](https://www.facebook.com/) OR CALL (605) 342-0507

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 Feed South Dakota, and a gift (\$10) for the gift exchange. Questions, contact Jan at 605-830-2625.



As we begin Advent, we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert!" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love

this Christmas. Contact Rita Dupres at 605-381-4988 for more info. on our local SVDP Society.

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH ...

Ole, Lars and Sven had been going to the Sons of Norway hall meeting as long as there had been a hall. And every month, wouldn't ya know it, they didn't win a prize in the monthly drawing. That is until the last meeting. Sven was the first one of the three to get his name drawn. He won two pounds of spaghetti sauce, four boxes of noodles, and three pounds of Swedish meatballs. Ole had his name drawn next. He got himself round trip tickets to Duluth, a nights stay at the Dew Drop Inn and a pair of tickets to see the Inger triplets Polka Ensemble. Ole thought that he had died and gone to heaven. Lars was the last one to have his name drawn, he won a toilet brush. At the next monthly meeting, they sat down together to check out how they had fared for the past month. Sven said "Uff da, I had dat pasghetti for tree days. It was so good, and Helga didn't have to buy food for them dere tree days." Ole said "Lena was so happy when I brought home dem tickets. The trip up to Duluth was nice, we got to ride da Greyhound, and you know, they got a built in outhouse on dat dere bus. And the Inger Triplets, if I didn't know better, I would swear dey were sisters." Then Ole turned to Lars, and asked him how his prize worked out. Lars looks at them both and says "Dat dere toiletbrush is nice, but I tink I'll go back to using paper."

From Emptiness to Encounter

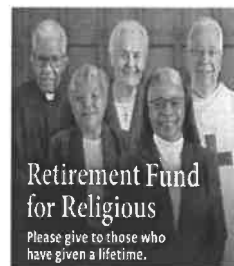
The Life & Wisdom of St John of the Cross

Friday, December 15, join us for an Advent Day of Reflection 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. To be held from 10a.m. – 3 p.m. at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, this day of reflection will provide time for 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!



OFFICE OF BISHOP

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, in our diocese. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of one of the sisters or brothers serving our diocese.

Many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

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Bishop of Rapid City

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Tuesday, December 12th

A celebration for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City.

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