

Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower

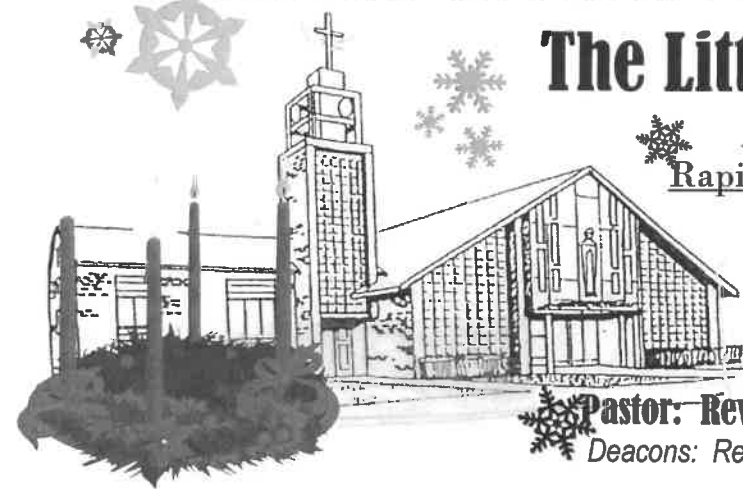
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Pastor: Rev. Kerry Prendiville

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 ~ 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

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 10 - 14

Monday 7:30 am

Tuesday 7:30 am

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

Thursday 7:30 am

Friday 7:30 am

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8 & 9, 2018

Week of December 9th

Sunday, December 9

8 am til all served following 9 am Mass

KC BREAKFAST &

Christmas Bake Sale

Bring your goodies for the sale too!

10:15 am Religious Education &

Confirmation classes

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, December 10

6:30 pm Light Weigh

6:30 pm Reconciliation - Blessed Sacrament

7 pm Boy Scouts

7 pm Christmas Eve 4 pm Mass Choir practice

Tuesday, December 11

6:30 pm RCIA

6:30 pm Reconciliation – St. John's

in New Underwood

7 pm CARD NIGHT

Wednesday, December 12

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

6 pm Life Teen & Edge

Thursday, December 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. KERRY!!

6:30 pm Reconciliation Service

here at St. Therese

Friday, December 14

7:30 am Mass

8 to 9 am Holy Hour of Adoration

followed by Benediction & Morning Prayer

Saturday, December 15

6:30 pm Middle School LOCK-IN

6:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO!

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

DOWN THE ROAD

Sunday, December 16

6:30 pm XLT here for ALL Middle & High

School students

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 10 - 16

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

MONDAY 7:30 am Vincent Ryan +
 TUESDAY 7:30 am Eugene & Ann Keller +
 WEDNESDAY 9:30 am Mass New Underwood Good Samaritan
 THURSDAY 7:30 am Val Weiland +
 FRIDAY 7:30 am Don Wieseler
3rd Sunday of Advent
 SATURDAY 5:30 pm Carrol Krause + & John Krause +
 SUNDAY 9:00 am Dora Herrick +
 SUNDAY 5:30 pm Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Wednesday, December 12 For Life
 By Father Prendiville – Good Samaritan New Underwood – 9:30 am

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10a-c,11-13 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday Zec 2:14-17 (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19 Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13ab Mt 11:11-15
 Friday Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13
 Sunday Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Faithful Citizenship Care for Creation "We turn our attention indoors with Advent prayers and preparations for the birth of Christ. For most of us, the indoors makes up the part of our environment in which we spend the most time. It is also the most unregulated and can be the most polluted part of the total environment – due to new home cleaning products and tighter ventilation. Consider a simpler home environment, where houseplants purify the air, where fresh air is plentiful, and where chemical products are limited and controlled". www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-preaching.pdf

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – December 15 & 16

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: John Mowry, Tim Shull (S) Renee Coldwell, Liz Myscofski, Joe Zacher, Marcia Zacher, Jeff Cook **Lectors:** Bob Case, Julie Shauger **Ushers:** Fred & Paula Welsch, Dick Cuka, Jim Treloar
Gift Bearers: Jim & Roxie Quintus **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscofski, Johanna Auriemma

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Ralph & Rita Dupres (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Kathy Grebner, Paul Schneider, Ray & Mary Wagner **Lectors:** Jean French, Joann Solano **Ushers:** Dean Hade, Clint Jolley, Joe Martin, Bill Schneider
Gift Bearers: Tom & Melanie Parson
Altar Servers: Chloe Thome, Mercedes Solano, Nathan Kanta

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Elaine Kocher (S) Stephanie Gay, Jan Winegar
Lector: Deanna Johnson **Ushers:** David & Chris VanCleave, Bill & Jan Winegar **Gift Bearers:** Don & Dottie Borowski
Altar Servers: Cooper Sand, Harley Tilleit, Peyton White

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

The Holidays can be a rough time for many individuals & families. Please remember to keep those in need in your prayers. "On particularly rough days, I like to remind myself that my track record for getting through bad days so far is 100%, and that's pretty good." See – it works! So keep the prayers coming for those in need. Thanks!

WELCOME

to the Faith Community

New Parishioners.

Welcome BACK: Michael & Sally LaCROIX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER KERRY

December 13th!

We pray your day is great and your year is blessed and full of joy!



Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ DECEMBER

Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Renee Coldwell

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 4276.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1208.00
Children's Collection	\$ 106.27
Electronic Tithing	\$ 942.00
Families in Need-giving	\$ 25.00
TEXT TO GIVE	\$ 45.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 253.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 27.00
Flowers & Environment	\$ 15.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 37.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$ 6974.27

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9418.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 9: Retirement Fund for Religious / General Fund
Dec. 16: General Fund **Dec. 23:** General Fund
Dec. 25: Holy Christmas **Dec. 30:** General Fund
DEC: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

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

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled and every mountain
and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Dear Friends,

This week, Thursday, we will have many priests present for the sacrament of Penance at a special service at 6:30 p.m. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide many who have not encountered the Lord in this sacrament for a long time to be present and open themselves to the rich mercy of the Father in Jesus his son. This encounter is recreative and powerful as moving mountains and filling valleys, and as gentle a voice awakening a sleeping child in the night.

It is meant to call us to new life, greater devotion, and deeper peace. Peace is the result of knowing that we are God's beloved. Devotion is a response to that love which knows no limits. Life is the service of the Gospel, the joy of living for God and neighbor. The prophet Baruch encourages the whole church, *"take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God."*

What we have lived with: weakness toward temptation, habitual sin, lack of zeal, sadness or bitterness, let us put aside and give to the wide shoulders of our Lord, who promised that with Him our burden would be light.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Kerry

Yes! THIS WEEKEND!

Annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
Saturday, December 8 @ 6:30 pm
& Sunday, December 9 at 8 am
(along with the KC Breakfast)

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 ...

Connie was complaining to Father Kerry, "Every time I decide to go on a diet, lettuce is contaminated."

Setting up the trees and the Parish Hall!

December 23rd at 9 am. ALL welcome!

Join us to prepare for the Newborn King!



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 **Mondays at 7 pm, December 10 & 17!** *Let's get many voices, 2nd grade +!*

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!*

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

The Advent Party ~ Monday, December 10 ~ 6:30 pm at St. Therese All Catholic Daughter Members are invited to attend. Please bring a potluck dish to share, a small gift to exchange, and \$5.00 for a charity. *Meat will be furnished. Dinner at 6:30pm, party and a short meeting to follow. Please come and share the great fellowship of your CDA sisters as we look forward to the coming of dear baby Jesus on Christmas. In Unity and Charity, we love you all. Contact information: 431-0851.*

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

"Geez, the clothes in my size just don't fit anymore!"
Connie muttered under her breath.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th

4 pm & 10 pm

Tuesday, December 25th

9 am

11 am In New Underwood



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.

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

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

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

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

- 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. 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

~ 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

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 !!

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! Thank you so much from all of us at Birthright!

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.

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? (Luke 3:1-6)
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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.

YOUTH CARAMEL & CINNAMON ROLLS...MMMM!

NOW SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 after Mass.

Fresh-baked & fabulous!... Enjoy yours with a cup of coffee or juice –OR– take them with you!

FREE-WILL OFFERING! All proceeds go to the Steubenville Youth Retreat! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. THERESE YOUTH



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 9TH AT ST. THERESE @ 6 PM (includes meal)**. Call Karen or Connie in the office at 342-1556 to order your materials **BY DECEMBER 19th**. Cost is \$37 for Participant pack w/premium copy of both books or \$10 for just the books.

St. Therese 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.**



ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

Connie said to Karen, "I'm so nervous about doing this cleanse. I'm worried that after I flush all the toxins out of my body there won't be anything left."

Returning Catholics

Six-week program for those who have been away from the church and are thinking about returning. Begins January 7 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, at 7 pm. No charge. Call Margaret Jackson at 605-939-0579 or email info@returningcatholics.net or visit ReturningCatholics.net.

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

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.

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.

TEC: Together Encounter Christ

**A Powerful Retreat Weekend for Young Adults Age 17-24
February 16-18, 2019 at Terra Sancta**

TEC is a spiritual experience for young adults who desire a deeper encounter with Christ. It's also a fun weekend to connect with others who feel the same way. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JAN. 15. If you are interested in more info., please call right away! We are here to answer your questions and help you determine if the TEC experience would be right for you! Call Taylor Linn at 605-430-7849 or Chris Bossen at 605-430-4572. Applications Are Available NOW at St. Therese or off the diocese website:
<http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/teca-tec/>

Human Trafficking In this season of gift-giving, help improve a life by giving a donation to help a survivor of Human Trafficking. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. VISIT: sistersagainstrafficking.org

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, (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.*

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 [Terra Sancta.org](http://TerraSancta.org) for this workshop. Light snacks will be available. The cost for the workshop is \$15.

Spiritual Hospice Ministry: to request prayers for the dying, call (605) 209-0667 or visit SpiritualHospice.com

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bilingual Mass, Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. The children's procession will start at 5:20 p.m. To be held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd, Rapid City

The principal celebrant is Bishop Robert D. Gruss. Reception to follow after Mass. Desserts are welcome in the kitchen before Mass. For questions call the church office at 342-3336. A recording of the Mass will be posted to the diocesan website on Thursday, December 13.



The Saint Thomas More Mission Jamaica Team will be selling cookies after Mass on December 15th & 16th to help fund their mission trip to the orphanages and homes for the disabled in Jamaica.

All of the proceeds of this sale will go to fund group expenses and project costs. Please stop by our table to buy some delicious homemade cookies for your family!

Second Annual Christmas Mixer

Have a past or present connection (current student, parent of a student, graduate or friend) with a Catholic College or University? If so, consider yourself invited to a Christmas mixer on Tuesday, December 18 from 5:15–8 pm in the Mothership Coffee & Commons, 601 Kansas City Street in Rapid City. *Last year we had attendees from Mt. Marty (SD), St. Thomas (MN), Notre Dame (IN), Loretto Heights (CO), Creighton (NE), St. John (MN) and St. John (NY). We look forward to seeing you. For further details, contact Bill Walsh at (605) 341-0744 or Carman Timmerman at (605) 391-4053.*

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 21st at 9 am til done with those present.** Please call 348-5885 to sign up or ask questions.

Telehealth Counseling Available Did you know that 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. If you have ever used Skype, you can use our secure platform called Zoom. If you have never used this type of technology before, our friendly staff will walk you through it step by step. Please call us at 348-6086 for more info. or to schedule an appointment.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS members needed to deal Black Jack for Monte Carlo nights. Call Marv @209-1086. LET'S HAVE FUN!!!



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 2019 ~ It's going to be AMAZING!!

When? July 25-28, 2019

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