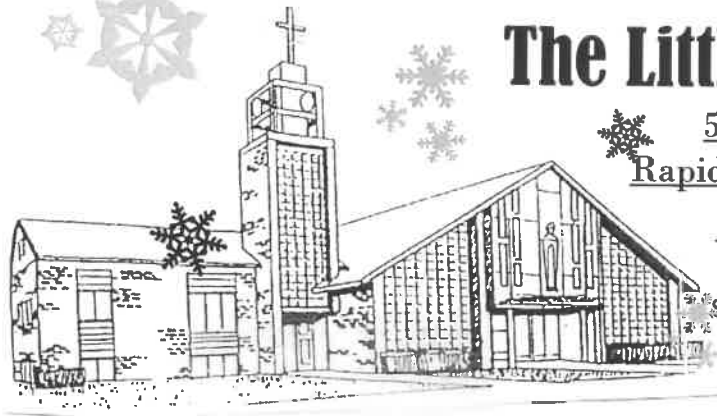


Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower



532 Adams Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

(605) 342-1556

sttherese@diorc.org
sainttheresechurch.org

Pastor: Rev. Kerry Prendiville

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Charles Rausch

Our parish, dedicated as St. John the Evangelist on November 27, 1941, is presently known as Saint Therese the Little Flower. We have and will continue to proclaim and celebrate the gospel message by building community and serving in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate our gifts: a strong loyal parish community and our Catholic bond of faith dedicated to service and love of the Church.

Our Stewardship Mission is to love God first and commit ourselves to be the heart, hands and feet of Christ in our community.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday:

8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 3:00 pm

(We're PROBABLY there earlier/later or through lunch hour, so call daily for additional hours!)

YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

CHAIRPERSON ~ Patty Brunner	393-2577
VICE CHAIRPERSON ~ Ralph Dupres	381-6027
Council Secretary ~ Fred Solano	381-7783
Buildings & Grounds ~ Chad Carroll	341-4532
Faith Formation ~ Holly Bossen	209-3268
Council Member ~ Irene Lee	431-0358

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 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3 to 4 pm; 5:30 pm

Sunday 6:30 pm

Or by appointment!

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday 7:30 am

Tuesday 7:30 am

**Wednesday 9:30 am Mass in
New Underwood**

Thursday 7:30 am

Friday 7:30 am

Followed by Adoration/Morning Prayer
MASK REQUIRED Mass ~ Noon

YOUR PARISH STAFF

PASTOR ~ Father Kerry Prendiville, 342-1556 ext. 11 DEACONS – Rev. Mr. Charles Rausch, ext. 15

OFFICE STAFF: ~ Connie Heeren, ext. 10 ~ Karen Thorp, ext. 14

YOUTH FORMATION COORDINATOR – Bobby Myers, ext. 12

JANITORIAL & MAINTENANCE CUSTODIAN ~ Chuck Rausch, ext. 15 FACILITY JANITOR ~ Elaine Duncan

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Homebound Ministry: Jerry Kanta, Kathy Grebner, Rick Edelen, Ron Miller, Sandi Jolley, Rita & Ralph Dupres
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, DJ DeJager

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13 & 14, 2021**

Week of February 14th

Sunday, February 14

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

9 am Mass (also streamed on Facebook Pg.)

No Religious Education -President's Day

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day – Office Closed

7:30 am Mass

6:30 pm RCIA

7 pm Boy Scouts meeting

Wednesday, February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY~ Lent begins!

7 am & 7 pm Mass ~

5 pm in New Underwood

9:30 am Mass in New Underwood

A PRAYER TO BEGIN LENT

*Lord, teach me a new freedom.
Freedom to reject comparison and to embrace uniqueness. Freedom to cut ties with greed and feast on love.
Freedom to abstain from over-indulgence and feast on self-control.
Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts and to focus on the needs of others.
Freedom to fend off insecurity and to embrace grace. Lord, at this time of Lent, THANK YOU for the freedom you bring. Amen.*

Thursday, February 18

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, February 19

7:30 am Mass

7:30 to 8:30 am Holy Hour of

ADORATION followed by Benediction & Morning Prayers

12 Noon MASK REQUIRED MASS

6:30 pm STATIONS of the CROSS

Saturday, February 20

Boy Scouts Court of Honor

Welcome to St. Therese!

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ February 8 - 14

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Eileen Cadarr
TUESDAY	7:30 am	The Ange Family
Ash Wednesday		
WEDNESDAY	7 am	All those involved with BH Pregnancy Center
	7 pm	Betty Halverson +
THURSDAY	7:30 am	
FRIDAY	7:30 am	
	Noon	Rick Borkovec +
1st Sunday of Lent		
SATURDAY	4:30 pm	Barbara Lien +
SUNDAY	9 am	Dick & Eileen DeSchamp +
	5:30 pm	Parishioners

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

YOU CAN EVEN DO THIS IN YOUR HOMES!!



Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Gn 4:1-15,25 Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Ps 29:1a,3-4,9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday JI 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
 Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b,18-19 Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday ?Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for ANYONE
with a desire to serve at Mass**

(3rd grade – Adult & received their First Communion)

Sunday, February 28th at 10:30 am!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – February 20 & 21

SAT. 4:30 pm E.M.: Bob & Kay Olson (S) **Lector:** Jim Blackwell
Ushers: Dan Shank, Todd Tellinghusen **Altar Server:** Mercedes Solano

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Jerry Kanta (S) Deacon Rausch
Lector: Judee Popken **Ushers:** Tom & Melanie Parson, Gayle Martin
Altar Server: Drake Heizelman, Dixon Heizelman

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Julie Heintz (S), Amanda Williamson
Lector: Anthony Flores **Ushers:** Bill & Jan Winegar, Jim Treloar, Bob Ormesher
Altar Servers: Camden Walker

Remember, if you cannot serve, please find a substitute. PLEASE CALL Gayle Martin at 718-4631 if you have any questions regarding the schedule.

Remember...You are LOVED today & always!
God is LOVE...you were created in His image...YOU are love! Show your LOVE!

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 2565.00
Plate Collections	\$ 303.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 130.00
Building Improvements	\$ 5.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 5.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 2170.00
TEXT TO GIVE	\$ 75.00
Priest Retirement Fund-egiving	\$ 16.00
Catholic Schools – egiving	\$ 3.00
Seminarian Fund-egiving	\$ 14.00
Families in Need-egiving	\$ 225.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$ 5536.00

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9,222

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Campaign for Hum. Dev. – egiving	\$ 3.00
Retired Religious – egiving	\$ 10.00

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb. 14: Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund
Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday ~ Catholic Social Services
Feb. 21: Black & Indian Missions / General Fund **Feb. 28:** General Fund
FEB.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

Lent Begins Wednesday, February 17th



ASH WEDNESDAY Masses

7 am & 7 pm

5 pm in New Underwood

YOU'RE INVITED! Fridays during Lent!

NO SOUP SUPPER

This year

Due to Covid-19



**STATIONS
of the Cross
6:30 PM**

No soup supper this year. Stay safe & be kind.

Please add BROCK WILLIAMSON, SPECIAL INTENTION: mental health & EILEEN CADARR to your prayers.

Bulletin Prayer List:

Mark Biggs, Eileen Cadarr, Alice Cole, Sue Eagleton, Patty Fritzie, Ruth Geiger, Donna Gorman, Gordy Grenz, Dorothy Griffiee, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Ellen Horan, Isa Izaguirre, Jerry Kanta, Zita Kwartek, Don & Norene Lantz, Rayne LeBeau, Dwyla Martin, Lori Mehlberg, Pat Osburn, Albert Oyler, Nancy Palmer, Helen Quasney, Joel Rivera, Rachel Rose, Veoma Renelt, Special Intention: Mental health, Brock Williamson, Margie Winegar

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Instructor: "Welcome to salsa class!
Who's ready to learn how to dance?"

Connie hiding tortilla chip bag:
"There's been a misunderstanding."

Easy way to help those in need!

**YOU ARE HELPING THOSE IN NEED BY
PURCHASING WE CARE GIFT CARDS!**

**Simply purchase your gift cards for
Wal-mart/Sam's Club, Safeway & Family Fare
BEFORE you go shopping there!**

Stop by the office during the week.

***Each one you purchase brings back money for
those in need at Church Response AND for use
right here at St. Therese***

BREAKING WORD BIBLE STUDY!

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month!

Starts at 6:30 pm in the Confirmation Room
-B4. Gain a better understanding of
upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. For more
info. contact Melanie Karp at 430-0459 (message or text).



Announcing...

The St. Therese Youth Store!

All proceeds go to St. Therese Youth!

See the items in the case and well...

buy it! 😊 Simply fill out a slip that you would
like to purchase the item, drop it in the box, and Bobby will
call you on Monday! In case two or more people would like
to purchase the same item, the highest bid will take it home!
New items will be added OFTEN, so check back!!!!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Feb. 14 NO CLASS - President's Day
Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 8, 14, 21 CLASS

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

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday
Feb. 24 Team ONLY
Mar. 3, 10*, 17, 24 CLASS *Mar. 10 BYOB

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

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

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday
Feb. 24 Team ONLY
Mar. 3, 10*, 17, 24 CLASS *Mar. 10 BYOB

Congratulations MAX EDELEN who has earned the high honor of EAGLE SCOUT!



Max will receive his award at the Boy
Scouts Honor Court on the 20th!

Way to go Max! Your parish family is proud of you!

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Parish family,

Happy Lent everyone! Wash your face and comb your hair
and let no one know you are fasting. I am pretty sure Jesus said
that! In this time of prayer and fasting, and almsgiving we shake
up our normal, and ask to be led by the Spirit into a desert, a
dedicated time and place, to meet the Lord more intimately, and
denounce the influence of the evil one. We will be able to say
with joy after these days, "man does not live on bread alone, but
on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

For Lent I encourage us all to get back into the Scripture
daily. You will have available for your family the Word Among
Us, a daily scripture guide that follows the church calendar. My
brother Kelly, and many others have subscribed to the most
downloaded podcast in the United States, The Bible in a Year
with Fr. Mike Schmitz. I pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the
whole Church in a handy app called iBreviary. Dust off your
Bible!

I further suggest that you try to attend the Mass daily, or
several days a week. You may find that fewer congregants help
your experience in prayer and deepens your desire for daily
prayer. I would encourage families who have grown accustomed
to viewing the Mass at home prayerfully consider whether this
practice is commensurate with your approach to other events:
sports, family gatherings, school events, recreation. Are you
being called to make a return to Mass?

We will have Stations of the Cross Wednesday at St. Johns
at 6:30 pm and at St. Therese Friday at 6:30 pm. You are invited
to "walk" these for the reparation of your sins and the sins of the
whole world. I would also encourage you to take a drive to Terra
Sancta and walk the outdoor stations with your friends.

There are many opportunities for Almsgiving: helping the
poor, Families in Need, Catholic Social Services, St. Vincent
DePaul society, the National collection for Catholic Relief
Services, the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Rapid City, your
local parish. Lent is a time to evaluate how you relate to the
world with your time, talent and treasure: family, possessions,
goals. "for where your treasure is, there your heart is also."
Luke 12.35

Finally, I ask that we all participate in Lent as we are able. Let
us train our eyes and ears to remain with Jesus and Mary. Let us
renew our efforts to include in our emails, letters, or phone visits
the homebound or isolated. May the peace of God dwell in you
and shine through you.

Peace, *Fr. Kerry Prendiville*

ANOTHER LITTLE FUNNY ...

Connie said to Karen, "Some people age like fine wine. Me? I aged like milk, I got sour and chunky." ☺

Make the story public! Tell the world what Jesus has done for you. Consider a life of preaching, teaching, and service as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. (Mark 1:29-39)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

Watch the St. Therese 9 am

Sunday Mass on the Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleFlowerRapidCity/>



Have you ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus?

Now's the perfect time!

Just go to www.kofc.org/joinus and enter the online code MCGIVNEY2020 and your dues will be free through the end of 2021! This offer is good until June 30th, so don't miss your chance for the experience of a lifetime.

~ 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

Time is running out to order!

Order Form for New & Renewed Magnificats

MAGNIFICAT is an abbreviated version of the *Liturgy of the Hours*; it includes the Order of Mass and the readings for the Masses for the month. There are also daily meditations and short excerpts on saints. It is a very good resource for prayer and devotion.

If you wish to subscribe, please complete the order form below and return it with a check for \$27.75 made payable to St. Therese in an envelope marked: **Magnificat by noon on February 22, 2021!**

The minimum subscriptions needed for the \$27.75 rate is 100. Yes, ALL the parishes here in Rapid City join together to make this resource available for us. Know that the NEW subscription will begin with the May 2021 issue and end with the April 2022 issue. **NOTE: Magnificats are picked up & signed for, just outside the Parish Offices; they will not be mailed to your home.**

MAGNIFICAT ORDER FORM

Name: _____ (Please print clearly)

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Number of subscriptions: _____ Amount of check: _____

SO...drop your orders by the parish office, mail them to us, or even drop it in the weekend collection. But... ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY NOON ON February 22nd!

Consecration to Mary for Women in our Diocese

All the women in the Diocese of Rapid City are invited to participate in the Consecration to Jesus through Mary. If you haven't heard of the consecration, this is a great time to learn about it. If you have already consecrated yourself to Mary, please join us in renewing our consecrations and invite your friends. **The Consecration to Mary is a 33-day process. We recommend using the book, 33 Days to Morning Glory. Start reading the book on February 20.** If you would like, you can also watch the weekly videos by the author, Fr. Michael Gaitley, for free on Formed.org. Then, on March 25, the Annunciation, we will be meeting after the 5:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral to profess the consecration prayer together. Please come to kneel, united with the beautiful women in our diocese, to offer our lives to Jesus through Mary, all for the greater glory of God and salvation of souls—especially in our diocese! If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Fries at 605-787-3586.

A Concert for our Community

Black Hills Works, in partnership with Terra Sancta and pianist Mila Belakova, would like to say thank you to our wonderful community with a "Concert for our Community," to be held virtually and in person on Tuesday, February 23, at 6 pm in Terra Sancta's Holy Cross Chapel. Terra Sancta will host the concert in Holy Cross Chapel. Seating is limited to 100, with social distancing and other COVID protocols in place. The concert will also be featured on Facebook Live at Terra Sancta's Facebook page, and a recording will be available following the concert at <http://terrasancta.org/BHWorks>.

A special thanks to Mila Belakova for sharing her talent and beautiful music with our community, to Terra Sancta for hosting the concert, and to the South Dakota Arts Council for making this possible. South Dakota Arts Council support is provided with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Wearing out Poverty

A gathering for our Soles4Souls shoe donation campaign at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Holy Cross Chapel on Tuesday, March 30 at 6pm. Join us for an evening of beautiful music with Mila Belakova, concert pianist, and information about how poverty impacts our communities and what Pope Francis is calling us to do as faithful Catholics. RSVP to attend in-person at <http://terrasancta.org/s4sconcert>. Also being streamed live on our Facebook page. A special thanks to Mila Belakova for sharing her talent and beautiful music with our community and to the South Dakota Arts Council for making this possible. South Dakota Arts Council support is provided with funds from the State of South Dakota, through the Department of Tourism, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Volunteers needed at the Remote Learning

Extension Centers The next training session is coming soon! Join the fun! Be a Host! Volunteer!

Learning buddies, student check-in, cleaning, and to serve prepared meals from the YMCA. Whether you can give a couple of hours a week or a full day, you are needed. Rimrock Church Downtown is our newest site and is now accepting student registrations for this coming semester. www.loveinonline.com/learn Call Denise Sullivan-718-5683, denise@love-inc.us or www.loveinonline.com/learn

WANTED: St. Martin Monastery Health Care Unit seeking full-time NIGHT AIDE, part-time WEEKEND NIGHT aide & part-time WEEKEND DAY aide. Will Train!!!

If interested, Call Susan at 519-3649.

WANTED: Part-time COOK for St. Martin Monastery. 12-20 hrs. per week. Please call Sister Lorraine at 343-8011.

Job Opening Receptionist/Secretary The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help has an opening for a receptionist/secretary. Requirements are to greet all visitors and phone calls with an atmosphere of hospitality and charity and to assist the Administrative Secretary, Liturgy/Music Director and Parish Administrator with tasks as assigned. Position is full time. Experience is desirable. Organizational and motivational skills a must. Competitive salary and benefits package available. Contact Beth Strain at the Rectory office, 605-342-0507 or beth@cathedralolph.org for an application and full job description.

AND ONE MORE FUNNY ...

You know when they throw the ball into the crowd after winning the game? That's not allowed in bowling.
I know that now.

Blessed Sacrament Job Opening – Full Time Youth Evangelist

This position provides vision and coordinates the parish's efforts in ministry to young people from 6th to 12th grade as a member of the Evangelization Office. Responsibilities include middle school (Edge) and high school (Lifeteen) sessions and sacramental preparation (Confirmation). Qualifications: Practicing Catholic with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a love for the Catholic Faith, and a passion for sharing the Faith with others, particularly young people. Bachelor's degree required, preferably in theology, catechetics, or a related field. Prior experience in parish pastoral ministry or education is helpful. Benefits available. This position will close March 5. To apply, send cover letter and resume to bridget@blessedsacramentchurch.org. For more information, call Bridget at 605-342-3336.

Diocese of Rapid City Vacancy Announcement

Full time Receptionist for the Diocese of Rapid City. Open until filled. *Full responsibility for all aspects of the receptionist function in a positive and hospitable manner. The receptionist also handles employee benefits, processes incoming and outgoing mail, maintains general office supply inventory and provides departmental support as needed.* Practicing Catholic, excellent communication and public relations skills with the ability to project a calm demeanor both in person and on the telephone, administrative, secretarial and computer skills, detail oriented, high degree of confidentiality and dependability, ability to multi-task. A job description and a diocesan application form can be found on the website by clicking on the employment icon at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/>. Interested individuals should submit via e-mail or regular mail, a letter of application along with their resume listing three professional references and a completed application form to: msimonson@diorc.org or: Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 225 Main St. Suite 100, Rapid City SD 57701 The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

Local TV Mass KNBN (NBC)

SATURDAYS ~ 4:30 pm & SUNDAYS ~ 7 am

Or on their website newscenter1.tv

CONQUER SERIES

The next Conquer Series will be beginning in the Rapid City area Tuesday, February 16. The conquer series is a 10-week program designed to help men break the habit of pornography. *As the season of Lent begins February 17, this is an opportunity for the men suffering in our Parish with this habit to give it up for Lent.* For more information, contact Todd at 605.484.5795.



Men's Retreat The Annual Men's Retreat will be Friday through Sunday, February 19-21 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

The retreat will be directed by Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ, one of the Jesuit priests in Mission on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Fr. Boddicker received his Master of Divinity in Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in 2017 and was ordained shortly thereafter. His unswerving fidelity to the Magisterium and deep love for souls make him a tremendous asset to the Society of Jesus, and to the Diocese of Rapid City. Fr. Boddicker also has an active following on Facebook and YouTube, where he posts weekly Mass, as well as theology discussions while ironing church linens!

Due to Covid restrictions, the following options are available to participate in the retreat: **ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE!**

Commuter Rate, No lodging, Meals only—\$115 To attend the retreat in the prayerful atmosphere of Terra Sancta, while commuting from home
Lodging Available on a limited basis for an additional \$75 per night – let us know if you plan to share your lodging room with another retreatant.

Register online at www.terrasancta.org/FLMmen or for information on the retreat contact Amy Julian or Linda Drake at 605-343-3541 or ajulian@diorc.org or ldrake@diorc.org

Rachel's Vineyard Clinical Training

Save the Date: Family Life Ministries is collaborating with Catholic Social Services to host a virtual professional training series "Rachel's Vineyard: Healing the Trauma Wounds of Abortion." The Zoom training will be presented by Dr. Theresa Burke, the founder of Rachel's Vineyard. Dr. Burke has lectured and trained professionals internationally on the subject of post-abortion trauma and healing. **The training will be offered by Zoom, with the first Session February 22, 2021,** and additional sessions offered every 4 months for the next 2 years. *Open to anyone, the training will have components geared for medical and mental health professionals, clergy and lay people, including Rachel's Vineyard Team members. CEU certification is in the process of being secured.* For more information, contact Amy Julian at ajulian@diorc.org, or 605-343-3541.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Thrive is a ministry of Love INC equipping youth and transforming lives in the name of Christ. We are sending this email asking for your help! We are in need of retail volunteers and bike shop mechanics. Our retail volunteers help run the cash register, inventory donations, and welcome customers. The bike shop mechanics help tune up bikes or disassemble them for parts. The best part, no experience with retail or as a bike mechanic is necessary! If you are interested in helping us make a difference in the lives of youth, retail volunteering, or working on bikes, contact Kyle at 715-944-8131 or kyle@thrivebh.org.



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Building our Mission to the Missions

February 2021

OFFICE OF BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection, which is scheduled on **February 20-21** in our diocese. The Black and Indian Mission Collection, established as the first National Collection in 1874, has proven itself to be a successful vehicle for sharing the resources of the Church's members to provide for the needs of our African American, Native American, and Alaska Native brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is called to evangelize. This Collection clearly authenticates Pope Francis' call to us to work as a family to help all of our brothers and sisters and to share the love, faith and hope of Jesus Christ. As we embark on another year of evangelization in the African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

The needs of mission communities on our Native American reservations have never been so great as they are during this unprecedented pandemic. The same is true for African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities throughout the U.S. History tells us that lasting change to a community can come through faith, hope and charity. Please continue to support this mission of faith and hope by your most generous charity.

Your support provides for the presence of ministers in missions, parishes, schools, religious education programs and the many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Your sacrifice impacts pastoral work across the country and addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations.

Locally, the funds received each year from the national collection help support our Sioux Spiritual Center, Native Ministry Office, Catholic schools on the reservations and religious education and pastoral activities in many of the reservation parishes in western South Dakota. Without the support of this national collection, we would be unable to provide many of these services to those most in need.

In 2021, we ask everyone to make a sacrificial gift to the 2021 National Black and Indian Mission Collection and continue to support the evangelization efforts for African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities in the United States. Help us invite all peoples to open the door of faith and begin the journey of a lifetime!

Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

Learn more about the Black and
Indian Missions at
www.blackandindianmission.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter M. Muhich".

Most Rev. Peter M. Muhich
Bishop of Rapid City

Please let the Advertisers know you saw their Ad in the Bulletin

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