

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
Elected – Ralph Dupres	381-6027

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

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

Your Parish Council meets on the LAST Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. You are WELCOME to attend or contact any member. If you have new business, contact a council member prior to meeting.

WEEKEND Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 - 8:30 am

Or by appointment!

Daily Mass Schedule:

February 18 - 22

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16 & 17, 2019

Week of February 17th

Sunday, February 17

NO Religious Education or Confirmation
classes – Presidents' Day

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, February 18

Presidents' Day – office closed

7:30 am Mass

7 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 19

6:30 pm RCIA

6:30 pm CARD NIGHT

Wednesday, February 20

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

1:30 pm Mary's Circle

6 pm Life Teen – Edge!

6 pm Hearts of Fire class

Thursday, February 21

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, February 22

7:30 am Mass

8 to 9 am Holy Hour of Adoration

followed by Benediction & Morning Prayer

Saturday & Sunday, February 23 & 24

5 pm Sat. thru 9 am Sun. MIDDLE & HIGH

SCHOOL LOCK-IN! Bring your friends!

Saturday & Sunday, February 23 & 24

after Masses BAKE SALE for Steubenville

"Sometimes when I am in such a state of spiritual dryness that not a single good thought occurs to me, I say very slowly the 'Our Father,' or the 'Hail Mary' and these prayers suffice to take me out of myself."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

DOWN THE ROAD

Wednesday, February 27

6 – 7:30 pm Girl Talk GATHERING

for all girls, 14-18 (includes meal)

Welcome to St. Therese!

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

YOUR PARISH STAFF

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

OFFICE STAFF: ~ Connie Heeren, ext. 10 OPEN, ext. 15

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

JANITORIAL & MAINTENANCE CUSTODIAN ~ Marty Tobacco FACILITY JANITOR ~ Elaine Duncan

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Homebound Ministry: Ron Miller, 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 ~ February 18 - 24

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Don Wieseler
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Robert Rausch +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass New Underwood Good Samaritan
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Mike Smith
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Betty Halverson +
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Ed & Mabel DeRouchev +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Ted & Jerod Schulz +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Monday, February 18 Elvina Crawford-Follum +
By Fr. Bill Zandri - Somerset

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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,2,3-4,9c-10	Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Gn 8:6-13,20-22	Ps 116:12-15,18-19	Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13	Ps 102:16-18,19-23,29	Mk 8:27-33
Friday	1 Pt 5:1-4	Ps 23:1-3a,4-6	Mt 16:13-19
Saturday	Heb 11:1-7	Ps 145:2-5,10-11	Mk 9:2-13
Sunday	1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23	Ps 103:1-13	1Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Faithful Citizenship Freedom is one's ability to act for a good. The highest freedom is not the ability to do anything whatever, but instead the ability to act for the highest good. Thus, man's highest freedom is the ability to fulfill his nature, to know truth in its highest form, and to be united with it, to an unlimited degree. This highest truth and eternal good is God. Man's highest freedom, then, is the ability to order his life to seek truth, to embrace it, and to become united with it. **This is also called religious freedom. Every human person has the right to worship the true God.**

The Church as the community of believers has the right to religious freedom to carry out the mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel. The Church affirms the religious liberty of all persons. While not every person knows the true God, he has the right to seek the true God according to his own conscience.

www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/human-dignity/upload/Religious-Liberty-Lesson-Plan.pdf

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - February 23 & 24

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Doug Meiron, John Mowry (S) Bob & Kay Olson, Ron Schuch, Joe Zacher, Marcia Zacher **Lectors:** Julie Shauger, Louella Vifquain **Ushers:** Dan Shank, Jim Treloar, Dick Cuka, ONE NEEDED **Gift Bearers:** Fred & Paula Welsch **Altar Servers:** Allison Schuch, Ben Schuch

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Ralph & Rita Dupres (S) Diane Dahl, Bob Heidgerken, Bill Schneider, Paul Schneider, Darlys Zeller **Lectors:** Brenda Wills, Jean French **Ushers:** Dik Dahlquist, Clint Jolley, Joe Martin, Randy Rapp **Gift Bearers:** Marcy, Luther, & Spencer Morrison

Altar Servers: Matthew Theis, Rebecca Theis, Peyton White

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Jan Winegar **Lector:** David VanCleave **Ushers:** Bob Ormsher, Greg Rausch, Will Winch, ONE NEEDED **Gift Bearers:** Jerry & Elaine Kocher **Altar Servers:** Riley Gay, ONE NEEDED

A NEW schedule for Mar-May is coming soon!
Remember to find a substitute if you will be gone
PLEASE call GAYLE MARTIN at 718-4631.

WELCOME

to the Faith Community

New Parishioners

Michael EGDORF
Jessica KLING, and Brynlee

Rest In Peace

John Hatch

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

The theme of all of today's readings, "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season-assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 3645.00
Plate Collection	\$ 2749.01
Children's Collection	\$ 76.79
Building Improvements	\$ 178.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 1377.00
Families in Need-giving	\$ 29.00
Catholic School Fund - giving	\$ 3.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 51.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 473.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 67.01
TOTAL	\$ 8645.81

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9418.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 1223.17
National Appeal	\$ 50.00
Campaign for Human Development -giving	\$ 3.00
Church in Latin America -giving	\$ 20.00

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb. 17: General Fund **Feb. 24:** General Fund
FEB: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

Please add NANCY PALMER to your prayers.

Bulletin Prayer List:

Mandy Aarkfeld, David Ange, Rick & Kathy Borkovec, Dewayne Borszich, Joyce Braun, Britney Weber Brouillette, Gloria Cain, Mike Cole, Irene Cox, Bonnie Elwood, Ruth Geiger, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, John Hatch, Kurt Heeren, Kelly Heintz, Judy Herrick, Bill Hershley, Norene Lantz, Dolores Lawson, Erin Maddox, Kevin Maher, Mary Maher, Dwyla Martin, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Jack Myers, Leah Nixon, Terry Nold, Nancy Palmer, Susie Powers, Helen Quasney, Jim Quinn, John Radziwon, Ted Rapp, Russ Rearick, Elizabeth Richards, Joel Rivera, Bennie Saldanha, Blakelynn Sharkey, Janice Simons, Bruce Wiesner, Karla Winland, Carolyn Wise, Angie Zacher

Thank you for the continued prayers for Jimmy Feller



"Thank you to everyone who prayed for Jimmy Feller! He's going home!"

- Joan Feller

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ FEBRUARY

Chairperson: Jan Winegar Co-chair: Bobbi Bloom

PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS *hosted by the KC's*

Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie exclaimed, "Whenever I eat a brownie, I just pretend it is half of an even bigger brownie! Look at me...only eating half a brownie! Health & wellness queen!"

Did YOU get your cards yet??!!! The 'We Care' gift cards spend just like cash at many stores & benefit the church at no extra cost to you! If you're going to spend the money anyway, why not help a good cause while you're at it? ON HAND from WALMART / SAMS CLUB, FAMILY FARE & SAFEWAY! We still have on hand: \$10 cards from Burger King & Target. \$25 cards from Amazon, AMC Theaters, Bath & Body Works, Kohls, Dominos Pizza, Holiday, Michaels, & Red Lobster! Get them before they're gone! (We are no longer doing Scrip program, BUT WILL continue the We Care cards!) Come see us after mass or in the office.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30 pm



Bring a Bible, if you have one, and gain a better understanding of upcoming Sunday Mass Readings. For more information contact the Church Office at 342-1556 or Melanie Karp at 430-0459 and leave a message or text.

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

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

Actual call center conversations!

Customer: "I've been calling 700-1000 for 2 days and can't get through; can you help?" Operator: "Where did you get that number, sir?" Customer: "It's on the door of your business." Operator: "Sir, those are the hours that we are open."

Saint Luke tells us today where true blessing lies – and where the fleeting rewards of the world. Blessed are we who respond to God's call; happy shall we be. (Luke 6:17,20-26)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

MARY'S CIRCLE MEETING

Wednesday, February 20 @ 1:30 pm

at St. Therese "Weather Permitting"

"Come one, come all!"

Call Darlys at 348-4269 with questions or more info.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT BID ON THE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!

TOGETHER, WE MADE \$325

go towards sending our young people to the amazing

Steubenville St. Paul Retreat in July 2019!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Feb. 17 NO CLASS – Presidents' Day

Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 CLASS

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 9 – 11:30 am ~ 7th Grade +

Feb. 17 NO CLASS – Presidents' Day

Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17 CLASS

Mar. 24 CONFIRMATION RETREAT @ Storm Mountain

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

WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:45 pm (Grades 6-12)

6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm

Feb. 20 Life Night

Feb. 27 Team ONLY

Mar. 6 ASH WEDNESDAY – NO Group

Mar. 13 Family POTLUCK – All Welcome!

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 8:17 am on Monday, February 25!**

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 2019 issue and end with the April 2020 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 8:17 am Monday, Feb. 25.

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

Dear Parish Family,

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream. Jeremiah 17.7

My brother was looking at garden seed catalogues during the worst of the North Dakota cold spell, twenty below with monster wind chill. I have to say it was a coping mechanism; he was looking forward to better days. St. Paul speaking of the necessity of believing in the resurrection, said "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." 1 Cor. 15.20

Paul tells us that hoping in the Lord is real and the way Christians interpret the struggles of this life. Paul was formed this way. He grew up praying the Psalm for today, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." When we pray we should examine our heart and first ask if we have the gift of hope. Praying to the Holy Spirit ensures that our prayer time will be fruitful and we will ground ourselves in God's love.

The Holy Spirit roots us in a good place, a real and intimate relationship with the Holy Trinity, a source of constant nourishment and ever-present help, strength in adversity, and confidence in persecution.

Brothers and sisters, let us stretch out our roots to the Living Waters.

Peace, Fr. Kerry

If you haven't tried e-giving yet, you should!!! It's easy & SECURE!

If you're still not sure, but want to try it, just stop into the office or call the Chancery at 343-3541.

Online - Make a donation on our website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

Text to Donate - 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.

~ 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

Attention Bakers! We need your fabulous baking talents & baked goods for the Steubenville

BAKE SALE

after Masses! FEBRUARY 23 & 24

Stop by to get your goodies!! Any donations of baked goods may be brought before any mass. Thank you!

All proceeds will go to the Steubenville St. Paul Conference in July 2019!



Let's get together and talk about life stuff
Calling all females between 14-18

One Wednesday per month from 6 to 7:30 pm, gather to pray and share our fears, goals, and dream. We will be making a dream board on FEBRUARY 27th for our first meeting. Bring a few magazines and your goals!!!

Questions? Please call Rita at 381-4988.

(Invite your friends too!)

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

Actual call center conversations (continued)!

From Samsung Electronics Caller: "Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?" Operator: "I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about." Caller: "On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?" Operator: "I think it means the telephone plug on the wall."

Rapid City Right to Life Fundraiser ~ February 26th

Pizza Ranch, 1556 Luna Ave, Rapid City, (North side near I-90) from 4:30-8 p.m. Tip cups will be on the tables and 5% of the sales will go to RCRTL. For information contact Diane Ange at 721-3065 or Martha Cook at 718-1999.

CONGRATULATIONS CARRIE WILSON

Carrie Wilson, a St. Thomas More 6th grade Math & Science teacher will receive the 2019 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) for dedication and commitment to excellence in Catholic education.



Rachel's Corner "Trust in him, you people, at all times. Pour out your hearts to Him, God is a refuge for us." - Psalm 62:8
Has it been such a painful journey since your abortion that you felt you couldn't possibly pour out your heart to God? Far from condemnation or judgement, He can be your comfort and refuge. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat, and let Him offer you His merciful peace. Let Him be your refuge. **The next retreat in the Rapid City area is April 26-28, 2019.** For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Or contact Carol Kling for local retreat information at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com

Diocesan Podcasts Panel discussions led by Bishop Robert Gruss on the Diocesan Core Values set in "Through Him, With Him, and In Him" will be featured in the new year. Go to www.rapidcitydiocese.org and click on the podcast icon, or use the podcast app on your phone. **Mercy**, Feb. 27; **Charity**, Mar. 13; **Family**, Mar. 27

Pastoral Ministry Days: April 7-9, 2019 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City. Theme "One Spirit — Priests and Laity Working Together to Form the Mystical Body of Christ" Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. **Keynote Speaker — Rev. Charles Lachowitz**, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. The conference officially begins on Monday morning, April 8, and ends the afternoon of the April 9, but we'll have a Holy Hour and hospitality on Sunday evening, April 7, for anyone who can join us, along with an opportunity for early check-in. The cost is \$80, but if you register before March 15, you can get an early bird rate of \$65. **Online registration and information can be found here: www.PMD2019.com** We encourage everyone to register online, if possible, for purposes of accuracy of information, but if you are unable, you can also register by calling the Terra Sancta Retreat Center at **605-716-0925**, and they can register you over the phone. For more info., Dionne Eastmo (deastmo@diorc.org) or Susan Safford (ssafford@diorc.org) 716-5214.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR CATHOLIC SENIOR GIRL

The Ed Hubbeling Family of Rapid City is offering a \$1000.00 college scholarship. This scholarship is given in memory of their parents, Janet and Ed Hubbeling. It is awarded to a graduating senior girl who is a practicing Catholic and will be a freshman in any 4 year college in the fall of 2019. Because of Janet's active involvement and love for the Catholic Daughters, she requested Ct. St. Rita. #916 of the Rapid City area, to be the administrators of this scholarship. For an application, email duduchan3@gmail.com, giving your name and home address. You may also contact: CDA Scholarship Committee, 4731 Patricia Street, Rapid City, SD 57703. **COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2019.**

Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?

CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD A group that provides a social and spiritual group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 & up a network of activities that offer companionship for singles.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 1 - Dinner - 5:30 pm - Chili's

Thursday, April 4 - Dinner - 5pm - Fiesta Tequila

If you need additional information or would like to be put on our email list please contact Brenda at 718-0954 or Larry at 355-9087.

Light Weigh One King Attain peace with food — Light Weigh One King is a Bible study and 12-week DVD program designed to help people connect to Jesus' loving transforming power in their lives. An orientation session will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21. For information contact Susan at jswagfam@gmail.com or phone 605-431-4890. Information is also available at www.lightweigh.com.

Telehealth Counseling Available 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. Please call us at 348-6086 for more info. or to schedule an appointment.



You are part of Catholic Social Services, and together we are the hands of Christ working in our Diocese. When you give during this Lenten season, you touch people right here in our region and change lives. About one-half of our

clients can pay only a token fee for the counseling services needed by their family. With our new Telehealth Services we can serve families throughout the Diocese. Please remember CSS on **Ash Wednesday**. Together, we can make a difference.

Job Opening at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, Full Time Maintenance Assistant:

Responsible for maintenance and cleaning of facility and property. Ideal applicant should have a motivated, servant heart. Some mechanical, technical, maintenance or janitorial experience preferred. Customer service experience a plus. Full benefits. This position will be open until filled. An application form can be picked up at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office. For more information call James Schaefer, 605-342-3336.

RC Catholic Schools hiring TECH SUPPORT (Level 1)

The RCCSS is seeking a full time tech support employee to assist with day to day troubleshooting and basic maintenance of faculty, staff and student computers. Contact Molly Rausch: mrausch@rccss.org, 348-1477

St. Thomas More and St. Elizabeth Seton are looking for motivated, educated substitute teachers at all grade levels. Teaching certificate not required. Call Molly 348-1477.

2019 Joy-Filled Marriage Classes *Joy-Filled Marriage* is a marriage preparation program that offers a comprehensive approach to marriage preparation. It covers not only the sacramentality and theology of marriage, but the practical life skills necessary to live out the rich Catholic vision of marriage. The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City, is scheduling all of the 2019 dates in advance. The staff is sharing the dates in case anyone has a conflict with the dates at their own parish. **2019 Joy Filled Marriage Classes – Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** March 29-30; May 31-June 1; September 6-7; December 13-14 *These classes are a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Rapid City. Please contact Dori O'Connor zottie13@yahoo.com or 391-3204, to register.*

Retrouvaille

Is your marriage tearing you apart? A life line for troubled marriages is at your service. Opportunity for help Friday-Sunday, March 1-3. Call 605-988-3755 for more information or to register. Sponsored by the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

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



Living the Mission

A LEGACY OF FAITH, A LEGACY OF GIVING

Living the Mission, A Legacy of Faith, A Legacy of Giving

St. Therese the Little Flower, Rapid City

Stat Corner

Goal:	\$725,000
Total Pledged:	\$486,705
Percent of Goal:	67%
# of Pledges:	86
Average Gift:	\$5,659
Parish Participation Rate:	12%

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Therese the Little Flower has raised 67% of our *Living the Mission* goal from just 12% of our parish community. If you have not yet made your decision, please consider joining those who have already given to this historic fundraising effort. If our entire parish participates through a sacrificial gift, we will significantly surpass our *Living the Mission* goal!

Any funds we raise over our campaign goal will be returned to our parish at a 60% rate! This is an opportunity to significant funds for local projects.

Living the Mission: Campaign Impact

All gifts to Living the Mission go towards supporting the important ministry of our Diocese and building a foundation for the future growth of the Catholic faith in Western South Dakota. Priorities for the campaign were chosen after a year of study and input from around the Diocese including our Catholic schools, our priests, our brothers and sisters on the reservations, and Diocesan leaders. Below are a few highlights of the impact of gifts to Living the Mission.

New Pastoral Center

Our new Pastoral Center in downtown Rapid City is the heart of the ministry of our Diocese. The Bishop and his staff use this space to carry out their day-to-day work in furthering the mission of Christ. Programs like Faith Formation, Stewardship, and Youth & Adult ministry all call the Pastoral Center home. Each initiative not only serves parishioners in Rapid City, but also people from around the Diocese who grow their faith through their involvement in these programs.

Diocese Programs and Participants

Ministry/Office	Programs	Participants per Year	% Outside of Rapid City
Faith Formation	7 +	609 +	50% +
Stewardship	8 +	1,185 +	64% +
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	6 +	665 +	65% +
Family Life Ministries	17 +	966 +	31% +
West River Catholic	Annual Household Subscriptions	11,000	40% +

Improving Teacher Pay and Increasing Student Financial Aid







The Rapid City School System Endowment supports the efforts of the Rapid City Catholic School System (RCCSS) to increase teacher pay and funnel more aid to students in need. In the past year, RCCSS awarded 115 students over \$183,000 in tuition assistance. However, this aid only covered 50% of the financial need. A stronger endowment is needed to increase aid in the following years.

RCCSS has also made efforts to increase teacher salary and benefits to teachers including recently adding

a matching retirement plan program for teachers. But, salaries still lag significantly behind South Dakota public school teachers by an average of \$10,000. An increased endowment would provide the needed funds to close this gap. **Thank you for your support of this campaign!**

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

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<p>DeSmet and Biggs, LLP Certified Public Accountants Accounting, Auditing, Tax Service, Computer Bookkeeping 2934 W. Main Rapid City, SD 57702 605/348-8870 Fax: 605/341-4703</p>	<p>CH Colonial House Restaurant & Bar Breakfast Lunch Dinner 1414 Rushmore Rd. • Rapid City, SD 57701 • 605-342-4640 www.ColonialHouseRnB.com</p>	<p>BEHRENS WILSON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY SINCE 1879 YOUR FULL SERVICE CATHOLIC OWNED FUNERAL HOME</p>
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