

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Feb. 19 - 25

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Ed Karels +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Bernie Feterl +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass New Underwood Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Janssen Family
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Joe Engelhardt +
2nd Sunday of Lent		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Arla Tschosik Klein +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Carl Ensor +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM
PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Lv 19:1-2,11-18	Ps 19:8-10,15	Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11	Ps 34:4-7,16-19	Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10	Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19	Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	1 Pt 5:1-4	Ps 23:1-6	Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28	Ps 130:1-8	Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19	Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8	Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 22:1-2,13,15-18	Ps 116:10,15-19	Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

Faithful Citizenship Core Values of the Diocese of Rapid City Our core value of Prayer includes a call to daily prayer to renew a personal encounter with Christ...Our core value of Stewardship is described as living a life of generous hospitality, lively faith and dedicated discipleship...Solidarity is the third value in our plan, and the behaviors described for Solidarity include reaching out to others, particularly those who are marginalized. Our values of Mercy and Charity include the mercy, reconciliation and healing that the USCCB plan points to in "Rekindle the fire." In our value of Family we include the call for families to educate and form youth in the faith.

www.rapidcitydiocese.org/diocesan-priority-plan-december-2016/

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Feb. 24 & 25

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Bob & Kay Olson (S) Jim Blackwell, Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Ron Schuch, Mary Ann Wheeler **Lectors:** LouElla Vifquain, Scott Sime **Ushers:** Mike & Betty Quasney, Jim Treloar, Todd Tellinghusen **Gift Bearers:** Kathy Houston & Mady Family **Altar Servers:** Allison Schuch, Benjamin Schuch

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Diane Dahl, Ralph Dupres (S), Diane Ange, Holly Bossen, Rita Dupres, Del & Joann Solano **Lectors:** Nadine Zeller **Ushers:** Bob Heidergerken, Clint Jolley, Joe Martin, Al Thome **Gift Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken Family **Altar Servers:** Hayden Czerwonka, Destinee Heizelman, Drake Heizelman

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S), Nancy Palmer, Dcn. Chuck Rausch **Lectors:** Dave VanCleave **Ushers:** Greg Rausch, Will Winch **Gift Bearers:** Don & Dottie Borowski **Altar Servers:** Brock Williamson, John Auriemma

Please remember to find a substitute if needed.
If you have changes for future schedules,
call the office at 342-1556.

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

The weekly bulletin is there...plus MORE!

WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

New Parishioners:

Paul & Joyce LINN
Wes & Kathleen MURPHY

Hey!!!! Be sure to "like" the St. Therese Church page on Facebook!!!! 😊

YOU'RE INVITED! Fridays during Lent!

SOUP SUPPER

6:00 PM

Speaker featured
at the supper



STATIONS

7:00 PM



February 25th – THE ALTAR SOCIETY will host the supper AND thank you to CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS for hosting on the 16th!

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ FEBRUARY
Chairperson: Jan Winegar Co-chair: Bobbi Bloom

Please add MARIETTA HOLLINGER & CALLI & BABY to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Margo Aerts, Marlene Albertson, Mike Allibone, Tim Ange, Bill Backhaus, James Birch, Shirley Black, Kathy Borkovec, Dewayne Borszich, Barbara Boyd, Britney Weber Brouillette, Rose Brunson, Calli & baby, Dominic Calvetti, Patricia Cane, Janice Carlbon, Nick Cederberg, Chad, James Coats, Mike Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Clarence & Cody, Katherine Craig, Tom Crawford, Bob Doran, Brian Duffy, Ron Eucher, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Bev Fuller, Ella Fuller, Laurie Gustaf, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Sue Hayden, Heather, Kelly Heintz, Marietta Hollinger, Jaime Hopfauf, Rosemary Huggins, Angie Jangula, Ruthie Jochaim, Jeff Jonas, Fr. Arnie Kari, Kelli, Chris Keuhler, Virginia Kessler, Arlene Kingsley, Rita Kutil, Corky Leach, Gary Lewis, Lorraine, Kevin Maher, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Jack Myers, Aggie Mousel, Millie Oreshoski, Pat Osburn, Donald Pазie, Travis Peterson, Helen Quasney, Ted & Judy Rapp, Peyton Raterman, Jason Raye, Russ Rearick, Gala Rose, Bennie Saldanha, Carla Sandifer, Janelle Scherr, Allen Schwahn, Lillian Schwahn, Shirley, Pam Smith, Sonny & Linda, Wilma Theis, Riley Thomas, Rob Tidball, Tim, Terry Usera, Eileen Walters, Marjorie Walton, Janet Werner

Thank you for the continued prayers for Jean Wallman +

Triduum Choir practice starts Feb 19th at 7pm

TRIDUUM CHOIR

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

Your choice of services, your schedule,
your gift to God during this Holy time.

Practice: MONDAYS starting Feb 19th, 7 – 8 pm

You do NOT have to be available for all services to participate. Can only sing at one or two of these services? THAT'S FINE! Come join us for this very Holy Week. Questions? Contact Sue Enghin at 343-8455 after 6 pm



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But we are reminded that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism ... that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

GENERAL FUND: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 4454.00
Plate Collection	\$ 944.93
Children's Collection	\$ 56.72
Electronic Tithing	\$ 1188.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 45.01
TOTAL	\$ 6688.66

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 400.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 40.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 125.00
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$ 307.00
Families in Need	\$ 50.00

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

Feb. 18: General Fund Feb. 25: Black & Indian Missions / General Fund
 FEB.: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

SOUP, CRACKERS, TUNA, JELLO & TOILET PAPER

ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE

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

MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon:

CLOTHING up to size 6, **SOCKS & UNDERWEAR** up to size 6

BABY WIPES and DIAPERS: SIZE 5

We greatly appreciate all your contributions.

Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

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

SEEKING ITEMS FOR THE DETOX CENTER & THE MISSION:

Pens/Pencils, Crossword puzzles, word puzzles, word search, Sudoku, and regular puzzles.

St. Therese is having a COMMUNITY COLD-WEATHER ITEM DRIVE through February 2018!

Please bring your NEW **SOCKS**, and underwear, & new or gently used coats, gloves, coats, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. to the Parish Center. These items will then be distributed at the Hope Center this month.



MARY'S CIRCLE LUNCH =====

Golden Fortune on Wed., February 21st

at 11:30 am -- weather permitting. ☺

Please RSVP to Darlys at 348-4269 by Feb 20th.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie just got back from doing her taxes and says excitedly to Theresa, "My accountant says I don't have to pay an exercise tax! ... Just an excess tax."

Light Weigh One King Orientation at St. Therese is February 19 at 6 pm.

We invite you to transform your life. Enjoy spiritual benefits as well as weight loss by joining Light Weigh, a 12 week Bible Study, and inspirational DVD program. *Testimonial: I think the Light Weigh program is a remarkable way to grow spiritually while cutting back on food intake through sacrifice and prayer. I have lost 28 lbs. to date and feel much better, both physically and spiritually. Contact Connie at 342-1556.*

Boy Scouts Troop 7 meets Mondays at 7 pm @ St. Therese

-New Members Welcome! Boys ages 11 - 17
 Call Rick Edelen at 415-5764 for more information.

PARISH PINNOCLE 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Feb. 18 NO Class – President's Day

Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 Class

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 4 to 6:30 pm ~ 7th Grade (Includes Mass)

Feb. 18 NO Class – President's Day

Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11 Class

March 17 Confirmation Retreat ~ 9 am - 6:30 pm

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

WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:30 pm (Grades 6-12)

6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm

Feb. 21 LIFE NIGHT!: Life Teen/Edge

Feb. 28 Team Only

Mar. 7, 14 LIFE NIGHT!: Life Teen/Edge

A GOOD BOOK – St. Therese has a

library in Room 103! If you would like to check one out, please sign it out on the sheet and return it when finished. If you have a book you would like to give to the library, please have the office staff put it in Father Kerry's office first. **Seeking a Librarian!** Call the office PLEASE!



ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie said, "I'm really struggling with comfort eating. It's making me ill. So far I've eaten 3 cushions, a reclining chair, and for dinner I'm having a memory-foam mattress."

Now available at St. Therese: Electronic tithing! It's easy & SECURE!! Try it today!

Donation link on website at www.sainttheresechurch.org

MOBILE GIVING APP ~ GIVE+CHURCH:

Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the Give Plus church App. a. Enter St. Therese the Little Flower in the Church Name Line or Tap the Find Churches Near Me and then Select St. Therese Church, Rapid City, SD. b. When St. Therese Church appears, click the Donate Now button. c. You will be asked to create an account, later you will have the option of logging in with a PIN or Touch/ID. d. Once you have created a profile you can donate and it will ask you to select the frequency of your donation.

If you need help setting this up, please call 605-343-3541 and ask for Linda Stepanek, or dial her direct at 605-791-7285.

Join us for... Abba's Heart

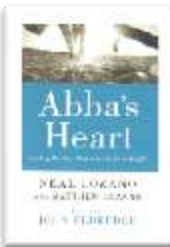
"Finding our Way Back to the Father's Delight"

A 6-week Lenten Study

with Father Kerry Prendiville

Starting Wednesday, February 21st

7 – 8 pm St. Therese Parish Hall



Looking for a way to help the needy without giving up a lot of time or effort? The 'We Care' & Scrip gift cards spend like cash at many stores & benefits 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? Available

in variety of amounts from WalMart/Sam's Club, Fresh Start, Safeway, & Family Fare! \$10 Gift Cards for: Arbys, Burger King, Dairy Queen, Starbucks (\$5 too!), Subway, Taco Bell, Target, Walmart & Wendys. \$25 Gift Cards for: Amazon, AMC Theatres, Bath & Body Works, Chilis/On The Border, Domino's Pizza, Great Clips, Kohl's, Menards, Pizza Ranch, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, & Pet Smart. \$50 Gift Cards for: Exxon, & VISA. \$100 Gift Cards for: VISA, plus we can order a variety of amounts from a bunch of other local places! **Come see us after mass or in the office.**

~ 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 ffkaren@rushmore.com.

This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News.

(Mark 1:12-15)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

Heard in the office, "If you weigh 200 pounds on earth, you'll be only 76 pounds on Mars. You're not overweight, you're just on the wrong planet!"

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Be sure to get your order in by Feb. 26th!

MAGNIFICAT

The *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 \$26.75 made payable to St. Therese in an envelope marked: **Magnificat**. Get your envelope to us by dropping in the collection basket, bringing it directly to the Office, or mail the order to us here at St. Therese.

The new subscription will begin with the May 2018 issue and end with the April 2019 issue. *Magnificats can then be picked up just outside the office here at St. Therese when you come for Mass or anytime during the week.*

And, "YES" we will check the collection from the weekend Mass for your envelope marked: **Magnificat!** ☺

MAGNIFICAT ORDER FORM

Name: _____ (Please print clearly)

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Number of subscriptions: _____ Amount of check: _____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT BY NOON on Monday, February 26, 2018.

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS

– follow-up to the book "33 Days to Morning Glory", will meet for 10 weeks Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 pm beginning March 1st. Ready to set your heart on fire? Call Jeff or Martha Cook at 718-1999. ALL are welcome!

World Youth Day 2019

Due to the timing of next year's World Youth Day in Panama, the Diocese of Rapid City will not be attending. All young adults who would like to attend WYD '19 are encouraged to register with the Diocese of Bismarck. For more info on this pilgrimage set for January 21-28, 2019, please visit www.bismarckdiocese.com/wyd

Bless you! Catholic Social Services thanks you for your generosity during this year's Ash Wednesday Appeal. Your gift is an overwhelming statement that Christ's compassion is present in our Diocese. Please continue to pray for the poor among us, and for those suffering from addiction, family conflict and anxiety. Pray also for those who provide services to help strengthen families. Together, we are making a difference!

Register NOW for the 2018 Life INC Spring Quarter Classes!

Life INC classes are for everyone. Great opportunity to learn and grow. Most classes run for 9 weeks at four locations on 2 separate nights. Join us for a wonderful, delicious evening meal serving at 5:30 pm. Class starts at 6:15. Childcare is provided. Learn more & register at www.loveinonline.com or call Love INC at 718-5683.

Apply NOW! New quarter will be starting soon.

Pick up a flyer on bulletin boards at each entrance for class descriptions, list of locations and start dates.

- ~ Art Class ~ Bridges to Freedom ~ Christianity Explained
- ~ Common Sense Parenting ~ Computer 101 ~ Cooking For Real
- ~ Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University ~ Financial Freedom
- ~ Forgiveness Class ~ Housekeeping 101 ~ Insight Group
- ~ Nutrition on a Budget ~ The Real Heaven
- ~ Victim Awareness ~ When Children Grieve

What is your gift? Do you know that we each have a special God-given talent? These are called Charisms. Each of us has one or more. You may be wondering what your special gift is... your Charism. The annual Fourth Day *Cursillo* Retreat features the Initial Discernment of these gifts. It begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, at Terra Sancta, and again at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, with a light breakfast. Please contact Terra Sancta directly if you need overnight lodging. All are invited! Bring your friends! RSVP to Audrey Lang at 431.0872.

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:

Thursday, March 15 - Dine Out - Panera Bread - 5:15pm
 Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday Brunch - Civic Center - 11:30am
 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.

Women's Way of the Cross

Each Wednesday during Lent, we will gather to pray the Way of the Cross at 3:15 pm beginning Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. In addition to using the Way of the Cross for Women written by the late Sr. Marie Schwan, CSJ, we will also use other guides that also feature a woman's perspective. All are welcome.

Right to Life Fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Blessed Sacrament Parish hall, Rapid City. The family meal of beef stroganoff over noodles, salad and a roll with homemade desserts will be served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. *During 2018, 10 % of all funds received will go to the Youth Pro-Life Fund. Please contact Dianne at 721-3065 if you can volunteer to help or provide a dessert. Thank you for your support.*

Invitation to attend a *Cursillo* 3-day Weekend

The *Cursillo* movement of the Diocese of Rapid City has scheduled two, *Cursillo* 3-day weekends. A **Women's Weekend** will be held at Cedar Canyon Retreat Center, starting the evening of Thursday, Apr. 26 and ending in the afternoon of Sunday, Apr. 29. The **Men's *Cursillo* Weekend** will be at Storm Mountain starting the evening of May 3 and ending the afternoon of May 6. The application fee is \$25 and pays for the weekend. At the end of the weekends a free-will offering is taken. Applications can be obtained from <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/rapidcity> or your parish office. For questions contact Richard Rangel, 605-391-4187/ richard.rangel@rushmore.com, or David Elkjer, 605-209-6782/ delkjer@vastbb.net. *Cursillo* is a world-wide personal enrichment program on Christian piety, study and action.

Come Away and Rest in God...if only for an hour or so this

Lenten season. **Taizè Prayer Service**, just an hour long, will be held at 7 p.m. in Holy Cross Chapel on Wednesday, Feb. 21. *Taizè uses repetitive songs, scripture readings and silence to draw closer to the Lord.* **Centering Prayer** happens each Wednesday, 5:15pm-6:15 p.m. — *please use the South Patio entrance and join the group in Hebron.* **The Breath of God Prayer group** meets each Thursday at 6:30-8:30 p.m. — *please use the South Patio entrance and join the group in Hebron.* **Join us for any or all of these prayer gatherings!**

St. Patrick's Dinner Sunday, March 18 ~ 11 am - 1 pm at St. Patrick Church, Wall. Adults —\$10, children ages 10 and under — \$5. Menu: Spiral ham, cheesy potatoes, salad bar, bread and pie.

---- Happenings at St. Martin's ---

Prayerful Painting ~ Saturday, March 3rd
9:15 am to 2:30 pm We will prayerfully ponder and illustrate the meaning of the Cross.

St. Martin Monastery, 1851 City Spring Road, Rapid City. \$20 includes lunch. For more information & to pre-register please call Sr. Therese Marie, OSB at 605-343-8011.

Chrim Mass Diocesan Choir All diocesan musicians are encouraged to share their stewardship of talent by participating in the Diocesan Choir at this year's Chrim Mass, Monday, Mar. 19 held at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. Interested musicians should contact Amber Larsen at 342-0507 or amber@cathedralolph.org for more details. *Rehearsals will be held in the choir loft of the Cathedral on Monday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.; Sunday, Mar. 4 at 1 p.m.; and Sunday, March 18 at 6:45 p.m. Local musicians are asked to come to at least two rehearsals if possible. Those musicians traveling from further distances are requested to come to the final rehearsal on Sunday evening, March 18. Thank you and we hope you will join us!*

St. Thomas More High School is Packing Hope

The Rapid City Catholic School System is currently in the midst of its 11th annual Packing Hope fundraising campaign to answer Christ's call to help the poor and vulnerable by bringing hope to our brothers and sisters who are starving or malnourished. Feed Just One is the name of a non-profit organization located in LeMars, Iowa that distributes highly nutritious food to hungry children in the United States, Honduras, and around the world. With the money we raise through our fundraising campaign, we purchase meal ingredients in bulk from Feed Just One and then work as Jesus' hands and feet as we carefully funnel the ingredients into individual packages that we weigh, seal, and ship to children in need on behalf of the Rapid City community. Our students and parishes donate close to \$20,000 annually for this cause, and to date we have packed well over 1,000,000 meals. Please prayerfully consider donating to this cause. Donations, in care of STM Packing Hope, are being received in the STM Office, 300 Fairmont, RC, SD 57701. Also, we'd like to invite to stop by the SES campus at Terra Sancta on March 7th to witness the packing event. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

Diocese of Rapid City Job Openings at St. Thomas More/St. Elizabeth Seton

Elementary Classroom Teacher – Full time – Grade level to be determined

Elementary Paraprofessional – Full time – Grade levels to be determined

MS/HS Special Education Teacher - 6th – 12th – Full time

HS English Teacher – Full time – Senior British Lit and AP Lit/Comp

MS Technology – Full time – 6th -8th Computer and Keyboarding

Finance Director – Full time, Year round

Contact Molly Rausch – mrausch@rccss.org – 605-348-1477

Coordinator of PreK-12 Faith Formation Position Available

We are hiring for a Coordinator of PreK-12 Faith Formation. Job requirements include coordination, planning, implementing, and evaluating parish-based faith formation of children and youth. The position offers 35-40 hours per week; Sunday hours during Faith Formation and some evenings are required. A competitive salary and benefit package is available. Full job description at [OLBH PreK-12](#). To apply submit a resume and cover letter to olbh@olbh.org. For more information contact the office at 605-787-5168.

Job Opening — Administrative Assistant Director of Pastoral Ministries and Office of Faith Formation

Applications are being accepted for the full time (40 hours per week) position of Administrative Assistant for the Director of Pastoral Ministries & the Office of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Rapid City. The qualified candidate will provide support for the Director of Pastoral Ministries and the Office of Faith Formation. Qualifications include: Practicing Catholic; High School Diploma, some post-secondary education preferred; Highly organized with a heart for ministry and a love for the mission of the church; Generous hospitality; Excellent communication skills; Knowledge of the Catholic Faith and experience in formation ministries; Excellent event organization skills; Above average administrative and computer skills, especially in Microsoft Office, with a high degree of confidentiality; self-directed with an ability to multi-task in a dynamic and collaborative work environment. Available for some evening and weekend work. Application: Form: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/chancellor/employment/>. 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 mail to Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 606 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City SD 57701. The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

Silent Retreat Feb. 26-March 1: Experience an intimate encounter with Jesus Christ, surrounded by silence, directed by Fr. Mark McCormick. Holy Mass will be offered as well as time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, the Rosary and time to quiet your soul and listen for the voice of God in the silence. Offered by the Offices of Faith Formation and Family Life. For more information call Amy at Family Life Ministries at 605-716-5214 ext 236 or email ajulian@diorc.org.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

For info. or to register for the following ministries, call Amy at FLM, 716-5214 x236 or ajulian@diorc.org

Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged February 16-18

NFP, Good for your Body, Great for your Soul

Natural Family Planning Seminar

February 24—Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City

April 21—Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont

In the silence of the heart God speaks...

Perhaps you're wondering how to continue nurturing your relationship with our loving Savior who desires you so deeply. St. Mother Theresa said, "In the silence of the heart God speaks". Centering Prayer is often called the prayer of the heart and moves us deeper into union with God. **An introductory workshop on Centering Prayer is being offered on Friday, Feb. 23 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Terra Sancta Retreat Center.** Come and learn how to bring this prayer of silence into your own life. This workshop is for those with no experience and for those who are already practicing Centering Prayer & will provide an in-depth background and understanding of the simplicity of this prayer drawn from our ancient Christian contemplative heritage. Come learn how to "soak up" the love of God. Cost is \$35, which includes lunch and snacks. All are welcome. Sandi Ohlen, the facilitator, is a commissioned Centering Prayer leader and teacher. Register online <http://terrasancta.org/Centering2018> or call Sandi at 431-6956.

Lenten Retreat ~ Come Holy Spirit, a Lenten mission sponsored by the Office of Stewardship will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center the evening of Friday, Mar. 2, thru 9 pm on Saturday, Mar. 3. Members of the Community of the Beatitudes who will be with us from Denver, CO are leading the retreat. The Community of the Beatitudes charism combines a desire for **Unity** (come experience Byzantine Vespers, a Jewish Shabbat and a zeal for the Word of God), a strong belief in the grace and working of the Holy Spirit (come listen and learn how to be more attentive to the Holy Spirit in daily life), Carmelite spirituality (come experience Eucharistic adoration and silence to better hear the Lord) and beauty. For a detailed schedule or to register, please go to terrasancta.org or call the Office of Stewardship at 716-5214. Cost is \$50 (lodging available separately if desired). Please register by Monday, Feb. 26, so we can have a meal count.

A letter from the Bishop....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has challenged us to "Be Shepherds..., in the midst of your people like Jesus the Good Shepherd."

As the shepherd of each of our parishes in western South Dakota, I encourage you to participate in the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection, which will take place in the Diocese of Rapid city the weekend of **February 24-25**.

For 134 years, this Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Our financial support of the Collection is the mechanism that affects the Church's evangelization efforts. We all agree that never have for the Native American, Alaskan American and African American communities been so great. History tells us that lasting change to a community can come through faith, hope and charity.

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.

Together, we can make a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters through the National Collection and stand in solidarity with the many priests, religious, deacons and laity who serve these communities.

I ask everyone in the Diocese of Rapid City to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the 2018 **National Black and Indian Collection**. Allow the Spirit of Love to guide you in responding generously. Together we can bear faithful witness to the Gospel in the missions of the United States.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Rapid City

Special Collection envelopes
available in the Parish Center

Collection dates: February 24 & 25, 2018

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

PO Box 678 ~ Rapid City, SD ~ 57709-0678 ~ (605) 343-3541 www.rapidcitydiocese.org

Don't miss the Spring NPM meeting Saturday, March 3
Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Presentations: Fr. Mark McCormick: "Prayer Encounter of Hearing and Seeing the Word of God (*Visio Divina*); Lorraine Ptacek, "Leading From the Keyboard"; Julie Gray the "Sage on Stage"; Jeanine Gerlach Sight Reading with FREE GIA music packets to take home

Lunch will be served: Donation. For luncheon reservations contact Pat McDowell at 341-2174 or patmcdowell44@gmail.com by Mar. 1. To donate Silent Auction items, email Margaret (gmalindskov@yahoo.com) or Marlene Biegler (napa_212@yahoo.com). For more info contact Carman Timmerman carmantimmerman@gmail.com or 391-4053

Catholic Daughters Call to Convention

The National Convention will be held in Sioux Falls, on July 17-22, 2018. Since it is within a few hundred miles of your court, this is a special opportunity for all CDA members. You are strongly urged to attend this event. Contact your court regent for details. See you in Sioux Falls in July.

Catholic Men's Conference The Journeymen Annual Catholic Mens' Conference, "Are You Able?" will be held Saturday, March 10 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Keynote speaker is Fr. Brian Christensen. Tickets, \$30, (*scholarships available on request*). Registration: www.journeymenSD.org

Rapid City Catholic Schools Highlights

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE: Now - February 25. Tickets are \$5 each for your chance to win over 100 prizes! Our school goal is to earn \$40,000! Please call the school to purchase a ticket!

PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE February 15th ~ 4-7 pm. - Thinking about Catholic Education for your child? Stop by to meet the teachers, tour the school, and ask any questions you may have! Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be available.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MAYFEST 2018 - MAY 5th at the Civic Center Doors open at 5 pm for the Live & Silent Auction. If you have new or certified antique items to donate to the auction, please call Robert Satter at 343-1477 or rsatter@rccss.org. (Website: <http://rccss.org>)

Rapid City Catholic Schools 2018/2019 Registration

New family registration NOW!

NOW-February 9 for Returning Families!

To request a tour or for more info.: www.RCCSS.ORG

Marcia Werner at (605) 348-8484 x 1203 or mwerner@rccss.org



Mothers' Retreat Join Black Hills Catholic Home Educators for a Lenten journey to "Trust like Mary" on Saturday, March 24, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. at St. Francis Church, Sturgis. All mothers are welcome. Amy Julian and Fr. Timothy Castor, speakers. Register online at www.BlackHillsCHE.com

Rapid City Newman Center Endowment SD Mines

Foundation The Foundation exists to develop and manage private resources to support the mission and priorities of SD Mines, to support the needs of students, faculty and staff and to contribute to institutional excellence. The Endowment — long-term funding — for the Rapid City Catholic Newman Center is maintained and managed by the SD Mines Foundation. The ministries at the Rapid City Newman Center continue to grow and expand. Weekly Masses, Confessions, Bible Studies, Eucharistic Holy Hours, retreats, social gatherings, and charitable service opportunities are multiplying. The mission of Catholic campus ministry is vibrant and dynamic! Please support the exciting and life-changing campus ministry in Rapid City with a donation to the Rapid City Newman Center Endowment. Contributions Cash, Stock, Gifts-in-Kind, Real Estate, Wills & Bequests, IRAs, Life Insurance/Wealth Replacement, Charitable Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuities — can be made. Please contact Beth Strain at 342-0507 or (beth@cathedralolph.org) to discuss your donation today.