

## MASS INTENTIONS ~ Feb. 9 - 15

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Chris Tucker +  
5:30 pm – Robert Schieltz +  
TUESDAY 7:30 am – John Schulte +  
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – JoAnn Ray  
THURSDAY 7:30 am – Don Wiesler  
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Poor Souls in Purgatory

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Janice Oleson  
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Marilyn Madison +  
5:30 pm – Parishioners

### MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Wednesday, February 11 Special Intention  
By Fr. Zandri – Good Samaritan in New Underwood – 9:30 am  
Thursday, February 12 Don Stotz +  
By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm  
Sunday, February 15 Helen Cole +  
By Fr. Zandri – St. John's in New Underwood – 11 am  
Sunday, February 15 Special Intention  
By Fr. Zandri – Ft. Meade VA – 2:30 pm

## FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

### Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 Ps 104:1-2a,27-28,29bc-30 Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30  
Friday Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-4c,5-6,12-13 Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday Lv 13:1-2,44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

**Faithful Citizenship** "Edith Stein was born a Jew in what is now Wroclaw, Poland, in 1891. She spent much of her adult life without practicing any religion, but rather based her beliefs on science and philosophy. However, after reading the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she was quickly converted to Roman Catholicism and was baptized on January 1, 1922. When she was 43 years old, she entered a Carmelite monastery, and became Sister Teresia Benedicta of the Cross. During World War II, the Nazis declared that all Jews, even those who had converted to Catholicism would be put into concentration camps. Since Edith would not renounce her Jewish background, she was sent to Auschwitz with other Jews. Because of her solidarity with the oppressed Jewish people, she too was killed in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Edith Stein is now recognized as a martyr and saint of the Roman Catholic Church. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998 and is known as St. Teresa Benedict of the Cross." The Sainly Life of Edith Stein and Solidarity, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (From [www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission))

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Feb. 14 & 15

**SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Bob & Kay Olson (S) Deacon Rausch, Jeff Cook, Ivan Davignon, Patty Fritzie, Joe Zacher **Lector:** Julie Shauger, Scott Sime **Ushers:** Mike & Betty Quasney

**Gift Bearers:** Becky Huber, Diane Wilkinson, Kay Olson

**Altar Servers:** Genna Miller, Maggie Miller, Allison Schuch, Benjamin Schuch

**SUN. 9 am E.M.:** John Rapp, Sarah Rapp (S) Deacon Rausch, Kim Dolan, Julie Heintz, Ron Miller, Paul Schneider **Lector:** Jean French, Judee Popken **Ushers:** Tom Baumgartner, Dean Hade, Joe Martin, Randy Rapp

**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Melanie Parson **Altar Servers:** Abigail Popken, Noah Popken, Connor Vernon, Chloe Thome

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Elaine Kocher (S) Deacon Rausch, Beth Sand **Lector:** Tony Berendse, Nancy Palmer **Ushers:** Stan Fisher, Joyce Lorenzen, Ben Schutz, Greg Suto **Gift Bearer:** Chuck & Holly Bossen **Family Altar Server:** Max Bossen, Patrick Bossen, Elena Tillett, Harley Tillett

**Please remember to find a substitute if needed.**  
**If you have changes for future schedules,**  
**please call Gayle Martin at 718-4631.**

**HELP!!** Looking for the parishioner that recently stopped by the office for contribution envelopes. Guess what? There is **NO name or NUMBER on the envelopes!** Please, if you recently picked up envelopes call Karen at 342-1556 or email [ffkaren@rushmore.com](mailto:ffkaren@rushmore.com).

## == The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

When you leave the church through the main doors or enter the church through the main doors, please look up at the new picture of Pope Francis. The print is from an original painting by Toni Rangel. We are very grateful to Toni for sharing her gift of painting with us.

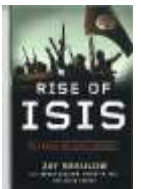
Please take a copy of the Word Among Us. This is an excellent publication and will be a great help to all of us as we enter the season of Lent, which begins February 18. Lent is really not a time to give something up. That is a negative concept. Lent is really a time to do more. That is a positive concept. Are you a negative person or a positive person?

## BACK TO BASICS with Father Bill

WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm

NEW book, "RISE OF ISIS" available for only \$10.  
(even if you don't come to class).

Come one, or all Wednesdays... let's get back to basics!



### Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Marlene Baker, Jerry Bartholmay, Wendlin Baumgartner, Sharon Baumgartner, Shirley Black, Larry Blote, Dewayne Borszich, Jeanne Carey, Margaret Chronos, Tina Chronos, Chad, Cindy, Eleanor Clarich, Dorothy Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Mary Kay Coughlin, Irene Cox, Darlene Davignon, Ed Davis, Brandon Eastman, Kelli Eastman, Ben Eicher, Don Everett, Lena Fagen, Cathy Falcone, Gene Farrell, Joan Feller, Sheryl Feller, Judy Fisher, Rob Gaede, Vic Gaudette, Darlene Grass, Leo Grebner, Alma Gruenig, Jim Hanna, Harold & Judy Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Sue Hayden, Jacob Heil, Jeannine Hittle, Ellen Horan, Rosemary Huggins, Tim Irvine, Baby Kash, Shirley Kenoyer, Kathy Krause, Peter Krause, Melanie Lewis, Mike, Julie Lindy, Pearl Lyon, Kevin Maher, Mary Maher, Luke Mars, Susan McFadden, Robert Melvin, Jr., Anita Miller, Trapper & Ashton Morgan, Zane Morris, Tracey Mowery, Ann O'Connell, Ron Oney, Heather Popken, Helen Quasney, Joyce Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, Joel Reed, Joseph Regal-Frazier, Mary Rieb, Andrea Rivera, Doyle Roseland, Karla Sandifer, Claude & Eileen Sauer, Deacon Jim Scherr, Beau Schumacher, Leota Sidel, Mike Smaltz, Donna Stulken, Teri & Bob, Nick Tomac, Bud Torp, Corey Verhey, Jerauldine Walenta, Betty Wilson, Al Winland, Bernadette Zander, John Zeller

Thank you for the continued prayers for Colette DeVries & Ethel Thomas

Something you may be interested in....

**EWTN will air the Story of St. Therese of Lisieux  
on February 21st at 6 pm!!!**

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm**

Come rest in Me. If only for a little while.

### Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ FEBRUARY

Chairperson: Lynn Loomer

Co-Chairs: Margaret Rossknecht / Joyce Schlim

**[www.sainttheresechurch.org](http://www.sainttheresechurch.org)**

The weekly bulletin can be found there, as well as other info. about our parish.

**CANNED MEAT, PASTA/RICE-A-RONI, CANNED  
FRUIT AND SHAMPOO**

**ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE**

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

**THE WEEKLY FUNNY** ...from Father Bill

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: Diane, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

DIANE: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Billy, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

BILLY: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

BILLY: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Larry, what is the chemical formula for water?

LARRY: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

LARRY: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Connie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

CONNIE: Me!

Even though Deacon Claude & Eileen Sauer have moved to Colorado they can still be reached and would love to hear from their parish family: You can contact them at: 605-343-1101 or

Deacon Claude & Eileen Sauer ☺

720 Magnolia St., Denver, CO 80220-6037

*Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."*

**GENERAL FUND:** Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 5710.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1035.00
Children's Collection	\$ 26.25
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Gifts and Donations	\$ 115.44
Rose Justice Memorial	\$ 530.00
Reimbursement of Priest Expenses from	
St. John's in New Underwood	\$ 829.75
Adult Education Books	\$ 280.00
Facility Use Donation	\$ 150.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 51.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8732.88</b>

**Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Building Improvements	\$ 52.00
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**"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

Seminarian Fund	\$ 55.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 180.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 20.00

**COLLECTIONS FEBRUARY:**

**Feb. 8:** Black & Indian Missions / General Fund      **Feb. 15:** General Fund  
**Feb. 22:** Church in Central & Eastern Europe / General Fund  
**FEB.:** Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvement, Seminarian Fund

**The Rosary is being said before weekend Masses**

**Saturday night at 5:05 pm** before 5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday morning at 8:30 am** before 9 am Mass

**Sunday night at 5:05 pm** before 5:30 pm Mass

**Come early and pray this beautiful prayer with your parish family!**



**"A huge thank you to Gayle Martin & Alice Cole for heading up Mary's Circle during my recovery! You did a wonderful job!" – Darlys Zeller**

**MARY'S CIRCLE -----**

**Wed., February 11th at 1:30 pm**

**At St. Therese**

Call Darlys Zeller at 348-4269

If any questions.



Valentine's Day is just around the corner and what better way to show your loved ones you're thinking of them and help benefit the church at the same time by first purchasing 'We Care' gift cards before doing your shopping. They are available from many of our local area stores and can be spent just like cash on a wide assortment of items including heart shaped boxes of candy, frilly teddy bears and comfy slippers. Available for WalMart/Sam's Club, Don's Valley Market, Safeway and Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market. Visit us at the table after mass or come into the parish office.

*So, you heard that Don's Valley Market has a new owner? NOT TO WORRY – We Care Food Certificates are still good and being honored by the new owners. Yes, you can still buy We Care ... & shop! ... at Don's!!*

**MOMMY'S CLOSET** Items in need are:

**Winter clothing from size 3T to 6.**

*We greatly appreciate all your contributions.*

*Thank you for your kindness to mothers and their little ones!*

*Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Grades PreK - 5<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am**

**AND CONFIRMATION: Grades 9 & 10 (and 11- 12 if needed): & "NEW" & EXCITING!!! YDISCIPLINE Small Group (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**SUNDAYS: 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Feb. 8	Class
Feb. 15	NO Class – Presidents' Day
<b>Youth Connection: Grades 6 - 8: WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:30 pm</b>	
Feb. 11	Class – meal provided by Knights of Columbus
Feb. 18	NO Class – Ash Wednesday

**FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION INFORMATION**

After Masses on February 7 & 8, Kristi Hedman will be here with information on FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION through the Dept. of Social Services and answer any questions you may have. Stop by the table in the Parish Center!!!

**~ 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 Anne Pozorski at 721-1229.**

**Ultreya, Cursillo** at Blessed Sacrament Church, Sunday, February 8 from 7 – 8 p.m. Please come, bring a friend. We will have a witness talk, and sing & pray together. Any questions, call Bob Melvin at 484-0324.

## ANNULMENT INFORMATION MEETING

*ARE YOU A DIVORCED CATHOLIC?* Have you ever wondered what a church annulment is; if a divorced non-Catholic needs to get an annulment before marrying a Catholic; if you have to wait for an annulment before getting remarried; what if I am already remarried; and does getting an annulment mean that my children are illegitimate? All these questions will be answered at **7 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015**. Join the Very Reverend Leo Hausmann and Dan Juelfs for an informational meeting on Catholic annulments at St Francis of Assisi, Sturgis, SD. There is no charge to attend. For more information, contact Jill, Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214 x 236 or [jslegner@diorc.org](mailto:jslegner@diorc.org).

### **ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill**

TEACHER: Karen, why do you always get so dirty?

KAREN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Theresa, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

THERESA: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Randy, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

RANDY: No sir, I don't have to, my mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Beth, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

BETH: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Elaine, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

ELAINE: A teacher

### **Card Party with the Knights:**

2nd Saturday of each month, a Whist Card Party is hosted by the Cathedral Knights of Columbus at their hall on Minnesota Street, Everyone invited!  
**Card Party for February - Saturday, February 14 at 7 pm - Invite your friends and neighbors to come along.**

### **An Update from the Hope For New Life (HFNL) Jail Ministry Sharen LaGrande's Story**

Continuing with our ministry members' testimonials for joining HFNL, this is Sharen's story: "My journey to volunteer for HFNL started a few years ago. I received from my daughter a book by Matthew Kelly, *Rediscover Catholicism*. My children had been raised and baptized in the Catholic Church, but I never formally joined the church. Most of my adult life I worshiped in the Wesleyan Church. My daughter didn't realize when she gave me the book that I had felt an urging in my heart to return to the Catholic Church. After reading *Rediscover Catholicism*, I was certain that God was leading me back to the Catholic Church. Whenever I would visit my daughter and her family, I would go to Mass with them. Therefore, I wasn't totally uncomfortable when I decided to start attending Mass in Rapid City and completed the RCIA program.

One of the first changes in my new faith was the overwhelming realization that we are called to KNOW, LOVE and SERVE God. My faith was transformed from a selfish faith (just me and God against the world) to one which opened my heart to love and to serve my neighbor. Then I noticed a message in the bulletin about HFNL. I chose serving in the jail ministry because like me many of the inmates come from very broken backgrounds and have not had positive role models. I know what it is like to have made poor decisions in life and to have found the courage and strength to change my life's direction. I feel it is so important for the inmates to see God's love, grace and forgiveness in action. Thus they may form a love relationship with their Savior and receive the grace to change their lives." To learn more about the HFNL ministry please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)** or **Jennifer Shama (381-1118)**. You are also welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PUBLIC PROTEST

Every Friday from 4-5 by the statue of Abraham Lincoln on the corner of 9th and Main to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



### **Catholic Youth Explorer Movement Informational Meeting**

Families with girls ages 6-12. Join us for a family information night Tuesday February 10th, 7pm at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Come learn more about the Federation of North American Explorers, our local group, the uniform, ask questions and more! For more information contact Jacques or Annie Daniel @ 605-939-0091 or [jdaniel@kolbimedia.com](mailto:jdaniel@kolbimedia.com) [www.ReginaCaeliFNE.com](http://www.ReginaCaeliFNE.com)

### **CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD**

Connected Catholics is a group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 and up that provides a social and spiritual network of activities that offer companionship for singles. The group offers a variety of programs and experiences that enrich its members socially, educationally, and spiritually.

#### **FEBRUARY CALENDAR:**

**February 8** – Pancake Breakfast at St Therese 10:15am

Pancakes, biscuit & gravy, sausage, juice, coffee (free will offering)

**February 14** – Game Night & Spaghetti Dinner –

K of C Spaghetti Dinner after 5:30 mass (free will offering)

Followed by games in north meeting room – bring your favorite game and a snack if you wish. *This will also be an informational meeting night for those new people attending.*

**February 24** – Movie Night – Meet at the Elks Theatre at 6:45 to attend the current showing movie. Check their website for a list of movies. It is buy one/get one free admittance on Tuesdays.

**For additional info., contact Brenda at 718-0954 or Larry at 355-9087.**

### ***SHATTERED HEARTS.... A GRANDPARENTS GRIEF***

*To offer friendship to those who share the same loss...*

*The loss of a grandchild*

9-10 am ~ Saturdays: February 28, March 28, April 25 & May 30  
Rapid City Public Library, Helen Hoyt Room, 610 Quincy St.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

**For info. on the following ministries, call FLM, 716-5214 x236**

**The next Christian Family Planning Seminar** will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. Mary's in Lemmon**. This seminar is a requirement for couples doing marriage preparation in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, call Family Life Ministries; Jill at 716-5214 x 236 or Kathy at 716-5214 x 220.

**Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged** is a weekend getaway for engaged couples to deepen their relationship with each other and with God by exploring the Catholic Church's vision of marriage. Attendance at a "Heart to Heart" Weekend Retreat is a requirement for couples doing marriage preparation in the Diocese of Rapid City. The next weekend retreat will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, March 13-15, 2015. Please register on-line at [www.terrasancta.org](http://www.terrasancta.org). For more information, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x 236 or [jslegner@diorc.org](mailto:jslegner@diorc.org).

**HEAL YOUR GRIEF Bereavement Support Group** is an eight-week non-denominational group open to all Christian adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The support group begins at **7:00 p.m., Monday, January 26, 2015**, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214 x 236.

**Retrouaille** is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. The next weekend is February 27-March 1, 2015 at *The Abbey of the Hills* near Marvin, SD (formerly Blue Cloud Abbey). Retrouaille is a peer-to-peer ministry and has helped couples experiencing chronic communication problems, as well as those who thought they were beyond hope, already separated, or even divorced. Please keep this weekend in mind for any couple you feel would be open to this healing opportunity. For more information or to register, please contact 605-988-3755. For general information visit: [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org).

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916

Monthly meeting at St. Therese at 6:30 pm on February 9th.

All members and interested women are invited to attend. The meeting will focus on the upcoming Day of Recollection in February and the Installation Mass and dinner for new members in March. Plan to attend. For information, please call: Bonnie Spratte, Regent, 605-342-1651.

## Catholic Daughters National Education Contest

Themes: "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself," and "Be a Good Neighbor." Entries will be accepted in art, essay, poetry, computer art, music, and photography. All work should be original. Entries are due February 15. Contact Local Court Education Chair Person, Irene C. Sears, 341-2114 or 3945 Pointe West Place #114, Rapid City, SD 57702-0614, for an application packet.

## Women of the Diocese are invited to share in a Day of Recollection

presented by Rev. Jonathon Dillon at St. Therese on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 2:30pm. The theme will be:

"Victory over the World: Letting Christ Conquer."

There is no charge for the event, and lunch will be provided by the Catholic Daughters. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the 40 guests who came to play Bunco at the Minnesota Street KC Hall on Monday evening, Feb. 2nd. It was a wonderful party and special thanks go to Catholic Daughters, Deanie Knudtson, for arranging the event, and to Bonnie Spratte and Roxanne Stephens for helping set it up. Both women and men were enthusiastic about having the event again. So watch future bulletins. St. Rita #916, Catholic Daughters.

## ONE MORE WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the pub. A ragged old man was standing there with a rod and hanging a string into the puddle. A tipsy-looking, curious gentleman came over to him and asked what he was doing. "Fishing", the old man said simply. "Poor old fool," the gentleman thought and he invited the ragged old man to a drink in the pub. As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked, 'And how many have you caught?' 'You're the eighth,' the old man answered.

## IHM Seminary Visit

On March 13-16, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN, and the Office of Vocations will host a Live-In Weekend for young men who are juniors/seniors in high school and college-age students who are interested in knowing more about the seminary life. The Live-In schedule will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals and prayer with the college seminarians, plus attendance at classes and time for recreation. There is No Charge for the weekend. We will leave on Friday, March 13, and return on Monday, March 16. **Deadline to register is Friday, March 6.** For further information, please contact Fr. Mark McCormick, Director of Vocations at (605) 484-2161 or [mmccormick@diorc.org](mailto:mmccormick@diorc.org). Registration forms available at [www.Gods-call.org](http://www.Gods-call.org).

## Vocation Weekend for Young Women

Interested in finding out more about where God is calling you? Join us February 26-March 1, for a visit to Lincoln, NE. The weekend will be spent with the Marian Sisters and the School Sisters of Christ the King, both of the Diocese of Lincoln. For young women ages 16+. This weekend will be a great opportunity to spend time with and ask questions of religious sisters and learn more about religious life. We will leave on Thursday, February 26, and return on Sunday, March 1. Cost is \$40. Space is limited. Contact Bridget Decker, Coordinator of Vocations, Diocese of Rapid City, at 605-716-5214 ext. 233, or [bdecker@diorc.org](mailto:bdecker@diorc.org) for more information or to register.

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the tasks of the church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of the good news? (Mark 1:29-39)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

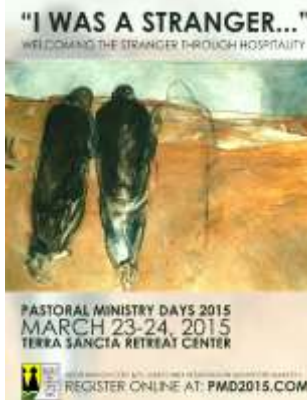


What should you get your spouse for Valentine's Day? Jewelry? Flowers? Dinner and a movie? (Another) teddy bear? Why not give them something that they will remember and cherish forever--a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Spend your Valentine's Day getting to know your sweetie on a deeper level, and learning how to experience God's love for you through your spouse. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is being hosted at Abbey of the Hills, February 13-15, 2015. To register or for more information, visit our website at [www.sdwwme.org](http://www.sdwwme.org) or contact John & Dawn Elsing at 605-362-0924.



Our ministry at Catholic Social Services is focused on strengthening and healing families in our diocese. Our professional staff offers prevention/educational workshops, youth prevention programs, parenting classes and marital/family counseling services. Office locations are in Eagle Butte, Pine Ridge, Rapid City, Ft. Pierre, Spearfish and Sturgis. Your prayerful, generous giving on **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**, allows us to continue to answer Christ's call to serve people in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Together, we can make a difference.

**Prayerful Painting** You need not be an artist for God to speak to you through creative expression. Using a *lectio* prayer format, this Lenten retreat day will help you to prayerfully express yourself. To be held **Saturday, February 21** from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Martin Monastery, Rapid City. For information and to preregister, call Sr. Therese Marie at 605-343-8011. Fee \$20 includes lunch.



**Pastoral Ministry Days is coming March 23-24, 2015!**

**"I Was a Stranger..." Welcoming the Stranger through Hospitality.**

This promises to be a great conference continuing our work and discussion on stewardship. The cost is \$75, but if you register before March 1, you can get an early bird rate of \$60. The online registration form is found [www.PMD2015.com](http://www.PMD2015.com) We encourage everyone to register online, if possible, for purposes of accuracy in information, but if you are unable, you can also register by mail or phone. Call the Terra

Sancta Retreat Center at **605-716-0925**, and they can register you over the phone. If you have questions, or would like more information, feel free to contact Susan Thompson ([stompson@diorc.org](mailto:stompson@diorc.org)) or Susan Safford ([ssafford@diorc.org](mailto:ssafford@diorc.org)) at 605-716-5214.

## Seeking Speakers for THE SUMMIT

**Bishop Robert Gruss invites you all to The Summit with him!**

The Summit is our first stewardship gathering in the Diocese of Rapid City hosted by Bishop Gruss and the Office of Stewardship to be held at Terra Sancta, beginning Friday evening, June 12, and concluding with a vigil Mass on Saturday, June 13. We plan to make this an annual event. *During our time together you will hear inspiring talks on various topics related to stewardship and hospitality. We need your assistance. We are looking for lay men and women from our diocesan parishes to make these presentations on the following topics:* "It Comes from the Heart"-Intentional Discipleship, "Begin at the Beginning"-USCCB Letter on Stewardship, "We Are All Related"-Catholic Hospitality, "Growing Young Disciples"-Strong Catholic Families "Where Are We Going?"-How to Write a Mission Statement, "Behind the Music"-Music Ministry, "Grateful Response"-Spirituality of Stewardship, "Get Out of the Pews"-Adult Ministry/Discipleship, and "It Works!"-Parish Hospitality in Action.

If you feel inspired to share your gifts in this way, please submit a 100 word abstract to the Office of Stewardship, 2101 City Springs Rd. Suite 200. Rapid City, SD 57702 or by email to [bdecker@diorc.org](mailto:bdecker@diorc.org).

Submissions must be postmarked by February 10. For more information visit our website, [www.rapidcitydiocese.org/stewardship/](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/stewardship/) or call Bridget Decker, 605-716-5214 ext. 233.

# Rest In Peace

## Taxi Rapp

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

### Calling all St. Therese donors to be a Hero Monday, March 16th!

St. Therese is holding a **KC BLOOD DRIVE** on Monday, March 16, from 3:30-6:30 pm. We have committed to providing 20 units of blood that day, and with the area hospitals needing 500 UNITS A DAY to maintain the safe blood supply we know we can fill this small goal!

Please make an appointment to fill just ONE of those units for the patients in our area. Donations are down this winter so please take one hour out of your day to save a life, we know St. Therese can make a difference! **THANK YOU!**

Call United Blood Services at 342-8585 or go to

[www.bloodhereo.com](http://www.bloodhereo.com) CODE: therese

Questions? Bill Schneider at 391-7413. **WALK-INS WELCOME!**

### SPAGHETTI DINNER & B-I-N-G-O

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

**SATURDAY, February 14th at 6:30 pm**

Free-will offering for dinner - Cards .50 each or 3 for \$1 per game

### 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.



For the past 6 years, juniors and seniors of STM have had an opportunity to serve others during our **annual mission trips**. We team up with Muster Seed Communities, a Catholic organization that was established in 1978 in the impoverished community of Mona Common on the outskirts of Kingston, Jamaica, as a home for a handful of abandoned and disabled children. Today they serve over 500 children, young adults and families who belong to the most vulnerable groups in Jamaican society. The populations of our homes include children and young adults with disabilities, children affected by HIV/AIDS and teen mothers along with their babies.

**Our fundraising goal is \$5,000.00. We are would like to purchase both commercial washing machines for their orphanages and daily use child care items such as diapers and medication.**

**Please plan to attend our piano concert fundraiser on Monday, February 9, 2015 at Terra Sancta Holy Cross chapel at 7.00 pm.**

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6.30 pm. Mila Belakova, an accomplished concert pianist, will be performing. Mila was born in a Russian city of Orenburg in the South of the Ural Mountains. At the age of 5 she made her first steps in music, and that turned out to be the beginning of a lifelong exciting journey. She received her degree in music from one of the oldest music colleges in the country, where she was trained in the best traditions of the Russian performance school, her teacher being the student of one of Tchaikovsky's students.

**If you cannot attend but still would like to support our effort, you can make a donation at St. Thomas More Mission Program, 300 Fairmount Blvd, Rapid City, SD 57701.**

You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story...gives you something to think about. Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house. The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely. As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment. Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny. He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up? Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value. A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? 'Look at it.' He said. 'Read what it says.' She read the words 'United States of America'. 'No, not that; read further.' 'One cent?' 'No, keep reading.' 'In God we Trust?' 'Yes!' 'And?' 'And if I trust in God, the name of God is Holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful! When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, 'In God We Trust,' and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message. It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And, God is very patient...

