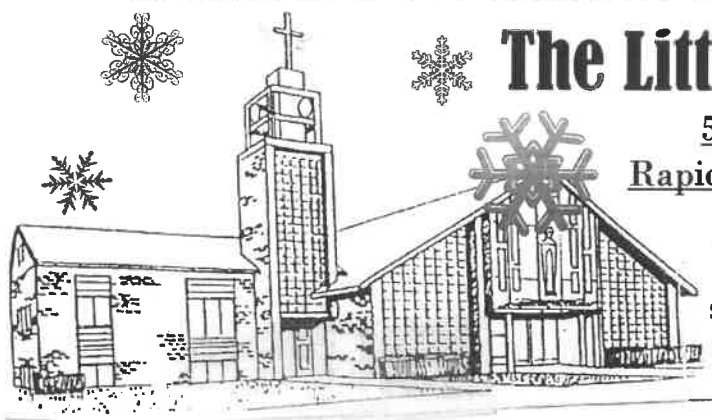


Church of Saint Therese

The Little Flower



532 Adams Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

(605) 342-1556

sttherese@diorc.org
sainttheresechurch.org

Pastor: Rev. Kerry Prendiville

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Charles Rausch

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

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday:

8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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

YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

CHAIRPERSON ~ OPEN

VICE CHAIRPERSON ~ Patty Brunner 393-2577

Council Secretary ~ Fred Solano 381-7783

Buildings & Grounds ~ OPEN

Faith Formation ~ Holly Bossen 209-3268

Stewardship ~ OPEN

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:

January 20 - 24

Monday 7:30 am

Tuesday 7:30 am

Wednesday 9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center – New Underwood

Thursday 7:30 am

Friday 7 am

YOUR PARISH STAFF

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

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

YOUTH FORMATION COORDINATOR – Bobby Myers, ext. 12

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

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Homebound Ministry: Jerry Kanta, Kathy Grebner, Rick Edelen, Ron Miller, Sandi Jolley

Liturgy/Music: Sue Englin, Jeanne Schneider & Joleen Click 1st Communion & Confirmation: Bobby Myers

RCIA: Deacon Chuck Rausch BAPTISM: Call the office: Deacon Chuck Rausch

Altar Society President: Doris Ann Werlinger Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight, Tom Baumgartner

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18 & 19, 2020

Week of January 19th

Sunday, January 19

No Religious Ed or Confirmation classes

6:30 pm KC Christmas Party

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, January 20- MLK, Jr. Day

office closed but 7:30 am Mass

7 pm Boy Scouts meeting

Tuesday, January 21

6:30 pm Pinochle Night hosted by the KCs

6:30 pm RCIA

Wednesday, January 22

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

6 pm Core Team Only

Thursday, January 23

6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, January 24

7 am Mass – please note Mass time &

Holy Hour/Morning Prayer time

7:30 to 8:30 am Holy Hour of ADORATION

followed by Benediction & Morning Prayers

9 am Helping a parishioner move – call

the office if you can help!

Saturday, January 25

1 to 4 pm 80th Birthday OPEN HOUSE for

RAY WAGNER

DOWN THE ROAD

Sunday, January 26

9 am to 1 pm CONFIRMATION Mini-

Retreat W/ SPONSORS (includes Mass & lunch)

10:15 am Religious Education classes

Monday-Friday, January 27 – 31

Catholic Schools Week

“We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.”
- Madeleine L'Engle

Welcome to St. Therese!

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ January 20 – 26

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Mike Smith
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Dave Gehman
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass at Good Samaritan, New Underwood
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Leo Lynch +
FRIDAY	7 am*	Donald & Gilda Colgan (*note time change)
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Dell Hellekson +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Gordon Milam +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23	Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23	Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13	Ps 89:20-22,27-28	Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51	Ps 144:1b-2,9-10	Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7	Ps 56:2-3,9-13	Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21	Ps 57:2-4,6,11	Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Acts 22:3-16	Ps 117:1-2	Mk 16:15-18
Sunday	Is 8:23-9:3	Ps 27:1,4,13-14	1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23

Faithful Citizenship "Now the LORD has spoken who formed me

as his servant from the womb." Today's First Reading speaks of God forming each of us in the womb of our mother. He fashioned human beings in His own image and likeness, and this endows each person with a dignity that no other creature can claim. This Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: www.respectlifeprogram.org/january-22 or sign up for the Respect Life novena at www.9daysforlife.com. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.org or call Carol at 65-374-5636.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – January 25 & 26

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Mary Ann Wheeler, Marcia Zacher (S) Doug Meiron, Liz Myscofski, Ron Schuch, Martha Cook, Tim Shull, Jean French **Lectors:** Scott Sime **Ushers:** Bob & Kay Olson, Todd Tellinghusen, Will Dixon **Gift Bearers:** Kathy Houston, Mady Houston **Altar Servers:** Johanna Auriemma, Ben Schuch

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Jerry Kanta, Bill Schneider (S) Tom Baumgartner, Kathy Grebner, Max Edelen, Rick & Rachel Edelen **Lectors:** David Dolan, Judy Popken **Ushers:** DJ DeJager, John Kanta, Tom & Melanie Parson **Gift Bearers:** Morrison Family **Altar Servers:** Lucas Kanta, Nathan Kanta

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Julie Heintz (S) Greg Rausch, Toni Weber **Lector:** Anthony Flores **Ushers:** Larry Cole, Bill & Jan Winegar, Will Winch **Gift Bearers:** Dave & Chris VanCleave **Altar Servers:** Hayden Czerwonka

Please remember to find a substitute if you will be gone. PLEASE call GAYLE MARTIN at 718-4631 if you have any changes.

WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

Through the Waters of Baptism.

Clara JOHNSON, daughter of Jacob & Tara

Today's Responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 3362.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1427.57
Children's Collections	\$ 74.20
Ted & Judy Rapp Memorial	\$10000.00
Copier Maintenance-KC's	\$ 50.00
Building Improvements	\$ 195.00
Facility Use Donation	\$ 10.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 354.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 45.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 940.00
TEXT TO GIVE	\$ 500.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 49.00
TOTAL	\$17006.77

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9762.00

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY:

Jan. 12: General Fund Jan. 19: General Fund

Jan. 26: Church in Latin America / General Fund

JAN: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

This past week a plain envelope with over several hundred dollars appeared in the office with a name on it. Unsure what it was for, we contacted the individual. It turns out we have a high school student who tithed from his summer earnings.

We shouldn't be surprised,
just grateful!

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St. Therese Parish recently received a bequest from the Ted & Judy Rapp Estate.

We would like to thank the Rapp Family for thinking of St. Therese!



Add C.J., Albert Ebach & Stephanie Rhodes to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

Alan, David Ange, Les Arney, Rick Bell, Rick & Kathy Borkovec, Sara Buller, C.J., Alice Cole, Mike Cole, Irene Cox, Melanie Crockett, Albert Ebach, Zach Feist, Patti Fritzie, Tim Garrett, Karla Grosz, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Joleen H., Bill Hershey, Cindy Hise, Maureen Jund, Kathy Karls, Ashley Kauffman, Kirk, Norene Lantz, Fr. John Lule, Rosie Mansfield, Nancy Palmer, Trish Peterson, Peggy Pientok, Helen Quasney, Stephanie Rhodes, Norita Rice, Elizabeth Richards, Mary Ellen Solano, Virginia, Karla Winland, Carolyn Wise, Ron Wolf, Angie Zacher

Thank you for the continued prayers for Sandy Long +,
Fr. Bryan Sorensen & Amy Fust

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie's diet journal:

Day 1:

Drove by the gym.

#babysteps



Can you help a parishioner move? We're loading up the truck on January 24th at 9 am. Call the office at 342-1556 for the address!

== Fr. Kerry's Korner ==

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! Is. 39.3,5

Early next week, on January 22, we remember the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that allowed abortion on demand in our country. In recent years we have been able to celebrate small victories of limitations on late-term abortions, protection of children born alive during abortion procedures, and have seen among young people an awakening to the sacredness of life in the womb. There have been victories in states' rights to limit abortion and an increase of both private and public care for women with unplanned pregnancies.

We Catholics have sometimes felt lonely in our fight for basic human dignity for the unborn, profoundly disabled, and refugees from drug violence and poverty (whom the Old Testament might term the stranger in the land). Nonetheless, all our popes in the 20th and 21st centuries have consistently urged us to be Christ for them, to seek peace by finding justice.

We, like Isaiah before us, have been called from our mothers' womb to proclaim the goodness of the Lord! "I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know." Ps. 40.10

This week I encourage each of us to pray and fast one day in reparation for sins against human life and basic freedoms.

~ Fr. Kerry

What ARE We Care gift cards? They are regular store gift cards you use when you purchase groceries & other items from the participating stores. They are used the same as cash.

Why should I use them? A percentage of each gift card goes to Church Response and a percentage to St. Therese Church to help the needy. ~It's easy!!! ~It doesn't cost you anything!! ~They make a great gift! ~ You're shopping there anyway!!

Where do I purchase them? After weekend Mass in the Parish Center in the office during the week.

How can I help? ~Purchase gift cards ~Sell them after mass
Available in a variety of denominations for Wal-Mart/Sam's Club, Safeway, & Family Fare.

**Come help
Ray Wagner
Celebrate his
80th birthday at an
OPEN HOUSE on
January 25th ~ 1-4 pm
St. Therese Parish Hall.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAY!!!**



ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

At the meeting Connie stated,
"I'm on two diets now.
I wasn't getting nearly enough food on just one."



**A great big THANK
YOU to John & Joyce
Schlim for heading
up the annual Bowling
tournament for COATS**



FOR KIDS! And THANK YOU to the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, everyone that bowled, donated items or \$, or even said a prayer for the success of this worthwhile event! **Not sure of final total, but we exceeded our \$3000 goal! Way to go!**

HELPING HANDS

St. Therese parishioners are so amazing and generous! Truly showing your "Little way".

We are TAKING DONATIONS for:

HOPE CENTER: TOILET PAPER, Q-TIPS, KLEENEX (sm. Pkg./box), Postage stamps, & BUS PASSES (orange-color)

ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTERS: PUZZLE BOOKS: crossword, word find, Sudoku, etc., PENS/PENCILS

BIRTHRIGHT PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Newborn-6 mo. BABY-CARE PRODUCTS, CLOTHING, DIAPERS, & MATERNITY WEAR

VETERAN'S OUTREACH CENTER: This month: NEW SOCKS, Laundry pods, personal hygiene items, shavers, shaving cream!

CHURCH RESPONSE: Non-perishable food items & personal hygiene items: This month: TOILET PAPER, CANNED MEATS, PASTA & Rice A-Roni

MOMMY'S CLOSET: DIAPERS especially sz 5+, Children's CLOTHING to sz. 6, SOCKS & UNDERWEAR to sz 6, BABY WIPES

The boxes for ALL organizations are located in the Parish Center. We will get them to the appropriate places.



Funeral Chairpersons ~ JANUARY

Chairperson: Lynn Loomer Co-chair: Jan Winegar

If you would like to be involved in this meaningful ministry, please call the office today at 342-1556.

Special shout out of "THANKS!" to ALL involved in the funeral ministry! You truly show "our little way" to the families that need our support and care. Call the office if you can help serve a meal or call, etc.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Jan. 19 NO Class - President's Day

Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9 CLASS

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

Jan. 19 NO Class - President's Day

Jan. 26 9 am - 1 pm Mini-Retreat w/SPONSORS -includes Mass & lunch

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

WEDNESDAYS- 6 - 7:45 pm (Grades 6-12)

6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm

Jan. 22 LifeTeen / Edge

Jan. 29 Core Team only

~ 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

Order Form for New & Renewed Magnificats

MAGNIFICAT

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

If you wish to subscribe, please complete the order form below and return it with a check for \$27.75 made payable to **St. Therese** in an envelope marked: **Magnificat by Tuesday, February 18!**

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 Tuesday, Feb.18th.

PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS hosted by the KC's

Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 pm

Don't know how to play? We'll show you!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



e-giving is Easy & SECURE!

Online - Make a donation on our website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

Text to Donate - Make a donation

to our Number: 605-250-1952

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) to the number above and follow the prompts to complete your donation! See the text code word listing at both entrances but "Donation" is default.

Give+ App Search "GivePlus Church" in your phone App store, download- find St. Therese Church by 57701.

The St. Therese Meals on Wheels Team is seeking drivers to serve as a substitute when needed! St. Therese Team delivers the route around the church area every Friday. We pick up the meals around 10:45 am and it usually takes an hour or a little more. **AND THANK YOU to those already volunteering! Milford Best, Leona Best, Tom Baumgartner, Ed Adams, Del & Joann Solano, Bobbi Bloom & Kay Pomeranek!** Meals on Wheels is such a wonderful program & you make it happen! You're such a blessing! If interested, please contact

Connie at 342-1556. THANK YOU!



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY!

Starts at 6:30 pm. Gain a better understanding of upcoming Sunday Mass Readings.

For more info. contact Melanie Karp at 430-0459 (message or text).

Check out our parish website!!

sainttheresechurch.org

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

ALSO FIND US (ST. THERESE CHURCH) ON FACEBOOK!!!!

(AND LIKE US!) 😊



Keep those FAMILY FARE receipts

coming! We're getting there!! We need a total of \$150,000 in receipts to receive a \$1,000 check! Also, we will still collect the Box Tops for Education.

From our birth God calls us to be whole, holy people. How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For some, the path to wholeness and holiness is through service as a sister, brother, or priest. Think about it! (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

AND ONE MORE LAUGH...

Wife: "There is a problem with the car.
It has water in the carburetor."
Husband: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous!"
Wife: "I'm telling you the car has water in the carburetor."
Husband: "You don't even know where the carburetor is.
Where's the car?"
Wife: "In the lake."

LENTEN INVITATION

You are invited to a special "DAY OF RECOLLECTION" on Saturday, February 29, at St. Therese. 8:30 am until 3 pm. We are privileged to have Msgr. Charles Mangan from the Diocese of Sioux Falls as our director. Monsignor has written extensively about Mary, the Mother of God, and her influence on mankind. He is a popular speaker and retreat director. Since this recollection day follows Ash Wednesday, Monsignor's focus will be on Lent, especially on Jesus, and also Mary.

Please set aside this time to awaken your Lenten spirit and begin the journey with a loving heart. There is no charge and lunch will be included. This "Day of Recollection" is sponsored by Court St. Rita, #916 of the Catholic Daughters in Rapid City. Open to men, women, young adults and teenagers. Watch for more information in bulletins and in the February West River Catholic.

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:

Tue.y, January 21 – Dine Out – Sickies – 5 pm
Wed., February 5 – Disney Movie Trivia & Bingo – Wobbly Bobby's – 5 pm
Tue., March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – Murphy's Pub/Grill – Dinner - 5:30 pm
Thur., April 16 – Dine Out – Old Chicago, Rushmore Crossing – 5:30 pm
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.

CHECK OUT THE BACK PAGE OF THE BULLETIN!

These are advertisers that help support YOUR parish.
Please support them & THANK THEM!
Interested in advertising? Contact Mike Quasney at 716-0387.

A Safe Environment For Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the **Victim Assistance Coordinator**, Barbara Scherr. To ensure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted at 605-209-3418 (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org.

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



Introduction of the Homilies on the Eucharistic Prayer – The Eucharistic Prayer is the summit of the whole Mass. In the next six weeks of Ordinary Time, the priest will be offering an in-depth look at the Eucharistic Prayer. The hope is that we can then more fully comprehend what is happening and more fully enter this encounter with the Jesus that Jesus deeply desires for us. There are nine Eucharistic Prayers. Most often we pray I or III at Sunday Masses, and occasionally IV. Eucharistic Prayer II is prayed at daily Mass, and sometimes on Sundays. For these homilies we will focus on Eucharistic Prayer III.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION WINTER WORKSHOP 2020 MENTAL WELLNESS—WHAT DOES IT MEAN & HOW CAN I HELP?

I know she's hurting, but I feel so helpless . . . Sound familiar?
Throughout our diocese, our neighbors face chronic physical and mental illness, loss of a loved one through death or divorce, loss of a job, empty nest syndrome and many other situations, both transitional and chronic. Join us for a day of questions and answers. Representatives from Catholic Social Services and Family Life Ministries will be sharing the resources and ministries right here in Western South Dakota. By the end of this workshop, participants will start to build confidence and comfort in having conversations around mental health concerns, and in seeking help for themselves and others. We are excited to introduce BeFriender Ministry as a key component of our Mental Wellness Ministry. This new peer to peer relational ministry, currently under development in several pilot parishes, will empower people to minister to each other in the smallest to the largest parishes.

Saturday, February 29, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Registration \$15, Students \$10

Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City

www.terrasancta.org/SJCWorkshop

Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry

Update: Christmas Jail Program

Our Jail Ministry's 13th annual Christmas Program for the inmates was a blessed success. One of our ministry members, Bill Gradoville, made these observations "What a beautiful evening of caroling at the jail. Eighteen wonderful, generous people gathered to bring a little bit of a Christmas cheer to the inmates. It was obvious to all of us that the inmates very much appreciated our being there. Some of our carols even brought tears to some of the female inmates." We received some wonderful gifts from the inmates including a beautiful pencil drawing of a Native American wearing a headdress and a colored pencil drawing of a snowman with a bird perched on one of his mittens. Inside the pencil sketch of the snowman, was the following greeting from the inmate artist: "May your Christmas sparkle like the white gowns of angels, and may your gifts bring you happiness. May the carols be your blessing this Holiday Season." We also received the following thank you note from an inmate: "Thank you to each one of you for bringing light to such a dull place. You truly are salt & light of the earth! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & God Bless!" If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please contact Bill Gradoville 605 430-2697. If you would like to volunteer to be a HFNL prayer partner, call or text Jennifer Shama 605 381-1118. We also invite you to our monthly HFNL business meetings every 3rd Monday of the month (6:30 pm) at Catholic Social Services.

If you are a voter in the RCAS District there is an opportunity to learn more about the Bond proposal. **Taxpayers for Sensible School Bonds** will be presenting information about the \$291 million Bond at **Blessed Sacrament Church, Sunday, January 19 at 3:30 PM.** How will the \$291 million (principal + interest) RCAS School Bond affect you and your family? If we pass it, will spending this money make education better? How can we be sure this bond will solve the problems in our schools? For answers to these and other important questions, please attend an in-depth presentation on the realities of the proposal before voting in the Special School Bond Election-Feb. 25th. "**Taxpayers For Sensible School Bonds**", a registered Ballot Question Committee, welcomes all concerned voters. A Q&A will follow. For additional information call Tonchi Weaver at 605-390-4078 (cell) or 605-348-7521 (home).

MARRIED SWEETHEARTS: HOLY HOUR, MASS, DINNER & DANCE

What better way to celebrate National Marriage Week than a date with your beloved? Pray together, renew your vows, then dine and dance the night away! **February 8, 2020 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center**

\$65/couple. Holy Hour (4pm), Mass (5:30pm) followed by Dinner Dance with A Family Affair. ~ Optional Mini Eucharistic Marriage Retreat \$20/couple ~10 am- 3 pm, includes a light lunch <http://terrasancta.org/MarriedSweethearts>

Marriage Matters Retreat

~ **February 14-16, 2020**

Terra Sancta Retreat Center

Give yourselves the gift of a richer, more intimate Marriage. The Marriage Matters Retreat covers topics including communication, sexuality, forgiveness and rekindling the romance. It offers private opportunities to practice skills and dive more deeply into the love husbands and wives are called to share.

8:30 AM Sat., Feb. 15 — 2 PM Sun., Feb. 16 ~\$228

With Optional Friday Night Check In (6 PM Feb. 14) & Social ~\$308

Presented by Catholic Social Services and Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

To register, Visit <https://terrasancta.org/marriagematters2020>

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excused and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons and are afraid of approaching the church for fear of being rejected.

You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family. There are special ministries for people who have been away from the Church throughout the Northern Black Hills. If you have a ministry for returning Catholics that we can include, or if you are interested in developing a returning Catholic ministry, please let us know. The six-week "Catholics Returning Home" series begins Monday, January 13, 7-8:30 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, in the lower sacristy. For more information contact Margaret at info@returningcatholics.net or 605-939-0579, or visit ReturningCatholics.net. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required. Please note that an entrance will be available on the North Side of the Church, if construction of the new hall has started.

Lead/Deadwood—Catholics Returning Home will also be hosted at St. Patrick in Deadwood beginning in January. For information contact the parish office at 605-584-2002. **Spearfish**—"Catholics Come Home" welcomes those who are searching to return to their faith home. For information contact Diane at St. Josephs at 605-243-2306 or diane@stjosephspearfish.com.

A letter from the Diocesan Administrator...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2020 is shaping up to be an exciting chapter in the history of the Diocese of Rapid City. We are eagerly awaiting a new bishop and the gifts he will bring to his ministry. In addition, we are planning to consolidate the diocesan offices and ministries under one roof this spring. The best way to be included in these and other developments is by staying informed.

The *West River Catholic* has been instructing, inspiring and informing the faithful since May 1973. The diocesan newspaper staff works to share our celebration of faith, ministry gatherings and events that offer hope to all of us. Each month the paper includes news and snapshots submitted by local churches and Catholic organizations; stories and photos by the newspaper staff; columns by various diocesan staff members; as well as syndicated Catholic columnists. Articles from the *West River Catholic* narrate the history of local Catholics.

West River Catholic staff also facilitates the diocesan online presence, including postings on the diocesan website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We regularly create and post podcasts on a variety of topics. (www.rapidcitydiocese.org/podcast)

Since the beginning, the *West River Catholic* has been sent to every registered household in the diocese and it will continue to do so. However, to offset the price of production, each year a voluntary subscription drive is held. The suggested donation is \$27, but all gifts are welcome. For your convenience, an envelope is included in the January 2020 edition if you wish to mail in your donation. If you wish to make your Voluntary WRC Subscription donation online, please go to: www.rapidcitydiocese.org click "Make a Gift" at the top of the page—select the "West River Catholic Newspaper-voluntary Subscription" and it will take you to the donation page.

Please join me in supporting this valuable line of communication in western South Dakota.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Michel Mulloy, Diocesan Administrator

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New Podcast Series During this Year of the Eucharist, parishes have been provided with short teachings to help parishioners explore the Mass. These teachings are intended to help all of us understand how we encounter Jesus in the celebration of the Mass. Those teachings are now available in as podcasts. Listen to one, three, or all of them to learn more about what happens at the Mass. Visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/podcasts/ or search "Official Podcast for the Diocese of Rapid City" on your podcast player!

"HEAL YOUR GRIEF" BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

An eight week non-denominational support group for Christian adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Begins at 6pm on Monday, January 27th at the Cathedral. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Denise McCormick at 348-8366 or George Wallace 721-3811. Sponsored by Family Life Ministries. For other questions call Amy Julian 605-716-5214 or email ajulian@diorc.org.

PARENT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Terra Sancta starting January 30 from 6-7:30pm for 8 weeks. For information, email Melissa at mrineard@regionalhealth.org.

ORDINATION SURVEY

NEXT WEEKEND..... In anticipation of the ordination/installation of a new bishop for the Diocese of Rapid City, a Steering Committee has been formed to plan a meaningful and joyful celebration. It is likely that we will receive our new bishop sometime this year. In order to assist in the planning of this ordination/installation, we are conducting a survey next weekend about parishioners' desire to be involved and attend the ordination. Surveys may be completed during Mass next weekend, or you may respond online at: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/new-bishop-survey. Your participation will ensure our new bishop feels welcomed by all the people of our diocese!

RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Current Enrollment:
 St. Elizabeth Seton Preschool - 96
 St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary - 301
 St. Thomas More Middle School - 174
 St. Thomas More High School - 242

12:1
 AVERAGE RATIO
 STUDENT/TEACHER

4 PRIEST ALUMNI
3 CURRENT SEMINARY ALUMNI
2 RELIGIOUS LIFE ALUMNI

WEEKLY MASS AND ADORATION

GRADE LEVEL RETREATS BEGINNING IN 5TH GRADE

99%
GRADUATION RATE

6TH-12TH GRADE VOLUNTEER HOURS TOTAL OVER **12,000** PER YEAR

\$817,339 AWARDED IN TUITION ASSISTANCE

4 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS
7 FOCUS MISSIONARIES
4 SPIRIT OF SU AWARD
1 SPIRIT OF MAX AWARD

CLASS OF 2019 WAS OFFERED **\$7 MILLION** IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

33
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS SINCE 2008

16
CITY ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARDS

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
 COME CELEBRATE WITH US:
 JANUARY 26TH - FEBRUARY 1ST, 2020

CLASS OF 2019 ACT Scores

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
English	25.6	26	28.4	26.3	25.1	25.6
Reading	24.5	24.5	24.4	23.7	23.4	23.6
Writing	26.7	26.5	27	25.6	26.1	25.7
Science	23.3	23.7	25.4	24.6	24.5	24.7
Mathematics	22.7	22.8	24	23.1	24.3	23.1

9
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS SINCE 2005

CLASS OF 2019
12 STUDENTS SCORED A **30** OR HIGHER ON THE ACT


FOR A TOUR CALL -
 St. ELIZABETH SETON - 605-716-5213
 St. THOMAS MORE MIDDLE SCHOOL - 605-348-1477
 St. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL - 605-343-8484

RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2020-2021 REGISTRATION


Returning Family and New Sibling Registration -Jan. 24-Feb. 7, 2020
New Family Registration -begins Feb. 19th

Preschool & Kindergarten OPEN HOUSE
 - Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2020 4-6pm

For a tour or more information please contact Marcia Werner at (605) 343-8484 x. 1203 mwerner@rccss.org ~ www.RCCSS.org
Class Sizes are Limited - Enroll Today!



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I am a product of a Catholic education, an employee with the Rapid City Catholic School System and a parent of a current STM MS student. I had a wonderful experience attending St. Martin's Academy and want a similar experience for my daughter. I see the person she is becoming, in part due to the level of education she receives and the continued development of her faith. I also see commitment and dedication from the RCCSS administration and teachers. Students are the top priority, and I want my daughter to be in that type of environment.

I VALUE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

- ROBERT SATTER '87, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, ALUMNI PARENT CLASS OF 2025


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Release the pain and grief of your abortion decision. Enjoy a true makeover of your emotional and spiritual health! Attend the April 2020 Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat in our Diocese! Call/email Carol now for information and begin your healing journey. 605-374-5639; ckling@sdplains.com; <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

Keep those who are trafficked in your prayers and REMEMBER THAT TOGETHER WE CAN EMPOWER ONE ANOTHER AS LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

FLAG RETIREMENT BOX NOW AT ST. THERESE

The drop box to retire American Flags is located by the back door of St. John's (old church in the parking lot). The flags will be collected by Scout Troop 7 and will be given a proper flag retirement ceremony.




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BEATITUDES OF A CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
 Their family will pray for them.
 Blessed are they who mourn,
 Their family will gather around and comfort them.
 Blessed are the lowly,
 For their family shall look up to them.
 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness,
 They will bring fullness to the family.
 Blessed are those who show mercy
 By their example, their family will grow.
 Blessed are the single hearted,
 Through their prayers, they will lead their family to God.
 Blessed are the peace makers,
 Their parents will be proud of them.
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for holiness' sake,
 They will lead their family to heaven.
 Blessed are you when they insult you
 and persecute you and utter every
 kind of slander against you and run down your family
 because you believe in me,
 Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven
 and your family will be proud of you forever.

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