

## MASS INTENTIONS ~ July 4 - 10

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Leo Grebner +  
TUESDAY 7:30 am – Peter James Thorp  
THURSDAY 7:30 am – Donna Baumgartner +  
FRIDAY 7:30 am – D.J. & Ginny DeJager  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Parishioners  
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Carlton Ray +  
5:30 pm - Marcy Habbe

### **FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM**

**PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

#### **Our Daily Scriptures**

Monday Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday Hos 8:4-7,11-13 Ps 115:3-6,7ab-8,9-10 Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday Hos 11:1-4,8c-9 Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16 Mt 10:7-15  
Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17 Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2,5 Mt 10:24-33  
Sunday Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-37 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

**Faithful Citizenship** "The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental **right to life** and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.." [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. A sample prayer entitled Spiritual Adoption Prayer is as follows:  
"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers." (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 – July 9 & 10**

**SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Bob & Kay Olson (S) Deacon Rausch, Jill Leberknight, Martha Cook, Mary Ann Ries, Marcia Zacher **Lector:** Jim Blackwell, Scott Sime **Ushers:** Rick, Rachel, Max & Seth Edelen **Gift Bearers:** Becky Huber, Diane Wilkinson & Kay Olson **Altar Servers:** Ben Schuch, Allison Schuch, Matthew Theis, Karsen Kirsch

**SUN. 9 am E.M.:** Julie Heintz, Jean French (S) Sarah Rapp, John Rapp, Mark Vedder, Ray & Mary Wagner **Lector:** Tom Baumgartner, Judee Popken **Ushers:** Clint Jolley, Dan Chiolis, Dean Hade, Bob Heidergerken **Gift Bearers:** William & Marcy Morrison Family **Altar Servers:** Destinee Heizelman, Drake Heizelman, Dyson Heizelman, Spencer Morrison

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Lynn Loomer (S) Greg Rausch, Nancy Palmer **Lector:** Lori Ashley, Tony Berendse **Ushers:** Bob Ormsher, David & Chris VanCleave, Ben VanCleave **Gift Bearers:** Chuck & Holly Bossen Family **Altar Servers:** Isabella Ashley, Olivia Ashley, Corten Dobesh

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

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**MONDAY 5:30 pm**

"In the presence of the Eucharist, human reason experiences its limitations. The Eucharist, however, responds and bows low in adoration and in love." — Pope John Paul II

No Adoration on July 4<sup>th</sup>!

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW CD'S FROM LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA? You MUST!**  
**Display case is located in the front of the church by the Sacristy! So many great new titles!**

# WELCOME

*To St. Therese, the Little Flower*  
**FATHER KERRY PRENDIVILLE!!**

#### **Parish website:**

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

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

## ~ 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](mailto:ffkaren@rushmore.com).

**Psst! Fall Festival Planning Meeting**  
**July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am**  
**Yes, Fall Festival Planning! BE THERE!!**

#### **Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ JULY**

Chairperson: Kathy Klemann Co-chair: Beth Paris

Please add JOHN D. BUTLER to your prayers

#### **Bulletin Prayer List:**

Diane Ange, Tim Ange, Wendlin Baumgartner, Shirley Black, Lorraine Brooks, Rose Brunson, John D. Butler, Kellee Callender, Chad, Dorothy Coats, James Coats, Alice Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Katherine Craig, Ed Davis, Todd Ennen, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Diane Fraser, Haven Garrett, Tim Garrett, Vern Goetz, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, Harold & Judy Hansen, Sue Hayden, Cyndy Henriksen, Michi Hittle, Rosemary Huggins, Jim Kampa, Father Kari, Jenny Keitges, Arlene Kingsley, Meg Krause, Corky Leach, Melanie Lewis, Sharon Long, Fr. John Lule, Josh Magbuhat, Gayle Martin, Susan McFadden, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Ann O'Connell, Diane Orville, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Joyce Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, John Radziwon, Rose, Steve Rumbaugh, Peggy Russell, Carla Sandifer, Shirley, Rita Strand, Greg Suto, Mary Swanson, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Sharon Weber, Rose Wickenheiser, Bernadette Zander

**Doing some grocery shopping for your 4<sup>th</sup> of July? The 'We Care' gift cards are available from many of our area grocery stores and helps benefit the church at no extra cost to you. They can also be used for many other things such as gasoline in some cases. Available from WalMart/Sam's Club, Safeway and Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market. Stop by the table after mass or come into the parish office... Get 'em while they last!**

#### **A LITTLE LAUGH...from Father Kerry**

I spotted several pairs of men's Levi's at a garage sale. They were sizes 30, 31, and 32, but I was looking for size 33. So I asked the owner if he had a pair. He shook his head. "I'm still wearing the 33's," he said. "Come back next year."

Be to his virtues very kind. Be to his faults a little blind.

The harvest is rich, but the workers are few. Ask the harvest master to send workers into the harvest. Pray for vocations! (Luke 10:1-9) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

Check out the **Duc In Altum LOST 'N FOUND** box located down the hall from the offices by the drinking fountain. Many items to be claimed. ☺

**CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, JELLO & DEODORANT**

**ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE**  
Please place your items in box at either entrance! **THANK YOU !!**

**MOMMY'S CLOSET** Items needed soon:

**DIAPERS:** size 3-5, **CLOTHES** up to size 6, **SOCKS & UNDERWEAR** up to size 6  
We greatly appreciate all your contributions.  
Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

**St. Therese Meals-on-Wheels Team**  
**SEEKING SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS FOR OUR TEAMS!**  
We deliver on Fridays and seeking people to learn our route (church area) and fill in for the team in case needed.  
Please call **Connie** at 342-1556 for information!  
AND THANK YOU to those volunteering:  
Bob Ormesher, Karen Thorp, Del & Joann Solano, Milferd Best, Leona Best, Melanie Karp Parson, Connie Lowe, Bobbi Bloom & Kay Pomeranke  
Meals on Wheels is such a wonderful program & you make it happen! You're a blessing!

**Seeking a part-time housekeeper for the St. Therese Rectory! If interested, please call the office at 342-1556!**

*"The harvest is rich," Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?*

<b>GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 5668.35
Plate Collection	\$ 1956.00
Children's Collection	\$ 81.52
Votive Candle Income	\$ 82.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7788.38</b>
<b>Amount needed per week:</b>	<b>\$ 6805.00</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Building Improvements	\$ 30.00
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**"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

Seminarian Fund	\$ 115.00
Priest Retirement Aid	\$ 137.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 30.00

**COLLECTIONS FOR JULY:**

**July 3:** General Fund    **July 10:** Solidarity Fund for Africa / General Fund  
**July 17:** General Fund    **July 24:** General Fund    **July 31:** General Fund  
**JULY:** Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund



**Announcing... ANOTHER SILENT AUCTION**

**for the youth!**

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>!**

***Bid on the awesome items in the Parish Center!***

**Love, Inc. CLOTHE-A-KID** With 579 kids, Love INC & the Clothe-A-Kid Program will need to come up with \$40,530. It's a big challenge! Can you help? If your budget only allows \$5 or \$10, all those amounts add up to help reach our goal. I'm pretty sure they won't be seeing any \$40,000 checks, so they sure appreciate all those smaller checks that add up. The money isn't due until mid-July. Questions??! Call Diane Dahl 381-6389.

**ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...from Father Kerry**

Vinny and Sal are out in the woods hunting when suddenly Sal grabs his chest and falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing; his eyes are rolled back in his head. Vinny whips out his cell phone and calls 911. He tells the operator, "I think Sal is dead! What should I do?" The operator, in a calm soothing voice says, "Just take it easy and follow my instructions. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence. And then a gun shot is heard. Vinny's voice comes back on the line, "Okay... Now what? "

**Get Father Kari's CD in the office!**

**"Father Kari's Favorites"**

**1 for \$15; 2 for \$25!**

Please make check payable to: Fr. Arnold Kari  
*Get em while we got em and get your toes a tappin!*



**Take Me Out To The Ballgame!**

**St. Therese Softball** ~ Whitehead Fields Canyon Lake Dr.

**Women: (Wed.) July 6 7 & 8 pm**

**Men: (Sun.) July 3 no games July 10 3 & 4 pm**

*Hope to see you there!!*



**Prayerfully consider joining our Homebound Ministry Team.**

Take Communion to the homebound parishioners, typically on Friday morning, but can be done anytime! If you would like more information on how YOU can join this ministry, please contact the office AND . . . **We'll be happy to share additional ways to reach out to our Homebound. . . perhaps with a weekly phone call . . . or sending a note of cheer!**

**A Vital Prayer Chain** Dear Beloved God

in Heaven, Please give us a president that loves this country and everything it stands for. Please give us a president who respects you as the one true God. Please give us a president who will, with your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way you created her. Please help us to respect what you have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again. Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without. May our eyes be opened. In Jesus' name, Amen. God Bless America!



**Young Adult's Group ~ 18 and older is forming at St. Therese!!** Contact Wendell Van Cleave, via text at 605-381-7730 or Rita Dupres at 605-381-4988 for more info.

## ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...from Father Kerry

A juggler, driving to his next performance, is stopped by the police. "What are those machetes doing in your car?" asks the cop. "I juggle them in my act." "Oh, yeah?" says the doubtful cop. "Let's see you do it." The juggler gets out and starts tossing and catching the knives. Another man driving by slows down to watch. "Wow" says the passer-by. "I'm glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they're giving now!"

## Attention 2016 Confirmation Class! Please pick up your signed Confirmation Certificates from the bulletin board in the Parish Center!

### YOUTH NEWS SUMMER 2016

#### Are you gonna join us????

#### Middle School 6 – 8:

**Summer Stretch** – Wednesday's 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., In the morning, we divide into 3 Works of Mercy Groups and rotate through the Club for Boys, Western Hills Resources & Feeding SD. Then in the afternoon on July 6<sup>th</sup> is Bear Country; Rushmore Cave on July 13 and a camp out on July 27<sup>th</sup>! SO MUCH FUN! You do not have to attend each week, but see Rita for dates. MEET AT ST. THERESE!

#### High School 9 – 12 –

#### High School YDisciple

### SUMMER BEACH PARTY

Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

Behind Terra Sancta

Limbo Party ~ Outdoor Mass ~ Bonfire ~ Volleyball ~ Fear Factor

For more info, contact Denis Maher at 342-3336 or Rita Dupres at 381-4988. **Bring your friends!**

**YDISCIPLE** – Start meeting weekly following Duc in Altum, your group decides date, location and times!!!!

#### Middle & High School-

**Little Flower Coffee House** – Fridays, 3-5, stop in for social time, an awesome snack, music and games. Social time with music, fun and food!!!

**Hills Alive Host families!** Join us in housing our prairie families and gathering together for the Hills Alive Christian Concert Series!

**Hot Summer Nights** August 11 – Fundraiser for the youth 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m Kidz Zone Activities!!

**Prayer for Peace** ~ Every Thursday from Noon to 1 pm (noon hour) you are invited to come to the Cathedral in Rapid City to pray for peace.

## Get FORMED in the Catholic Faith! So many resources available to you for FREE!

### NEW!: HAPPINESS SERIES

E-Books, Lighthouse Catholic Media audio presentations & more!!

Go to: FORMED.ORG

Our Parish Code: 2ad1be

You will be asked to set up a profile and a password to access all of the info. FREE!! Check it out!!

Wouldn't it be nice if we could find other things as easily as we find fault.

## 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.

## 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 and 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. 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. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Movie Nights – We will watch Elks/Carmike for upcoming movies and email  
July 10- Saturday – Silver City Volksmarch – 7am – Pie & Ice Cream Social – Meet at Blessed Sacrament West parking lot to carpool  
July 14 – Thursday – Main Street Square – Kahuna Beach Party -5pm – Meet at the parking garage west stairs  
July 22 & 23 – The Called & Gifted Workshop – check details on Cathedral website.

**"Catechisis of the Good Shepherd"** Parishes in Isabel and Timber Lake are teaming up to host "Catechisis of the Good Shepherd" a Level 1 Formation Course at Holy Cross Church, Timber Lake. Session 1 will run July 11-16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register or for more information contact the Holy Cross Parish at 865-3653 or [holycrosschurch57656@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosschurch57656@gmail.com)

## PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING

We pray 3 Divine Mercy chaplets for those near the end of life. Volunteers are contacted by text or email and asked to pray from home or church. Contact Patrick to join or request prayers. 569-1012 [patdanflan@protonmail.com](mailto:patdanflan@protonmail.com).

**Called and Gifted** Why should I attend the "Called and Gifted Workshop" at the Cathedral OLPH? Because Christ is calling you to bring his love to others in a way only you can do. No one else has your particular background, experience, gifts, and connections. No one else can take your place. For details and registration, visit the Cathedral website at [www.cathedralolph.org](http://www.cathedralolph.org) or call the Cathedral at 342-0507.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

**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. Held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, the dates for the final weekend retreats for 2016 are July 29-31 and September 23-25. Please register on-line at [www.westriverheart2heart.com](http://www.westriverheart2heart.com). For more information, contact Amy at Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x 236 or [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org). Please note: Because this retreat is such a powerful preparation for the sacrament of marriage, attendance at a "Heart to Heart" Weekend Retreat is a requirement for couples doing marriage preparation in the Diocese of Rapid City.

**NFP, Good for your Body, Great for your Soul** The next Natural Family Planning Seminars will be offered on: **Saturday, July 16, 2016—Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City** **Saturday, September 17, 2016—St. John the Baptist, Custer**; **Saturday, October 22, 2016—Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City** The NFP Seminars are required for all couples planning to marry in the Diocese of Rapid City, however they are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning. NFP provides an all-natural morally acceptable way to plan your family or to monitor the health of your fertility, and can also aid in strengthening marriages. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the theology behind the use of NFP, a witness couple discussing the effect of NFP on their marriage, and the basics of one of the many sound, scientific methods of NFP currently available today. Please note that the NFP requirement for marriage preparation is met with this seminar. There is no NFP presentation at the Heart to Heart Engaged Couples Retreat Weekend. Couples need to sign up for both the NFP Seminar and The Heart to Heart Weekend. For more information or to register, contact Amy at 716-5214 x 236, [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org)

## Summit Dates Announced

From the Office of Stewardship — **Save the Date!** The Annual Stewardship Summit will be October 29-30 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The Keynote speaker is Jim Beckman of the Augustinian Institute. Registration information, workshop topic details and times will be coming soon.



## JOB OPENINGS WITH RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

All job descriptions and requirements are available online at <http://rccss.org/district-information/employment-opportunities/>

### Elementary Teacher

### Middle School Science Teacher – Full Time

### High School Math Teacher – Algebra – Part Time

### Food Service Department – Full & Part Time

### Custodial Staff ~ After School Child Care

### Playground Supervisor ~ Volleyball Coaches

For more information regarding these positions, please visit [www.rccss.org](http://www.rccss.org)

Or see the bulletin board for more details!

## DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Full time Administrative Assistant to the Director of Development.

Performs administrative, secretarial and clerical duties for the Office of Development and assists in the design, implementation, tracking, and reporting for the Annual Diocesan Appeal, Terra Sancta Guild and other funds as assigned. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A demonstrated high level of confidentiality and dependability. Excellent secretarial and computer skills especially in the area of databases. Must have a high level of accuracy and be detail oriented. Good written and oral communication skills, and ability to work without direct supervision. High degree of efficiency in planning, organizing and carrying out fund raising social events. An understanding of and respect for the Catholic faith required. Interested individuals should send a resume and letter by mail or e-mail listing three professional references along with a completed application form that can be downloaded from the diocesan website at:

<http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/chancellor/employment/>. Open until filled. The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Development Office, Diocese of Rapid City, 606 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701 [thenderson@diorc.org](mailto:thenderson@diorc.org)

**Part-time Housekeeper** to clean the Chancery offices, Monday through Friday, for approximately two hours each evening. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience in cleaning with knowledge of cleaning products. Attention to detail and safety. Interested individuals should request an application form by calling or e-mailing Mark Hazel, Director of Diocesan Facilities at 343-3541 x219 or at [mhazel@diorc.org](mailto:mhazel@diorc.org).

**Full time Technology Support Specialist:** Provides network design, maintenance and support of the Diocesan computer services, hardware and software. Provides support and education to staff members regarding the use of technology.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelors Degree or Associate Degree in Computer Science or Network Technology with understanding of Network Operating systems and Network Administration ~ Experience in providing software support ~ Possession of Industry certifications desirable ~ Respects the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church ~ Demonstrates good written and verbal communication skills ~ Ability to work with diverse staff in a team atmosphere <http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/chancellor/employment/> Download and complete the application form and submit it by mail or e-mail with a resume and a cover letter to:

Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Rapid City, 606 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City SD 57701 or send to [msimonson@diorc.org](mailto:msimonson@diorc.org)

**The South Dakota Right to Life 2016 State Convention will be hosted by the Rapid City Right to Life Chapter on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Convention speakers include:**

- **Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD** (Fr. Tad) from the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Fr. Tad's column appears monthly in the West River Catholic. He will speak on "Physician Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, Pain Management and Hospice" and "Ethical Decision Making in Sickness, Compromised States and the End of Life Situations."
- **Yvonne Florzak-Seeman** who appeared in the film 40 and is President and founder of Love from Above, Inc, and author of "A Time to Speak" and "A Time to Heal", study programs for post-abortive women.
- **Dr. Patrick Castle** – Coach/Founder of National life Runners Team. His topic is "Encouraging Life in Vulnerable Times."
- **Eric & Jenny Scherr** – Parents, who will speak on "Chosen, A Parent's Perspective."

Registration is \$25, prior to September 1, \$30 after September 1. Registration at the door, space permitting, will be \$40. For information visit our website at [www.rcrighttolife.org](http://www.rcrighttolife.org), or call Diane Ange at 605-721-3065 or email [rcrl@rcrighttolife.org](mailto:rcrl@rcrighttolife.org).



**Rachel's Corner** The impact on men, when they have lost a child to abortion, can equal the pain and anguish suffered by women who abort. Come find healing and hope on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ to let the healing begin. Contact the national office for more information, at 877-467-3463 or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). or Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com)  
The next retreat in the Bismarck area is Nov. 4-6



## Bishop's Golf Invitation

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Western South Dakota **Bishop's Golf Classic and Bunco Social** will be held **Monday, August 15th** at Arrowhead Country Club. Enter a team for \$600 or play individually for \$150. The Bishop's Parish Challenge awards \$1000 to the winning parish team. Not interested in golf? A

Bunco Social for \$50 (including dinner with golfers) will be held at the country club in the afternoon. Enter at [www.wsdcf.org](http://www.wsdcf.org) or call Doris at 343-3541. *Your support will benefit the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation, Catholic Social Services, and Rapid City Catholic Schools.*

**ULTREYA MEETING** *Ultreya will be Monday, July 11 at Blessed Sacrament church at 6:30 pm. Note time change. Snacks will be provided. Please come and renew old friendships, or make a new friend. Time for social, sing and praise the Lord. There will be a witness talk followed by spiritual advisor comments. Any questions, call Lynda Jacquot-Imber at 605-390-9379.*

## A letter from the Bishop....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Church in Africa supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. Pope Francis challenges us: "Touched by Christ's infinite mercy, may all the faithful be signs of the reconciliation, justice and peace that God wills for ... all of Africa" (April 16, 2015).

With so many people in Africa on the move, providing pastoral care to meet their spiritual needs is often difficult. In Angola, this is true for migrant and refugee communities as well as people whose livelihoods keep them moving, such as fisherman and truck drivers. Creating fellowship among various groups, ethnicities and tribes is crucial in order to avoid tribalism, discrimination and even racial violence.

To address these needs and foster growth in the communities, and with a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the bishops are providing training and formation for lay leaders in every diocese. These leaders attend seminars and workshops that equip them to return to their communities to welcome immigrants and help them find a home in local parish communities. After attending a seminar, one participant expressed his gratitude, saying, "Thank you for yet another moment of grace."

With your help, the Church in Africa can continue to play an active role in the evangelization of the world. Projects like this one care for the spiritual needs of the African people, allowing Africans to continue giving the world their vibrant expression of faith. Please give generously to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,  
Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss  
Bishop of Rapid City

For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and search for "Church in Africa."

**Collection dates: July 9-10, 2016**

If you want to put the world right, start with yourself.