

June 6 & 7, 2020 bulletin

Please note: Some Mass times have changed & is reserved seating only. If you would like to reschedule your Mass, please contact the office at 342-1556 during the week.

MASS INTENTIONS ~ June 8-14

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Smith Family
TUESDAY	12 pm	Corrine Prendiville +
WEDNESDAY	7:30 am	For Life
THURSDAY	12 pm	Don Wieseler
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Bill & Jan Winegar
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ		
SATURDAY	4 pm	Dr. Paul Wittenberg +
	5:30 pm	Angie Zacher +
SUNDAY	9 am	Dale & Alice (+) Schumacher
	5:30 pm	Parishioners

Father Kerry will be on vacation, June 15-19 so we will use the time to re-do some of the pews that are fading due to bleach wash. There will be NO daily Mass that week.

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

YOU CAN EVEN DO THIS IN YOUR HOMES!!



Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	1 Kgs 17:1-6	Ps 121:1b-8	Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	1 Kgs 17:7-16	Ps 4:2-5,7b-8	Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	1 Kgs 18:20-39	Ps 16:1b-2a,4-5,8,11	Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3	Ps 98:1-6	Mt 5:20-26
Friday	1 Kgs 19:9a,11-16	Ps 27:7-9c,13-14	Mt 5:27-32
Saturday	1 Kgs 19:19-21	Ps 16:1b-2b,5,7-10	Mt 5:33-37
Sunday	Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a	Ps 147:12-15,19-20	1 Cor 10:16-17
	Jn 6:51-58		

Rest In Peace

Peggy Kuharski

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

Please add FR. TONY GROSSENBERG to your prayers.

Bulletin Prayer List:

All with alzheimer's & dementia, Mark Biggs, Yolana Blackman, All with cancer, Those in Care Facilities, Irene Cox, DaLynn, Floyd, Diane Fraser, Fr. Tony Grossenburg, Karla Grosz, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Jamie, Jolene, Josh, Karen, Don & Norene Lantz, Albert Oyler, Helen Quasney, Special Intention: sister w/cancer, Emma V., Karla Winland, Carolyn Wise

Rest In Peace

Kathleen M. Marx

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

Want to come to Mass?~ Call 342-1556 for a Mass seating reservation!! If you have not been to a Mass yet, be sure to tell us that. If you have, we will put you on the list as "waiting" until Thursday morning. Then if you do not hear from us, you have a seat at the Mass you requested. We are scheduling two weekends ahead now.

Please note... Reservation needed EACH week.



Masses are open on a **RESERVED SEAT** basis. You **MUST** have a "seating reservation". **ALL are welcome!!**

Contact the parish office at 342-1556 to set your time.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: We've added another Mass at 4 pm & 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am & 5:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday: 7:30 am
Tuesday: Noon
Wednesday: 7:30 am
Thursday: Noon
Friday: 7:30 am
(Followed by Adoration & Morning Prayer)

Reminder: The obligation to attend Mass is STILL lifted! The St. Therese Sunday Mass will still be on our Facebook page. The Mass will be streamed LIVE at 9 am, but will also be recorded so you may watch at a different time. Spread the link around! <https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleFlowerRapidCity/>

The Gospel today is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, "God loved...God gave...", it is the paradigm for stewardship-we give because we love.

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 4546.00
Plate Collections	\$ 423.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Calvin Neiss Memorial	\$ 50.00
Building Improvements	\$ 35.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 115.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 25.00
Electronic Tithing	\$ 1900.00
Priest Retirement Fund-egiving	\$ 77.00
Building Fund - egiving	\$ 26.00
Seminarian Fund-egiving	\$ 26.00
Families in Need-egiving	\$ 131.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 71.50
TOTAL	\$ 7419.50

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9762.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:
Catholic Communications \$ 45.00

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE:

June 7: General Fund June 14: General Fund June 21: General Fund
June 28: Peter's Pence / General Fund
JUNE: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

~ 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

**Don't forget to purchase your gift cards for
Wal-mart/Sam's Club, Safeway & Family Fare**

BEFORE you go shopping there!

**Get from the office during the week. Be sure
to call 342-1556 before you come!**

Each one you purchase brings back money for the needy at
Church Response AND for use right here at St. Therese!

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie said in staff meeting, "I don't know what's scarier at
this point... taking my temperature or weighing myself." ☺

**e-giving is Easy & SECURE and NEEDED
right now during this time!**

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.

Come along in our company. Welcome the Trinity—Father, Son
and Spirit—to guide you on your journey. Listen to these
companions on the way. (Exodus 34:4-6,8-9)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

**FOR SALE: The Knights of Columbus
have a hand-made, wooden, enclosed
trailer with a 7x11 floor for sale. If
interested, contact Ed at 605-209-4745.**

FOOD DRIVE UPDATE:

886 lbs so far!

1134 to go! Keep it comin!

The St. Therese YOUTH are still collecting 2020
pounds of food and personal items and not stopping til
they get there! You can help! Bring your donations to
the church and place in the box in the Parish Center!

Thank you OVER A TON in advance!

**Did you know we have patterns and
material if you are interested in sewing
masks? Check out the supply in the church
basement. Questions? Contact Sharon**

Czerwonka 716-2779. sharr2001@aol.com



== Reflection on the Gospel ==

By our Seminarian Joshua Lee

Sunday May 7th, 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time Gospel (Jn 3:16-18)

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.*

*Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

John 3:16 is one of the most widely known and
quoted verses in the Bible, but for Catholics it has an even
deeper, more special meaning. All Christians through
Baptism have a share in the eternal life of God as sons and
daughters of the Father. Through Baptism all sins are
washed away making one new and a member of the
Family of God. It is easy to think that the road to heaven is
a long and difficult journey, one may even become
discouraged at the prospect of such a task. However,
Christ did not leave us alone, he sent the Holy Spirit to be
our advocate and Guide, as we celebrated last week at
Pentecost, as well as left us the Church and the
Sacraments to guide and strengthen us on our way. The
source and summit of the Catholic faith is the Eucharist, as
it is his very Body and Blood of Christ that we receive at
Mass, the nourishment for the journey to eternal life with
Him. The graces that flow from the Eucharist (even spiritual
communion) are countless. Each time we receive
communion in a state of grace (not in a state of mortal sin)
we grow in charity towards God and our neighbor, as well
as a docility to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our life
allowing us to grow in a deeper relationship with God the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

What a gift God has given to us to strengthen us
on our way. Next weekend we celebrate the Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), marking the end
of the Year of the Eucharist. This week in order to prepare
for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us reflect on the
ways that we have experienced Christ (especially in the
Eucharist and spiritual communion), the graces we have
received, how we have grown closer to Christ and family
this year, and ask for the graces needed to continue to be
strengthened in our relationship with God and others.

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

You'll find the weekly bulletin, the button for e-giving, the liturgical
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A prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**If you are in need of assistance during this pandemic,
please contact the office at
342-1556. We have volunteers offering to go get groceries,
make a phone visit, or help in other "little ways".**

Watch Sunday Mass on the St. Therese Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheLittleFlowerRapidCity/>

**Call the office by Thursday s at 3 pm to reserve
your seat at a Mass!**

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit "what'll ya have?" The rabbit says, "I dunno. I'm only here because of Autocorrect." 😊



Rachel's Corner

"Women carry the abortion experience within their bodies.

We (men) carry the abortion experience within our minds. Women carry evidence within their bodies which is tangible. We carry no tangible evidence. Women deny abortion through their bodies. We deny abortion through our minds. For both of us the pain is very real and so is the healing." -Testimonial from a male retreatant

Abortion hurts men and women alike. Come on a Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to remove the pain and denial you have carried in your mind and heart and replace it with His merciful peace. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact Carol Kling for local retreat information at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com

**Call TODAY to reserve your seat for Mass on Saturday
at 4 pm & 5:30 pm and Sunday at 9 am & 5:30 pm!
Call 342-1556. You can even leave a message!**

Greatest Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ the Mass "Year of the Eucharist" Podcasts

During this Year of the Eucharist, parishes have been provided with teachings to help parishioners explore the Mass. Those teachings are now available 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 favorite podcast player! Watch for new lesson about the Mass each Wednesday.



In the Eucharist, we share in the life of the Trinity. God is a communion of love. In the communion of love who is God, there is a real relationship between the Father and the Son. The Son sacrifices himself to the Father. The Father receives that sacrifice of the Son and gives life back to the Son. This real relationship is animated by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in the love of the Father and the Son. Jesus manifested this real relationship in his life and death. He sacrificed himself to God the Father. That is the mystery of the Cross. The Father received that sacrifice and gave life back to his Son. That is the resurrection. The Holy Spirit was present in the whole life of Jesus enabling this sacrifice and the resurrection. This sacrifice of the Son to the Father is eternal. It is ongoing. Jesus asked us to do what he did, and he gave us the Holy Spirit to make that possible. When we celebrate the Mass, we join our sacrifice to Jesus' sacrifice. God the Father receives his Son's sacrifice and ours with His. The Son receives life back and we along with Him. In the celebration of the Mass we come to share in the real relationship of the God. God wants to share life with us. God wants us to enter into the Trinitarian life. The Eucharist is the primary way we do that. God waits for us through his Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. God longs to be with us and draw us into his life. As this Year of the Eucharist ends, will you accept God's invitation in his Son, to enter into a real relationship with God, to encounter Jesus and fall in love with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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.

DIocese OF RAPID CITY SEEKING full-time ACCOUNTANT

Applications are being accepted for the full time (40 hours per week) position of **Accountant** for the Diocese of Rapid City.

FUNCTIONS: To perform accounting activities for the Diocese of Rapid City and other entities as assigned. Accounting, Bookkeeping or other Degree with training and /or experience in the accounting field, demonstrated high degree of accuracy, detail oriented person. Conversant with computer networks.

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The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

St. Martin Job openings Contact Sister Yvette Mallow, St. Martin Monastery, 605-343-8011

Half-time RN position, 8 am-noon, five days a week Supervise healthcare unit and staff at St Martin Monastery.

Nursing assistant positions, full time, varied shifts available.

AND ONE MORE FUNNY ...

A young man, who was also an avid golfer, found himself with a few hours to spare. He figured that if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old man to join him. To his surprise, the old man played fairly quickly.

He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball and directly between his ball and the green. After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally laid. The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."

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High School Religion – part time

8th Grade Literature / Grammar Comp

Girls Soccer Coach

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This person will work closely with the Operations Manager in supporting all employees and volunteers working for Love INC.

For a full job description please visit our website: www.loveinconline/careers/

To apply, please send cover letter, resume and letter of testimony to sheryl@love-inc.us or mail to Love INC, PO Box 3255, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Local TV Mass KNBN News Center 1 has graciously agreed to televise the Sunday Mass for the Diocese of Rapid City for as long as we need this service. This comes at no cost to our diocese. We are grateful for this offer. Mass is also provided on New Center 1's website, Facebook page and Twitter account.

Those with internet access can join in that way.

KNBN – NBC on cable at Channel 10 or 21; on Dish at Channel 21 – 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday (My TV is 21.2 on cable and not available on Dish at 10:30 a.m. Sunday)

Website – newscenter1.tv; Twitter - @newscenter1
Facebook – KNBN Newscenter1

Televised-Mass There are several opportunities to watch or listen Mass online or on television. Visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/televised-mass!

Ignatian Retreat 8-day Silent Ignatian Retreat at Sioux Spiritual Center, July 17-26. 12 spaces only, price \$600. For more information contact the Sioux Spiritual Center at www.sioxspiritualcenter.org or call 605-985-5906.

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St. Therese the Little Flower Church - Rapid City
Income & Expense Statement for Qtr End 03/31/20

	Fiscal Year 2020 July-Mar	Fiscal Year 2020 Budget July-June	Fiscal Year 2019 July-Mar
INCOME			
COLLECTIONS	303,170.68	423,168.00	309,839.12
MEMORIALS & DONATIONS - Unrestricted	33,688.19	11,100.00	13,331.02
MEMORIALS & DONATIONS - Restricted	3,180.24	2,900.00	14,093.55
MEMORIALS & DONATIONS - Designated	-	-	215.00
BUILDING FUND INCOME - Unrestricted	6,146.66	12,000.00	8,481.19
BUILDING FUND INCOME - Restricted	-	-	3,145.56
PARISH INCOME	4,376.22	8,000.00	5,227.11
PARISH INCOME - WE CARE	588.50	1,300.00	1,169.10
FUND RAISING INCOME - Unrestricted	933.95	7,500.00	75.00
FUND RAISING INCOME - Restricted	9,510.41	12,000.00	12,977.57
INVESTMENT INCOME - Unrestricted	2,786.46	3,290.00	2,266.65
INVESTMENT INCOME - Restricted	913.61	1,550.00	955.15
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,080.00	-	620.00
INSURANCE PROCEEDS	-	-	1,885.32
FACILITY INCOME	6,055.00	8,800.00	6,036.00
SALE OF PROPERTY	200.00	-	-
RESTRICTED FUND TRANSFER	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	372,629.92	491,608.00	380,317.34
EXPENSES			
SALARY AND BENEFITS	171,194.40	252,973.00	180,500.85
OFFICE EXPENSES	6,443.05	9,440.00	7,663.32
LITURGY EXPENSES	7,545.97	14,400.00	5,784.06
SERVICE TO PARISHIONERS	3,000.18	6,000.00	4,844.27
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	5,218.86	7,500.00	5,269.54
TRAVEL EXPENSES	2,438.82	3,400.00	2,076.30
EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS	55,801.12	80,610.00	56,525.38
ASSESSMENTS/DONATIONS	37,679.74	61,450.00	43,644.25
DONATIONS (WE CARE)	4,000.00	-	-
DONATIONS- FAMILIES & PARISHIONERS IN NEED	698.54	-	1,320.92
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS	10,276.57	26,450.00	14,243.46
PARISH ACTIVITIES	1,601.41	1,000.00	651.00
FUND RAISING - Unrestricted	2,245.29	1,900.00	1,808.79
FUND RAISING - Restricted	-	-	255.73
PROFESSIONAL & LEGAL COST	12,010.00	18,010.00	10,959.99
RENTAL HOUSE EXPENSE	3,260.76	4,375.00	2,115.00
ANNUAL CAPITAL PURCHASES	42,167.79	20,100.00	24,403.65
TOTAL EXPENSES	365,582.50	507,608.00	362,066.51
EXCESS INCOME \ EXPENSES	7,047.42	(16,000.00)	18,250.83

Turn page over for "Comments from the Finance Council" regarding this Financial Statement

== Comments from the Finance Council ==

(Turn page over for Financial Statement)

As indicated on this financial statement, you can see that St. Therese parish is in very good financial health through three quarters of our fiscal year. We anticipated a \$16,000 shortfall this year due to the use of prior year collected funds for remodeling the entryways. However, with the hard work and generosity of our wonderful parishioners, we are showing an income in excess of expenses of over \$7,000. We were able to make a \$4,000 donation to St. Vincent dePaul with the use of accumulated We Care funds. When masses were closed from the pandemic you responded by signing up for online planned giving, or remembering to send in your gift. While the 4th quarter may reflect some pressure on the budget, I am confident that the parish will come through. Thank you for your support! We are truly a blessed parish!

Email Scams Abound! Once again an email appearing to be from me is making the rounds, saying "I have a request I need you to handle discreetly." And that I can't be called because I'm busy in a prayer session. I will never contact you in that way, and I am always available to you by mobile phone. Priests all over the country have the same scams perpetrated in their names. Please disregard anything that mysterious or fishy. I will never solicit you by text or email for money, gift cards, or personal financial help. Fr. Kerry

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!



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Statement of U.S. Bishops' President on George Floyd and the Protests in American Cities

May 31, 2020

WASHINGTON- Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued a statement on George Floyd and the protests in American cities that have taken place over the last several days. This follows the Friday statement from seven U.S. bishop chairmen of committees within the USCCB. Archbishop Gomez's full statement follows:

The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice. How is it possible that in America, a black man's life can be taken from him while calls for help are not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens? I am praying for George Floyd and his loved ones, and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and across the country. The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor. We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable.

We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin. It should not be this way in America. Racism has been tolerated for far too long in our way of life.

It is true what Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, that riots are the language of the unheard. We should be doing a lot of listening right now. This time, we should not fail to hear what people are saying through their pain. We need to finally root out the racial injustice that still infects too many areas of American society.

But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of rue and lasting change.

Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity.

We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise – to be a beloved community of life, liberty, and equality for all.

Keywords: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, racism, Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

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