

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Oct. 2 - 8

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

MONDAY	7:30 am – Herman Rausch +
TUESDAY	7:30 am – Gary Gross +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY	9:30 am Mass at Golden Living Center
FRIDAY	7:30 am – Lorraine Brooks +
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SATURDAY	5:30 pm – Ralph Glatzl +
SUNDAY	9:00 am – Mickey Prendiville +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm – Parishioners

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

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Zec 8:1-8	Ps 102:2,16-23	Mt 18:1-5,10
Tuesday	Zec 8:20-23	Ps 87:1-7	Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Neh 2:1-8	Ps 137:1-6	Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12	Ps 19:8-11	Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22	Ps 79:1-5,8-9	Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Bar 4:5-12,27-29	Ps 69:33-37	Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Is 5:1-7	Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20	Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Faithful Citizenship ... "The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi, followed by many other holy men and women over the centuries. He was not satisfied to embrace lepers and give them alms, but chose to go to Gubbio to stay with them. He saw this meeting as the turning point of his conversion: "When I was in my sins, it seemed a thing too bitter to look on lepers, and the Lord himself led me among them and I showed them mercy. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of mind and body" (Text 1-3: FF 110). This testimony shows the transformative power of charity and the Christian way of life.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20170613_messaggio-i-giornatamondiale-poveri-2017.html

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)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Oct. 7 & 8

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Mary Ann Wheeler, Kathy Houston (S) Renee Coldwell, Ivan & Darlene Davignon, Liz Myscofski, Dcn. Chuck Rausch **Lectors:** Jim Blackwell, Bob Case **Ushers:** Jim Shank, Jim Treloar **Gift Bearers:** Bill & Kathy Klemann **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscofski, NEEDED

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Diane Dahl (S), Emily Brodeur (S only) Diane Ange, Holly Bossen, Jean French, Kathy Grebner, Kelly Heintz, Mark Vedder **Lectors:** Joann Solano, Judee Popken **Ushers:** Dan Chiolis, Bob Heidgerken, Tom & Melanie Parson **Gift Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken Family **Altar Servers:** Madyson Wolfe, Abigail Popken, Noah Popken

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris Bossen (S) Nancy Palmer, Greg Rausch **Lectors:** Deanna Johnson **Ushers:** Greg Rausch, Will Winch **Gift Bearers:** Don & Dottie Borowski **Altar Servers:** Riley Gay

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

If you would like to be an Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Gift Bearer or Sacristan, call the office today!!

SEEKING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SACRISTANS at ALL Masses but especially on Sunday evenings.

Call Lynn Loomer at 381-7662.

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

Find the weekly bulletin here, plus LOTS MORE!

FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED!

We have all experienced a loss of a loved one in our lives and know how much the fellowship and sharing means when we come together for lunch after the service. I am in need of some volunteers to fulfill this ministry. Please give some prayerful consideration to this opportunity to serve. Please call Renee Coldwell at 721-0808.

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ OCTOBER
Chairperson: Renee Coldwell Co-chair: Deanna Johnson

FALL FESTIVAL WRAP UP

Sunday, October 15th at 10:15 am ~ Room 103

Come share your thoughts about this year's Fall Festival and offer ideas for next year's Festival! Should be short! Hope to see you there!



"A very special 'Thank You!' - and tons of God's blessings - to all who prayed for me and sent get well wishes in mail or in person. It really helped me. God Bless you all!! - Diane Wilkinson"

Bulletin Prayer List:

Margo Aerts, Tim Ange, Bill Backhaus, James Birch, Shirley Black, Kathy Borkovec, Barbara Boyd, Britney Weber Brouillette, Rose Brunson, Kellee Callender, Janice Carlborn, Nick Cederberg, Chad, Jeanette Christensen, Darwin Coats, Jr., Dorothy Coats, Mike Cole, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Katherine Craig, Tom Crawford, Debra, Ginny DeJager, Bob Doran, Brian Duffy, Todd Ennen, Ron Eucher, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Elvina Follum, Vev Fuller, Haven Garrett, Tim Garrett, Joe Gruenwald, Laurie Gustaf, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Linda Harrington, Sue Hayden, Heather, Jaime Hopfauf, Rosemary Huggins, Angie Jangula, John, Jeff Jonas, Joshua, Kaitlyn, Chris Keuhler, Virginia Kessler, Arlene Kingsley, Rita Kutil, Corky Leach, Gary Lewis, Lynn Loomer, Lorraine, Gayle Martin, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Bob Mercer, Steve Miller, Donna Moreland, Aggie Mousel, Ann Weber O'Connell, Millie Oreshoski, Pat Osburn, Donald Pазie, Travis Peterson, Helen Quasney, Ted & Judy Rapp, John Radziwon, Russ Rearick, Joel Rivera, Gala Rose, Claude & Bennie Saldanha, Carla Sandifer, Janelle Scherr, Allen Schwahn, Lillian Schwahn, Shirley, Steve & Britney, Floyd Sperlich, Leo Stulc, Greg Suto, Wilma Theis, Riley Thomas, Rob Tidball, Tim, Terry Usera, Patty Van Horn, Jean Wallman, Eileen Walters, Marjorie Walton, Janet Werner, Larry Wetsch, Diane Wilkinson, Willey, De Etta Young

Thank you for the continued prayers for LORRAINE BROOKS +

Dignity is the capacity to hold back on the tongue what never should have been in the mind in the first place.

NATIONAL PRIEST DAY is October 29th!
We are celebrating with an OPEN HOUSE from
2-4:30 pm at the St. Therese RECTORY!

Come see where the priests live and let them know how much they are appreciated!!

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

A policeman brought four boys before a judge. "They were causing an awful lot of commotion at the zoo, your Honor," he said. "Boys," said the judge sternly, "I never like to hear reports of juvenile delinquency. Now I want each of you to tell me your name and what you were doing wrong." "My name is George," said the first boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Pete," said the second boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Mike," said the third boy, "and I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Peanuts," said the fourth boy.



PARISH PINNOCLE NIGHTS

hosted by the KC's **STARTS OCTOBER 3rd**
Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm EVERYONE
WELCOME!! Bring a friend (if you want) and come
enjoy the evening.

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

GENERAL FUND: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 4299.53
Plate Collection	\$ 1285.75
Children's Collection	\$ 107.97
Religious Education Registration	\$ 105.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 85.00
TOTAL	\$ 5883.25

Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 110.00
Fall Festival Raffle Tickets	\$ 1375.00
Fall Festival	\$ 70.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 282.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 9.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 381.33
Hurricane Relief	\$ 1335.00
Families in Need	\$ 100.00

COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER:

Oct. 1: General Fund **Oct. 8:** World Mission Sunday / General Fund
Oct. 15: General Fund **Oct. 22:** General Fund **Oct. 29:** General Fund
OCT: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

Jesus is here! Come share a part of your day with Him

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
HOLY HOUR ~ FRIDAYS: 8 AM to 9 AM

Benediction & Morning Prayer at 9 AM

You're invited to
come and celebrate

Dale
Schumacher's
75th Birthday!!!

OPEN HOUSE
Sat., October 14th
~ 1 to 4 pm
St. Therese Parish



Hall

Hosted by his family.

Dale requests no presents, just your presence!!!

~ 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.



Next Knights of Columbus Meeting
Monday, October 9th ~ 7 pm

If you are interested in becoming a Knight,
call Grand Knight Bill Schneider at 391-7413 or any KC!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916
of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

MEETING on Monday, October 9th at 6:30 pm. Any lady, 18 years and older, interested in learning more about the "daughters," who they are and what they do, is invited to come to this meeting. Come for dinner at 6:30 and stay for the meeting which generally last about an hour.

More information: 431-0851 or 342-1651. See you all there!

Did you know that the Church sells gift cards to benefit the needy and that they do this after each Saturday night and Sunday morning masses? Did you know these cards are available from stores such as Walmart/Sam's Club, Safeway, Family Thrift Center and Fresh Start and a VARIETY of merchants called SCRIPCards? Did you know we have some on hand or you can order them and pick them up the next week? It's the easiest way to help your church community with very little effort on your part. For more information and/or to purchase some please come to the 'We Care' table in the parish hall after mass or contact the parish office during the week.

Disaster Relief Many thanks to all of our parishioners for their support of those affected by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. With the additional tragedies caused by Hurricane Maria and the earthquakes in Mexico, continued prayers of support are needed. In order to provide our people a way to respond to others in these situations, the Diocese of Rapid City will continue to accept donations to help rebuild lives and Catholic churches in affected areas. Donations may be made directly at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/> for disaster relief in the USA or at <https://www.crs.org/> for disaster relief throughout the rest of the world. *Parishioners may also contribute through their local parish by marking their checks to indicate their intended designation, example — “Hurricane Maria,” or “Mexico Earthquake,” etc. Your generous response to these victims is very much appreciated!*

SOUPS, CRACKERS, JELLO & LAUNDRY SOAP

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

MOMMY’S CLOSET Items needed soon:

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

And DIAPERS: size 3-5

We **greatly appreciate all your contributions.**

Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

NEWBORN Baby Items 0-3 months . . . DIAPERS, new and/or very gently used Outfits, rattles, onesies, receiving blankets, etc. collected & donated to BIRTHRIGHT.

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

After retiring from the army, a former Artillery Sergeant took a job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a light plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit snugly under his shirt and wasn't noticeable when he wore his suit jacket. On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. Some punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former soldier, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. A strong breeze through the window made his necktie flap. He picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. Dead Silence. The rest of the year went smoothly.

HELP NEEDED! Selling WeCare & Scrip cards after the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Saturday night Mass!

Just call, text or leave a message at 430-0459.

You can even e-mail me at yw_flowers65@hotmail.com.

I'll be happy to get you started. ~ Melanie Karp

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

-New Members Welcome! Boys ages 11 - 17

Call Rick Edelen at 415-5764 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Oct. 1 Class
Oct. 8 NO CLASS – Native American Day
Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19 Class

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

Oct. 1 Class
Oct. 8 MS/HS Youth Rally
Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19 Class

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

WEDNESDAYS- 6 – 7:30 pm (Grades 6-12)

6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm

Oct. 4 Life Night
Oct. 8 (Sun) MS/HS Youth Rally
Oct. 11, 18 Life Night

Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a slave.

Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord? Consider a call to priesthood or religious life. (Phillippians 2:1-11)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

33 Days to Morning Glory at St. Therese!

Want to learn about our Blessed Mother Mary and her role in our Christian lives? Want to transform your life, but don't have time? The quickest way on your journey to holiness is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother. Join us **November 2nd at 6 pm**, as we begin a 33 day preparation for Marian Consecration. We will meet every week thru Dec. 7th. On Dec 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, Father Kerry Prendiville will consecrate us to Jesus through Mary. **Please pre-register and order your book by Oct. 14th.** Contact Paula Shull 716-5077 or timandpaulashull@gmail.com

If the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve, what better way than St. Vincent dePaul Society?

We help the poor and needy in Rapid City. It is a very fulfilling ministry to help our brothers and sisters as Jesus did. Please call Nancy Gwaltney at 605-431-7863 to find out more!

Diocesan Youth Rally— Encounter: “What Are You Looking For?”

What: The 2017 Diocesan Youth Rally is a full-day event of fun, food and faith featuring Keynote speakers Bob Rice, Sean Forrest, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Gruss.

When: Sunday, October 8th from 9 am to 5 pm

Where: Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City

Who: Students in grades 6-12

Cost \$35—Youth; \$25—Chaperones

How: Please ask your youth minister or parish office for registration forms or visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/yya/Registration

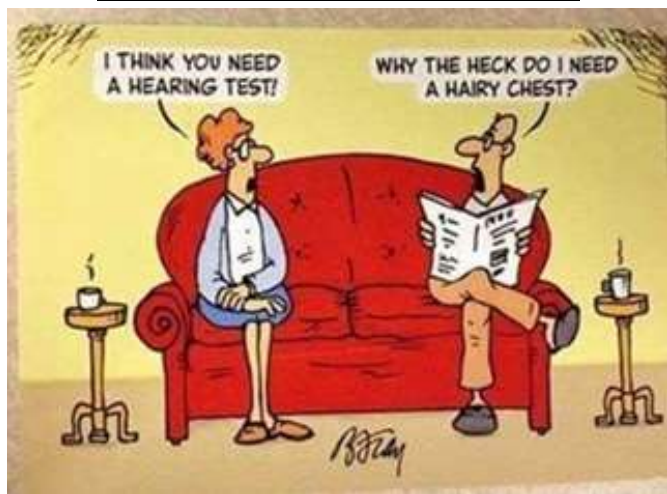
Deadline: Monday, Sept. 25

More Info: Contact Linda Batman at lbBatman@diorc.org or Craig Dyke at cdyke@diorc.org

Psssttt... don't forget your bowl or dish from the Fall Festival salad & pie! And THANKS for bringing them!

Nun Run October 19-22. The Office of Vocations sponsors a trip each year to a religious community for young women ages 16 and older. This year we will be traveling to Denver, CO, to spend the weekend with the religious sisters of the Community of the Beatitudes. This weekend offers the opportunity to experience daily life in a religious community & to learn how to hear God's voice and explore what he might be calling you to. There is no cost for this weekend, but registration required. For more information or to register, please visit www.gods-call.org/events or call the Vocations office at 605-716-5214 ext. 233. *Deadline to register is October 12.*

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...



The Fr. McAlear Retreat Committee would like to extend a most sincere thank you to the many people who attended the retreat and were so very generous in their donations! This has allowed us to be generous with Fr. McAlear's order, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, as well as pay our expenses. **Thank you all for your generosity and may the Lord richly bless you!**

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:
October 26 – Thursday – Dine Out/Happy Hour – Chili's - 5:00pm
 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.

Historic Diocesan Event - Black Elk Sainthood Cause
 Saturday, October 21, Bishop Robert Gruss will open the cause for sainthood on behalf of Lakota catechist, Nicholas Black Elk. The Mass will be held at 4 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 100 Mission Dr., Pine Ridge, SD on the Red Cloud Indian School Campus. Dinner to follow. Everyone is welcome to this diocesan event. Read the October 17 *West River Catholic* for more information on the life of Black Elk and on the process of sainthood.

Meals on Wheels Program is in CRITICAL need of VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!

Meals on Wheels is experiencing an increase in requests for meals to benefit homebound seniors in Rapid City. We are urgently looking for volunteers that can deliver meals to seniors that might otherwise go hungry. Drive once a week... or every other week... or buddy system (take turns with a buddy). *Meal routes leave the kitchen between 10:30-11 am. Most routes take approx. 1 hour to deliver.*
 For more information, contact Cheree Pederson at 605-394-6002 or cheree@mealsprogram.com.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged
 January 12-14, February 16-18
NFP ~ Natural Family Planning
 November 18- Cathedral OLPH, Rapid City

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteers speak up for children ages 0-18 in cases of Abuse & Neglect. Our goal is to provide a "voice in court" for every child who needs one. Currently 250 children are waiting for a CASA Volunteer
NEW CASA VOLUNTEER TRAINING begins October 14th.
 For more info., contact 394-2203. www.casaofrapidcity.org

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.

Save the Date—Men's & Women's Diocesan Retreats
Women's Retreat – October 27-30 facilitated by Amy Julian, Director of Family Life Ministries
Men's Retreat – November 10-13 facilitated by Fr. Kerry Prendiville, Pastor of St. Therese Catholic Church in Rapid City. Save the date and make plans to join us at our annual diocesan retreats! More information is coming soon!

NPM Auction items — bid now
 The National Association of Pastoral Musicians Rapid City Chapter invites everyone to participate in its first-ever Silent Auction. There are many enticing items to bid on. Five diocesan priests have made donations: Fr. Kerry Prendiville (homemade meal), Fr. Grant Gerlach (golf and meal), Fr. John Paul Trask (golf), Fr. Michel Mulloy (Casa Bonita meal) and Fr. Arni Kari (CDs). Also, there is a voice lesson by Dr. Nancy Roberts, toys, baked goods and home décor, to name a few more. Check out the Facebook page, RC Chapter NPM Fundraiser, for the entire list.
 Here's what you do: 1) Go to Facebook, 2) Go to RC Chapter NPM Fundraiser, 3) Browse the offerings, 4) In the Comments section, type your bid amount and your name, 5) Press the Enter key. Voila! You bid! Not a Facebook user? Ask someone who is a Facebook user to help you. Ask your friends to bid, too. The Rapid City Chapter Fall Meeting will be on October 7 at St. Therese Church, and at that time you can see the items on display and bid on them in person. Facebook and in-person bidding will close on October 7 at noon. If you have questions and/or want to submit item(s) for the Silent Auction, contact Margaret Lindskov (605.850-3878) or gmalindskov@yahoo.com) or Marlene Biegler (605.865.3454 or napa_212@yahoo.com).

2018 March for Life—Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage

What: Join youth from around the Diocese of Rapid City as we journey to Washington, DC, to witness to the sacredness of human life

When: Jan 17-21, 2018

Who: High School Students, Chaperones, and College-Age Students

Cost: \$450 includes bus transportation, hotel stay for two nights, some meals, snacks, youth rallies and a winter hat

How: Please ask your youth minister or parish office for registration forms or visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/vya/

Registration Deadline: Monday, December 11, 2017

More Info: Contact Linda Batman at lbatman@diorc.org or Craig Dyke at cdyke@diorc.org

The Sioux Spiritual Center is offering special recovery retreats for those Native Americans looking to deepen their faith through inner healing from alcohol/drug abuse experiences. Call Charlie Rooks at 605-985-5906 for more information. **Recovery Retreat – October 6 - 8**
West River Out of Towners Recovery Retreat – October 20 - 22

2016 Rapid City Right to Life Essay Contests Topic: How do we respect human life?

Divisions are as follows:

Grades 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Prizes awarded for each division:

1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25 in each grade division

All students from grade 7-12 are invited to participate! See the youth bulletin board for more details or contact Diane Ange at 721-3065 for more information.

Christmas Decoration Recycling!!



Do you have some gently-used Christmas decorations that need a new home? If so, Church Response would love to have them for our Christmas Decoration Recycling project. Many of our clients have very few, if any, holiday decorations, and we would like to pass along your donated items to these families to make their Christmas a bit more festive! If we receive enough decorations we would also like to sell them to the general public every December at reasonable prices and donate the money to Church Response. Cleaning out your Christmas storage boxes will result in a cheerier holiday for many Rapid City families and also provide additional income to Church Response – everybody wins! Please bring your donations to your church, or the ChurchResponse office at 30 Main St. Call (342-5360) for more information. Thank you!



Share your gift of intercessory prayer & join the 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

Job Opening: Office Manager at St. Isaac Jogues Church

The position requires organizational, clerical, computer and communication skills. The parish is seeking an office manager with knowledge of and willingness to function within the mission of the Catholic Church in general and St. Isaac Jogues Parish in particular, plus knowledge of and sensitivity to Native American culture. Pick up and complete an application packet and return it to the office.

Individuals selected to interview for the position will be notified when appointments may be scheduled.

St. Isaac Jogues Church

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM.

Any questions call the office 343-2165.

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

Wrestling Coach ~ Middle & High School

9th Grade English Teacher – Part time, 2 sections

Custodial – Full-time M-F 2 – 10:30 pm

Child Care – Part Time M-F 3:30 – 5 pm

Substitute Teachers – certified and non-certified

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

Regarding the Rapid City Catholic School System, Bishop Robert Gruss said: *“The Diocese of Rapid City has been blessed with a rich tradition of academic excellence, which continues today at St. Thomas More High School, St. Thomas More Middle School and St. Elizabeth Seton at Terra Sancta. The heritage of our schools is traced back to 1880 with the arrival from Switzerland of the Benedictine Sisters to begin what would become St. Martin’s Academy in Sturgis. The Sisters laid a foundation steeped in religious and academic rigor that continues to serve as the core of our Catholic school system. This culture of spiritual growth and academic achievement has been passed along from generation to generation in our Catholic schools. Former students of Cathedral High School, St. Martin’s Academy and St. Thomas More share in the personal and academic excellence our current students strive to achieve.”* (Website: <http://rccss.org>)



Hope For New Life (HFNL) Ministry Affirming Our

Mission We don’t always get to see the positive results of our faith-inspired mission to create “hope for new life” in the hearts and souls of the inmates to whom we minister on a weekly basis. Occasionally, God shows us one of His many life-changing miracles in the person of a released inmate who attended our Wednesday jail programs and moved on to a successful life beyond prison walls. The following story is related by Fran Solinsky, one of our jail ministry members: “Last week while I was picking up medical specimens at an office, a lady said hi and told me she recognized me from the jail ministry. She was in jail last summer. As we visited, she told me how she misses going to the HFNL group meetings and how much she enjoyed our program and wishes she could still go. She looked good and had her mother, 10 year old daughter and 3 month old grandson with her. She was on the way to get her other daughter. I thanked her for her kind words and wished her the best. She gave me permission to share this with all of you. Please pray for her as it was apparent she has a lot of responsibility with her family.” HFNL believes that through the Holy Spirit and the life-affirming salvation of the Gospel, we can help end the tragic cycle of arrest and imprisonment— one inmate at a time. Fran’s story proves this hope is realistic. To learn more about HFNL, or join us in God’s work behind bars, please contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)**. We also can always use more prayer partners. To get a better idea of what our ministry is about and meet with some of our active members, you are welcome to attend our monthly HFNL business meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent & treasure! It’s the Body of Christ!