

# Church of Saint Therese

## The Little Flower



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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 ~ Rita Dupres	381-4988
VICE CHAIRPERSON ~ Patty Brunner	393-2577
Council Secretary ~ Fred Solano	381-7783
Buildings & Grounds ~ Jim Quintus	593-1207
Faith Formation ~ Holly Bossen	209-3268
Stewardship ~ Chris VanCleave	716-5526

### ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Altar Society ~ Doris Ann Werlinger	348-6311
Knights of Columbus ~ Jim Blackwell	923-2955

Your Parish Council meets on the LAST Monday 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. Monthly meeting minutes e-filed on website: [sainttheresechurch.org](http://sainttheresechurch.org)

### 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:

**October 29 – November 2**

**Monday 7:30 am**

**Tuesday 7:30 am**

**Wednesday 9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan in New Underwood**

**All Saints Day Mass: Wed. 7 pm**

**Thurs. 7 am & 7 pm**

**Thursday 9:30 am Mass at BH Care Center – Rapid City**

**Friday 7:30 am**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 27 & 28, 2018

### Week of October 28th

**Sunday, October 28**

**HAPPY PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!**

Thank you Father Kerry and all of our priests for everything you do!

10:15 am Altar Society Meeting

10:15 am Religious Education classes and Confirmation class

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

7 pm Silent Auction ENDS!! Get bids in!

**Monday, October 29**

*NEW Silent Auction begins!*

6:30 pm Light Weigh

7 pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, October 30**

6:30 pm RCIA

7 pm CARD NIGHT

7 pm Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, October 31**

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

NO Life Night or Hearts of Fire

### ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

*a Holy Day of Obligation*

**Wednesday, October 31** at 7 pm

**Thursday, November 1** at 7 am & 7 pm

*5 pm in New Underwood*

**Thursday, November 1**

9:30 am Mass at BH Care Center

Dear God, I remember this day all those close to me who have died. May they know the healing and comfort of your merciful love. Bless me, too, this day that my aching heart may be healed. I miss my loved ones and it's not the same without them. Help me to recall the good they have done and to imitate it. Thank you for the gift of having known and loved them. Amen.  
*- Catholic Seasonal Celebration*

**Friday, November 2 ALL SOULS DAY**

8 to 9 am Holy Hour of Adoration

*followed by Benediction & Morning Prayer*

**Saturday, November 3**

FALL BACK! Don't forget to set your clocks BACK 1 hour before bed!

### YOUR PARISH STAFF

PASTOR ~ Father Kerry Prendiville, 342-1556 ext. 11 DEACONS ~ Rev. Mr. Charles Rausch  
OFFICE STAFF ~ Karen Thorp, ext. 15 ~ Connie Heeren, ext. 10  
ACCOUNTING ~ Diocese of Rapid City YOUTH FORMATION COORDINATOR ~ Bobby Myers, ext. 12  
FACILITIES/OPERATIONS ~ Larry Cole FACILITY JANITOR ~ Elaine Duncan

### PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Homebound Ministry: Jerry Kanta, Kathy Grebner, Joan Feller, Rick Edelen  
Liturgy/Music: Sue Englin, Jeanne Schneider & Joleen Click 1st Communion & Confirmation: Bobby Myers  
RCIA: Ralph & Rita Dupres, Deacon Chuck Rausch BAPTISM: Call the office: Deacon Chuck Rausch  
Altar Society President: Doris Ann Werlinger Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight, Tom Baumgartner

## MASS INTENTIONS ~ Oct. 29 – Nov. 4

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Carl Ensor +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Matthew Scott +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass New Underwood Good Samaritan
		<b>All Saints Day</b>
WEDNESDAY	7 pm	Ann Gerving +
THURSDAY	7 am	Rose Wickenheiser +
	7 pm	Charley Gallegos +
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Dominic Calvetti +
		<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Jim Zeller +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Albert Gallegos +

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

Monday, October 29	Elvina Follum +	
		<i>By Father Zandri - Somerset</i>
Tuesday, October 30	Marlys Johnson +	
		<i>By Father Zandri - Somerset</i>

### FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!



#### Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	Eph 4:32-5:8	Ps 1:1-4,6	Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Eph 5:21-33	Ps 128:1-5	Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Eph 6:1-9	Ps 145:10-14	Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Rv 7:2-4,9-14	Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6	1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Friday	Wis 3:1-9	Ps 23:1-6	Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40
Saturday	Phil 1:18b-26	Ps 42:2-3,5cdef	Lk 14:1,7-11
Sunday	Dt 6:2-6	Ps 18:2-4,47,51	Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

**Faithful Citizenship** Many of the challenges and difficulties of End of Life decisions, stem from a fear of suffering, combined a lack of knowledge of the ways in which palliative care can alleviate much suffering, and how the suffering that remains can bring much grace to oneself and one's family. *Pope Francis: Embrace of Hope, Compassion in Times of Illness* is filled with the pope's insight and inspiration for all who face the test of sickness and illness. Pope Francis shows how hope is found in seeing and experiencing illness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. He reveals how grace grows in times of illness when: 1) Christians bring the peace of Christ to the sick through service and care. 2) Difficult moments become the path to forge stronger relationships with family, communities, and with Christ. 3) Men and women in science cultivate and apply God's gift of creation for the treatment and cure of diseases, setting free the oppressed. 4) Christ sets one free, helps one endure, and allows suffering for the sake of a greater joy yet to come. This easy-to-read book has the best of Pope Francis's reflections on this challenging human experience. Presented in an elegant design, this small book is easy to take with you and a joy to read! It is available on [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule – November 3 & 4

**SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Mary Ann Wheeler, Marica Zacher (S) Tim & Paula Shull, Tim & Joan Renelt, Kathy Houston **Lectors:** Bob Case, Jeff Cook

**Ushers:** Mike & Betty Quasney, Dan Shank, Jim Treloar

**Gift Bearers:** Bill & Kathy Klemann

**Altar Servers:** Allison Schuch, Benjamin Schuch

**SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Beth Paris (S) Stephanie Gay, Julie Heintz

**Lector:** Lori Ashley **Ushers:** Bob Ormsher, Greg Rausch, Will Winch

**Gift Bearers:** Jerry & Elaine Kocher **Altar Servers:** Matthew Theis, Rebecca Theis

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Seth & Lindsey  
(Haugh) McCANN on your  
marriage, October 20, 2018



*Praying you live joyfully ever after with God and each other.*

Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

### GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 3512.50
Plate Collection	\$ 1380.74
Children's Collection	\$ 69.00
<b>Electronic Tithing</b>	<b>\$ 1797.00</b>
<b>Families in Need-giving</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Text to Give</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
Calvin Neiss Memorial	\$ 50.00
All Saints Day	\$ 10.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 96.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 236.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 94.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 49.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7364.24</b>

### WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9418.00

#### "THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

World Mission Sunday	\$ 1315.50
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#### COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER / NOVEMBER:

**Oct. 28** General Fund **Nov. 1** All Saints Day

**Nov. 4** General Fund **Nov. 11** General Fund **Nov. 18** General Fund

**Nov. 25** Flowers & Environment / General Fund

**NOV:** Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

### Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ NOVEMBER

Chairperson: Deanna Johnson Co-chair: Lynn Loomer

#### Bulletin Prayer List:

Kathy Borkovec, Dewayne Borszich, Joyce Braun, Britney Weber Brouillette, Mike Cole, Irene Cox, Bonnie Elwood, Maureen French, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Kelly Heintz, Bill Hershey, Marietta Hollinger, Norene Lantz, Erin Maddox, Kevin Maher, Mary Maher, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Jack Myers, Aggie Mousel, Leah Nixon, Jeff Pansch, Susie Powers, Helen Quasney, Jim Quinn, John Radziwon, Ted Rapp, Russ Rearick, Elizabeth Richards, Bennie Saldanha, Janice Simons, Karla Winland, Angie Zacher

### Still seeking volunteers for a new Pictorial Directory?!!

Yes! we're doing a new parish directory in January & February and we need YOUR HELP!!

Call the office at 342-1556.



### A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie yells across the hall to Karen, "Can you throw your back out by sucking your belly in? Asking for a friend."

## St. Therese Church is seeking a

### Janitorial & Maintenance Custodian:

The Church of St. Therese the Little Flower, Rapid City SD is looking for a full time (30+ hours) Janitorial & Maintenance Custodian. Duties include janitorial work and maintenance of all equipment & facilities, including the buildings and grounds. The successful applicant will be handy with a variety of maintenance issues and be able to safely lift and move fifty pounds. They should be detail oriented, a self-starter, and able to budget time. Experience preferred. Salary and benefits DOE. Please send resume to Fr. Kerry Prendiville, 532 Adams St, RC, SD, 57701 or [kprendiville@diorc.org](mailto:kprendiville@diorc.org). Position will be open until filled.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS members needed to deal Black Jack for Monte Carlo nights. Call Marv @209-1086. LET'S HAVE FUN!!!**

**\$10 gift cards make great GIFTS such as BIRTHDAY and THANK YOU GIFTS.**

**We Care/Scrip has several \$10 cards available for purchase: Wal-Mart, Arby's Burger King, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell Hardees & Wendy's -JUST TO NAME A FEW.**

Give a gift and help the needy at the same time. Check us out after mass or come into the parish office.



**Put your highest bids in NOW!**

**Auction ends this weekend!**

**It's A SILENT AUCTION!**

*All proceeds go towards sending our young people to Steubenville Youth Conference In July!*

**NOW thru Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm!**

*Check out & Bid on the awesome items in the Parish Center! Happy bidding!!*

**PLUS... NEW SILENT AUCTION BEGINS**

**ON Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>! That auction will end November 18<sup>th</sup>.**



## ~ 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 [kthorp@diorc.org](mailto:kthorp@diorc.org)

*You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Let us pray for an increase to the vocation of priesthood, pray for the priests who serve us. (Hebrews 5:1-6)*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 Class

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

Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 Class

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

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

**6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm**

October 31 NO Life Night - Halloween  
Nov. 7 FAMILY POTLUCK - Bring a dish to share!!  
Nov. 14 Life Night

**St. Therese Church now accepts credit/debit cards!! Easy & SECURE!**

**If you can't come into the office, you can use it these other ways:**

**Online** - Make a donation on our website: [www.sainttheresechurch.org](http://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.

**PARISH PINOCHLE NIGHTS** hosted by the KC's

♣ ♦ Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm

♥ ♠ **EVERYONE WELCOME!!** Bring a friend (if you want) and come enjoy the evening.



**LARRY COLE is RETIRING!!**

**What?! Yes, it's true!** After 18 years as the Maintenance Man here at St. Therese, he's moving on to other things! **All are invited to a RETIREMENT PARTY OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm in the Parish Hall. See ya there!**

## ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

My wife texted me a selfie in a new dress and asked "Does this make my butt look big?" I texted back "Noo!"

My phone autocorrected my response to "Moo!"

Please send help!

**Heavenly Father, please bless our country and help us unite in what's right and good!**

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS** November 12<sup>th</sup>, the **Catholic Daughters** and all area **Knights of Columbus** will host a Memorial Mass for all members who have passed away during the past year. Their names will be read aloud as we pray for their souls. All CDA and KC members, their families and friends of the deceased are invited to attend. It will be held on **Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at St. Therese Church.** Dinner and a short meeting will follow the Mass in the church hall. Please place this date on your calendar. Contact information: 431-0851.

**Our Lady of the Black Hills in Piedmont  
FALL FESTIVAL & TURKEY DINNER**



**Sunday, November 11**

**COUNTRY STORE, Silent Auction,**

**Cake Walk, BINGO, and games for the kids.**

Meal is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Please join in our biggest family event of the year! For more info. call 787-5168.

**Mother Butler Center Bazaar**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 am – 3 pm**

ARTS & CRAFTS ~ BINGO ~ baked good, vendors, books & religious items, theme baskets, SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 chance, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, & SO MUCH MORE!!! Cash Prize Raffle: \$1000, \$500 & \$250 PRIZES!!! Tickets are \$1 each and can purchase at the St. Isaac Jogues Church office during the week or at the Bazaar. *We hope to see you at the Annual Bazaar, one of the oldest bazaars in the Rapid City area, Sunday, November 4, 10 am – 3 pm, at the Mother Butler Center, 231 Knollwood Drive (across from the AMC 10 theater). All proceeds go to support the operation and maintenance of the Mother Butler community center.*

**Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer**

The highly controversial, shocking and, yet, true story of the investigation and trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell has been made into a motion picture, which tells a story worth telling. Dr. Gosnell is a former abortionist serving several life sentences after being convicted in 2013 of murdering three infants who were born alive during attempted abortion procedures and one woman during an abortion procedure. Few people are familiar with this story, as very little media covered his crimes or his trial. The movie is an important commentary on how abortion is viewed in today's society and is coming to the AMC Classic Rushmore 7 Theaters in Rapid City October 26 – 31 at 1:30 pm, 4:15 pm, 7:15 pm (& 10 pm on October 27) *This movie contains mature themes, and parents are strongly cautioned about the appropriateness of the content, even to their older teens. That being said, some parents may consider this a sobering opportunity to reinforce pro-life values. To review trailer and see more info. [www.gosnellmovie.com](http://www.gosnellmovie.com).*

**ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...**

Bobby was telling Father, "When I finish eating something, I have to show my hands to the dog like I'm a blackjack dealer." Karen overhears and says, "That's what I have to do with an empty donut box to Connie."

**Men's Retreat—Man Up on the Cross**

How can gazing at Christ on the cross affect our vocation as Men . . . Husbands . . . Fathers . . . Join Craig Dyke, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on a journey to Calvary and the Cross, and a journey into your own heart. Craig received his master's degree in Theology and Christian Ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and since then has served as the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Family life for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria and the Director of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Boston. We are incredibly fortunate to have his passion for ministry here and particularly for our Men's Retreat. **The 2018 Men's Retreat will be November 9-12 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center.**

Accommodations for the retreat are: **Monastic Room-\$ 165 \***  
**Family Style Room: Single Occupancy-\$245/Double Occupancy-\$180**  
**\* No Lodging, Meals only \$110 Register on line at [www.terrasancta.org](http://www.terrasancta.org) or for information on the retreat contact Amy Julian at 605-716-5214 or [ajulian@diorc.org](mailto:ajulian@diorc.org)**

PRESENTED BY:

**WINTER FEST**  
NOVEMBER 30TH 6PM @ SES GYM

JOIN US FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS PARTY EVER!  
LIVE MUSIC - NEW GAMES - RAFFLE BASKETS - BEER - WINE - APPETIZERS - DESSERTS - UGLY SWEATER ATTIRE - VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE - A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

GET YOUR TICKETS - [WWW.RCCSS.ORG](http://WWW.RCCSS.ORG) OR RCCSS APP  
TICKETS:  
\$40 INDIVIDUAL (ADVANCE)  
\$50 INDIVIDUAL (WEEK OF EVENT)  
\$20 DESIGNATED DRIVER  
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES APPETIZERS, DRINKS, LIVE MUSIC. GAMES ARE SOLD SEPARATELY AT THE EVENT.

Dakota Choral Union presents ...  
a **FREE Choral Concert**



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**Honoring all veterans in recognition of their service**

With special guests: SDSM&T University Choir, SDSM&T Brass Quintet & Northern Hills Chamber Chorale

**Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Theater**

**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**

**FREE ADMISSION! For more information call 605-519-0749**

**34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER,  
BAZAAR, BAKE SALE & ANTIQUE BOUTIQUE**

**ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**602 Auburn Dr. Rapid City**

**Saturday, November 3rd ~ Bazaar / Bake sale / Antique Boutique is from 9 am to 3 pm. *Leise* is served with the supper**

**Silent Basket Auction from 9 am to 7 pm.**

**Serving supper from 4 to 7 pm.**

**\$9 for adults, \$5 for children (6-12). 5 & under free.**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:30 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 am  
 5:30 pm



# NOVEMBER 2018

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4 to 5 pm  
 Sunday: 8 - 8:30 am



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"So today, as I pray, I want to thank You and praise You as I recall Your kindness, care and generosity as well as the many ways that You have already touched me and blessed me in my life."                      ~ from Come Stay Awhile by Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI</p> <p><b>It's time to "Fall Back!"</b>                      Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday at 2am</p> <p>after Mass Youth Rolls</p> <p><b>10:15 am RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES &amp; CONFIRMATION</b></p> <p><b>1-3 pm Larry's Retirement</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Family Rosary</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm Light Weigh One King</p> <p><b>7 pm Card Night</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA</p> <p><b>7 pm Card Night</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan - New Underwood</p> <p><b>6 pm Edge - Life Teen FAMILY POTLUCK!</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p><b>10:15 am "HOT HOUR" / Benediction</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>VETERANS DAY!</b></p> <p><b>KC BREAKFAST</b></p> <p>8 am 'til all served after Mass</p> <p><b>10:15 am RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS &amp; CONFIRMATION</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Family Rosary</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm MEMORIAL MASS</p> <p>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS followed by dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm Light Weigh One King</p> <p>Love, INC Banquet @ Civic Center</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA</p> <p><b>7 pm Card Night</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan - New Underwood</p> <p><b>6 pm Edge - Life Teen</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p><b>10:15 am "HOT HOUR" / Benediction</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner &amp; BINGO! hosted by the KC's</p> <p>BINGO Cards 3 for \$1!</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>10:15 am RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS &amp; CONFIRMATION</b></p> <p><b>7 pm SILENT AUCTION ENDS</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Family Rosary</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm Light Weigh One King</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA</p> <p><b>7 pm Card Night</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan - New Underwood</p> <p><b>NO Edge - Life Teen</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>No 7:30 am Mass</p> <p>9 am MASS</p> <p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>(OFFICES CLOSED)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p><b>10:15 am "HOT HOUR" / Benediction</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>NO Religious Education</p> <p><b>NO CONFIRMATION</b></p> <p><b>7 pm Family Rosary</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm Light Weigh One King</p> <p>7 pm Parish Pastoral Council</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p> <p>6:30 pm RCIA</p> <p><b>7 pm Card Night</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan - New Underwood</p> <p><b>6 pm Life TEAM ONLY</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:30 am Mass</p>	

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OF YOU FOR SHARING "YOUR LITTLE WAY" WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST! What a blessing YOU are!



## CARING FOR LOVED ONES AT LIFE'S END

*Surround them with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”*

To Live Each Day with  
Dignity, USCCB

-  @uscbbprolife
-  @ProjectRachel
-  fb.com/peopleoflife

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE  
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

View, download, or order the  
U.S. bishops' pro-life materials!

[www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife)



*An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to “shelter” them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.*

### 1. Invite God In

Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.”<sup>1</sup> The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

### 2. Listen

Try to discover your loved one’s values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

### 3. Inform Yourself

Be aware that a person’s wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment<sup>2</sup>—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.\*

### 4. Be Steadfast in Compassion

As Pope Francis reminds us, “Compassion means ‘suffer with’.”<sup>3</sup> Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”<sup>4</sup> The patient’s suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

### 5. Help Them Achieve Closure

Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

## 6. Provide Opportunities for Resolution

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*\*\* how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum<sup>5</sup> and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

## 7. Reminisce

Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life's end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend's favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

## 8. Provide a Peaceful Presence

There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

## 9. Show Tenderness

Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one's hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

## 10. Bear Their Transition Patiently

Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the “how” and “when” of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, “I love you. It's okay to go home now.”

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, “[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.”<sup>6</sup>

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\*As our bishops teach, “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.”<sup>7</sup> At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: [www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay](http://www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay)

\*\*References do not indicate endorsement.

<sup>5</sup>Pope Francis, *Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae*, Choosing the Better Part, 8 October 2013, Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013.

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<sup>7</sup>Pope Francis, General Audience, Wednesday, April 23, 2014, Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2014.

<sup>8</sup>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

<sup>9</sup>Viaticum is the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual food for one's passing over to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anointing

of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitutes the last sacraments of the Christian. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, (Clerical.) See also *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1331, 1392, 1519, 1624-25.




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