

## MASS INTENTIONS ~ Oct. 5 - 11

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Special Intention  
5:30 pm – Carol Fleming +  
TUESDAY 7:30 am – Donna Baumgartner +  
WEDNESDAY 7:30 am – Special Intention  
THURSDAY 7:30 am – Harold Weiland +  
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Donna Baumgartner +  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
SATURDAY 5:30 pm – Milferd Best  
SUNDAY 9 am – Gordon Milam +  
5:30 pm – Parishioners

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

Wednesday, October 7 Lynn Pease  
*By Fr. Zandri – Good Samaritan in New Underwood – 9:30 am*  
Thursday, October 8 Leona Best & Milferd Best  
*By Fr. Zandri – St. John's in New Underwood – 11 am*  
Sunday, October 11 Special Intention  
*By Fr. Zandri – St. John's in New Underwood – 11 am*

### FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

**PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

& The Rosary is being said before weekend Masses

### Our Daily Scriptures

Monday Jon 1:1-2:1,11 (Ps) Jon 2:3-5,8 Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-4b,7-8 Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6,9-10 Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:5-13  
Friday Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16 Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Lk 11:27-28  
Sunday Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30

**Faithful Citizenship Payday Lending** "A \$325 loan should not lead to a family's economic ruin – but for millions of people in the United States, a small short-term loan is the hook into a cycle of debt and despair. Monies spent on interest cannot be used for other needs, like food, shelter, clothing and utilities. The endless cycle of borrowing pulls families and communities into its vortex." "All people have dignity, and should have access to the resources they need to meet their needs, including access to fair credit. As the bishops have urged, "We must insure fair and equal access to available credit. We urge banks and savings and loan associations to meet their responsibilities..." "There is much work to be done to build a society where families can thrive and communities flourish. Prayer and sensitivity to our neighbor is essential and learning about the extent of credit abuse and the lack of honest banking options for many can be eye opening. Don't be afraid to get involved!" [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (From [www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission))

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."

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Oct. 10 & 11

**SAT. 5:30 pm EM:** Marcia Zacher, Jill Leberknight (S) Deacon Rausch, Doug Meiron, John Mowry, Renee Coldwell, Ellen McGuigan **Lector:** Bob Case, Julie Shauger **Ushers:** Tim & Paula Shull, Fred & Paula Welsch **Gift Bearers:** NEEDED **Altar Servers:** Juliene Moore, Justice Moore, Matthew Theis, Kaitlyn Schmah

### SUN. 9 am ALL MINISTRIES BY THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

**SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.:** Holly Bossen (S) Joe Zacher, Nancy Palmer **Lector:** Tony Berendse, Evan Sand **Ushers:** Joyce Lorenzen, Ben Schutz, Greg Suto, Will Winch **Gift Bearers:** Tim & Molly Rausch Family **Altar Servers:** Jacob Rausch, Lucy Rausch, Max Bossen, Patrick Bossen

**Please remember to find a substitute if needed.**  
**If you have changes for future schedules,**  
**please call Gayle Martin at 718-4631.**

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

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

**Hurray! New & exciting!!!**

## JUST LIVE IT YOUTH CHOIR

**Wednesdays at 5 pm!**

**Please call Rita at 342-1556 for more info!**



# WELCOME

----- to the Faith Community

***Through the Waters of Baptism.***

Cash LOFTUS, son of Daniel & Kyra

Mason STURM, son of Rory & Tiffany

## FALL FESTIVAL EVALUATION MEETING

**Sunday, October 18th at 10:15 am ~ Room 103**

*Short Altar Society Meeting will follow.*

We would like evaluations from all the workers; AND we would love to hear from those that attended, too. So, jot down your thoughts – tell us what went smooth, what you'd like added, what to improve on. Drop your EVALUATION past the offices or into the collection, email us at [sttherese@rushmore.com](mailto:sttherese@rushmore.com) or [pndwerfing@rushmore.com](mailto:pndwerfing@rushmore.com) or go ahead and drop it into the mail. Join in, so together we can continue to make our Annual FALL FESTIVAL a fun and successful fundraiser!!

## == The "Z" Gram ==

--- Notes From Father Bill ---

In the bulletin for last week, we asked for some feedback concerning the Fall Festival. There is always room for improvement, but we need your suggestions, which we take very seriously. Also, in the bulletin for last week, we published the breakdown of all the activities. A great success because YOU are GREAT people!

Many activities are either starting up or will start up in the near future. Please refer to the bulletin for more information.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**MONDAYS: 8 am to 5:30 pm**

Come rest in Me. If only for a little while.

Please add UNBORN PALMER TWINS, DIXIE SHREZES, BOB TAYLOR & BRITTANY to your prayers

### Bulletin Prayer List:

Tim Ange, Don Anton, Wendlin Baumgartner, Shirley Black, Brittany, Kellee Callender, Eleanor Clarich, Darwin Coats, Jr., Dorothy Coats, Barb Collins, Irene Cox, Ed Davis, Cathy Falcone, Judy Fisher, Mary Fitzpatrick, Haven Garrett, Leo Grebner, Gary Gross, Laurie Gustaf, Harold & Judy Hansen, Sue Hayden, Rosemary Huggins, Stephanie Johnson, Jim Kampa, Kaylan King, Arlene Kingsley, Melanie Lewis, Margaret, Steve Miller, Luther Morrison, Calvin Neiss, Ann O'Connell, Ron Oney, Bonnie Palmer, Helen Quasney, Jerry Quinn, Joyce Quinn, Ted & Judy Rapp, Kathleen & Larry Riehle, John Radziwon, Cathy Robinet, Steve Rumbaugh, Carla Sandifer, Sand Family, Claude & Eileen Sauer, Dc. Beau Schumacher, Dixie Shrezes, Leota Sidel, Mary Swanson, Bob Taylor, Austin Trask, Louis Vanderslice, Eileen Walters, Rose Wickenheiser, Betty Wilson, Al Winland, Carolyn Wise, Unborn Palmer Twins, Bernadette Zander, Darlys Zeller, John Zeller

Your name or the name of your loved one will remain on our bulletin prayer list FOR ONE MONTH or please inform us of extended prayers.

### Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ OCTOBER

Chairperson: Renee Coldwell Co-Chairperson: Deanna Johnson

## **A WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill**

An employee (we won't mention any names) asked Father Bill for a raise. "Well," Father Bill replied, "due to the fluctuational predisposition of your position's productive capacity as juxtaposed with industry standards, it would be monetarily injudicious to implement an increment." "I don't get it," the employee said. "Exactly."



## **PARISH PINNOCLE NIGHTS**

hosted by the KC's **STARTS OCTOBER 6TH**

**Every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm EVERYONE WELCOME!! Bring a friend (if you want) and come enjoy the evening.**

*The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"*

### **GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week**

Envelopes	\$ 5237.00
Plate Collection	\$ 1329.06
Children's Collection	\$ 121.02
Facility Use Donation	\$ 10.00
Adult Education Books	\$ 15.00
Religious Education Registration	\$ 270.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7052.08</b>
<b>Amount needed per week:</b>	<b>\$ 6805.00</b>

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Building Improvements	\$ 130.00
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### **"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

Seminarian Fund	\$ 100.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 75.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 15.00
Catholic University	\$ 190.00
World Youth Day	\$ 10.00

### **COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER:**

**Oct. 4:** General Fund **Oct. 11:** World Mission Sunday / General Fund

**Oct. 18:** General Fund **Oct. 25:** General Fund

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

## **MACARONI N CHEESE, CANNED MEAT, CEREAL & 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**

**diapers size 3-5, baby food/cereal, lotion & baby wash**

**We greatly appreciate all your contributions.**

*Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.*

## **THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN R.C.I.A.!**

**Do you, or do you know a spouse, family member, or friend who is open to the possibility of becoming Catholic? Are you an adult that was baptized in a Catholic church but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church. The RCIA process begins with an inquiry period of a few months where people can learn the basics of the Catholic faith. There is no commitment to join the Church during this period - it's rather an opportunity to ask questions and learn the truth about the Catholic faith.

For more information, contact the office at 342-1556.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LIFE**

Three different, beautiful Christmas cards will be available at St. Therese at the KC Breakfast on Oct. 11 & the KC Hamburger & BINGO Social on Oct. 17. Each card has a Christian Christmas message. **ONLY \$1 Per card.**

*It's an easy way to support the educational efforts of your Rapid City Right to Life Chapter. Orders can also be placed by calling Diane at 721-3065.*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

### **Grades PreK - 7<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAYS- 10:15 - 11:30 am**

October 4	Class
October 11	NO Class - Native American Day
October 18, 25	Class

### **CONFIRMATION: Grades 8 & 9 (and 10 - 12 if needed)**

#### **SUNDAYS: 6:30 - 8:30 pm:**

October 4	Class
October 11	Youth Rally at Terra Sancta (replaces regular class)
October 18	4 to 8 pm ~ Mini-Retreat with parents (Includes Mass & Meal) - MANDATORY
October 25	Class
October 30 - 31	MANDATORY NET Retreat

### **& \*NEW\* & EXCITING!!! Grades 6-12**

### **Youth Connection: WEDNESDAYS- 6 - 7:30 pm**

October 7	Family Night POTLUCK - Everyone welcome!
October 11	MS/HS Youth Rally at Terra Sancta
October 14, 21	Group

## **BACK TO BASICS with Father Bill**

**WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm** NEW book, "Jesus and the

*Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*" are only \$5!

**Get in office or at class!** (even if you don't come to class).

**Come one, or all Wednesdays... let's get back to basics!**



## **HOLY SMOKES! LOOKS WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR THE YOUTH!!!!**

- October 10<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Team Reunion Past Present and Future at Camp Judson (Overnight-sign up required)
- October 11<sup>th</sup> Middle/High School Youth Rally and Terra Sancta (Registrations required)
- October 24<sup>th</sup> Halloween party for PreK-7<sup>th</sup> grade
- October 28<sup>th</sup> Youth Connection Halloween Party 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- October 30-31<sup>st</sup> NET (National Evangelization Team) Retreat (lock in) 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**ARE YOU CONFIRMED? HAVE YOU JOINED YDISCIPLINE YET?**

**YDISCIPLINE GROUPS MEETING AND FORMING NEW GROUPS, NEW LEADERS ON BOARD!!!!**

**Coming this winter.....Movies, Hockey Games, Swim Parties, game nights, Skiing and tubing!**

**GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR CHURCH!!!!**

**In addition to our Youth Connection, we have YDISCIPLINE at our parish.....WHAT DOES A YDISCIPLINE GROUP LOOK LIKE?**

- 2 Adult Mentors, same gender as the teens, and not a parent of a teen in the group
- 5-8 teens of the same gender
- Teenagers should be as close in age as possible and preferably friends from the same school
- Meet 2-4 times a month for approximately 90 minutes (Parents welcome everyone, provide snacks, and socialize for 15-20 minutes before allowing the group to have privacy for their meeting in the home or other meeting place.)

YDisciple advocates for building small groups who already know each other. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTOR OR INVOLVED WITH A GROUP, NEW GROUPS ARE STARTING NOW! Contact Rita in the Youth Office.

Birthdays coming up and you have no idea what to get those people on their special days? The 'We Care' gift cards are available in many denominations and benefits the church at no extra cost to you. Available for WalMart/Sam's Club, Safeway and Family Thrift Center/Prairie Market. Come by after mass or the parish office and get some today!

### **ANOTHER WEEKLY FUNNY...from Father Bill**

A young New York actor desperately wanted to perform in "Hamlet." So he formed a company and went to a small town to put on the play. When he returned to the big city, a friend noticed that the actor seemed sad. "What's the matter?" the friend asked. "Didn't they appreciate the performance?" "They didn't seem to," the actor replied. "At all? Didn't they even ask you to come out in front of the curtain?" "Actually, they dared me to!"

Young children learn much from the example of the adults in their lives. Pray today for married people, that they may be faithful to their call to married life and be an inspiration to their children. (Mark 10:2-16) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

## **~ 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 Anne Pozorski at 721-1229.**

### **NPM Speaker Nationally Renowned**

The National Pastoral Musicians fall event and St. Cecilia Banquet will be held October 16-17, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City. Friday registration begins at 6:30 p.m., 7-9 p.m., Lee Gwozdz, director of music at Corpus Christi Cathedral for more than 30 years, will present sessions. He is also the current President of the American Federation of *Pueri Cantores* — the U.S. Catholic Choral Organization for Youth Choirs. Saturday sessions begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., and education sessions with the same presenter start at 9 a.m. Reservations are due Monday, Oct. 12. Send \$15 to Kathy Little, 14645 Country Rd., Rapid City, SD 57701. Reservations are non-refundable. For further information, call Jackie Schnittgrund @342-6132.

## **FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES**

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

**Christian Family Planning Seminar** will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, November 21, 9:00 a.m. – Noon at St. John's in Ft. Pierre.** This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, contact Kathy at 716-5214 x 220, [koordes@dioc.org](mailto:koordes@dioc.org)

**"HEAL YOUR GRIEF" Bereavement Support Group** is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. **There is still time to sign-up!** Join us at **7:00 p.m. on Monday** at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 343-5547 or Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214.

**Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat: October 23-25, 2015.** This year's retreat, entitled **Encountering Jesus**, will be directed by Most Reverend Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island. The key to the Christian life is encountering Jesus and living out of that encounter. The retreat will focus on praying with Gospel passages that show us the experience of various people in their encounters with Jesus. Join us as we encounter Jesus through the gospel stories and respond to him with hearts that have been affected by what the Lord God offers us in Jesus, his Son. The retreat will be held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Rapid City. Family Style Room Rates: Double Occupancy-\$195; Single Occupancy-\$130. Monastic Room Rates: \$115. For more information, contact Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x 220 or [koordes@dioc.org](mailto:koordes@dioc.org). **Registration deadline: Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Knights of Columbus Meeting**

**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 pm**

*YOU should be a Knight! See any KC!!*

### **And ONE MORE FUNNY...from Father Bill**

A little boy just back from Sunday school asked his father if Noah had a wife. "All the time – questions, questions, questions," the father replied. "Of course he did: Joan of Arc."

The best safety device a car can have is a rearview mirror with a patrol car in it.

### **Whist Card Party with the Knights:**

2nd Saturday of each month, a Whist Card Party is hosted by the Cathedral Knights of Columbus at their hall on Minnesota Street, Everyone invited!

**Card Party for October - Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

– Round up all your Whist playing friends and neighbors and come on over for a night of friendly card playing – always enjoyable and lots of snacks to share.

## **Social Justice Commission Fall Workshop**

*"Continuing Steps: Building a Just Society"*

**Saturday, Oct. 17 ~ 8:00-5:00**

**Terra Sancta Retreat Center**

Bishop Gruss, along with multiple speakers and numerous vendors will be present to continue the dialogue of building a just society.

Register at [terrasancta.org/SJC2015](http://terrasancta.org/SJC2015) \$30 Scholarships available

### **"Visio Divina — Praying with Your Eyes" At Benedictine Peace**

**Center** A prayer experience with the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:15 a.m. to noon at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, for men and women. Learn more about looking at life through prayerful eyes, Contact Sr. Mary Jo Polak, OSB, at: <http://yanktonbenedictines.org/center-events>, email [benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu), or call 605-668-6292. **Please register by October 26.** Consider extending your retreat by arranging to come Friday evening, or to stay through Sunday morning.

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Court St. Rita #916**

**General membership meeting: OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm**

At St. Therese Church. All members, as well as practicing Catholic women, 18 years of age and older are most welcome to come. See what Catholic Daughters is about and if it is right for you. A snack will be served. For information, please call: Bonnie Spratte, Regent, 605-342-1651.

**"Thank you to all those who contributed to the Marie Vallette Memorial for the Catholic Daughters. Marie was as generous as she was kind to the "Daughters," and we are most appreciative of the remembrance of her time with us. Several hundred dollars was received, and the Catholic Daughters will be meeting soon to decide how the monies will be distributed. God bless you."**

### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Court St. Rita #916 of local Catholic Daughters will celebrate at St. Therese with Mass at 9 am celebrated by Father Bill Zandri followed by a breakfast by the St. Therese Knights of Columbus in the lower hall. Catholic Daughters (CDA) members will serve as liturgical ministers and there will be a reading of the governor's proclamation. Everyone is invited to come, especially CDA members and their families. Please plan to attend.**



**Marriage Encounter Weekend** – "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God." Don't let the world's way tear your marriage apart. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is November 20-22 in Rapid City, SD. For more information visit our website at: [www.sdwwme.org](http://www.sdwwme.org) or contact John & Dawn Elsing at [applications@sdwwme.org](mailto:applications@sdwwme.org) or 605-362-0924.

## 2015 Right to Life Essay Contest

### Topic: What can I do to build a pro-life generation?

All divisions need to submit a 300-500 word essay.

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

Submittal deadlines: Local (Rapid City) deadline: Please mail a copy of your typed essay by October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to: Rapid City Right to Life, PO Box 1072, Rapid City, SD 57709. Please include Name, Grade, School, Address and Phone number on your submission.

State Deadline: Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Visit [www.sdrightrighttolife.org](http://www.sdrightrighttolife.org) for more details on how to submit essay to state.

### Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?

**CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD** A group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 and up that provides a social and spiritual 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:

- Generations of Faith on Wednesdays at the Cathedral - For 2015/2016 the formation program (Generations of Faith) Supper at 5:30 to 6:15, lesson from 6:15 to 7:15, Mass at 7:30. You may contact OLPH at 342-0597 or Eileen Cadarr at 390-8724 for more information.
- Back to Basics with Fr. Bill at St. Therese – Wednesdays at 7 pm- Jesus and the Roots of the Eucharist. Call the office at 342-1556 to sign up or Brenda at 718-0954 for more information.
- Tuesday, October 13 - Music Bingo at Thirsty's at 7pm
- Friday, October 23- Dine Out- Applebee's at 5:30 pm

### The Sturgis Hospital Auxiliary hosts Annual Fall Festival

**October 22, 2015 ~ 9 am to 2 pm**

Soup lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Flu shots will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. also. Profits will renovate rooms at the Sturgis Regional Long Term Care Unit.

### An Update from the Hope For New Life (HFNL) Jail Ministry

**Reaching Out to Prisoners: October 2015** Does it not speak volumes about Pope Francis that during his September visit to the United States he not only stopped at the White House and addressed the US Congress and the United Nations General Assembly, but he also made time to visit Philadelphia's largest jail? Pope Francis recently addressed a group of prison chaplains and asked them to let prisoners know that he prays for them, The Holy Father went on to remind chaplains that they "are a sign of Christ's nearness to these brothers who are in need of hope." Would you consider being "a sign of Christ's nearness" to the men and women incarcerated in the Pennington County Jail? You can do so by joining our Hope for New Life Jail Ministry. As the name of our Ministry implies, we seek to inspire "hope for new life." Please prayerfully consider joining us either as part of our jail outreach team, or by becoming a prayer partner. We will also soon be asking for volunteers to help with our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Jail Program in December. We will be looking for people to join us in singing carols and preparing gift bags of candy for the prisoners. To learn more about the HFNL ministry functions contact **Bill Gradoville (341-2721)**. You are also welcome to attend our monthly HFNL meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Catholic Social Services at 6:30 pm.

### Spiritual Motherhood

The Office of Vocations would like to invite the women of our diocese to join us in our Spiritual Motherhood Group, according to the invitation of the Congregation for the Clergy, who asked women everywhere to consider serving as "Spiritual Mothers" to priests. This would include a commitment to prayer and offerings for the priests of our diocese, who greatly need our prayers and spiritual support. We invite the women of our diocese to join us at Terra Sancta, Rapid City, on October 16, from 6-9 p.m. At this gathering we will provide more information about what a commitment to Spiritual Motherhood means, we will pray together, share stories, and have a light supper. Please join us! In order to get a count for the dinner **RSVP by October 8** to Shawna Hanson, Office of Vocations and Stewardship at [shanson@diorc.org](mailto:shanson@diorc.org) or 716-5214 ext. 233. If you cannot attend, but would like to be a part of this, please contact the office.

### IHM Seminary Visit November 13-16, 2015, the Office of

Vocations will host a live-in weekend for young men who are juniors/seniors and college age students who are interested in knowing more about seminary life. Weekend includes tour of campus, discussions, meals and prayer with seminarians, plus attendance at classes and time for recreation. No charge. Ends Monday evening, November 16. Deadline to register October 31. Call Office of Vocations 605-716-5214 or email [mmcormick@diorc.org](mailto:mmcormick@diorc.org).

### Nun Run 2015

**November 6-9**, the Office of Vocations will host a live-in weekend for young women at least 16 years of age who are interested in knowing more about religious life. We will travel to Lincoln, NE, to visit two different communities of sisters: School Sisters of Christ the King and the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln. No charge. Ends Monday evening, November 9. Deadline to register is October 23. Call the Office of Vocations 605-716-5214 or email [mmcormick@diorc.org](mailto:mmcormick@diorc.org).

### There is still time to sign up for the Pilgrimage with Bishop Robert Gruss to Lourdes, Spain & Fatima and an optional Rome Extension

February 5-15, 2016, join Bishop Gruss City on the journey of a lifetime, traveling to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes. The 11-day pilgrimage includes round-trip airfare from Rapid City, daily Mass in significant Catholic shrines and churches, professional Catholic tour escorts/guides and daily sightseeing that includes the sites of Lourdes and Fatima, as well as touring the Marian apparition of Zaragoza, St. Teresa's city of Avila, Madrid, and much more — price \$3,299. February 15-19, 2016, there is an optional 5-day extension to Rome that includes a Papal Audience with Pope Francis, the major Basilica's of Christian Rome, ancient Rome sites, and the Vatican — price \$1,699.

## A letter from the Bishop....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year we remember in a special way our Baptismal call to mission as we celebrate World Mission Sunday, this year on October 11. On this Sunday, we will gather at the Eucharist, as will Catholics throughout the world, in a spirit of love for Evangelization so that, through our prayers and concrete acts of solidarity, the gift of faith may be shared with all. This year's celebration is further enriched as we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church (*Ad Gentes*) which proclaims, "The pilgrim Church on earth is missionary by its very nature," reminding us that all of us are called to be on mission.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes, "Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries..."

On World Mission Sunday, as our diocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world, responding to the voice of the Spirit, we connect with our world on mission: with Africa, where six million children receive an education in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools; with Asia, where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 5,000 Catholic hospitals and small clinics; with the Americas, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of the God's great love to families; with Oceania, where young men are supported in their studies for the priesthood, to bring the Lord's healing hope and peace to those in need; with Europe, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.

Your financial help on World Mission Sunday, offered in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, supports such efforts in 1,150 young mission dioceses in our world, reaching the poorest communities with a message of hope and healing, mercy and peace. Pope Francis emphasizes that "mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people." Let us have that same passion this World Mission Sunday, as we share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor by our fervent prayer and through generous hearts!

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

For more information, please see the September 2015 West River Catholic or visit <http://onefamilyinmission.org/>. **Collection dates: October 11, 2015**