

MASS INTENTIONS ~ September 5 - 11

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

MONDAY 7:30 am – Gordon Milam +
TUESDAY 7:30 am – Bev Ray +
WEDNESDAY 9:30 am - Mass at Good Samaritan Center
THURSDAY 7:30 am – Jerry & Therese Freese +
FRIDAY 7:30 am – Marion Koletzky +
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
SATURDAY 5:30 pm -- Jane (Jangula) Williams +
SUNDAY 9:00 am – Marcy Habbe
5:30 pm - Mark Fisher +

MASS INTENTIONS: *Other than at St. Therese*

Thursday, September 8 Gayle Martin
By Fr. Zandri – West Hills Village South – 4 pm
Sunday, September 11 Fr. Arnie Kari
By Fr. Prendiville – St. John in New Underwood – 11 am

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7,12 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Lk 6:12-19
Thursday Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Friday 1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27 Ps 84:3-6,12 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13,17-18 Lk 6:43-49
Sunday Ex 32:7-11,13-14 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,17,19 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

Faithful Citizenship "Dorothy Day dedicated her life fighting for justice for the homeless in New York City and was co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. Her biographies describe a political activist who participated in protest marches and developed friendships with famous artists and writers. Day's life was marked by fidelity to the Scriptures, voluntary poverty, the works of mercy and work for peace and justice. She was shot at while working for integration and prayed and fasted for peace at the Second Vatican Council. She died November 29, 1980, at Maryhouse in New York City, where she died among the poor." <http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-192.cfm> (From 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." (From www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Sept. 10 & 11

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Bob & Kay Olson (S) Deacon Rausch, Liz Myscofski, Tim & Paula Shull, Kristi Willard **Lector:** Kevin & Kris Hittle **Ushers:** Mac Coldwell, Michael & Sarah Crook, Dick Cuka **Gift Bearers:** Fred & Paula Welsch **Altar Servers:** Emily Myscofski, Kaitly Schmahl, Madison Schmahl

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Jean French, Julie Heintz (S) Diane Ange, Kim Dolan, Kelly Heintz, Stephanie Kinsella, Mark Vedder **Lector:** David Dolan, Judee Popken **Ushers:** Tom Baumgartner, Dan Chiolis, Kent French, Dean Hade **Gift Bearers:** Adam & Brandy Popken Family **Altar Servers:** John Auriemma, Johanna Auriemma, Hayden Czerwonka, Joshua French

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S) Rachel Edelen, Jan Winegar **Lector:** Dave VanCleave, Deanna Johnson **Ushers:** Bob Ormasher, Jim Treloar, Ben VanCleave, Will Winch **Gift Bearers:** Matt & Kati Skinner Family **Altar Servers:** Olivia Ashley, Max Edelen, Seth Edelen, Tyler Matt

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

Hey! Check out the Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

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

You're invited to a Birthday Bash to celebrate

Larry Cole's

75th Birthday!!!

OPEN HOUSE on

Saturday, September 10th

~ 2 to 4 pm

at the Blair Home,

4587 Trail Drive, Rapid City

Call Judy at 391-5077 if you need directions.



Please add ALBERT FERNANDEZ & ALLEN SCHWAHN to your prayers

Bulletin Prayer List:

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

Thank you for the continued prayers for Elvina Follum & Cheryl Feist Weber

~ 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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS/CATECHUMENATE (R.C.I.A.)

If you fit any one of the following descriptions (or know someone who does), call us!

- anyone who wants to join the Catholic Church
- anyone who wants to consider entering the Church
- anyone who was baptized but never received the other sacraments
- anyone who simply wishes to inquire about Catholicism
- anyone Catholic who feels that they would like to review or increase their knowledge of the faith (and at the same time, act as a parish sponsor for an inquirer)

Our parish annually celebrates the beginning of a new journey into the faith for those interested in joining our Catholic family. This process of welcome into the Catholic Church is called the **Catechumenate** or the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (often identified by its initials – RCIA).

Join us Thursdays at 7 pm! Those taking part in the journey will be invited to explore the experience of God, faith, and religion as initiation team members and parish sponsors share the living experience of their faith. Please inform those whom you feel would be interested about this journey. It would be helpful if you offered to accompany them, at least to the opening sessions. Help us plan ahead if you know of someone. For more information, contact the office at 342-1556. **Attention high school students! If you fit this description, we are starting a NEW**

R.C.I.C. just for you!! So... if you are in high school and have not received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, please call the office today!!

**SOUPS, RICE A'RONI, JELLO,
CRACKERS AND LAUNDRY SOAP
ARE NEEDED AT CHURCH RESPONSE**

Please place your items in box at either entrance! THANK YOU !!

MOMMY'S CLOSET Items needed soon:

how 'bout school needs: lightweight jackets, pants, shirts, socks and underwear and fun fluffy outfits for the young female girls Size 0-6, but really need the 3 T, 4 T, & 5 T.

We greatly appreciate all your contributions.

Please place all items in the cradles at either entrance.

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

GENERAL FUND: Contributions last week

Envelopes	\$ 5188.33
Plate Collection	\$ 1982.00
Children's Collection	\$ 50.39
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Religious Education Registration	\$ 150.00
Votive Candle Income	\$ 48.00
TOTAL	\$ 7428.72

Amount needed per week: \$ 6805.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Building Improvements	\$ 35.00
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"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Seminarian Fund	\$ 125.00
Priest Retirement Aid	\$ 75.00

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST / SEPTEMBER:

Sept. 4: General Fund

Sept. 11: Catholic University of America. / General Fund

Sept. 18: General Fund

Sept. 25: Catholic Campaign for Human Dev'l / General Fund

SEPT: Priest Retirement Aid Assoc., Building Improvements, Seminarian Fund

**Received Fall Festival Raffle Ticket donations
from 40 families for a total of \$1040.**

Need Help!! Adoration coverage

Mon. Oct 3rd and Oct 10th from 11 to Noon.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAYS: 8 am to 4:45 pm

Benediction & Evening Prayer at 4:45 pm

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ SEPTEMBER

Chairperson: Margaret Feist Co-chair: Renee Coldwell

BIBLE STUDY at ST. THOMAS with Dorothy Edwards

Tue **pm**

(6:30 pm Study w/ Dorothy Edwards) (Postponed til later date!) (in September)

Having a loose grasp on those people and things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled to overflowing by God. Can you let go?
(Luke 14:25-33) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

**Adult Volunteers! Safe Environment Training at
Blessed Sacrament on September 7th at 7:00 pm!!**

A LITTLE LAUGH...

Farmer Bob was returning from town with his cow, Missy, and his dog, Rusty, in the pan of his truck. On a really slick section of hillside, with a steep drop of a couple hundred feet, he lost control of his truck and plummeted over the side. As the truck rolled over several times, the dog and cow were thrown down the slope. All were alive, but the farmer, unfortunately, was beneath the truck and in severe pain with a broken leg, several cracked ribs, and a broken wrist and arm. By and by, a state trooper came along. Treading his way carefully down the slope, he came upon the cow first. She had suffered a broken leg. Knowing how much pain she was in, the trooper took out his gun and put Missy out of her misery. He proceeded down the slope and came across Rusty, crawling along, dragging his two broken legs. He had been hit pretty hard. Again, the state trooper unholstered his gun and did the kindest thing. He then continued on to Farmer Bob. The trooper stared down at him and said: "Are you in much pain, sir?" To which Farmer Bob, eyeing the gun on the trooper's hip, replied instantly, "Never felt better, sir!"

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

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

August Feature: Catechesis

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

Go to: FORMED.ORG

Our Parish Code: 2ad1be

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

REGISTRATION THIS WEEKEND! Register for RE Classes, Confirmation and Youth Connection at Carmel Rolls this weekend or the Fall Festival Game Room or pick up registration forms and schedules for 2016-2017 on the youth board

REGISTRATION FORMS & SCHEDULES for Religious Education are available **ONLINE** at sainttheresechurch.org OR on the Religious Education bulletin board in the Parish Center! Register today!! Classes begin October 2nd!

~~☺~~ **YOUTH NEWS** ~~☺~~

We are going to Italy! June 8 - 18, 2017 with Father Kerry. Trip for High School, but many chaperones are needed. Please call Rita Dupres to register!

Youth Volunteers are needed for Fall Festival.



Please sign up at the entrance to the parish center.
*Youth are responsible for game room and Bingo assistants.
Confirmation students will earn part of their hours helping us!*

Youth Volunteers needed at the State Right to Life Convention – 17 Sep 6:30 to 8 a.m. set up and 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. tear down.

The Fall Festival is coming soon... September 25th!
We need everyone's help! Sign up for your hour!



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

 ANNUAL
FALL FESTIVAL 
 **September 25th!!** 
 ~ 10:30 am to 2 pm ~
How can you help?

- ✓ DELICIOUS MEAL!! – requires cooks, servers, salad servers, pie servers, dish washers, clean-up help, etc. etc. ALSO... we ask each St. Therese family to bring a LARGE salad and pie for dinner.
- ✓ RAFFLE TICKETS!! – sell (or buy) them!
- ✓ GAME ROOM!! – help provide the youth with a fun-tastic room!
- ✓ AUCTION BASKETS!! – put together a basket (doesn't need to be in a basket)! It's always so neat to see so many creative and fabulous baskets each year! Oh, and BID!!
- ✓ GIFT BOUTIQUE!! – bring your hand made or "Boutique" items
- ✓ COUNTRY STORE!! – we need your home-grown or home-made GOODIES for the store! Yumm!

The FALL FESTIVAL is our big event that requires **everyone** to help, in their own little way, to do their part. Thank you to ALL the groups and committees and organizations and families and friends and kids who take one (or more) slots!! **SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS** on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in Parish Center! **THANK YOU!!** We look forward to another successful year!

Mary's Circle will meet on the 24th of September at 9:30 am for set-up for the Fall Festival. Would appreciate anyone who can help!! (Which means TONS of you folks will be there, cuz you are all so amazing. Thanks helpers!!)

Are you planning your home-made craft or baked items or put together a basket for the Fall Festival?

**SAVE YOUR EMPTY Ink Cartridges*
AND Toner Cartridges*!**

Just place your empties in the box in Parish Center.

**Must be original cartridges – not generic.

Thank you for supporting OUR YOUTH!

**The Church of St. Therese the Little Flower
in Rapid City, SD, is seeking a 0-10/hr. week**

Part-time Asst. Religious Education Coordinator

The function of the Asst. Religious Education Coordinator is to coordinate the religious education program of Pre-School through 6th grade and Adult Education Programs of St. Therese, the Little Flower church. The employee works on an as-needed basis with the most hours needed during the start-up in the fall and on-going through the school year. Summer work includes recruiting and ordering material for fall and coordinating Vacation Bible School activities. **Wages: DOE** For a comprehensive job advertisement and application, inquiries may be made by calling the church at (605) 342-1556, or emailing the church at sttherese@rushmore.com with **Fr. Prendville – Asst. Religious Education Coordinator in the memo line.**

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."

Planning one last camping trip before the weather starts getting cold? Don't forget to purchase your 'We Care' gift cards from the Church before you do your shopping! You'll be helping the needy at no extra cost to you... HOW EASY IS THAT?! Come see us at the table in the parish hall after each Saturday night or Sunday morning mass or visit the parish office. You'll wonder why you didn't do it sooner!

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...

Steve asked the preacher to pray for his hearing. After a few minutes of fervent prayer with his hands clasped over Steve's ears the entire time, the preacher stopped and asked, "How's your hearing now?" Steve replied, "I don't know. It's coming up this Tuesday at the courthouse."

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

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

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.

Are you a single, separated or divorced Catholic?

CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD A group that provides a social and spiritual group of single, widowed, separated, and divorced Catholic men and women ages 35 and network of activities that offer companionship for singles. The group offers a variety of programs and experiences that enrich its members socially, educationally, and spiritually. If you need additional information or would like to be put on our email list please contact Brenda at 718-0954 or Larry at 355-9087. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

September 16 – Friday - Dine Out – 5:30pm – Applebee's
September 27 – Tuesday – Music Bingo at Thirsty's – 7pm
More in October – watch the bulletin!

Movie Nights – We will watch Elks/Carmike for upcoming movies and email

Attention Medical Professionals

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) is the largest association of Catholic individuals in health care. We help our members to grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. CMA is made of local guilds all across the United States. The purpose of a guild is to provide fellowship, education, opportunities to serve the local Church and the public in their particular area. Local guilds help their members to grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. On Friday, September 16, the Diocese of Rapid City, together with the Regional Directors of the Catholic Medical Association, will host an evening with Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD from the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Please see the invitation below to join us in a White Mass, followed by heavy hors d'oeuvres and presentations by Fr. Tad and the Catholic Medical Association. If you are interested in joining us for the evening to investigate ways in which your faith could enhance your profession, please RSVP with Amy Julian, Director of Family Life at ajulian@diorc.org, or 605-716-5214 ext 236. For more information about a CMA Guild or how you as individuals can become a member of Catholic Medical Association, please consult their website at <http://cathmed.org>.

Friday September 16, 2016 ~ Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta Retreat Center

- 5:30 White Mass for Medical Professionals
- 6:00 Social with Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres
- 6:45 Program
 - Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
 - Regional Representative of Catholic Medical Association
 - Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

Kindly RSVP by the 12th of September to: Amy Julian ajulian@diorc.org, 605-716-5214 ext 236

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

Installation of Officers on Monday, September 12th at 5:30 pm Mass at St. Therese.

Rev. Kerry Prendiville will be the celebrant.

Installation will be followed by a dinner and meeting in the Parish Hall. All members and prospective members are urged to attend.

For information, please call: Bonnie Spratte, Regent, 605- 342-1651.

Rapid City – Newman Center Masses

Sunday Mass at the SDSM&T Newman Center will be at 7:30 p.m. Adoration will be available an hour before. Weekday Mass will be Tuesday's at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

---- Happenings at St. Martin's ---- INTO THE HEART OF THE WOMAN

Prayerful Painting ~ Saturday, September 17, 9:15 am to 2:30 pm
You need not be an artist for God to speak to you through creative expression. This is a retreat day during which we will explore the art form of mandala as a way to pray. God speaks to us in many ways. Using a *lectio* format, we will pray, compose and paint a mandala. St. Martin Monastery, 1851 City Springs Road, Rapid City, SD. \$20 includes lunch. To register and for more info., call Sr. Therese Marie at 343-8011.

Catholics Returning Home Have you been away from the church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? Do you know someone who wants to return to the Church? If so, there is a special ministry for people who have been away from the Church. The 6-week "Catholics Returning Home" series begins on Tuesday, September 18, at 7 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City. For more information contact Deacon Greg Sass at gsass@diorc.org or 605-939-0579, or visit ReturningCatholics.net. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

Live Marriage Life Abundantly!!

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? Do you need time just for the two of you?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer! Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will actually learn a practical communication technique and have an opportunity to rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage. Your marriage is your most important relationship! NOW is a good time to invest time in your health, happy relationship, and reconnect with your spouse. Renew the commitment, intimacy and passion in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are
Sep 9-11, 2016 in Irene, SD and Nov 18-20, 2016 in Rapid City, SD.
Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information visit our website at: sdwwme.org
or contact John & Dawn at applications@sdwwme.org or 605-359-1533.
RESTORE COMMUNICATION * RENEW COMMITMENT * REKINDLE ROMANCE

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

"HEAL YOUR GRIEF" Bereavement Support Group is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, 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.

Beginning Experience Separated, Divorced & Widowed Support Group, "Coping with Life Alone". Are you recently separated, divorced or widowed? Are you struggling with pain and loneliness? Healing can begin with the next nine week session of the support group. The group starts at 7:00pm on September 15th at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams St, Rapid City. The non-denominational group is open to all Christian men and women who are hurting following a separation, divorce, or the death of a spouse. Registration fee is \$30.00; need-based scholarships available. Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information and to pre-register, call Amy with Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x 236.

Heart to Heart: A Weekend Retreat for the Engaged is a weekend getaway, held at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, for engaged couples to deepen their relationship with each other and with God by exploring the Catholic Church's vision of marriage. The next retreat dates are: **September 23-25, 2016; January 13-15, 2017; February 10-12, 2017** Please register on-line at www.WestRiverHeart2Heart.com. Additional dates are available online. Please note that retreats will be closed to registration once full, and payment does not have to be made on the date of registration, so early registration is recommended, especially if your options are limited. For more information, contact Amy at Family Life Ministries, 716-5214 x 236 or ajulian@diorc.org. Please note: Because this retreat is such a powerful preparation for the sacrament of marriage, attendance at a "Heart to Heart" Weekend Retreat is a requirement for couples doing marriage preparation in the Diocese of Rapid City.

NFP, Good for your Body, Great for your Soul The next Natural Family Planning Seminars will be offered on: **Saturday, September 10, 2016—St. John the Evangelist, Ft. Pierre ** CENTRAL TIME ZONE ** NOTE CHANGE IN DATE; Saturday, September 17, 2016—St. John the Baptist, Custer; Saturday, October 22, 2016—Terra Sancta, Rapid City; Saturday, November 19, 2016—Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Martin** NFP Seminars are required for all couples planning to marry in the Diocese of Rapid City, however they are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning. NFP provides an all-natural morally acceptable way to plan your family or to monitor the health of your fertility, and can also aid in strengthening marriages. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the theology behind the use of NFP, a witness couple discussing the effect of NFP on their marriage, and the basics of one of the many sound, scientific methods of NFP currently available today. **Please note that the NFP requirement for marriage preparation is met with this seminar. There is no NFP presentation at the Heart to Heart Engaged Couples Retreat Weekend. Couples need to sign up for both the NFP Seminar and The Heart to Heart Weekend.** For more info. or to register, contact Amy at 716-5214 x 236, ajulian@diorc.org.



Your Fall Live Drive on Real Presence Radio is coming Sept 14 - 16. Tune in and call in your support for your local Catholic Radio stations 89.9/94.7 FM (Rapid City). Thank you for your prayers and support. Call 1-877-795-0122 or send your gifts to PO Box 13703 Grand Forks, ND 58208.

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

Convention speakers include:

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

Registration is still open. \$30. Registration at the door, space permitting, will be \$40. For information visit our website at www.rcrighttolife.org, or call Diane Ange at 605-721-3065 or email rcrl@rcrighttolife.org. **Registration 8 to 9 am. Convention is 9 am to 5 pm. Lunch is included!**

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, Oct. 15th, St. Therese Church. Catholic Daughter Retreat for both women and men. Director: Msgr. Charles M. Mangan from the Diocese of Sioux Falls. More info. to follow.

ALERT Few crimes are more abhorrent than child trafficking and few crimes are more challenging for communities to recognize and address. U.S. citizens and foreign national children are trafficked for sex and labor in the United States. In fact, many child victims of human trafficking are students in the American school system. No community – urban, rural, or suburban – and no school, socioeconomic group or student demographic is immune. All of us can educate ourselves to the evils of human trafficking. See sistersagainstrafficking.org a site of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

The **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** of Spearfish is sponsoring a **Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run** on Saturday, September 24, 2016. This is a 5 K Walk/Run starting at the Spearfish Park Pavilion, travelling along the recreation path to Spearfish Canyon and back. We will also have a 1 mile walk for children.



The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national program that provides funding for local Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conferences and Councils. 100% of the funds raised stay in the local community to help those living in poverty, regardless of race, origin, religion, or gender. Last year, over 4,500 SVdP Conferences and Councils provided 11.5 million service hours to help almost 15 million people in the United States. **For information contact Mary Ann Bohls at 605-641-2934 or photobug@rushmore.com or visit www.fopwalk.org.**

Clarification regarding the Sioux Spiritual Center: The Sioux Spiritual Center is not closing but will no longer be staffed by Jesuit priests after June of 2017.

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

A Vital Prayer Chain Dear Beloved God



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

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 insure 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: <http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment/policy-documents/>. 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. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: <http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment/>.

Veritatis Splendor Certification Mass

The Veritatis Splendor Institute of the Diocese of Rapid City will be certifying two new classes of graduates (Basic & Master) at Mass with Bishop Gruss on Sunday, September 11, at 3:00pm, at Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta Retreat Center. All are invited to join us for this wonderful celebration with our graduates from all around the diocese.

Save the Date for Summit! The Annual Stewardship Summit will be held on October 28-29, 2016 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The Keynote speaker is Jim Beckman of the Augustinian Institute.

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD In 2007, the Congregation for the Clergy invited women to consider making a commitment of prayer and sacrifice for the sanctification of priests. In our diocese many women have made a yearly commitment to pray for a particular priest, seminarian or discernor through our Spiritual Motherhood program. This includes a commitment to prayer and offerings for the priests of our diocese, who greatly need our prayers and spiritual support. A Spiritual Motherhood Gathering will take place Saturday, September 10, 9am—12pm at St. Joseph Church, Faith, SD. We will gather for prayer, discussion and encouragement. Current and new members are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact: Shawna Hanson, Office of Vocations, shanson@diorc.org or call 605-716-5214 ext. 233. Deadline for registration is September 5.

Day of Discernment for Young Men

In the Silence, the voice of the Lord is heard (cf. 1 Kings 11-12). In all of the activities and noise of daily life, the voice of Christ can go unheard and unheeded. The Office of Vocations will be sponsoring a Day of Discernment for Young Men aged 16 and up on **September 11** from noon until 6pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Faith. The day will begin with Mass and include quiet time to pray, a hike and two talks designed to assist you in hearing Christ and discovering God's plan for your life. There is no cost for the day, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the Office of Vocations at: shanson@diorc.org or 605-716-5214 ext. 233. Deadline for registration is September 5th.