

Church of Saint Therese The Little Flower



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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

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:

September 10 - 14

Monday 7:30 am

Tuesday 7:30 am

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

Thursday 7:30 am

Friday 7:30 am

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8 & 9, 2018

Week of September 9

Sunday, September 9

9 – 11:30 am CONFIRMATION class
begins (grade 7+)

10:15 – 11:30 am PreK-5th grade religious
education classes begin

7 pm FAMILY ROSARY – All welcome!

Monday, September 10

6:30 pm Catholic Daughters

7 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

7 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 11

6:30 pm RCIA

Wednesday, September 12

9:30 am Mass at Good Samaritan Center

6 pm Life Night (Middle & High School)

6 pm Hearts Of Fire Adult Education class

Friday, September 14

8 to 9 am Holy Hour of Adoration followed
by Benediction & Morning Prayer

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Down the Road

IT'S COMING UP QUICKLY!!!

Saturday, September 22

9 am Fall Festival SET UP

Sunday, September 23

10:15 am to 2 pm FALL FESTIVAL

Plan your auction "baskets", make your handmade crafts & goodies, invite your family & friends, sign up to volunteer, plan what pie & salad you'll bring! It's going to be the best one yet!!

Welcome to St. Therese!

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Sept. 10 - 16

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

MONDAY	7:30 am	Dominic Calvetti +
TUESDAY	7:30 am	Matthew Scott +
WEDNESDAY	9:30 am	Mass New Underwood Good Samaritan
THURSDAY	7:30 am	Dominic Calvetti +
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Don Wieseler
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
SATURDAY	5:30 pm	Claude Saldanha +
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Carrol Krause + & John Krause +
SUNDAY	5:30 pm	Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS: Other than at St. Therese

Wednesday, September 12 For Life
Fr. Kerry Prendiville – Good Samaritan, New Underwood – 9:30 am

FAMILY ROSARY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 7PM

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Our Daily Scriptures

Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8	Ps 5:5-6,7,12	Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	1 Cor 6:1-11	Ps 149:1-6,9	Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	1 Cor 7:25-31	Ps 45:11-12,14-17	Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13	Ps 139:1b-3,13,14b,23-24	Mk 4:1-10,13-20
Friday	Nm 21:4b-9	Ps 78:1-2,34-38	Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22	Ps 116:12-13,17-18	Jn 19:25-27
Sunday	Is 50:5-9a	Ps 116:1-6,8-9	Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

Faithful Citizenship Agriculture is by far the largest sector of the economy in South Dakota, putting \$25.6 billion into our state each year. Agriculture employs over 115,651 people in South Dakota – more than 30 percent of all jobs. <https://www.sdcorn.org/learn/economic-impact/>

On July 23rd, 2018, the USCCB issued a Letter to Congress Addressing the Moral and Human Dimensions of FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations, which says in part: "In For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food, the U.S. bishops wrote, "The primary goals of agricultural policies should be providing food for all people and reducing poverty among farmers and farm workers in this country and abroad." Adequate nutrition is essential to protect human life and dignity. We must also promote good stewardship of the land and natural resources." To read the letter in its entirety see: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/agriculture-nutrition-rural-issues/letter-to-congress-on-fy-2019-agriculture-appropriations-2018-07-23.cfm>

Liturgical Ministry Schedule – Sept. 15 & 16

SAT. 5:30 pm E.M.: Mary Ann Wheeler, Marcia Zacher (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Bob & Kay Olson, Tim & Paula Shull **Lectors:** Jeff Cook, Louella Vifquain **Ushers:** Mac Coldwell, Dick Cuka, Dan Shank, Todd Tellinghusen **Gift Bearers:** Bill & Kathy Klemann **Altar Servers:** Allison Schuch, Johanna Auriemma

SUN. 9 am E.M.: Del & Joann Solano (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Bob Heiderken, Marcy Morrison, Ray & Mary Wagner **Lectors:** Brenda Wills, Jean French **Ushers:** Rick Edelen, Seth Edelen, Max Edelen, Bill Schneider **Gift Bearers:** Tom & Melanie Parson **Altar Servers:** Destinee Heizelman, Drake Heizelman

SUN. 5:30 pm E.M.: Chris VanCleave (S) Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Amanda Williamson **Lector:** Tony Berends **Ushers:** Greg Rausch, Bill & Jan Winegar, Jim Treloar **Gift Bearers:** Don & Dottie Borowski **Altar Servers:** Riley Gay, Elena Tillett

There is an URGENT need for USHERS at the 5:30 pm Masses on Saturdays & Sundays, please call **GAYLE MARTIN** at 718-4631.

WELCOME

to the Faith Community

New Parishioners

Paul & Krista INMAN, and Brandon & Abby

Thank You



"To all those that prepared food and/or served the luncheon after Marlys' service. It was so nice of you. Marlys truly loved her church and all her church family. It was so special to her."

~ The Family of Marlys Johnson

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

GENERAL & OTHER FUNDS: Contributions this week

Envelopes	\$ 4081.01
Plate Collection	\$ 1247.73
Children's Collection	\$ 85.25
Electronic Tithing	\$ 737.00
NEW We will break out text to give weekly	
Text to give	\$ 175.00
Priest Retirement Aid Association	\$ 271.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 130.31
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 200.31
Votive Candle Income	\$ 69.01
TOTAL	\$ 6996.62

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$9418.00

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Campaign for Human Development	\$ 40.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 151.49

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Sept. 9 Catholic University of America / General Fund

Sept. 16 General Fund **Sept. 23** General Fund

Sept. 30 Campaign for Human Development / General Fund

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

Rest In Peace

Irene Trione

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

Bulletin Prayer List:

Marlene Albertson, Kathy Borkovec, Dewayne Borszich, Joyce Braun, Britney Weber Brouillette, Mike Cole, Irene Cox, Bonnie Elwood, Addie Emery, Pat Guertman, Tom Haney, Harold Hansen, Margaret Hansen, Kelly Heintz, Bill Hershey, Marietta Hollinger, Rita Kutil, Alyssa Lichtenberger, Erin Maddox, Kevin Maher, Mary Maher, Brad Maskovich, Susan McFadden, Ann Milam, Jack Myers, Aggie Mousel, Leah Nixon, Jeff Pansch, Susie Powers, Helen Quasney, Jim Quinn, John Radziwon, Ted Rapp, Russ Rearick, Elizabeth Richards, Bennie Saldanha, Lenora Volk, Karla Winland, Angie Zacher

St. Therese the Little Flower Church - Rapid City
Income & Expense Statement for Year End 6/30/18
Budget Information for Fiscal Years 2018 & 2019

	Fiscal Year 2018 Actual	Fiscal Year 2018 Budget	Fiscal Year 2019 Budget
INCOME			
COLLECTIONS	380,559.51	410,200.00	418,240.00
MEMORIALS & DONATIONS - Unrestricted	15,101.96	22,350.00	12,350.00
MEMORIALS & DONATIONS - Restricted	5,000.65	-	-
BUILDING FUND INCOME - Unrestricted	8,920.55	11,000.00	9,000.00
BUILDING FUND INCOME - Restricted	1,104.43	-	-
PARISH INCOME	7,841.84	8,500.00	8,200.00
PARISH INCOME - WE CARE	1,823.25	-	-
FUND RAISING INCOME - Unrestricted	18,673.50	16,000.00	18,500.00
FUND RAISING INCOME - Restricted	996.95	-	-
INVESTMENT INCOME - Unrestricted	3,001.75	3,000.00	3,200.00
INVESTMENT INCOME - Restricted	1,128.58	-	2,600.00
FACILITY INCOME	12,299.81	11,200.00	8,200.00
RESTRICTED FUND TRANSFER	(1,651.04)	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	454,801.74	482,250.00	480,290.00
EXPENSES			
SALARY AND BENEFITS	245,505.45	275,100.00	250,435.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	7,740.08	7,420.00	8,820.00
LITURGY EXPENSES	13,422.87	13,820.00	14,820.00
SERVICE TO PARISHIONERS	6,129.96	5,850.00	5,700.00
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	7,759.25	10,350.00	8,250.00
TRAVEL EXPENSES	3,123.64	3,200.00	3,400.00
EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS	69,370.44	79,285.00	77,807.00
ASSESSMENTS/DONATIONS	67,746.45	73,450.00	65,950.00
DONATIONS (WE CARE)	500.00	-	-
DONATIONS - FAMILIES&PARISHIONERS IN NEE	3,654.61	-	-
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS	15,839.22	23,140.00	21,975.00
PARISH ACTIVITIES	\$1,839.89	4,500.00	3,500.00
FUND RAISING - Unrestricted	1,935.48	2,350.00	2,100.00
FUND RAISING - Restricted	33.98	-	-
PROFESSIONAL & LEGAL COST	6,093.31	15.00	14,615.00
RENTAL HOUSE EXPENSE	3,666.92	5,200.00	5,075.00
ANNUAL CAPITAL PURCHASES	119,951.63	15,500.00	7,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	574,313.18	519,180.00	489,747.00
EXCESS INCOME \ EXPENSES	(119,511.44)	(36,930.00)	(9,457.00)

FY 2018 Actual Capital Expense Includes the Parking Lot Improvements totalling \$102,177.31 FY 2019 Budget Deficit of \$9,457.00 Can Be Covered With Additional Collections of Less Than \$200.00 Per Week

~ 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

MARY'S CIRCLE MEETING

Wednesday, September 12th at 1:30 pm

at St. Therese Parish Hall

We'll be getting ready for the Fall Festival.

Questions? Call Darlys at 348-4269.

We will be setting up the booth for Fall Festival at 9 am on Saturday, September 22nd. All help appreciated!!

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!!**

The Christmas Bazaar will be combined with the Fall Festival this year! Bring your Christmas & other crafts for the Gift Boutique at the Fall Festival! Thank you! - *Mary's Circle*

A LITTLE LAUGH ...

Connie said, "I haven't tried yoga, but I have tried bending over to pick up my keys, so I'm pretty sure I'd hate yoga."

It's almost here!!!

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 23rd!!

10:30 am to 2 pm!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SALAD & PIE!!!

How can you help?

SET UP is Saturday, September 22nd at 9 am. You may bring all your home-made crafts, goodies and silent auction baskets at this time. **We ask each family to bring a LARGE salad and a pie for the dinner!** Those may be dropped off beginning Sunday at 8:30 am!

Don't forget clean up! The FALL FESTIVAL is our big event that requires everyone to help, in their own little way, to do their part. **SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS on the TABLE in the Parish Center! THANK YOU!!**
We look forward to another successful year!

HEARTS OF FIRE Adult Education group starting at St. Therese!

The first 6-week class~ 33 Days to Morning Glory ~
Wednesdays at 6pm
(includes meal before class).

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. Call Jeff or Martha Cook at 718-1999.

S.N.S.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY NIGHT SNACK

The youth will be serving bags of yummy popcorn & other treats after Masses on September 15 & 16! Be sure to pick up a bag or two or three...

All proceeds go to the Youth Activities at St. Therese!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

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

Sept. 9, 16 Class
Sept. 23 NO CLASS (Fall Festival) Volunteers NEEDED!
Sept. 30 Class
Oct. 7 NO CLASS - Native American Day

CONFIRMATION: SUNDAYS: 9 - 11:30 am ~ 7th Grade + (Includes Mass)

Sept. 9, 16 Class
Sept. 23 NO CLASS (Fall Festival) Volunteers NEEDED!
Sept. 30th 9 am - 1 pm MINI-RETREAT w/ PARENTS (Mass & meal)
Oct. 7 Middle School Retreat at Terra Sancta

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

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

6 pm Dinner ~ Group starts at 6:30 pm

Sept. 12, 19 Life Night
Sept. 26 Core Team ONLY

LET US FILL OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

"I have called you by name, and you are mine!"

This week please pray about who God wants you to invite to join our parish, if a name comes to mind, invite them! Do you know someone who is not confirmed yet? Invite them! We are called to be intentional disciples, we are people of action not just words. **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children** opens the doors of our church wide - to preach and teach the gospel, to prepare all of God's children to baptism and the rest of our amazing sacraments!

RCIA ON TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM! See you there!

For more info. or to sign up for RCIA, contact the office at 342-1556.

Next Knights of Columbus Meeting

Monday, September 10th ~ 7 pm

If you are interested in becoming a Knight,
call Grand Knight Tom Baumgartner at 348-9528 or any KC!

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

1st FALL GATHERING ~ Monday, September 10 at 6:30 pm ~ St. Therese Church Hall. *We will begin with dinner, followed by our general meeting. All members are urged to attend and to bring a friend who may be interested in joining the largest Catholic women's group in the world. Dues are \$25 per year. We invite all women, 18 years and older, to come and see what CDA can offer you as your live our motto, "Unity and Charity."*

Altar Society Funeral Chairpersons ~ SEPTEMBER

Chairperson: Margaret Feist

Co-chair: Ellen McGuigan

Parish website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

You'll find the weekly bulletin, the button for e-giving, the liturgical schedule, registration forms & so much more!

ANOTHER LITTLE LAUGH...

Past, present and future walk into a bar.

It was tense.

What large salad and pie (or dessert) are YOU bringing for the Fall Festival Dinner?

Did YOU get your cards yet??!!! The 'We Care' & Scrip gift cards spend just like cash at many stores & benefit the church at no extra cost to you! If you're going to spend the money anyway, why not help a good cause while you're at it? ON HAND from MANY BUSINESSES plus we can order a variety of amounts from a bunch of other local places! Come see us after mass or in the office.

Wow! You can donate, buy Fall Festival dinner tickets, pay for religious education registration & so much more electronically with a debit/credit card!!

It's easy & SECURE!

If you're still not sure, but want to try it, just stop into the office or call Linda at the Chancery at 343-3541.

Online - Make a donation on our website:

www.sainttheresechurch.org

Text to Donate - Make a donation

to our Number: 605-250-1952

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) to the number above and follow the prompts to complete your donation! See the text code word listing at both entrances but "Donation" is default.

Give+ App Search "GivePlus Church" in your phone App store, download- find St. Therese Church by 57701.

Spiritual Hospice Ministry: to request prayers for the dying, call (605) 209-0667 or visit SpiritualHospice.com

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 series begins Monday, September 24, at 7 pm at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Drive. For more info., contact Margaret Jackson at info@returningcatholics.net or 605-939-0579, or visit ReturningCatholics.net. *There is no charge and pre-registration is appreciated but is not required.*

* COME JOIN US *

Fridays with Father

Have a question you'd like to ask a priest, but just never found the right time? Wonder what our priests like to do in their spare time? We've been enjoying some a wonderful conversation with our area priests. Join us for our next Friday with Father!

Friday, September 14, 5-7 pm

Dunn Brothers Coffee

405 Canal Street, Suite 1500

Catechetical Sunday is September 16th

This year's theme is: "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Please pray for all catechists, teachers, and students, especially on this day. Resources are available from the USCCB (usccb.org) and the Office of Faith Formation. St. John Bosco, patron of catechists, pray for us! St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of students, pray for us! Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of evangelists, catechists, and all who teach the Faith. We ask you to pour out your grace upon them as they prepare to follow your call of service. We ask you also to bless all students. Open their hearts to your Word that they may be transformed by your grace. Bless all parents, the primary educators of their children, and all families, who are called to be a sign of your love to the world. Help them to follow after the example of the Holy Family in living according to your plan. May the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph intercede for families, parents, and catechists, now and always, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

Saturday, September 29 - Volksmarch - Flume Trail, Hill City - 8 am

Sunday, October 14 - Breakfast - Shooters - 11am

Tuesday - October 23 - Dine Out - Texas Road House- 5:30pm

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.

Call to Holiness Retreat, 4-day retreat led by Dr. Clare Ten Eyck, will be held at the Sioux Spiritual Center, September 14-17. Focus on personal healing. Cost \$200. 12 spaces only. For more info., visit <https://siouxspiritualcenter.org/retreats>

ONE MORE LITTLE LAUGH...



Suddenly, Father Schober was not sure whether he really should have bought the new crucifix at Ikea.

Right to Life Golf Tournament ~ Sept. 14th

10th Annual Golf Tournament at the **Executive Golf Course** on **Friday, September 14** from **12:30-3:30 p.m.** There will be giveaways and lunch will be served. Cost is \$20 plus green fees per golfer. Contact Jeff Cook at 605-718-1999 or text 605-519-4871 for information and to register.

---- Happenings at St. Martin's ----

Prayerful Painting: Listening ~ Saturday, September 15th, 9:15 am to 2:30 pm *The theme will be the Benedictine value of "listening".*

St. Martin Monastery, 1851 City Spring Road, Rapid City. \$20 includes lunch. For more information & to pre-register please call Sr. Therese Marie, OSB at 605-343-8011.

Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of "Ephphatha!" echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life.
(Mark 7:31-37) **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

Fundraisers for the Poor

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter for Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Rapid City, Sturgis and Lead/Deadwood is hosting two events to raise money to assist with home visits, housing assistance, education, mentoring, clothing, utilities, and other needs. The 3rd Annual St. Vincent de Paul Charity Golf Invitational will be held at Elkhorn Ridge Golf Course, Spearfish, Saturday, September 29 beginning at 8:30 a.m. For information or registration contact Mary.day@k12.sd.us. The 11th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run will be held the same day beginning at 1 p.m. at Elkhorn Ridge Golf Course. To participate or pledge go to www.fopwalk.org. All proceeds will directly help people in the Northern Black Hills.

Cursillo Presents: School of Leaders Calling all Cursillistas! September 11th at 6:30 pm in the large meeting room at the Cathedral. Featuring Mary Thomas and Robert Dyczek explaining about ideals with a reflection by our spiritual director Deacon Jim Hayes from Hot Springs. All are invited. Refreshments. You won't want to miss this opportunity for growth and fellowship. Come check it out! Contact Audrey Lang at 431-0872 for information.

Diocesan Youth Rally

When? October 7th (9am-4pm)

Where? Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City

Who may attend? All youth in Grades 6-12 along with their chaperones are welcome to attend.

Who is speaking this year? Chris Padgett!

Cost? \$45 (includes youth rally, lunch and a t-shirt)

Registration and more info? <http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/yya/>

Young Adult Fall Retreat

When? October 19-21

Where? Sioux Spiritual Center

Who may attend? All young adults between the ages of 18-35 are welcome to attend.

Theme? "Jumpstart: Discerning Your Mission in Life"

Cost? \$120 (includes retreat materials, meals and lodging)

Registration and more info?

Volunteers needed to assist with St. Pio Relics

On Friday-Saturday, September 28- 29, the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is hosting the relics of St. Pio commonly called Padre Pio. (See page 1 of the August *West River Catholic*.) The cathedral staff **urgently** needs volunteers to help in the areas of hospitality and the sales of small religious items like holy cards and rosaries.

To assist with these items, contact Mary at 342-0507 or by email Mary@cathedralolph.org. Musicians interested in assisting with music for the events can contact Amber at 342-0507 or amber@cathedralolph.org.



The Summit 2018: Come. Be Inspired. Be Renewed

Looking for something to inspire and re-energize you? We have designed this year's Summit just for you! **Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.** Come to **Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City**, to be inspired by nationally known speakers, spend time in prayer and attend Mass and a Healing Service. A Youth Track will be provided, and cost is only \$25/individual and \$50/family. For more information or to register, go to www.The2018Summit.com. To ensure an adequate number of catechists for the children, the **deadline to register if you have youth coming is September 15.**

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Your Family of Faith and Hope

Your Fall Live Drive on Real Presence Radio is coming September 19 - 21. 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.



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

Statement from Bishop Robert D. Gruss

August 31, 2018

OFFICE OF BISHOP

As we face this abhorrent crisis in the Catholic Church, the pain and suffering goes far and wide. Many victims of sexual abuse by clergy will have to relive the abhorrent experiences again. As a Church we must keep them in the very forefront of our minds, hearts and prayers.

Published reports about these criminal allegations and the lack of appropriate response by some bishops over many decades are deeply disturbing. The betrayal by Church leaders runs deep in the hearts of victims, and rightfully so.

Further questions have arisen in the released testimony from the former Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, in which he makes serious allegations about the Archbishop McCarrick abuse case. I join my voice with Cardinal DiNardo and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Executive Committee in calling for the Holy See to conduct a thorough investigation that includes granting authority to a lay commission to examine the many questions that surround the case of Archbishop McCarrick.

As Cardinal DiNardo said on August 27, "The questions raised deserve answers that are conclusive and based on evidence. Without those answers, innocent men may be tainted by false accusation and the guilty may be left to repeat sins of the past."


These horrific actions bring deep sadness and shame to all of us who love the Church so dearly. My sincere apologies and prayers go out to all victims and their families – anyone who has been affected by this scandal.

As Catholics, we believe that Christ has not and will not abandon his Church. He promised to be with us always – and he is living with us through this crisis. He looks out over his beloved Bride, the Church, and weeps with us. But we live in faith and hope that Jesus, as we surrender ourselves to him, keeping our gaze upon this "crucified One", will lead us to a new place where the Gospel can be preached and lived with faithfulness and love, thus bearing new life in the world.

We also ask Mary, Mother of Mercy, our Mother, to pour out her mercy upon our Church and our families, so that all victims may experience the healing love of her Son.

I invite all Catholics to join me in prayer and fasting in reparation for the sins and failings of those who abused their power and authority leading to the injury of others, especially our children. We must never forget those who have been harmed by the Church. May our prayers and sacrifices bring true healing, conversion and holiness to all.

Sincerely in the peace of Christ,


Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Rapid City

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