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'Continuing the Work of Jesus...'

MARCH 24, 2019 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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WEEKEND

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:30pm

SUNDAY: 7:00am | 9:00am | 11:00am
1:30pm (in Spanish)

RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY: 11:00am-Noon

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30pm
or by appointment

FRUITS OF THE FIG: SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see Exodus 2:24), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see Luke 1:54–55, 72–73), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink.

Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning"—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish—not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners"—but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm—blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1–10). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see Luke 3:8).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.



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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENSIONS

† INDICATES DECEASED

MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00am Finley Craven

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00am † Michael & Helen Kline

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00am W T C Sullivan

10:00 am † Pauline Galles - Fountain Springs NH

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00am † JoAnn Miller

12:10pm † Jim & Bill Ackerman

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

7:00am † Mary Lou Poloncic

12:10pm † Bob Peel

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

5:30pm † Jimmy Papike

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:00am Parishioners

9:00am † Mary Louise Maybee

11:00am † Jack Whalen

1:30pm Spanish Mass Galster Munoz Family &
Escalante Family

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SCOREBOARD

WEEKLY BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$20,304.98

WEEKEND: MARCH 2-3, 2019

COLLECTION (ENVELOPES & PLATE): \$21,849.15

DIFFERENCE: \$1,544.17

TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Relax! God gave your children the wiggles. He welcomes them in his house. If you must leave with your child during Mass, please come back! We want both of you as part of our Church-family. Encourage your child to sing, pray, and join the spoken responses.

TO OUR PARISHIONERS: Remember, the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ and to one another. The presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they are a reminder that our Parish is growing.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MONDAY: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

SATURDAY: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Daily readings can also be found at: www.usccb.org

PARISH SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Mothers' Bible Study—8:45am (107)

Light Weigh—6:45pm (29)

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Women's Bible Study—9am (107)

St. Joseph's Whist Group—1pm (Gathering Area)

KC Blood Drive—2-5:15pm (107)

Acts Bible Study—6pm (Theater)

'Joyful Sounds' Rehearsal—5:30pm (Church)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

BSC Prayer Group—7:30am (107)

Religious Education—3:45pm

Wednesday Family Dinner—4:30pm (Hall)

Confirmation—5:45pm

Religious Education—5:45pm

Confirmation Prayer—6:30pm (Church)

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Eucharistic Adoration—7:30am-8pm (Chapel)

BSC Quilters' Group—8am (6)

St. Ignatius Prayer Group—12:40pm (107)

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study—6pm (Youth Room)

RCIA—6:30pm (Theater)

'Chorus Angelorum' Rehearsal—7pm (Church/107)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Reconciliation—11am (Church)

Stations of the Cross—5:30pm (Church)

Soup Supper—6pm (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Reconciliation—3:30pm (Church)

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Rosary—6:30am (Chapel)

Rosary—8:30am (Chapel)

Children's Liturgy—during 9am Mass

Rosary—10:30am (Chapel)

Children's Liturgy—during 11am Mass

Divine Mercy Prayer Group—4pm (107)

PRAYERS, PASTORAL NEEDS

OUR DECEASED: We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Rosa Munoz.

OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND: Jackson Adelman, Susan Yackley Rabenberg, Colette Ganje, Wilma Kurylas, J J Knudtson, Jason Knapp, Mattie Sieler, Al Lammers and all our homebound, assisted living, chronically ill and nursing home residents. (Names will remain on this list for four weeks. Call the office to request prayers.)

OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY LISTED BELOW AND ALL OUR MILITARY:

Daniel Tribby, Brian Ireland, Ray Wermers, Josh Taylor, Lisa Weisdeck-Chabot, Casey Johnston.

(Names will remain on this list for one year.)

PRAYERS: If you have need of prayer, please call Rose in the office. If you would like a free prayer shawl, please contact Margaret Smith at 343.2571.

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR THE DYING: To request prayers call 605.569.1012, or visit SpiritualHospice.com.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: If you would like to receive Communion while confined to your home, please contact Richard Alley at 381.6929.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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MUSTARD SEEDS

Nobody knows exactly what they are doing, but if you act like you do people will think you do. Even the greatest leaders will tell you this is true.

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27 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

23-24 ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE PRO-LIFE BAKE SALE

This bake sale, Sponsored By The Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee Saturday, March 23rd & Sunday, March 24th, before and after all Masses at Blessed Sacrament Church.

23-24 ACTIVE CATHOLIC FORMS

This is the last weekend to have your active catholic forms signed. A priest will be available after each weekend Mass to sign forms at the information desk in the Gathering Area.

25 MOTHERS BIBLE STUDY

Join other mothers as we study God's word and learn to apply it to our daily lives. Come for

support, encouragement, and community.

26 ACTS BIBLE STUDY

Dcn. Greg Palmer invites you to join us as we study the Acts of the Apostles.

26 KC BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life! Sign up online at vitalant.org or call Joe Izzillo at 605.390.2596

27 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Join us for this free-will donation meal. All are welcome! This week we'll be having chicken and noodle casserole, shredded carrot and raisin salad, grapes, and dessert bars and cookies. Hosted by Right to Life.

28 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come adore the Blessed Sacrament in this incredible opportunity for devotion. Sign-up sheets are available at the doors.

28 GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY

Dcn. Larry Kopriva invites you to join us as we study the Gospel of Matthew.

29 STATIONS OF THE CROSS SOUP SUPPER

After Stations of the Cross, stay for a soup supper in the Parish Hall at 6pm.

REGINA PALMER BENEFIT DINNER

Blessed Sacrament's Deacon Greg and Denise Palmer's daughter-in-law, Regina Palmer, has a rare blood disorder called Severe Aplastic Anemia. Her oncologist has advised the only successful treatment option at this time is a bone marrow transplant. Friends of the family will also be hosting a benefit meal and dessert silent auction in the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall on April 10th, 4:30-6:30pm.

DONATE A DESSERT: Desserts are needed for the dessert silent auction. If you'd like to help, bring your donation to the Parish Hall by April 10, 12pm. Please label your donation with your name, the name of the dessert, and its approximate value. For more information, please contact Deb Ross at 605.381.7677 or djross@rap.midco.net.

MARCH UPDATE: HOPE FOR NEW LIFE (HFNL) JAIL MINISTRY

PRISON ENCOUNTER: SHARING THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Wednesday evening encounters with the inmates of Pennington County Jail are as spiritually moving for us as they are for those to whom we minister. To illustrate this truth, consider the following testimony from HFNL ministry member Sharen Lagrande following the February 20, 2019 session:

"We opened our program by playing a CD by Dr. Scott Hahn: "Understanding the Lord's Prayer." I have often prayed and asked God to help me see Christ in other people. I have to admit I have struggled with this. But after listening to Dr. Hahn, especially his talk about the beginning of the prayer, "Our Father" and not "My Father," I had an awareness of how God sees us as a family, and also wants us to pray as a family. We are truly brothers and sisters in Christ. It was a very powerful moment for me. I am still very touched by the hand of God bringing to my awareness how a simple shift in our focus can open our hearts to feel and express God's love. Wow! What a moment."

If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please contact Bill Gradoville 605.430.2697. If you would like to volunteer to be a HFNL prayer partner, call or text Jennifer Shama 605.381.1118. We also invite you to attend our monthly HFNL business meetings every 3rd Monday of the month (6:30pm) at Catholic Social Services.



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Stations of the Cross Services

March 8—April 12

Fridays at 5:30pm

Soup Supper in Parish Hall at 6pm

ST. THOMAS MORE THEATER DEPARTMENT'S
Production of
A New Version of Gilbert & Sullivan's



AS PRESENTED ON BROADWAY BY
NEW YORK SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Produced by Joseph Papp
Musical Adaptation by William Elliott
Choreography by Graciela Daniele

April 4 - Opening Night, 7pm

April 5 - 7pm

April 6 - Final Performance, 7pm

Seton Gym Stage at Terra Sancta

Doors open at 6:30pm.

Purchase tickets online at rccss.org.

ACTIVE CATHOLIC FORMS

Active Catholic Forms from Rapid City Catholic Schools are due by April 1. Either Fr. Tim or Fr. Adam will be available after weekend Masses for one more weekend to sign these forms. That weekend is: March 23-24. Please plan to bring your form with you to Mass this weekend and look for whichever priest did NOT preside to be at the information desk in the Gathering Area! Thank you!



Volunteer^{©LP}

OPPORTUNITIES



Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion

Read the full version at usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

Maria,* Vanessa, Li, Jennifer, and Darryl are among the tens of millions of Americans whose lives have been directly touched by abortion. Like so many others, they have experienced regret, guilt, and grief. But, as they have also experienced, God's healing love and mercy are always possible.


Many Catholics want to help women and men who have

*Life is a gift from
God, and so is
His mercy.*

experienced abortion, but some don't know how to begin. Visit usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy to learn how people from various walks of life can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves.

Also, be aware that the U.S. Church's Project Rachel Ministry for healing after abortion offers confidential, compassionate help. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

*All names have been changed to protect privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2018, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.



11 DAYS ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE INCLUDING "THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU."

Come along May 18-28, 2020, to take in a spiritual event that happens only every ten years, "The Passion Play of Oberammergau." This international event has been taking place for over 400 years in Germany! This will all be part of a pilgrimage taking in three Alpine countries, Southern Germany, Austria and Switzerland. These are three of the most beautiful countries in all of Europe, and we'll visit great sites such as Heidelberg, the Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Salzburg, Munich and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,499 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 – 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712.899.6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com.

SO... IS IT A GOOD MOVIE?

If you are wondering if it is worth watching, check with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: www.usccb.org/movies. We also have a pretty good selection of excellent family movies available for you to borrow! Stop in the office!

PUZZLES AND PUZZLE BOOKS FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY

A ministry started at St. Therese the Little Flower Parish, Rapid City, is looking to expand. Martha Cook, 605.718.1999, is looking for volunteers who would be willing to collect puzzles and puzzle books at their parish and deliver them to recovery centers in towns in Western South Dakota. The ministry hopes to help those in recovery sharpen their minds.

HOPE FOR NEW LIFE (HFNL) JAIL MINISTRY

If you would like to volunteer to be a HFNL prayer partner call or text Jennifer Shama 605.381.1118 for more information on this safe and anonymous way to be a part of our ministry.

If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please contact Bill Gradoville 605.430.2697.

We also invite you to attend our monthly HFNL business meetings every 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30pm, at Catholic Social Services

BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Be a part of a rewarding ministry! The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are helping to ease the loneliness of our homebound and nursing home residents. By bringing communion once a week, you have an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. Please consider becoming a part of our ministry. If you are interested and have an hour to give each week, or have questions, please call Richard Alley at 605.381.6929.

HELP NEEDED FOR MISSION MEALS

Blessed Sacrament prepares and serves one meal a month at the Cornerstone Mission. Families or groups of parishioners are invited to participate in this ministry. Please call Margaret Erz at 605.390.1309 for more information or to volunteer.

When I first arrived at Blessed Sacrament Parish, the first liturgical change I desired to make regarded the sacred vessels. This has been the case in every parish of which I have been the pastor since 2002. In order to explain the why behind this desire, I need to say a little bit about the recent history of the translation of liturgical texts. Before 1965 throughout the world the Mass of the Roman rite was offered exclusively in Latin. At the close of the Second Vatican Council this and much about how the Mass was celebrated had changed. Although the Universal Church no longer celebrates her liturgies exclusively in Latin, it remains her official language. Even to this day, her official texts are produced in Latin and then translated into the vernacular of the countries of the world.

At the close of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, while the liturgical rituals had already been revised and produced in Latin they had yet to be translated into the languages of the world. Because it was necessary to produce these texts rather quickly, a principle of translation called dynamic equivalence was used. This means that rather than translating the Latin strictly it produced a general translation of the Latin text. This principle was used to translate the first two English editions of the Roman Missal in 1975 and 1985 respectively. When it came time to produce the third edition of the Roman Missal St. Pope John Paul II changed the principle of translation to formal equivalence. This meant that the original Latin text was translated exactly, or as close as possible, to the Latin text. This is why in 2010 many of the people's Mass parts changed.

This change in translation also slightly changed the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM), (which is the instructions on how to celebrate the Mass). One of the directives that changed regards the sacred vessels and vestments that are to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist. In the former translation of the GIRM concerning the sacred vessels it stated that the sacred vessels are to "be made

from materials that are solid and that in their particular region are regarded as noble."¹ The current GIRM states, "sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside."²

Our current liturgical vessels, while they are metal, are made of pewter and are not gilded on the inside. Therefore, they need to be brought up to code so to speak. Due to the generosity of a few of our parishioners we were able to purchase a complete set of beautiful liturgical vessels which are in conformity with the directives of the GIRM. These Chalices and Patens will be blessed and used for the first time at the Mass of Holy Thursday.

In addition to those who purchased the new vessels I also want to highlight those who contributed to the purchasing of our current sacred vessels. When these vessels were purchased, they were in complete conformity with the General Instruction of the Roman Missal of their time. For many years they have worthily held the precious blood and body of our Lord. When the new vessels are blessed on Holy Thursday, the former vessels will be reverently retired to our parish archives and kept for historical preservation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fr. Tim Hoag



1 General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 1985 edition.

2 General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2002 edition.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION



EXCERPTS FROM A CATHOLIC FRAMEWORK FOR ECONOMIC LIFE

As followers of Jesus Christ and participants in a powerful economy, Catholics in the United States are called to work for greater economic justice in the face of persistent poverty, growing income-gaps, and increasing discussion of economic issues in the United States and around the world. We urge Catholics to use the following ethical framework for economic life as principles for reflection, criteria for judgment and directions for action. These principles are drawn directly from Catholic teaching on economic life. (Continued from last week)

8. In economic life, free markets have both clear advantages and limits; government has essential responsibilities and limitations; voluntary groups have irreplaceable roles, but cannot substitute for the proper working of the market and the just policies of the state.
9. Society has a moral obligation, including governmental action where necessary, to assure opportunity, meet basic human needs, and pursue justice in economic life.
10. Workers, owners, managers, stockholders and consumers are moral agents in economic life. By our choices, initiative, creativity and investment, we enhance or diminish economic opportunity, community life and social justice.
11. The global economy has moral dimensions and human consequences. Decisions on investment, trade, aid and development should protect human life and promote human rights, especially for those most in need wherever they might live on this globe.

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/economic-justice-economy/index.cfm

RCCSS HIGHLIGHTS

Thirty-five people from the Diocese of Rapid City made a pilgrimage to the 46th annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 18. Fr. Mark McCormick, Ms. Miller, Ms. Huebner, and 11 STM students represented 14 of the 35 people. (Website: <http://rccss.org>)



DIVINE MERCY

CONFESSION STRESSED TO ST. FAUSTINA

Jesus pointed out the importance of Reconciliation to St. Faustina *"Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls."* (Diary 1602) Take advantage of the many opportunities for Confession in our area during this Lent!

LECTIO DIVINA AT TERRA SANCTA

Join us for an hour of quiet reflection on the Sunday Gospel reading each Wednesday at 5:15pm in Hebron at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Please use the south entrance for easy access to the meeting area.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES ANNUAL DINNER

Bethany Christian Services would like to invite you to our annual dinner and dessert auction on Thursday, April 4 at 6 pm at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City. Come and celebrate another year of God's awesome work through this ministry with dinner, the dessert auction, and testimonies by those whose lives have been impacted by this ministry. For more information or reservations call 605.343.7196.

CATHEDRAL PRAYER FOR PARISHES

Beginning Friday, March 1, each parish in our diocese will be prayed for during Adoration at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. Blessed Sacrament Parish will be in their prayers the 20th of each month.

DIOCESAN PODCASTS

Panel discussions led by Bishop Robert Gruss. Go to www.rapidcitydiocese.org/podcast, or use the podcast app on your phone.



UPCOMING PODCASTS:
Family, March 27





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HELP
Jesus
IN DISGUISE

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." —Rev 3:20

March 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the weekend of March 30-31, our diocese will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Proceeds from this national collection provide services for immigrants and refugees, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Please join in this collection to support those suffering on the margins around the world.

In rural communities in Afghanistan, for example, children have limited access to education because of distance and the danger of commuting to public schools. In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces of the country, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate, and the illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villagers are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the road too dangerous for young children to attend.

But you helped bring a community-based classroom to this remote village. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school and has offered them a more hopeful and secure future. Such programs have been implemented across Afghanistan for 15 years and have helped more than 23,000 students build more prosperous lives. Children across Afghanistan, and indeed the world, depend on your support to go to school and have bright futures.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions. May many respond generously to this opportunity to answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

+ Robert D. Gruss

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Rapid City

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LEARNING & GROWING

PASTORAL MINISTRY DAYS

is coming April 7-9, 2019!

ONE SPIRIT

Priests and Laity Working Together to Form
the Mystical Body of Christ
1 Corinthians 12:12-13
With Keynote Speaker
Rev. Charles Lachowitzer

We are looking forward to a great conference this year, focusing on priests and laity working together to form the Mystical Body of Christ – building up the Kingdom of God and working for the mission of the Church together. Our speaker is Rev. Charles Lachowitzer, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. The conference officially begins on Monday morning, April 8, and ends the afternoon of the 9th, but we'll have a Holy Hour and hospitality on Sunday evening, April 7, for anyone who can join us, along with an opportunity for early check-in. The cost is \$80.

Online registration and information can be found here: www.PMD2019.com

You can also register by calling the Terra Sancta Retreat Center at 605.716.0925, and they can register you over the phone.

If you have questions, or would like more information, feel free to contact Dionne Eastmo (deastmo@diorc.org) or myself (ssafford@diorc.org) at 605.716.5214.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Ed Hubbeling Family of Rapid City is offering a \$1000.00 college scholarship. This scholarship is given in memory of their parents, Janet and Ed Hubbeling and is awarded to a graduating senior girl who is a practicing Catholic and will be a freshman in any 4 year college in the fall of 2019. Because of Janet's active involvement and love for the Catholic Daughters, she requested Ct. St. Rita. #916 of the Rapid City area, to be the administrators of this scholarship. For an application, email duduchan3@gmail.com. Include your name and home address. You may also contact: CDA Scholarship Committee, 4731 Patricia Street, Rapid City, SD 57703. COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2019.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24 – 28

Zion



Zion teaches us that when life is sad. . . God is good! Join us June 24 – 28 as we explore God's goodness in an ever-changing world. Station Leaders and Crew Leaders are needed. Please consider helping this

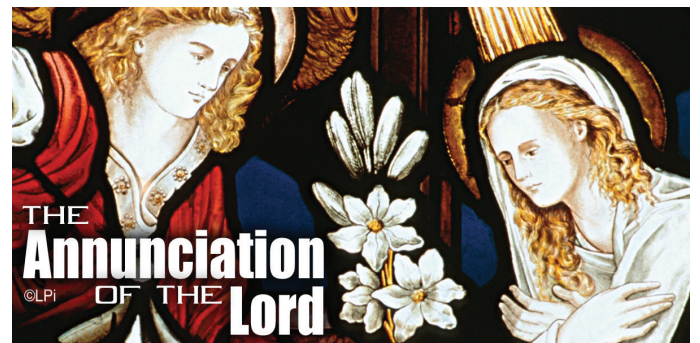
summer at VBS. Forms are coming soon!

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE, PLUS MUNICH, BUDAPEST AND PRAGUE WITH FR. MICHEL MULLOY

13 Day Cruise and Land from Rapid City October 25 to November 7, 2019. Deposit of \$1,000 due by April 29, 2019, final payment due May 29, 2019. Prices start at \$5,190, depends on room on ship. Includes Air, food, 7 day cruise, motels, ground transportation, fees, daily mass. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all registrations received after the final payment date. We have reserved spots for 30 pilgrims so hurry and get registered as soon as possible. Call Rita to reserve your spot, 605.381.4988.

CONNECTED CATHOLICS OF SD

Connected Catholics is 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. For more information, call Brenda Wills at 605.718.0954 or 605.939.4863.



ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

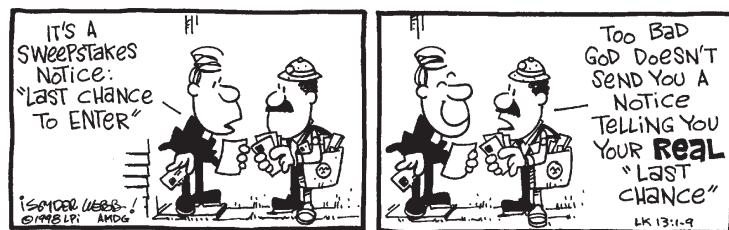
Love INC, a Christian nonprofit agency networking area churches to help people in need, is seeking a qualified, professional individual to live out the person's faith at work as an Administrative Coordinator. Love INC is experiencing growth and expects this growth to increase as we move into our new location. The ideal candidate would work closely with the Operations Manager in supporting all employees and volunteers working for Love INC. Responsibilities include coordination of administrative volunteers, creating a positive work environment, training, encouraging and supporting volunteers in the office who are answering phones, inputting data and doing general office duties. The individual would guide volunteer actions by researching, developing, writing, and updating administrative policies, procedures, methods, and guidelines, communicating developments to management. Maintain rapport with customers, program directors, and volunteers. Design flyers and invitations. Perform mail merges and label printing. General office duties such as mail distribution, filing and maintaining database. Help with data entry into QuickBooks. Successful candidate must have excellent grasp of Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and Publisher programs. Visit www.loveinonline.com/careers to download full job description.

2019-20 RCCSS TEACHING POSITIONS

Kindergarten - Full time
High School Computer - Part time
High School English - Full time
High School Foreign Language - Full time
Please contact Molly Rausch: mrausch@rccss.org, 605.348.1477

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY HOUSEKEEPER

Applications are being accepted for the part-time position of Housekeeper for the Diocese of Rapid



City. FUNCTION: To clean the Chancery offices, Monday through Friday, for approximately two hours each evening. QUALIFICATIONS: Experience in cleaning with knowledge of cleaning products. Attention to detail and safety. APPLICATION PROCESS: Interested individuals should request an application form by calling or e-mailing Mark Hazel, Director of Diocesan Facilities. Contact him at 605.343.3541 ext. 2219 or at mhazel@diorc.org. The position is open until filled.

UPLIFTING PARENTS PROGRAM

FULL TIME position in the Uplifting Parents Program now open! Must have a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in a human services related field, Master's in Social Work or Counseling preferred. The ideal candidate will have a passion for building relationships, creating community partnerships, and have the determination to help those in our community who wish to create a better future through education. Salary DOE and benefit package included. Email resumes to css@cssrapidcity.com or Catholic Social Services, 529 Kansas City St, Rapid City SD 57702.

BLESSED SACRAMENT DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

The Director of Evangelization and Catechesis (DEC) will assist the Pastor in the care, guidance and growth of the parish community. The primary mission of the DEC to bring others to Christ by evangelizing, teaching, forming, and guiding the faithful in their faith journey. The primary focus will be on encountering the joy of Jesus and equipping disciples. The primary goal of the DEC is to provide effective leadership, planning and execution of evangelization and formation resulting in the formation of intentional disciples among families, youth and the greater ministerial geographic region. The DEC will work with the pastor, associate pastor, and parish administrator, as well as oversee parish directors of religious education and formation, and other parish leaders to unify and support the fulfillment of the mission. Download the full job description at blessedsacramentchurch.org.

ST. MARTIN MONASTERY CNA

St. Martin Monastery has a part-time CNA position open. Call Sister Mary at 605.343.8011.

WELCOME!

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether a long-time resident or newly arrived. If you are interested in registering in our parish, please fill out this form and a registration form will be sent to you. You may leave it in the collection basket or mail it to the church office.

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GIVE US THIS DAY ORDER FORM

It is time to order or renew your subscription to the *Give Us This Day* prayer book. If you have not previously ordered this, you can get more information at www.liturgicalpress.com. If you wish to subscribe, please complete the order form below and return it with a check for \$19.95 (made payable to Blessed Sacrament). The order can be mailed to Blessed Sacrament, put in a marked envelope and dropped in the collection basket, or dropped off in the Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.

Give Us This Day must be picked up at Blessed Sacrament; They will not be mailed to your home.

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