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'Tea with my Ladies' wins art show for 2025



Magazu Kte Seca



Wahpe with my Winyans

BY LAURIE HALLSTROM

This summer marked the 57th Annual Red Cloud Indian Art Show at Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge. According to Heritage Center Curator Ashley Pourier, there were 182 art pieces submitted by 76 artists who represented 26 tribes. This year there were eight categories including quilts, sculptures and paintings.

The Br. C. M. Simon, SJ, winner is Maka Duta Win (Brittany Hill). Her drawing on ledger paper is titled *Wahpe with my Winyans* (Tea with my Ladies). The drawing is

15.5" x 20.5", and it has been purchased as part of The Heritage Center Collection.

Drawings and paintings on ledger paper (old accounting pages) became popular among the Plains Indians in the late 1800s and early 1900s. "Artists source ledger books from antique stores, auction sites as well trading amongst themselves," said Pourier. Judges selected the winner.

There is also an Oyate Award (peoples' choice). Sina Duta Win (Ihantowan Dakota/Mvskoke) won with her figure of a woman holding an umbrella. It is titled *Magazu Kte Seca* (It Might Rain). It is made with cotton, beads,

deer leather, and brass. It stands 14" tall. The Heritage Center is also purchasing it for the Permanent Collection and it will be used to promote next year's art show.

One of the Jesuits who served at the mission, the late Brother Simon, began the art show in 1968 to display Native American art on native lands. Artwork can be viewed on the redcloudart.show gallery page.

The Heritage Center is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Labor Day. After that it is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

God's love is the ultimate safety net



Bishop Scott Bullock
Diocese of
Rapid City
Surgite Eamus
**"Rise, let us be
on our way."**

"Dear young people, aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you."

Thus, Pope Leo ended his homily at the Mass for the Jubilee of Young People, which he presided over at Tor Vergata in Rome on Sunday, August 3, before a million pilgrims from all around the world.

The previous evening, at a prayer vigil, the Holy Father answered three questions posed by three representatives of the youth, questions that are important to all persons of whatever age.

How can we find sincere friendship and genuine love that leads us to true hope? Pope Leo replied, "As Saint Augustine says: 'No friendship is authentic if it is not in Christ. Friendship in Christ is not just helping others build the future; it is our guiding star.' (...) Dear young people, love one another! Love one another in Christ. Know how to see Jesus in others. Friendship can truly change the world. Friendship is a path to peace." I would add that, too often, our world vastly undervalues the power of friendship. Jesus himself said to us, "*I no longer call you slaves ... I have called you friends*" (Jn 15:15).

The temptation to demand or expect something from another empties friendship of its capacity to reveal the love of Christ. Furthermore, a chaste friendship preserves the focus on the good of another, essential in a friendship rooted in the love of Christ. "Willing the good of the other" (our Christian understanding of love), rather than using another for my emotional or physical gratification, renders friendship among the most telling signs of hope in the world — for the other is my friend for my sake and not as an instrument of his/her needs. It seems to me that

the cultural debate that needs to equate same-sex relationships with marriage fails to appreciate that such relationships, when lived chastely, can rise to a very high level of authentic, loving friendships. They don't need to be marriage (which is reserved to certain relationships only between men and women), for they can already be something quite noble — friendship!

Where do we find the courage to choose? The Holy Father answered, "The courage to choose comes from love, which God shows us in Christ. It is He who loved us with all of Himself, saving the world and thus showing us that the gift of life is the path to personal fulfillment. Therefore, the encounter with Jesus corresponds to the deepest longings of our hearts, because Jesus is the Love of God made man." It seems that Pope Leo is reminding us that, when we live in the hope of the unending, unchanging, perfect love of God, we can courageously choose, knowing that, even if our choices are not perfect, we have the guarantee of the perfect love of God for us — our ultimate "safety net" before any of the decisions that life presents us. Even if we fail, God's love will never fail. That's the security that gives us the courage to choose!

How can we truly encounter the risen Lord in our lives and be certain of his presence even in times of trial and uncertainty? In reply, the pope asked the youth, "Do you truly want to encounter the Risen Lord? Listen to His word, which is the Gospel of salvation! Seek justice, renewing your way of life, to build a more humane world! Serve the poor, bearing witness to the good we always desire to receive from our neighbor! Remain united with Jesus in the Eucharist. Adore the Eucharist, the source of eternal life! Study, work, and love in the manner of Jesus, the good Teacher who always walks beside us." In this reply the pope was recalling two of Jesus' most comforting teachings. First, the Lord promised, "*I am with you always, until the end of the age*" (Mt 28:20), a promise our faith has taught, is confirmed in our ongoing encounter with the Lord in the word of God and the Sac-

raments, where Jesus has promised he can be found. Second, Jesus taught, "*whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*" (Mt 25:40). In this promise, he reminded us that we will literally see his face in the face of the least among us. So, when we read the word of God, participate in the sacraments of the Church, and then serve the Lord in the least, we will encounter the Risen Lord! These are our sure and certain paths to the Risen

Lord, especially in times of trial and uncertainty.

May these encouraging responses by Pope Leo XIV to the questions of the youth also be a source of hope to all of us, of any age, who aspire to be children of God. By following the counsel of our Holy Father, let's not settle for anything less than the great thing that is holiness, becoming persons who reflect the very life of Christ!

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Bishop's Calendar

August 19-September 16, 2025
Subject to change without notice.

August 19, Tuesday
10:30 a.m. Tour of Church Response, Rapid City

August 21, Thursday
6:30 p.m. Bishop's Film Series: A Hidden Life, Cathedral

August 24, Sunday
11 a.m. Mass, Deacon Retreat, Terra Sancta

August 25, Monday
WSDCF Bishop's Golf Tournament, Arrowhead Country Club, Rapid City

September 1, Monday
Labor Day, Chancery closed

September 14, Sunday
3 p.m. *Veritatis Splendor* Institute Certification Mass, Reception, Terra Sancta

September 16, Tuesday
5 p.m. Pre-Confirmation Meeting &
6 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Church, Wall

New Advancement Director



Deacon Tim Minihan has been hired as the Diocesan Advancement Director. He is also assigned as the Parish Administrator for the Churches of St. Patrick, Lead, and St. Ambrose, Deadwood.

As the advancement director, Deacon Minihan is charged with furthering the mission of the Diocese of Rapid City by nurturing existing donor relationships and developing new ways to sustain and grow its missions and initiatives. He has worked in management in both the federal and private business sectors. Working in alignment with his clerical vocation, he said, "I am a deacon, and I have a great desire to bring more people to Jesus."

He and his wife, Valerie, have five children and 10 grandchildren.

BISHOP'S HUNT & DINNER

A Fundraiser for Seminarians

October 9-10, 2025
St. Hubert's Hideway in Dallas, SD

\$1,000 per hunter (Private Room Priority)
 \$1,500 for 2 hunters (Shared Room)
 Dinner-only with Bishop \$75 or \$100/couple



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Young people realize holiness is possible

BY SR. SARA KOWAL, SCTJM

A few weeks ago, I had the gift and privilege to help lead a youth pilgrimage to Italy, which featured the holy places of many young "saints and blessed," and then



Ephraim and Warren Black, Sr. Sara Kowal, SCTJM, Rebecca and Tommy Anglin. The youth are from the St. Joseph Parish Youth Group, Spearfish. (Courtesy photo)

culminated in the Jubilee of Youth with Pope Leo in Rome. Though the pilgrimage highlighted in particular the lives of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati and Bl. Carlo Acutis — both of whom will be canonized on September 7 — we also visited the homes, churches, and relics of many other young men and women who lived and died for Christ from an early age.

Many times, as adults, we forget that holiness is possible even at a young age. We tend to water down expectations and expect little of the young people in our care.

If you have ever been to a World Youth Day or a Jubilee for Youth, you know they are not easy. It involves hiking miles with all your gear out to a large open area outside the city in the sweltering summer heat, sleeping outside under the stars with a million others, inclement weather, and then hiking miles again to get home — this is what awaits any WYD participant. What else awaits the pilgrim? Lots of joy! Singing, dancing, cheering, shouting. Young people from more than 150 countries to



Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary took a group of about 50 young people on a pilgrimage called "Pilgrims of Hope." It featured various saints and blessed — especially Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis. The pilgrims are at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Rome. The pilgrimage concluded with the Jubilee for Youth in Rome. (Courtesy photo)

meet and to share with. A million people on their knees with the Holy Father in Eucharistic Adoration. An overwhelming sense of the Lord's presence in his Church. And lots of joy.

I am convinced that World Youth Days, in many ways, have saved the Church. From our group of 100 pilgrims to the Poland WYD in 2016, 13 of them are now living

out a vocation to the religious life. How many holy vocations have risen out of an experience at World Youth Day! ... The youth realize they are not alone in their faith, that Christ really lives in his Church, and that the Holy Father loves them.

Read her full account at: rapidcitydiocese.org/monthly-reflection-by-the-office-of-faith-formation-august-2025/.

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*Jennifer Zettl, DNP, CNP, is a graduate of University of Mary family medicine NP program and is a natural women's health provider trained in FEMM (Fertility Education Medical Management) and knowledgeable in NFP methods.

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Former Spearfish Parishioner Ordained

Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago ordained eight men to the priesthood for the Jesuit order on June 14 at St. Ita Church in Chicago. Cardinal Cupich was Bishop of Rapid City from 1998 to 2010. Among the men ordained was Fr. Christopher Williams, SJ, age 35, a former parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, Spearfish. Coincidentally, Cardinal Cupich also confirmed Father Williams when he was a student in Spearfish. Father Williams graduated from Spearfish High School in 2009 and is a graduate of Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. He is assigned to teach theology at Creighton High School. His parents, Steven and Linda Williams lived in Spearfish for more than 20 years and they now reside in Sioux Falls. Also present were two Jesuits who served at Sioux Spiritual Center, Howes, and Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, Fathers George Winzenburg and Tom Lawler. Deacon Tom Freece and his wife Jeanne were also present. Deacon Freece previously served at St. Joseph Parish and now lives in Baxter, Minnesota. (Photo from Midwest Jesuits)

National Pastoral Musicians Fall Meeting

The Rapid City National Pastoral Musicians Chapter will hold its Fall Meeting and Annual Awards Ceremony Saturday, September 20, at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City.

The meeting will focus on youth and church music skills. Youth from St. Theresa and other parishes will speak about their musical experiences at the Steubenville of the Rockies Youth Conference July 24-27. There will also be four mini-workshops: one on cantoring with Tammy Schnittgrund and three on instrumental

accompanying: organ —Bonnie Josten, guitar —Teresa Spiess, and piano with the presenter to be announced at a later date. Awards for laity, clergy and youth will be presented following the banquet.

Please sign up for a lunch count by emailing Carman Timmerman at carman.timmerman@gmail.com.

For more information about the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians, see the group website npmrc.org, or Facebook page facebook.com/NPMRapidCityChapter.

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 Victim Assistance Coordinator Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities.

In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children, young people, and vulnerable adults by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.

The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

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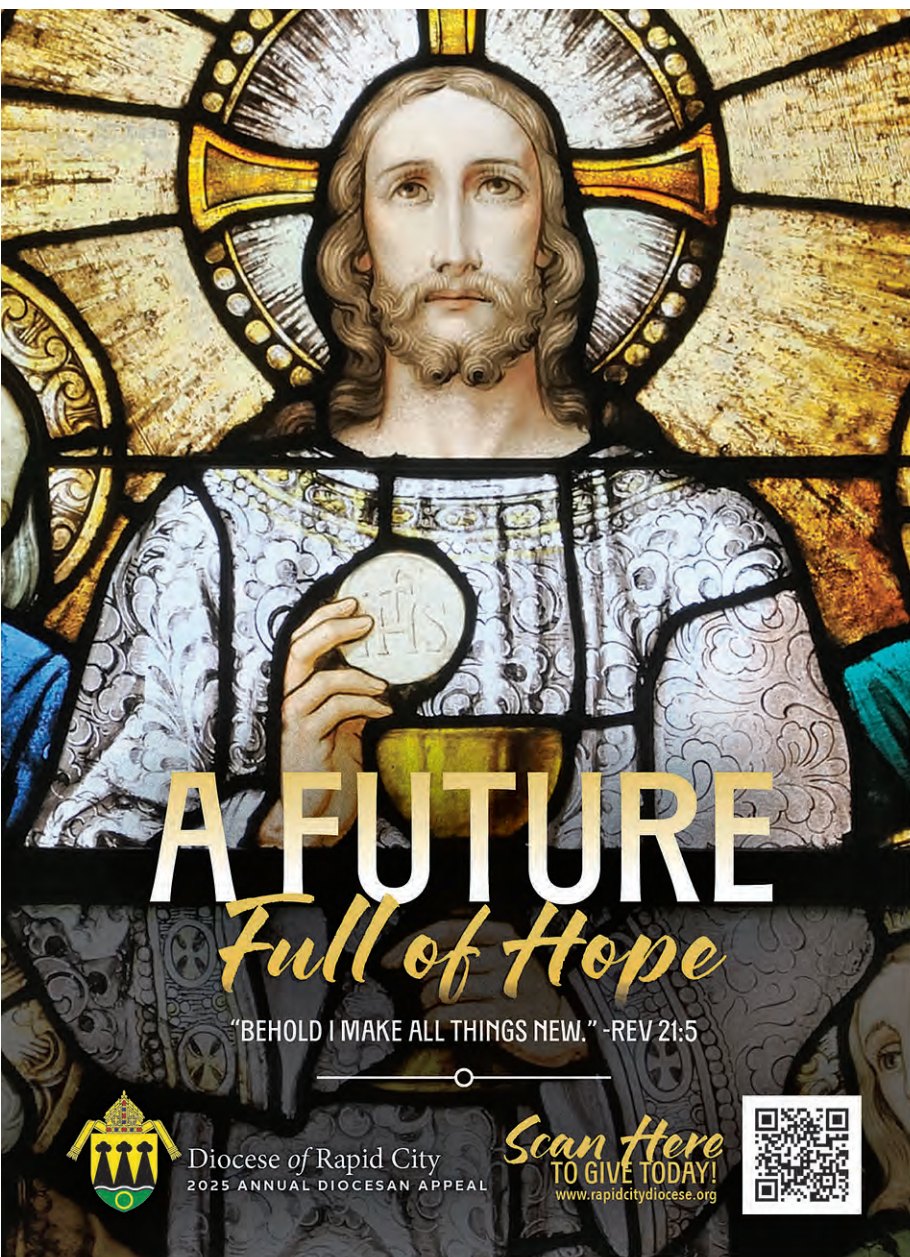
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been quite a year for our Church, both here in our diocese and around the world! Following the death of Pope Francis at the end of April, the Holy Spirit surprised us all with the election of an American-born pope, now Pope Leo XIV. In this same year, our diocese celebrated my ordination as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Rapid City. These historic moments bring renewed hope and remind us that the Holy Spirit remains with us until the end of time, as Jesus promised (cf. John 14:16-17).

When we chose *A Future Full of Hope* as the theme for the 2025 Annual Appeal, we were expressing our confidence in God's enduring promise: that with His presence among us, our hope is certain! It is out of this foundation that we act as Christians, and it is through our actions that we become signs of hope to others!

This year's Appeal results powerfully affirm our shared hope. Through your generosity, we have surpassed our goal, with pledges reaching 107.7% of goal. We also welcomed 88 new donors, reflecting an increase of 3.7% in participation. These numbers are signs of our growing unity and shared mission, sustaining vital ministries across our diocese. Your sacrificial giving is a powerful witness to the presence of Christ among us.

Your gifts are bringing hope to life across our diocese by:

- Communicating the saving Gospel of Jesus through various means—online platforms, our diocesan publications, and support of the South Dakota Catholic Conference, which advocates for Gospel values in the public square;
- Supporting those men seeking ordination to the priesthood by providing for their seminary education;
- Inspiring and forming parish leaders through the Veritatis Splendor Institute, fostering future leaders through *Totus Tuus* summer camps, and offering other opportunities for spiritual growth;
- Strengthening our parish communities, including those on our five Native American reservations.

Together, as a diocesan family, your support of these ministries is actively building *A Future Full of Hope*. Thanks to your generous response to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, lives are being transformed, and seeds of hope and renewal are taking root across western South Dakota!



Sincerely in Christ,

+ Scott E. Bullock

Most Rev. Scott E. Bullock, JCL
Bishop of Rapid City

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL *By The Numbers*

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'Pickling Prayer' to live life supernaturally by God's Spirit



Fr. Mark McCormick
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I enjoy walking through the Cathedral rectory these days as there are signs posted not only on the Cathedral staff doors, but you will find them hanging up, too, in St. Joseph Hall, reminding everyone of the call to "Live Supernaturally." This is the rally cry for the Cathedral of Our Lady Perpetual Help parish this summer.

This call to supernaturally living is an ongoing awareness of the active presence of the Holy Spirit and God's grace in our lives. Fr. Brian Christensen, cathedral pastor, shared, that often we live lives that are too segmented and not integrated as a whole into the life of God's grace and in the life of the Holy Spirit. He said, "In a sense, we often say our prayers in the morning and then we go about our day without the conscious decision to live in the grace of God throughout our day."

The call to live supernaturally for me, can be summed up in the Doxology at Mass, "through Him, with Him and in Him." To have awareness that everything we do or say throughout our day should be through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus.

Jesus says in Jn 10:10 that, "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Dr. Mary Healy, who is a professor of Scripture at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, was one of the keynote speakers this summer at the Encounter Ministry Conference in Toledo, Ohio, July 16-18. Dr. Healy speaks of this abundant life in light of the Greek word "zoe."

The word "zoe" expresses the Divine Life of God, life that is eternal, abundant and filled with joy. Zoe is the life embodiment of Christ. Zoe is not just a future promise but a present reality that transforms a believer's inner being and enables them to live by God's Spirit, to truly live supernaturally. Dr. Mary Healy describes the free gift of zoe is imparted to believers through the

Holy Spirit. This gift of zoe is a source of transformation, enabling Christians to live a life overflowing with God's love, joy, and power.

At the Encounter Conference, she spoke on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. She reminded us that the word for baptism in Greek is to immerse or to plunge. Dr. Healy tells a wonderful and amazing story of a Greek physician, Nicander of Colophon, who lived two hundred years before Christ. He uses the word baptism in a quite simple, ordinary, and, I think, in a delightful way. He uses it in a way that we can all understand, but perhaps often we forget or even take it for granted.

Nicander of Colophon describes the process of taking a cucumber, dunking, and immersing it in boiling water and "baptizing" it in vinegar. Dr. Healy shared with us at the conference that it is not enough for that cucumber to just take a quick dunk in the vinegar. "If that were the case, it would just remain a nice little cucumber with a light coating of vinegar," Healy said. She further elaborated, "no, that cucumber needs to be immersed and remain there in order for it to be fundamentally changed into a pickle. It is not enough for us to receive a one-time, brief dunking into the Holy Spirit and then forget about him or hold him conveniently at arm's length. The Holy Spirit wants us to remain in him and be fundamentally changed, indeed, "pickled," all the way through!"

To help us do that, to live life supernaturally, abundantly we need to be more aware of our own baptism into the grace of Christ through the Holy Spirit. As Dr. Healy said so wonderfully, "to be pickled all the way through."

Personally, I try to pray this "pickling prayer" every day. I learned it from our former Bishop Robert Gruss, during the Year of Faith in 2013.

All praise, honor, and glory to you, Most Holy Trinity! Thank you for your many blessings and gifts. Please send an outpouring of the abundance of the Holy Spirit into my life. Release the Holy Spirit in my life. I want the Holy Spirit to live in me. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to me at Baptism and Confirmation be stirred up in my life today. Use these gifts to help me share your love with ev-

eryone I encounter today, all for the greater glory of you! Amen.

Here is to living life supernaturally — being mindful that you have been pickled

through and through with the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to start praying daily for this pickling prayer of the Holy Spirit.



2025 Encounter Ministries attendees from the Diocese of Rapid City included: Fr. Mark McCormick, Paula Wilson, Christa Biegler, (son) Max Biegler, Bishop Scott Bullock, (Christa's daughter) Maya Biegler, Debbie Johnson, Seminarian Blane Schriock, and Seminarian Dillon Johnson. It was held in Toledo, Ohio. (Courtesy photo)

Diocese of Rapid City Vocations Office
September 7, 2025

*Annual Day of Renewal and Prayer
for Spiritual Mothers*

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Terra Sancta Retreat Center
Sunday Mass with Fr. Mark McCormick
Group Discussion, Lunch and Holy Hour

- Pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Discerners
- Offer up your sacrifices for Vocations
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Bourassa, Margaret	150.00	Nemec, Ed & Elizabeth	50,000.00
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Parish	Parish Goals	Received
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Bonesteel	1,200.00	500.00
Buffalo* <i>(Bison, Ralph)</i>	600.00	0.00
Burke	1,000.00	1,000.00
Colome	3,000.00	3,129.00
Custer	2,000.00	5,523.00
Deadwood	2,100.00	0.00
Eagle Butte* <i>(Bridger, Cherry Creek, Dupree, Promise, Ridgeview, Red Scaffold, White Horse)</i>	2,000.00	1,195.00
Fairfax	1,000.00	500.00
Faith* <i>(Mud Butte, Red Owl)</i>	1,700.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre* <i>(Draper)</i>	5,000.00	1,395.00
Gregory	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hermosa	600.00	4,708.47
Hill City	3,000.00	2,750.00
Isabel	700.00	0.00
Hot Springs* <i>(Edgemont)</i>	3,000.00	3,316.96
Kenel	1,000.00	0.00
Keystone	2,000.00	2,000.04
Lead	5,700.00	4,864.00
Lemmon* <i>(Morristown, McIntosh, Watauga)</i>	3,500.00	4,347.00
Lower Brule* <i>(Reliance, Kennebec)</i>	1,000.00	0.00
Martin* <i>(Kadoka)</i>	500.00	500.00
McLaughlin <i>(Bullhead)</i>	2,000.00	0.00
Midland	600.00	600.00
Milesville	600.00	1,200.00
Mission <i>(St. Francis Mission parishes)</i>	500.00	0.00
New Underwood	1,000.00	999.96
Newell	1,500.00	0.00
Parmalee	400.00	0.00
Philip	2,400.00	4,900.00
Piedmont	6,000.00	6,000.00
Pine Ridge* <i>(Kyle, Manderson, Oglala, Porcupine, Wanblee)</i>	1,000.00	0.00
Presho <i>(Murdo)</i>	400.00	0.00
RC-Blessed Sacrament	20,000.00	14,805.99
RC-OLPH Cathedral	20,000.00	26,906.34
RC-ICC <i>(Latin)</i>	1,500.00	0.00
RC-St Isaac Jogues	500.00	1,000.00
RC-St. Therese* <i>New Underwood</i>	12,000.00	18,562.32
Spearfish	7,700.00	14,687.20
Sturgis	5,500.00	5,500.00
Timber Lake	2,275.00	7,740.00
Trail City	525.00	0.00
Wall* <i>(Lakeside)</i>	2,000.00	2,000.00
White River, Sacred Heart	200.00	0.00
Winner	7,500.00	4,226.00
Total	\$141,700.00	\$149,856.28
*Indicates main parish		
Thank you to all who contributed to the Adopt-A-Seminarian Fund.		

Fr. Ed Witt, SJ, going away & Fr. Phil Cooke, SJ, welcome

St Isaac Jogues Parish will be having a dinner for the farewell of Fr. Ed Witt, SJ, and a welcoming of Fr. Phil Cooke, SJ. It will be Sunday, August 24 after the 11 a.m. Mass. A potluck lunch will be provided.



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Pastoral Ministry Staff

Lenorr Snyder of Hermosa has joined the Diocesan Faith Formation/Pastoral Ministries staff. She is the coordinator for the Veritatis Splendor and *Cor ad Cor* (Heart to Heart) programs. Lenorr and her husband, Deacon Matt Snyder, are parishioners at St. Michael Church.

St. Therese Fall Festival

532 Adams St., Rapid City

September 28, 2025 ~ 10:30am-1:30pm

Roast Beef Dinner

complete with large salad and dessert bar!

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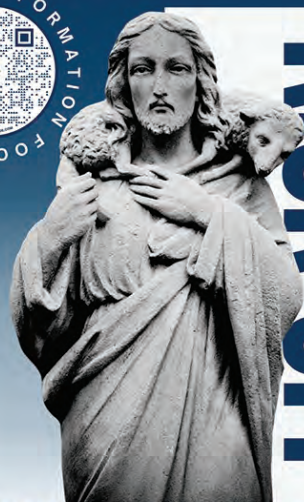


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Historic St. Francis Mission as a boarding school. (Screen Grab)



Modern day St. Francis Mission (Screen Grab)

What is available at St. Francis Mission?

West River towns on and off the Native American Reservations live side by side. Yet are reservation neighbors aware of programs available in the vicinity? From 1886 to 2025 there have been many occasions for spiritual and educational growth at St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Reservation. Clergy and mission staff made a presentation recently at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City. Director of Advancement, Caroline DeCory said, "I, and our Chief Operating Officer, Harold Compton, hosted a parish social and would love to present this at other parishes — we are willing to travel!"

Fr. Edmund Yainao, SJ, pastor of the Rosebud Reservation parishes, concelebrated two of the weekend Masses, gave the homilies, and

spoke at the social.

The presentation includes a short video giving cultural history and opportunities available at the mission today. Personnel from St. Francis accompany the film and can answer questions.

Highlights include Sapa Un, a Jesuit Nativity School serving kindergarten through eighth grades; the Buechel Memorial Lakota Museum with the single largest collection of Lakota artifacts; the White River Recovery Center for chemical dependency; and other ways they unite Lakota spirituality and Catholic teaching to bring God's love to light.

For more information or schedule a presentation call DeCory at 605-747-2361.

In Your Prayers

In Your Prayers is designed to help us remember the birthdays, ordinations and death anniversaries of the clergy who serve us. Every effort has been made to have a complete list.

September

Ordinations: September 7, 2019, Fr. Floribert Dhelo, SCJ; September 22, 1979, Dcn. Earl "Joe" Witte; September 27, 2014, Dcn Charles Loehr.

Birthdays: September 3, Fr. Francis, Nwakile, FJS; September 12, Fr. Adam Hofer; September 17, Dcn. Paul Keller and Fr. Robert Chawngthu, SJ; September 21, Fr. Michael Oli; September 22, Dcn. Michael Curtin; September 26, Fr. Peter Wilke; September 28, Fr. James Hoerter.

Necrology: September 2, 2009, Earl Kurth, SJ; September 4, 2009, John Birdsall; September 7, 1952, James Sweeney; September 9, 2016, Dcn. Thomas Lane; September 10, 2024, Dan Juelfs; September 11, 1936, John Hanton; September 12, 2018, Robert Baden; September 14, 1954, Joseph Zimmerman, SJ; September 14, 1972, Bishop William McCarty; September 16, 1966, Hugo Eichenhofer; September 20, 1947, Michael Kelly; September 20, 1957, John Vigneron; September 21, 1949, Austin Bonner; September 21, 1987, Vincent Carty; September 22, 1997, Dcn. Francis Hairy Chin; September 23, 1951, Henry Kipp; September 25, Dcn. Theodore Knife.

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Adoration at Cathedral open to all

BY HEATHER BUNKERS

The whole Diocese of Rapid City is blessed by the perpetual adoration chapel at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Since April of 2014, dedicated adorers come before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their commitment allows others to visit and pray at any time between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. when the Cathedral

doors are unlocked.

Wondering how you might spend an hour with Jesus? You can read scripture, pray the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditate, or simply rest quietly in his presence. Many adorers find peace, strength, and renewal in these quiet moments.

Recently, the Cathedral received a beautiful new monstrance for exposition. Our Lady's Chapel offers a serene, intimate

space for prayer and reflection before the Eucharist. If you have not yet visited, you are warmly invited to experience this grace-filled opportunity — Jesus longs for your presence.

Feel called to commit to a regular weekly hour? Signing up is easy. Please visit cathedralolph.org, click "Perpetual Adorers Login," then select "Weekly Commitment." You may also contact the Cathedral at Cathedral@CathedralOLPH.org or by calling (605) 342-0507 for assistance.

Prayerfully consider joining our adoration team, deepening your relationship with Christ, and helping to sustain this beautiful diocesan tradition.



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 - John 10:10

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The Cor ad Cor Spirituality Year is a weekly small group gathering of all men or all women to learn more about the spiritual life, to grow in relationship and conversation with the Lord, and to share faith and the work of the Lord with others. Essentially, Cor ad Cor is a 30 week retreat which moves people through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola according to the 19th annotation.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Cor ad Cor is for any adult with a desire to grow in their relationship with Christ and an ability to commit to weekly 90-minute

WHEN DOES IT BEGIN?

Groups begin mid September and run through May. Groups can only take 6-8 participants and they fill up fast! Contact us to be notified when registration opens up.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost is \$80 per person. This covers the cost of books, printed materials, and leaders' materials and training.

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-CATHY MORCOM, SPEARFISH

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The school integrates Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STREAM) to prepare K-12 students as innovative, faith-driven problem solvers. From coding robots and building bridges to hydroponics, gardening, and AI ethics; students connect learning to real-world challenges through hands-on projects. Teachers across all grade levels incorporate Catholic values into technology-rich lessons, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

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