



# NPM Rapid City Diocese Summer Newsletter

July/August 2015

## Summer NPM Event

Saturday, August 15, 2015  
at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Sturgis, SD

### Schedule for the Day

(Time Zone: Mountain Standard Time)

9:30am-10:00am Registration  
10:00am-10:15am Welcome & Morning Prayer  
10:15am-11:15am Duets  
11:15am-11:25am Break  
11:25am-12:15pm Anthem Share  
12:15pm-12:45pm Lunch  
12:45pm-1:00pm NPM Business Meeting (including Officer Elections\*)  
1:00pm-1:45pm Sturgis St. Cecilia Award Recipients Video  
1:45pm-2:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercies



Please RSVP by Monday, August 10, 2015 to:

Kathy Little at 484-7817 or [lovingtrust@live.com](mailto:lovingtrust@live.com)

### Husband of St. Cecilia Award Winner Dies



The Rapid City Chapter of NPM is saddened by the untimely death of Joseph Schneller. Joe, a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, was a music minister in the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM Sunday choir. This choir is led by his wife, Brenda Schneller, who was the lay recipient of the 2011 St. Cecilia Award.

About Joe, Brenda said, "He was devoted to attending Mass and getting our family to every single Mass, regardless of weather, and we are so grateful to have shared our Faith together all of these years, and I know Joe smiles as he sees all of the musicians coming together. He was so supportive of me in the music ministry, as he knew how much the music ministry means to me, as the gift of giving back to God. With much love and gratitude for you and the choir, and for everyone's continued love and prayers...please don't ever stop praying for Joe and me and our beautiful children." About fifty area music ministers sang at Joe's wake and funeral.

## A Letter from the Co-Chapter Directors of the Rapid City NPM Chapter

Dear NPM members,

How many times have we asked ourselves, "What am I going to use on Sunday for a special solo musical number?" How many of us have given up on that sort of thing? Why go to all the work? NPM has the answer for **YOU**. Come to Sturgis on Aug. 15, 2015. We will showcase a variety of duets from a wide gamut of instrumentations. Who can't find at least 2 talented musicians in their parish, right? In addition, we are asking **YOU** to bring your collection of duets so folks can thumb through them. Participants can take home that info for their future reference. Even better will be the sharing session of ensemble pieces. Several parishes are bringing copies from their choirs' library. We will sight-read through them. If you hear something you like, you have the info for a new song to teach in the coming year. In addition, there will be a taped interview with some past St. Cecilia recipients. Find out what assisted them in becoming outstanding music ministers. We will end the day with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song. This was used at Joe Schneller's Vigil Service. Many were deeply moved by it.

If you want to be a **better** music minister, if you want to be **enlivened** by your craft, if you want to be **renewed** in spirit and mind come on Oct. 16 & 17 to hear Lee Gwozdz at Blessed Sacrament. Lee is a nationally known speaker who never fails in all these areas. His presentations will address **Youth in Music Ministry**. This is his specialty. Do you have a youth group leading your religious education in song? If you **DON'T**, come and find out how to get it started. If you **DO**, come to find out how to make it better. Have you given up on a choir/ensemble in your parish? Lee has **GREAT** ideas on how to get things going with your **Volunteer Choir/Ensemble** again. Do you have special **Vocal Problems** with choir/ensemble? **Aging Voices?** **Poor Vocal Production?** Lee will have tip upon tip for you that will make an **immediate improvement**. Tired of going to speakers who are boring and dry? This will not happen with Lee Gwozdz. His humor is lighthearted and entertaining. After all, he works with kids on a regular basis. Our NPM chapter and the diocese have gone to considerable expense to bring Lee Gwozdz to our diocese, because we believe in you, your parish, and your music ministry. If you ALL come on Oct. 16 & 17, the music ministry in our entire diocese will improve immensely. **THAT'S GUARANTEED!**

Carman Timmerman

Jackie Schnittgrund

Co-Chapter Directors, Rapid City NPM Chapter



## Upcoming Events

August 15, 2015

Summer NPM Event & NPM Business Meeting\*

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Sturgis, SD

See front page of this newsletter and Letter from the Co-Chapter Directors for more information on this event.

October 16-17, 2015

Fall NPM Event & St. Cecilia Banquet

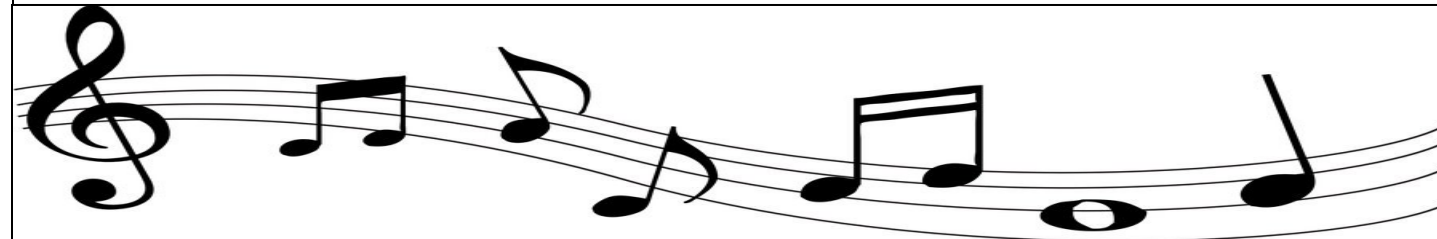
Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, SD

Presenter: Lee Gwozdz



Lee has served as the Director of Music of Corpus Christi Cathedral for over 30 years and he is the current President of the American Federation of Pueri Cantores - the U.S. Catholic Choral Organization for Youth Choirs. He is highly sought after as a workshop clinician.

Lee's dynamic presentation will relate to all in attendance!



### NPM Rapid City Chapter Offices up for Election

\*Elections to be held at Summer NPM Business Meeting

#### Chapter Director / Coordinator for Planning:

The role of the Chapter Director is to: provide general leadership to the local organization and correspond with the national organization. The Coordinator for Planning has 2 basic responsibilities: 1) The selection of topics for the chapter meeting, in consultation with the board of Chapter officers. 2) Recruiting volunteers to present at the meeting. The term is 2 years and the person may be reelected for 3 consecutive terms.

#### Assistant Director for Recruitment:

This office has 2 roles: 1) Encourage people to attend meetings. This includes coordinating the mailings to the members 4 times a year. 2) Support the Director and replace the Director if he/she is unable to be present at a meeting or is unable to continue as Director. The term is 2 years and the person may be reelected for 3 consecutive terms.

#### Animator For Koinonia:

The Animator For Koinonia (fellowship) coordinates activities that make and build community through social and prayer times. The term is 1 year and the person may be reelected for unlimited number of terms.



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Please email *Jessica Hicks*, Asst. Director for Recruitment at [jessie5268@aol.com](mailto:jessie5268@aol.com) with any updates to your mailing or email addresses.

Thank you!!

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