

NPM Spring Meeting – March 22, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis

(1049 Howard St., Sturgis, SD)



Schedule of Events

9:30 Registration / Refreshments

10:00 Welcome

10:05 Opening Prayer

10:15 Liturgy Basics (*Deacon John Osnes, OLBH, Piedmont*)

11:20 New Music in *Breaking Bread* (*Terry Schroeder, St. Therese, Rapid City*)

12:00 Simplified Mass Arrangements & WSDCF Grant (*Carman Timmerman and Terry Schroeder, St. Therese, Rapid City*)

12:30 Lunch / Business Meeting

1:10 Lenten and Easter Music (*featuring choral selections from multiple parishes*)

2:10 Closing Prayer

2:20 Dismissal

To help us secure an accurate lunch count, *please RSVP* Carman Timmerman

by *Thursday, March 20, 2025*. (ph. 605-391-4053, or email carmantimmerman@gmail.com)

Director's Letter

This is a short newsletter, because there's no Winter Meeting Recap; we cancelled our January 18 Winter Meeting five days before it happened. But most of what didn't happen at that meeting will now happen at our March 22 Spring Meeting! Turn the page for details. I think it should be a fun gathering - and, no matter what the weather's like that day, it's almost got to be better than now.

Meanwhile, it's -14° F and snowing as I write this. I hope all of you are reasonably warm and that, no matter the weather or your situation, you are aware of God's presence in your life, guiding and watching over you.

Matthew 6:26: "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

— Chantry Nelson, Director, Rapid City NPM Chapter

Preview: 2025 Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting in Sturgis features four events:

1) Liturgy Basics. As Catholic musicians, it's always helpful to learn more about the liturgy underpinning nearly everything we do. Deacon John Osnes of Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont will speak on this, a topic about which he is both knowledgeable and enthusiastic.



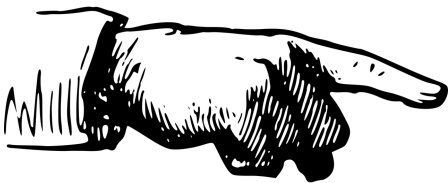
Sanctuary at St. Francis, Sturgis

2) New Music in *Breaking Bread*. Those familiar with *Breaking Bread* know that each new issue removes a few hymns and adds a few new ones. But how many of us actively check out the new additions? Terry Schroeder of St. Therese, Rapid City will lead us through a number of new hymns in the 2024 and 2025 issues of *Breaking Bread*.



3) Simplified Mass Arrangements & WSDCF Grant. **Our four simplified mass accompaniments are finally here!** Hear and see them, and hear all the details. Board members Carman Timmerman and Terry Schroeder, both of St. Therese, Rapid City, will present.

4) Lenten and Easter Music. Hear and sing Lenten and Easter music as found in several of the (many! seems like) different hymnals and worship aids this parish's congregations are currently using. Musicians from St. Francis of Assisi (Sturgis), St. Michael's (Hermosa), and others will present.



Turn the page for Calendar of Events.

Don't forget to **SIGN UP for the Spring Meeting!**

As we found out last month, we can't have a meeting unless enough people sign up by about a week before it happens.

RSVP to Carman Timmerman (ph. 605-391-4053, or email carmantimmerman@gmail.com). For the lunch count, contact by Thursday, March 20, 2025; for general planning/meeting viability, let her know as soon as you can.

NPM 2025 Calendar of Events

Date: March 22, 2025

Event: **Spring NPM Meeting**

Location: St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis

Topics: Liturgy Basics (Deacon John Osnes); New Music in *Breaking Bread* (Terry Schroeder); Simplified Mass Arrangements & WSDCF Grant (Carman Timmerman and Terry Schroeder, St. Therese, Rapid City); Lenten and Easter Music (musicians from St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis; St. Michael's, Hermosa; other parishes)

Date: TBD

Event: **Summer NPM Meeting**

Location: TBD

Topics: TBD

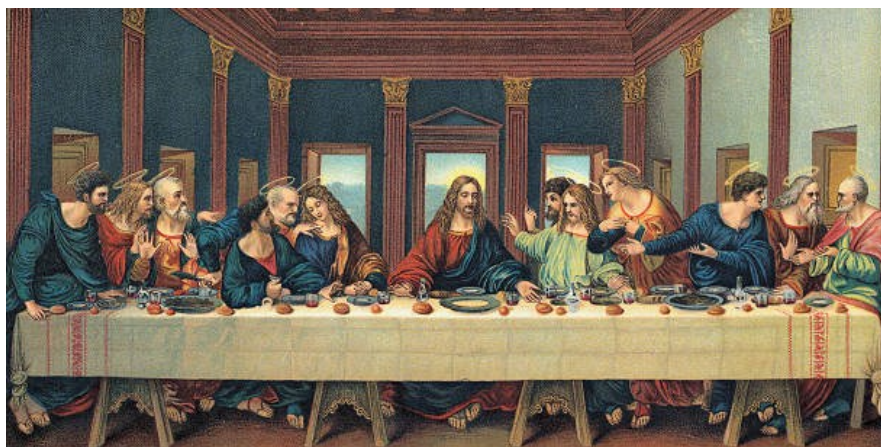
Date: TBD

Event: **Fall NPM Meeting / St. Cecilia Banquet / Silent Auction**

Location: TBD

Topics: Presentation by a national NPM speaker TBD

Do you have upcoming special music events in your parish or in your community that involve fellow NPM members? If so, contact Chantry Nelson (marycsnelson@gmail.com) with event information, so we can add it to our calendar and the quarterly newsletter.



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