

NPM Fall Meeting, September 20, 2025

Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City

(2101 City Springs Road, Suite 300. Rapid City, SD)



Schedule of Events

- 9:30 Registration / Refreshments**
- 10:00 Welcome**
- 10:05 Opening Prayer**
- 10:15 Youth reporters: Music at 2025 Steubenville Summer Youth Conference**
(attendees from various parishes)
- 11:15 Mini-Workshops (cantoring; piano and guitar accompanying)**
- 12:20 St. Cecilia Banquet (catered lunch from Olive Garden); Business Meeting**
& Chapter Board Elections
- 1:15 Awards Presentations**
- 1:50 Commissioning of Music Ministers**
- 2:05 Youth and Catholic Music (SCTJM Sisters)**
- 3:05 Closing Prayer**
- 3:15 Dismissal**

Please RSVP by TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 to Carman Timmerman (carmantimmerman@gmail.com, ph. 605-391-4053, snailmail Carman Timmerman, 12 St. Charles St., Rapid City, SD 57701).

Send Carman \$15 for the catered meal either then or soon afterwards.

For workshops (see p. 2), an RSVP by Monday, September 13 would be helpful. Contact either Carman or Chantry Nelson (marycsnelson@gmail.com, ph. 402-429-4924).

Director's Letter

Our Fall Meeting is less than six weeks away. We hope many of you will be able to come – and that you can bring young musicians with you (see p. 2, Fall Meeting Preview). Plan for it now and RSVP Carman for the lunch.

We still need awards nominations. Think of people you know who give (and/or have given) their musical talents to the music of the Church. They don't have to be excellent or even inspiring musicians (though obviously that's good, too); they just need to be cheerfully sharing with others the gifts and talents (large or small) that God has given them. For awards details, see p. 3.

Ps. 100:1-2: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."

– Chantry Nelson, Director, Rapid City NPM Chapter

Serving the life and mission of the Church through fostering the art of musical liturgy in Catholic worshipping communities.

Preview: 2025 Fall Meeting

Youth are the future of the Church, and the Fall Meeting will focus on youth and church music skills. If you are reading this, **please think of young musicians in your parishes and encourage them to attend this meeting.** This meeting is designed to open their eyes to a variety of Church music opportunities. Programs are:

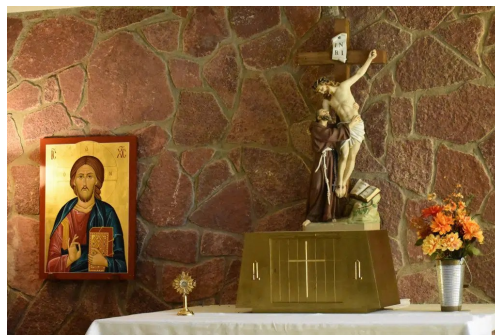
> **Steubenville Youth:** Youth from St. Therese (Rapid City) and other parishes will report on their musical experiences at the 2025 Steubenville Summer Youth Conference in Denver.

> **Mini-Workshops: Youth-friendly, but helpful at any age.** Depending on interest, we are offering up to **three concurrent mini-workshops.** Content level (elementary to advanced) will be adapted to the participants who show up for that session. Options are:

- **Cantoring** (Tammy Schnittgrund, St. Therese, Rapid City)
- **Guitar Accompaniment** (Teresa Spiess, Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City)
- **Piano Accompaniment** (Bonnie Josten, St., Therese, Rapid City)

For all workshops, **indicate interest by Monday, September 13.** Contact Chantry Nelson (marycsnelson@gmail.com, 402-429-4924) or Carman Timmerman (carmantimmerman@gmail.com, 605-391-4053).

> **Youth and Catholic Music:** Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SCTJM) Sisters will speak on their experiences engaging youth in Catholic music and/or music resources for youth.



Side Chapel, Terra Sancta

There's more –

The Fall Meeting also includes our annual

Chapter Board Elections – Would you be interested in serving? See p. 3

and **Awards** – Is there someone you could nominate? See p. 4

Preview: 2025 Fall Meeting: Officer Elections

Officer Elections: As most of you know, we elect new officers at the Fall Meeting.

Would you like to serve on the board? Fill an open position? Let us know. Contact marycsnelson@gmail.com / 402-429-4924. Duties listed for Director and Programming Coordinator are those set out in the 2024 National NPM Chapter Manual. **Open positions are:**

- Director (elected position; two-year term, renewable one time)

- schedules and chairs the Board meetings, prepares the agenda, and oversees the preparation and distribution of minutes
- guides the Board in setting the vision and goals, ensuring that the vision and goals complement those of the national organization
- oversees the implementation of Board decisions
- maintains communication with the diocese
- serves as the primary liaison with the NPM National Office and the Membership Forum
- makes every effort to attend the annual NPM Convention, including all events programmed for Chapter leadership
- is a co-signer on the Chapter bank account
- assures the Chapter is using tools provided by the National Office, including npm.org email addresses, online content, and Google Suite tools.

- Programming Coordinator (elected position)

- coordinates Chapter events by contacting the venue to secure the date, specific facility, and other needs expected of the hosting venue
- contacts speakers, clinicians, and other participants to secure their participation
- manages logistics during the event itself

- Hospitality Coordinator (appointed position). Sole duty: line up someone to bring morning snacks to each quarterly meeting. It's a small thing, but if you find you're willing to take it on, it will lighten the load for the rest of us on the board.

- Member at Large (appointed position). Attends the board meetings and pitches in where needed. Many hands make light work, and your ideas and suggestions could help make ours a better chapter.



FALL AWARDS NOMINATIONS: Do you know someone deserving of one of our Fall Meeting Annual Awards? Email their name, parish, and (BRIEFLY! **better to be too brief than to not nominate someone deserving**) why you think they deserve the award in question, to: Chantry Nelson, marycsnelson@gmail.com. **Submit by Friday August 30, 2025.** Categories are:

🎵 **St. Cecilia Award (Clergy and Laity):** Recognizes one clergy member and one lay person for exceptional contributions to liturgy and music.

Criteria: *Nominee need not meet all criteria:*

1. NPM national member (preferred).
2. Recognized role in West River music ministry (i.e. director, organist, pianist, pastor, cantor, choir member) for 5 years or more.
3. Specific exceptional contribution(s) that enliven music liturgy and aid in developing liturgical resources.
4. Example(s) of providing support to parish musicians, clergy and other worship leaders as the nominee fosters the art of liturgical music involvement.

🎵 **Peggy Langenfeld Memorial:** Recognizes one person or organization who has promoted NPM and chapter activities in an extraordinary way.

Criteria: *Nominee need not meet all criteria:*

1. NPM national member (preferred).
2. Promotion of NPM at parish and diocesan level.
3. Participation in one or more meeting programs.
4. Current or past officer in Rapid City NPM Chapter.

🎵 **Emerging Music Minister Award:** Recognizes an **adult** or **youth** who shows promise as a musician contributing to Catholic music liturgy.

Criteria:

1. Service of five or fewer years (consider length and breadth, participation in other ministries).
2. Commitment (i.e. consistent involvement).
3. Demonstration of continued learning in music liturgy.
4. Demonstration of initiative.

Age Categories:

1. Emerging Adult: Person 24 years or older.
2. Emerging Youth: Person 16 – 23 years old.

🎵 **Service Year Awards:** Recognizes a person who has contributed their time and music talents to church music for a number of years (or slightly more).

Year categories: 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60, 70, and 75 years.

NPM 2025 Calendar of Events

Date: September 20, 2025

Event: Fall NPM Meeting / St. Cecilia Banquet, Awards Ceremony and Commissioning of Music Ministers

Location: Terra Sancta, Rapid City

Topics: Steubenville Youth, Music Experiences: Steubenille youth attendees from St. Therese (Rapid City) and other parishes. **Mini-Workshops:** Three mini-workshops: **Cantoring** (Tammy Schnittgrund, St. Therese, Rapid City), **Guitar Accompaniment** (Teresa Spiess, Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City), and **Piano Accompaniment** (Bonnie Josten, St., Therese, Rapid City).

Simplified Mass Arrangements: we still have copies available, and they're still free. (The chapter absorbed the cost of their printing.) Carman Timmerman will mail them to you (605.391.4053 / carmantimmerman@gmail.com) or you can pick them up at the Fall Meeting.

Tell us your upcoming events! If you know of upcoming special music events in your parish or community that involve fellow NPM members, **contact Chantry Nelson** (marycsnelson@gmail.com) with event information. We will inform our mailing list, add it to our calendar and (if you can tell us far enough in advance) put it in the quarterly newsletter.



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