

NPM Fall Meeting and Awards Banquet

20 September 2025

Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City, SD

Schedule of Events

- 9:30 Registration/Refreshments (*NPM board members*)
- 10:00 Welcome (*Chantry Nelson, St. Michael's, Hermosa*)
- 10:05 Opening Prayer (*Barry Furze, St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis*)
- 10:15 Youth Musical Involvement at 2025 Steubenville of the Rockies and Elsewhere
(*Anna Kraft and Sheila Schweitzer, Holy Cross, Timber Lake*)
- 11:15 Breakout: Mini-Workshops
- Cantoring (*Tammy Schnittgrund, St. Therese, Rapid City*)
- Piano (*Bonnie Josten, St. Therese, Rapid City*)
- 12:20 St. Cecilia Banquet (*catered lunch from Olive Garden*)
Business Meeting and Chapter Board Elections
- 1:15 Awards Presentations: *St. Cecilia (clergy and laity); Peggy Langenfeld Memorial; Emerging Music Minister (adult)*
- 1:50 Commissioning of Music Ministers, including *in memoriam* (*Dcn. Larry Kopriva, Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City*)
- 2:05 Youth and Catholic Music (*Sr. Sara Kowal, SCTJM Sisters, Rapid City*)
- 3:05 Closing Prayer (*Musicians from St. Isaac Jogues, Rapid City*)
- 3:15 Dismissal



Our thanks to Terra Sancta Retreat Center for hosting today's meeting.

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Mini-Workshop Clinicians
at the **2025 NPM Fall Meeting**
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Cantoring: Tammy Schnittgrund, St. Therese, Rapid City

Tammy served for a number of years on NPM's national Committee for Cantors, and later as Chair for this committee. She helped craft the rubrics for NPM's Cantor Certification program, and has led multiple cantor workshops in our diocese, helping dozens of cantors in our diocesan parishes earn their certification.

In this capacity, she has worked directly with pre-eminent leaders of Cantor education across the country, including Sr. Kathleen Harmon, who wrote the 'go-to' guide for Cantors in Catholic liturgy, "The Ministry of Cantors."

Tammy has been a music educator in the Rapid City School District for over twenty-five years. Her current roles include Strings Coordinator for all orchestral programs in the district, Conductor of Rapid City Stevens High School orchestra, and Orchestral Director at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Tammy earned her undergraduate degree in music education at Northern State University, and her masters degree at University of Montana.

Piano Accompanying: Bonnie Josten, St. Therese, Rapid City

Bonnie Josten has served as a diocesan music minister for forty-six years, playing both organ and piano. For eighteen of those years, she was accompanist for Chorus Angelorum at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City.

Currently she is the accompanist for "Village Voices," a senior chorus at Westhills Retirement Village. Additionally, she helps accompany at Rapid City Stevens High School concerts, and provides accompaniment for their orchestral students' contest selections.

2025 NPM Fall Meeting – Feedback Survey
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1. Did the (outcome of the) meeting meet your expectations? YES _____ NO _____

2. Please give a short reason for your answer (e.g., what could have made the meeting better?)

3. On what topic would you have liked to have spent more time?

4. What was the most memorable moment of the day? (discussion, interaction, experience, 'a-ha!' moment, etc.)

5. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience today?

6. Future suggestions: What would you like to see presented? Or see/do more of?

7. Are you interested in serving on the Rapid City NPM Chapter Board? If Yes, please provide:

Name: _____ Contact Info.: _____

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