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Recovery & Faith

Intertwined by God's grace



The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is our Beacon of Hope

As I ponder in the twilight days of my privileged time as Bishop of Sioux Falls, naturally I reflect on all that God has blessed me with these 13 years. Surely high among them is the restoration of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, which we rededicated eight years ago this past July 27, and which we share with all through the TV Mass. Below is an edited version of my homily on that joyous day:

In our first reading from the Book of Genesis we hear of the dream of Jacob, in which appears a staircase, sometimes called a ladder, connecting heaven and earth with angels going up and down. Jacob encounters the Lord and is moved to exclaim what we might proclaim today, "How awesome is this shrine. This is nothing else but an abode of God, and that it is the gateway to heaven. Truly the Lord is in this place."

Angels abound in our Cathedral which too in a way is a gateway to heaven. Here too we can encounter the Lord. He will be present in an even more profound way through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and with the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Truly the Lord is in this place.

It is appropriate that we gather to celebrate the completion of the preservation, beautification and restoration of the Cathedral on the Memorial of SS Joachim and Anne, by tradition the names given to the parents of the Blessed Mother and often referred to as the grandparents of Jesus.

It was your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents who built and maintained this special place with vision, sacrifice, perseverance and faith. They and Bishop O'Gorman clearly desired to send a bold message in stone—one of faith, one of hope and one of invitation. Proclaiming boldly the love and mercy of Christ is as needed today.

Thank you to all of you who have made this day possible. Because of their and your sacrifice, this is once again a place to come to pray, to rest, to be forgiven, to be restored, but most especially to encounter God. Truly the Lord is in this place.

Oh how we need signs of hope and places of rest in our world today, so filled with violence, incivility, injustice, narcissism and disrespect for life.

Pope Benedict XVI, when he visited St. Patrick Cathedral in New York several years ago, noted the beauty of its stained glass windows, not unlike ours. He said, "From the outside those windows are dark, heavy, even dreary. But once one enters the Church, they suddenly come alive; reflecting the light passing through them, they reveal all their splendor...It is only from the inside, from the experience of faith and ecclesial life that we see the church as she truly is: flooded with grace, resplendent in beauty, adorned with the manifold gifts of the Spirit. It follows that we, who live the life of grace within the church's communion, are called to draw all people into this mystery of light."

But then he continued, "This is not an easy task in a world which can tend to look at the church, like those stained glass windows from the outside, a world which deeply senses a need for spirituality, yet finds it difficult to enter into the mystery of the church. Even for those of us within, the light of faith can be dimmed by routine, and the splendor of the church obscured by the sins and weaknesses of her members. It can be dimmed too by the obstacles encountered in a society which sometimes seems to have forgotten God and to resent even the most elementary demands of Christian morality.

"You who have devoted your lives to bearing witness to the love of Christ and the building up of his Body know from your daily contact with the world around us how tempting it is at times to give way to frustration, disappointment and even pessimism about the future. In a word, it is not always easy to see the light of the Spirit all about us, the splendor of the Risen Lord illuminating our lives and instilling renewed



hope in his victory over the world. Yet," he concluded, "the word of God reminds us that, in faith, we see the heavens opened and the grace of the Holy Spirit lighting up the church and bringing sure hope to the world."

It is my prayer that this restored Cathedral will be a shining light on the hill outside and in, by the beauty of sacred things and by the beauty of faith lived well, and therefore be a sign of the hope that can only be fulfilled in Christ.

And so we invite all to come here on pilgrimage and to seek to satisfy the yearning for the holy, to discover meaning in the midst of trial, even fear, and to experience the peace that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior and friend.

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus challenged the apostles in the Gospel. Peter's response has been called his profession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of God." He did not at first fully understand or live it perfectly. We know that subsequently he tried to get Jesus to change his travel plans to avoid the danger that was the Passion, and that he denied Jesus three times ultimately breaking down in tears over his failure to be true.

We also know that Our Lord forgave him and missioned him and built the Church upon him. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Peter experienced the conversion to which each of us is invited. He too is a witness of Christ's love and mercy.

Each of us each day, whatever our vocation, is asked to respond to the question, "Who do you say that I am?" Not what do the polls say or what do others say, but who do we say He is. How we respond will shape our lives and affect those we love, and the life to come.

Sacred art, beauty can show us the way. As Pope Benedict XVI noted, "genuine beauty unlocks the yearning of the human heart, opening afresh the eyes of our hearts and minds, giving man wings."

Allow me to share one testimony on how beauty helped change a life. There was a young reasonably successful professional who felt something missing in his life. Searching for what he knew not, he found himself spending time in a Catholic church

though he was not Catholic, mystified about why.

This confused and aimless young man sat in the back trying to find his way in the missalette, was moved by the Stations of the Cross and intrigued by the statues of saints he had never heard of. Ever before him was a haunting crucifix, the body of Christ on the cross. "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus was asking him.

That young man of course was me. It took a while but I was touched enough in part by beauty to turn from my old ways and to open my heart to declare in a new way: "You are the Christ, the Son of God." Like Peter I did not know what it fully meant but the "eyes of my heart and mind were opened afresh." That response was deepened when I accepted the truth of His real presence, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

After that I could not help but come home to His church. What a joyful day it was when I, like Peter, professed my faith. Then God called me to the priesthood. And He topped it off by bringing me to South Dakota. Perhaps men or women, young and not so young, will be drawn to the Lord by pondering the genuine beauty here in this Cathedral which your parents and grandparents, and you, have made possible.

When asked what was my vision for our new crucifix, my response was something to the effect, I want us to be able to look with awe at our Lord hanging there and then humbly acknowledge: He did that for me, for us; He loved us that much and still does.

This Cathedral of Saint Joseph is not a museum though there is much to admire and ponder; this is not a concert hall though the beauty of sacred music will lift our souls; this is not a gathering space though it is a place where we can come together to share our joys and support one another in our sorrows.

This is our Beacon of Hope where we with humble and grateful hearts can declare: "How awesome is this shrine. This is nothing else but an abode of God, and that it is the gateway to heaven. Truly the Lord is in this place."

SCHEDULE

August

- 2 2:00 Mass for Sisters of St. Francis jubilarians and 50th anniversary of the community, Holy Spirit, Mitchell
- 6-8 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- 10 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 13 Gender and Sexual Identity Awareness Workshop, O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls
- 4:00 Picnic with clergy, The Bishop's House
- 15 12:00 Mass, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 17 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 18 1:30 Wedding Anniversary Mass and reception, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 20 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 24 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 5:00 Taste the Goodness, downtown Sioux Falls
- 26 Bishop's Cup, Sioux Falls
- 27 12:00 Diocesan Investment Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 7:00 Speaker, Theology on Tap, Luciano's North, Sioux Falls
- 29 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 31 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

September

- 1 9:00 State Fair Mass, Women's Building, State Fairgrounds, Huron
- 7 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 8 1:30 Wedding Anniversary Mass and reception, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen
- 10 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood

Working to reveal the splendor of Christ



Here in Aberdeen, we have a little place called “The Roncalli Nearly New.” It is a small shop on north Main Street where people drop off their stuff and some nice people in the back sort it and price it and put it out for sale.

They work so hard and all the profits go to support our Catholic school system; their hard work is quite profitable indeed.

There are two unique ways in which this important little shop impacts my life.

First, as pastor of one of the parishes in Aberdeen, I deeply appreciate the financial support the Nearly New store gives to our schools. Each year we are blessed with \$140,000 that helps us continue this amazing ministry of our parishes to form the whole person.

In addition, we are blessed to have a place where those who are poor or in need can come and find clothing and home supplies.

Second, as the son of one of the nice people who works in the back, I have a mom who always has her eyes open for clothes that fit her grown children, shoes and shirts and sweatpants and little knick-knacks she thinks they will enjoy.

Every so often I will stop by the house and mom will run into the back room and bring out some treasures for me to look at or try on. If I decide I like them she pays for them, and if not, back to the store they go. It is a great system.

One day when I was visiting from Pierre, she came out from the back room with some clothes and a free-standing crucifix that once adorned a high altar. My mom said it came with some things from Presentation College and she was wondering if I wanted it. I did want it, tarnished and beat up as it was.

It sat in the rectory in Pierre for quite a long time until one day I decided to finally clean it up. It took a few hours of cleaning and scrubbing to get the tarnish off without causing it too much damage. I used many rags and an old tooth brush, some cleaning fluid and elbow grease, not to mention patience.

Tarnish free, I worked on polishing it and

finally buffing it. By the end, it looked amazing, shiny and new, and it was a beautiful addition to my confessional. It took some effort, but my, it was worth it.

The other day I was giving the crucifix a little touch up to keep it shiny and beautiful, cleaning it with a bit more elbow grease and remembering the day I sat down, the kitchen table covered in newspaper, and labored to make the tarnished new and lovely again.

It is not an easy job, and yet it is an important one; just below the tarnish and dirt was the shining Body of Christ, ready to be seen in splendor once again.

It is an act of faith, of course, and ultimately an act of hope. Not simply for an image of the Body of Christ on a tarnished crucifix, but for the true Body of Christ that is the Church. It is a time of struggle to be sure, of great pain and doubt, yet we also have the opportunity to make an act of hope in working to bring forth the glory of the Body of Christ again.

We in the hierarchy are called in a special way to walk a journey of humility, embracing again our role as servant leaders and not clerical kings, but all of us are called to this work. Certainly, not all have sinned by bringing this shame to the Church, but all of us suffer because of this shame. Certainly, not all need to seek repentance, but all of us are needed to make the journey of renewal.

All who are baptized are called to this journey. We may not have caused the pain, but we feel it; we may not have wounded the Church, but as Church, healing is a mission for us all. It is for us all to do the difficult work of reclaiming the dignity of our baptism, to stand up and be the People of God which is the Church's definition of herself.

As each of us embrace this mission, embracing all human beings in love, praying and fasting for the Church, and as each of us remembers that, filled with the Holy Spirit, we bring Christ into the world, then, with faith and hope, and a bit of elbow grease, we reveal again the shining Body of Christ that is always there.

Tarnish can be removed, it just takes time, patience, hope and work.

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Officials



The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain has decreed the following priest assignment changes effective July 10, 2019:

Very Reverend Charles Cimpl to serve as the Temporary Administrator for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (St. Mary), Sioux Falls.

Assignment changes effective August 7, 2019:

Reverend Thomas Hartman, in addition to serving as Pastor for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Groton and St. Joseph Parish, Turton, as Sacramental Minister to the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Reverend Richard Fox from Pastor for Christ the King Parish, Sioux Falls to Pastor for Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown.

Reverend Mark Lichter, in addition to serving as Pastor for Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen, as Temporary Administrator for Sacred Heart Parish, Westport.

Reverend Paul Rutten from Pastor for Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown to Pastor for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (St. Mary), Sioux Falls.

Reverend Jordan Samson from Priest Director for the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Northern State University and Pastor for Sacred Heart Parish, Westport to Pastor for Christ the King Parish, Sioux Falls. In addition, effective August 1, 2019, to serve as the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor



Sunday, October 13 - 3:00 p.m.

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Recovery & Faith

Intertwined by God's grace

by Renae Kranz

A new acquaintance recently told me about a prayer she says to herself each morning.

“Dear God, get in my head before I do.”

You see, this acquaintance is a recovering alcoholic. She uses this prayer to hand the wheel of her day over to God instead of over to the temptation to drink. If God is driving, she has hope.

Those struggling with addiction and those in recovery face a battle that's hard for the rest of us to understand. But God and faith can be their hope, too. Faith, whether from childhood or yet to be discovered, has a crucial role to play in recovery from addiction.

And faith appears to be the key to staying clean and sober for a lifetime.

Addiction is on the rise

You've seen the news lately. The opioid addiction crisis is reaching epidemic proportions in many areas of the country. Abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs is destroying families and lives.

According to Thomas Otten, assistant vice president of Avera Behavioral Health, statistics show up to 10 percent of people are dealing with some chemical dependency or addiction issue.

“Just do the math on that,” Otten said. “There is a huge need [for addiction care services].”

South Dakota is not immune to the ravages of addiction. There are over a dozen inpatient drug and alcohol treatment centers in the state, with a new center to open later this year.



FR. TIMOTHY SMITH
pastor at Holy Cross, Ipswich

As an alternative to inpatient centers, many people work through their recovery to addiction using only outpatient services or programs like Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

It's a long road toward recovery and much help is required along the way.

AA ties spirituality to recovery

Perhaps the most well-known option for addiction treatment is the 12-step program created by AA in the 1930s. AA's 12 steps are a group of principles that are spiritual in nature and offer a way for addicts to live free from the obsession to drink. The path the steps set out leads to the opportunity to live a happy and whole life.

Many Catholic priests have given time to those working through the steps, especially when it comes to the Fifth

Step. This step closely resembles a very Catholic idea—that of confessing one's wrongdoing to God, to themselves and to another person.

Father Timothy Smith, pastor at Holy Cross in Ipswich, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Leola and St. Thomas in Roscoe, has worked regularly with recovering alcoholics on this crucial step. But he says this is not merely confession for the addicted. Although it bears a resemblance to the sacrament, it's important to recognize that the two are unique and distinct.

"The intention and goal of the Fifth Step and the program of recovery is sobriety and healing, whereas the intention of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is forgiveness of sins and salvation through Jesus Christ," Father Smith says. "Obviously, you cannot have the latter without the first."

Father Smith has witnessed the amazing things God does in the lives of the faithful while working the steps. But he's also seen God's grace transform non-Catholics.

"No one is excluded from the universal call to holiness," he says. "This is good news for people in recovery, because it means that God has a plan for their lives. With God all things are possible, especially for those who find themselves hopelessly addicted."

He recalled a man he met after Mass who told him he once lived on skid row and was horribly addicted to drugs. Father Smith said it was hard to believe because of his professional appearance and speech.

"He flatly declared that the Lord Jesus brought him back from the gates of insanity thanks to the recovery program and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God did more for him than he could do for himself," Father Smith says.

AA isn't the only recovery program used, but the 12 steps that are the basis of it have influenced the creation of most other programs. Faith is almost always a

HOW DO I KNOW IF SOMEONE HAS AN ADDICTION

- Tries to hide use of alcohol or chemicals
 - Is unable to limit the amount
 - Gets irritable if not using
 - Has undergone a change in personality and behavior
 - Isolates
 - Denies that there is a problem
 - Gives up important work or personal activities in favor of the addiction
 - Has increased the amount and frequency of use (indicates a buildup in tolerance)
 - Is experiencing new physical or psychological problems
 - Doesn't remember conversations or commitments
 - Becomes drunk intentionally to feel "normal"
 - Loses interest in activities that used to be important
 - Has shallow breathing
 - Itches skin
 - Is constipated
 - Has needle marks on skin
 - Changes doctors or pharmacies to get pills
- (courtesy of Avera Health)

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE AN ADDICTION

- Feeling that you have to use the drug regularly—daily or even several times a day
 - Having intense urges for the drug that block out any other thoughts
 - Over time, needing more of the drug to get the same effect
 - Taking larger amounts of the drug over a longer period of time than you intended
 - Making certain that you maintain a supply of the drug
 - Spending money on the drug, even though you can't afford it
 - Not meeting obligations and work responsibilities, or cutting back on social or recreational activities because of drug use
 - Continuing to use the drug, even though you know it's causing problems in your life or causing you physical or psychological harm
 - Doing things to get the drug that you normally wouldn't do, such as stealing
 - Driving or doing other risky activities when you're under the influence of the drug
 - Spending a good deal of time getting the drug, using the drug or recovering from the effects of the drug
 - Failing in your attempts to stop using the drug
 - Experiencing withdrawal symptoms when you attempt to stop taking the drug
- (courtesy of Mayo Clinic)

WHERE TO GET HELP

- Alcoholics Anonymous – to find a meeting in South Dakota, go to www.area63aa.org | www.sioxfallsaa.org | (605) 339-4357
 - Avera Behavioral Health – call (605) 322-4079 for help
 - Catholic Family Services – (800) 700-7867

component because the addict needs healing of body, mind and spirit to find permanent relief from their addiction.

Finding the path to recovery

The road to healing from addiction is different for everyone. For some addicts, their faith or an encounter with God knocks them out of the fog of addiction and sets them on the path to recovery. For others, the proverbial “hitting bottom” happens in various ways to finally move them to action.

However the addiction starts or ends, God and faith play a role.

Dr. Marcie Moran, clinical director for Catholic Family Services, says in her experience, many people who are addicted have lost their way with God and with everything that was meaningful to them. Alcohol or drugs become an emotional crutch they use to cover up feelings of stress or discomfort. Grief and loss can play a major role as well.

“Anytime a person feels a significant loss, they’re trying to substitute something for it,” Moran says. “They have this longing, this inability to make up for something, and alcohol or drugs become the outlet for them to find another way to get rid of their feelings of guilt or shame or anger from the grief of the loss.”

According to Janell Christenson, a local recovery coordinator at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls, grief may not even be related to a death. It could be related to losses associated with things like opportunities, job loss, loss of vocation, divorce or loss of health.

“Grief and addiction go together in so many ways,” Christenson says.

In her work as a chemical dependency counselor, Gretchen McLaughlin of Sioux Falls has seen faith and God emerge early in the conversation with addicts. They became addicted usually because something happened in their life that they didn't know how to cope with. But God often steps in to jar them out of their spiral.





GRETCHEN MCLAUGHLIN
Chemical Dependency Counselor

“Almost everybody who comes in talks about how they had an encounter with God or they started reading the Bible,” McLaughlin says. “How well they do during recovery often depends on how much they’re willing to fill that God-shaped hole in their hearts with God and with friends who are clean and sober.”

Moran says faith sometimes helps them find their way to treatment, but for others it takes longer to grab onto their new strength found in spirituality or faith.

“It has to become a way for them to move through life and have some strength from something else,” she says. “They come to know that they’re going to need His strength as well as their own to make this recovery.”

One man knows this truth better than most. Meet Michael.

Michael’s story of discovering God

Michael, a parishioner at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls, experienced a conversion during his drinking days that saved his life.

“For me the subtraction of alcohol in my life without a conversion to Christ would have been a disaster,” he says. “I didn’t drink because I had a deficit in alcohol intake. I drank to distract me from the human heart’s normal and

natural longing for Christ himself.”

Michael, whose father passed away when he was 6, started using drugs at 13 and by 16 alcohol was his drug of choice. He drank fundamentally different from the other kids he knew, passing out in the back seat or front lawn, belligerent to all around him. By the time he was in college, he was blacking out regularly.

“Alcohol made me feel whole,” Michael says. “The problem is no matter how much you drink, you always get sober again. I didn’t know how to live, with or without alcohol.”

He put himself into treatment once at 21, but that only lasted 36 hours. He felt broken. He felt like God didn’t care about people like him, an addict who took advantage of and hurt everyone around him. How could a good God love a person like that?

Michael finally met a guy at work who was working the 12-step program. He told Michael stories of others in recovery, and the idea of getting help became more and more attractive to him.

“I needed a lot of healing because when you live a life of selfishness, you keep sort of stabbing or destroying your own soul and you need healing for that,” Michael says.

At 24, Michael began going to AA meetings and working the steps. As he worked on achieving sobriety, a few key people helped him get there.

One was a priest named Father Ed Pierce who sat with Michael during his Fifth Step, listening for six hours as he unloaded everything he had ever done, the people he had hurt and everything he was ashamed of. When he was done, the priest asked him, “What’s your problem with Jesus?”

Michael was shocked. He told the priest he was struggling to get through the 164 pages of the AA program manual. How was he supposed to wade through everything in the Bible? If he couldn’t get through this small

thing (AA), how could he get through that huge thing?

“His head fell in his hands and he came up and this man had a tear in his eye,” Michael says. “It was this beautiful, scary silence. He looks up at me and he goes, ‘You missed it.’”

Throughout eight years of Catholic grammar school, four years of Catholic high school, two years of Catholic college, his mom taking him to Mass, and all the sacraments, he missed the one thing that could change everything.

“Father Pierce said to me, ‘This isn’t the story of what you do for God. This is the story of what God has already done for you.’”

Michael felt himself wanting Jesus in that moment as Father Pierce told him that Jesus wanted him.

“What you’re really looking for is caught up completely, 100 percent, with nothing else outside of Him,” Michael says. “This guy who lived 2,000 years ago who wasn’t just a guy. He’s THE guy and THE God. That’s what you’re looking for.”

Michael went on to make restitution to others and finish the 12 steps. He learned to stop using other people as “pawns on his chessboard for his own self-satisfaction.” He keeps the words of Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen close to his heart now: “Love people and use things. Don’t love things and use people.”

Through his recovery, Michael says he has found only two things in life that make him feel whole: alcohol and Jesus. And only Jesus is the sustainable answer. Everything else is a distraction from the true desire of the human heart.

“What I’ve come to realize is that although alcoholism looks like a drinking disorder, really it’s the age-old ramification of the fall,” he says. “It’s a substituting something for God, anything for God.

“What AA treats is the soul. It’s

essentially a contact with the God of the universe that alters the way you think about him, your own life and people within your life. And that can't really be manufactured. That's a bit of a miraculous experience."

Michael has been sober now for 27 years. He's a very active member of alcoholics anonymous, saying it's not a hobby for him. It's a ministry. And for him, the goal is to live in the abundance of Christ so he can give to others from that abundance.

"Suddenly Jesus does something in my heart that I can't produce myself. And then I have no need of booze. I have no need of anything. That's freedom, that's pure freedom."

God's grace spills over

The experience many in recovery have with God's healing grace affects those who work with them to achieve sobriety, often in a deep and lasting way. McLaughlin, who was also a FOCUS missionary in college, says her faith is the only thing that allows her to be able to do the work she does. Her faith draws her to intercessory prayer for those she counsels.

"In my own life, that helps me to acknowledge that I can't do anything on my own because they can't do anything on their own," McLaughlin says. "It moves my heart to prayer so much more, not only for them, but also to recognize that I have to live out of a need, otherwise I'm living a lie."

McLaughlin recognizes that people just beginning their recovery are often at their lowest point, and probably haven't been received by anybody in their life. She also recognizes how unworthy she is to receive the difficult life stories her counseling patients share. She says the Holy Spirit allows her to do that in an authentic way.

"To have the opportunity to ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to ask her to teach me how to be receptive to them, and show me how to love them as a mother could love them has been very motivating to my prayer and very moving to me," she says.

Michael has experienced the same things in his work with others recovering in AA. He says watching the transformations of men with kids becoming good fathers again, women with husbands becoming good wives again, even people with jobs becoming good employees again has been a great gift to him.

"I get to walk with them through their changing and as they change, I can remember that God loves me too," he says.

Faith and support sustain sobriety

Chaplains have a key role in recovery and sustaining sobriety. Christenson says they use chaplains regularly at the VA and she would take one every day of the week if she could because of their influence during and after treatment.

"The more I could have of him [the chaplain], the more I would take it because it's very keenly interconnected," Christenson says. "When people have a faith or a belief system, their chance of sustained recovery is improved."

Moran says faith is the key to staying clean because it gives those in recovery a lot of assurance in social relationships. She encourages them to stay in AA or NA and groups like them so they have a group to talk to that they can relate with and feel safe among. Staying with an after-care group and

building their new faith are crucial elements to staying clean.

"I've seen so many times that somehow faith has become a new part of their life, a new strength, a new place to go," Moran says. "And I think that's a wonderful thing about recovery."

Along with faith and recovery programs, we as lay people can play a role to help those struggling with addiction. Father Smith says he and other priests often look to connect addicts with those people in parishes who have achieved sobriety so they can walk with them through recovery.

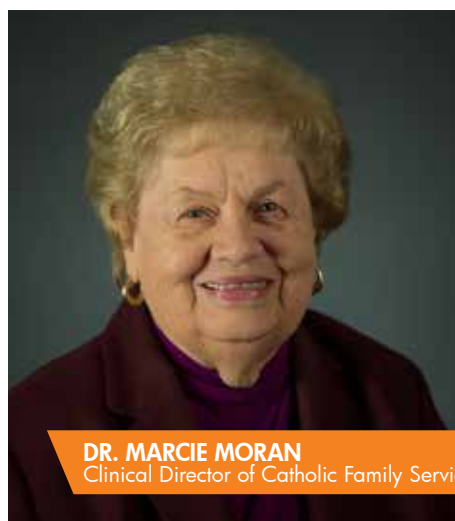
We can also be more welcoming in our parishes and seek to connect with each other. Many recovering addicts need to find a new community and a new daily structure to belong to. Their old friends or even family may be addicts they can no longer associate with. They feel alone and intimidated by the thought of finding a new community of friends and support.

"They're like sheep without a shepherd," McLaughlin says. "They're used to living in order and structure and being told when to do things and how to do things while in recovery. So if you do come into contact with somebody who is in recovery, if there's a connection there, offer to be a friend who can encourage that structure but not enable any addictive behaviors."

McLaughlin says we should hold them to a high standard, be there when they need to talk, and don't shy away from asking the hard questions. Many times they need someone they can trust to tell their stories to and talk about their successes in recovery.

"Just help them to recognize and acknowledge the ways that God's grace is at work in their lives and don't be afraid to have that conversation. Give them an opportunity to have someone to shepherd them, to walk with them in an experience that is new and unknown to them," McLaughlin says.

Michael says there are two things we can do to help addicts recover: tell them the truth and pray for them.



DR. MARCIE MORAN
Clinical Director of Catholic Family Services

“To speak the truth to them in love I think is the very best thing that people outside can do,” he says.

But prayer is the most powerful thing we can do to help. Michael’s mother’s prayers made all the difference for him. After her priest told her to stop telling her son about Jesus and start telling Jesus about her son, the power and grace of prayer did the rest.

“My mom wrote me a letter and told me that story for my six-month sobriety birthday. And she had started praying for me six months before that,” Michael says. “I think we get sober on the wings of other people’s prayers.”

Father Smith says you’ll find people in every parish who have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Many practicing Catholics have experienced long-term recovery and found a deeper faith in the process.

“You might not know their whole story, but each of them can tell you how God did for them what they could not do for themselves,” Father Smith says. “The life of grace and the Sacraments of the Church are the means of healing and strength given to us by Jesus to help us on the path toward heaven.”

You can reach out to others in your community and parish. Learn their stories if they’re willing to tell them. And above all, pray for them to find sustained recovery and peace.

Avera Addiction Care Center

Avera leads the way in behavioral and addiction care in the region. The Addiction Care Center will open later this year in Sioux Falls allowing patients an option for detox and a 28-day program focusing on the whole person—body, mind and spirit—to get them on the road to recovery.

Thomas Otten, assistant vice president of Avera Behavioral Health, says Avera’s willingness to take on addiction to this degree shows their commitment to serving a population that doesn’t always get the respect they deserve.

“We feel this is a really critical component,” Otten says. “This is a medical disease, not a character flaw. By putting our stamp on it, we’re saying we believe this is a medical issue. There’s treatment available and we want to be there to help.”

The need is there, Otten says. About 20 times a month, patients needing inpatient residential services are referred for treatment outside of Sioux Falls. While those other facilities are good care facilities, it’s easier on patients and families if they can stay in Sioux Falls.

This new facility will serve patients needing a high to moderate level of addiction care. A patient will typically start in one of the four detox rooms for medical stabilization where they will comfortably and safely withdraw from alcohol or drugs under medical supervision. After detox, the patient moves to one of 28 residential-like rooms to continue their recovery.

All along the journey, faith is a key component.

“As a Catholic organization, faith is something really critical to us,” Otten says.

During design and planning, respect, confidence and hope were woven throughout the care facility, Otten explained. The staff will treat every person with dignity and respect. The evidence-based programs used for recovery give patients and families confidence in the care given. And hope is where faith comes in.

“Treating mind, body and spirit is a core component of who we are as a hospital and what this addiction center will be,” Otten says. “We won’t hide who we are as a Catholic organization, but we welcome all faiths. We really believe that without the spirit component, it’s very hard to heal the whole person.”

Options will be available for a variety of faith needs, including a beautiful chapel/meditation space to focus and pray. For Catholics, a chaplain will be on site to sit down with a patient throughout recovery. Details are still being worked out for taking the Sacraments, but they will also be made available.

And Avera has a plan for after a patient leaves as well. After much research, they believe staying with patients for up to a year gives them a better chance of staying clean.

“There’s a lot of research that says if you keep them engaged in their recovery process for up to a year, you’re going to have a lot better results,” Otten says.

Using things like intensive outpatient programs, addiction care recovery services, a physician navigator to guide patients through the system, tele-video counseling sessions, and even group work either face-to-face or through tele-video will help keep the patients engaged.

“A group all graduated the program together if you will, so we’re going to try to keep that cohort together as much as we can,” Otten says. “There are relationships formed between the counselor and the patients and patient to patient that we think have valuable strength if we can keep them connected.”

The Avera Addiction Care Center will offer tours during the month of November and plans to be ready for patients in early December. Most insurance will cover this type of care, and scholarships will be available for those needing financial assistance. If you are interested in a group tour, please contact Linda Olson at 605-322-7965.



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Sharing the joy of the Gospel is amazing work

Every summer I have the same conversation with my sister. Like me, she is a teacher and the exchange usually comes while floating on an air mattress, enjoying the July sunshine. Sooner or later one of us asks “have you done much for school?”

Try as we might, it is difficult to push thoughts of school away once the calendar flips to July. After the leisurely weeks of June, my heart gets a little restless, though I always hate to see summer end.

I try to make the most of the last weeks of summer by doing things that feed my spirit and mentally prepare me for back to school. Going on retreat is my personal favorite because receiving the sacraments and spending extra time in prayer deepens my desire to lead a holy life.

Spending time with family, having good conversations with close friends, reading a good book, and having one last day on the water will check all my personal boxes, making my summer complete and my spirit ready.

When my four kids were all in school, August was a challenging month. The chaos of shopping, sports banquets and games,

I trust that God will never place a desire in my heart to do something that won't somehow bear fruit.

coupled with preparing for my own school year was stressful.

The looming expense of new school clothes, lunch money, athletic gear, school supplies and school pictures sometimes made it tough to embrace the last golden days of summer freedom. However, it always felt good to return to the rhythm of the school year.

My personal transition is easier now that my children are grown, freeing me to consider more carefully my work as a teacher and catechist. It is exciting and a bit scary to consider how God might call me to serve differently this year.

What will I do to make my lessons more engaging? Will I be able to make meaningful connections with students in religious education?

The answer, of course, is that God will provide. St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds me that God's grace is sufficient, “for My strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9). I need to trust Him and answer the call joyfully without complacency.

A new school year presents great opportunities to meet people and explore one's talents and shortcomings. So many organizations clamor for time and resources. I hope this year, instead saying “I'm not doing THAT again” and reclaiming my time, I will choose new ways to contribute. Maybe it will be a committee I have avoided due to the time commitment or personality conflicts.

To paraphrase the daily decalogue of St. Pope John XXIII (which I love and have posted in my bathroom where a captive audience cannot help but see), only for this year, I will do something I don't much like doing, and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure no one notices. I trust that God will never place a desire in my heart to do something that won't somehow bear fruit.

One key part of my back to school gear up isn't flattering but it is simple: I show up.

From the minute I return to campus, God showers me with an abundance of graces that make me excited for back to school. Student athletes pop in to say hi after their summer practices as I get my room ready.

I see parents in the office as I catch up with coworkers, exchanging the highlights of summer break. At Sunday Mass former religious ed students smile in recognition at me when I distribute Holy Communion.

These friendly faces peel away my reluctance to leave the lazy days of summer and



Kathy Engeman, 7-12 religion teacher at Saint Mary Catholic Schools in Dell Rapids and member of St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls

remind me that God has blessed me with work that I love, as a teacher, a parent and a volunteer. Sharing the joy of the Gospel is amazing work to which each of us is called.

In my classroom is a table and chair that sits mostly empty since 2009, the year that Mrs. Regina Evans retired from St. Mary. She worked first in the cafeteria, then later as an aid in the religion room. Regina just loved to be at school, having quit her own schooling in the 6th grade to help her family through the Great Depression. How easy it is to forget that education is a privilege.

Before her retirement, she was honored with an honorary diploma, having volunteered an amazing 25 years in witness to her Catholic faith and love of learning. She was laid to rest during finals week last May at age 99.

So make some last summer memories. Then show up to the open houses, even if you know the drill. Attend the SFO or PTA meetings, sign up for the committee that nobody else wants and prayerfully consider helping your parish religious education program.

Our Lord calls us into the deep, and only He knows what blessings await.

Catholic Family Services offers help and hope to farmers and ranchers under stress

By Renae Kranz

There is hope and help for South Dakota farmers and ranchers who face a working environment weighed down by stress brought on by the unfavorable conditions coming from several directions. Catholic Family Services is one of several places that can offer support.

We've seen over the last five years how extended losses year over year can create an environment that seems impossible to work in. The financial stress turns into emotional, physical and family stress.

The U.S. government's tariff war with China and other countries isn't helping. Farmers and ranchers, in particular those growing soybeans, are affected by various U.S. tariffs, and then retaliatory tariffs hit them back. On top of that, they feel squeezed by the uncertainty of a revamped North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada.

And the weather hasn't helped either.

For ranchers, blizzards followed by spring flooding have made raising livestock difficult to say the least. Many lost calves buried in snow during the late spring blizzard. The flooding that followed added stress to the cattle, putting them at risk of stringing out and increasing chances of sickness. More losses may come.

Growing crops is no better. A report by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), an arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, shows South Dakota crops are suffering more than most in the region due to wet weather this spring. Soybeans and corn are in especially poor shape.

One tell-tale sign is the number of days suitable for fieldwork this past spring—only 1.1 days per week were suitable compared to 5.8 days during the spring months of 2018 according to NASS. This pushed planting back for weeks and contributed to the poor condition of many crops.

These compounding problems have led some farmers and ranchers to go bankrupt or sell out to avoid bankruptcy, allowing larger farm corporations to buy up those farms. This ultimately changes the landscape of farming and small towns in South Dakota.

Dr. Marcie Moran of Catholic Family Services says the stress brought on by all of it can change the landscape of families as well. She sees it all the time in her work with the farming and ranching communities.

"The small farmer hates to see farms being sold because the family unit is affected,"



Aerial view of spring flooding in Tabor. (Photo courtesy of Jackrabbit Seed LLC)

Moran said. "It's hurting the churches, the schools and small towns. Some towns lose their schools. That's a really hard hit."

Over the years, Moran has held farm crisis programs around the diocese to help farmers and ranchers manage stress, avoid depression and talk about family relationships. But farmers and ranchers tend to be reluctant to attend or find it hard to take time out of their already full days. It's mostly wives who attend.

"It's hard for the men to come," Moran said. "They've all got stress from this, and they don't know what to do."

Moran says if you need help, you can either get in touch with your parish priest or contact Catholic Family Services directly. You can get individualized assistance or set up an all-day program for your community on managing stress and avoiding depression.

"They should all be calling us because they've all got stress from this," Moran said. "This is their entire life, not just their eight to five."

Moran suggests watching for signs of depression (see sidebar) in the farmers and ranchers in your life. They can tip you off to the right time to seek help.

A big sign to watch for is social isolation. Moran says if the person stops going to church or to town like they used to, or disappears for long periods of time, it may be time to get assistance. That assistance could be from your priest, Catholic Family Services or other counseling services, or your family doctor.

"Sometimes they might go to the doctor, but they won't go to the mental health center," Moran says. "They won't go unless their doctor tells them to."

People in the parishes of small towns can help, too. Hold special prayer days for farmers and ranchers and for crops, Moran says. Recognize the problem as a parish family. Hold free social activities people can attend for social engagement and to talk to others in the community.

Our farmers and ranchers need our support. Pray for them and talk to them. Be there for them.

If you need help from Catholic Family Services, call 1-800-700-7867 or go to www.sfcatholic.org/cfs.

WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS OF STRESS

- Frequent physical illness
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- Inability to make decisions
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- Depressive mood
- Mood swings
- Inability to cope with small changes
- Overall change in behavior or personality
- Not talking anymore
- Making repeated depressive comments about the situation
- Putting themselves down repeatedly
- Substance abuse

Camp Sydney helps kids and parents face grief from loss

Children and their families learned to cope with grief associated with losing a loved one during their time at Camp Sydney in June. Offered at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center by Catholic Family Services, 18 campers and 14 parents from 13 families spent three days working together.

They worked with 23 volunteers learning ways to deal with their grief and making sure kids understand it's ok to talk about the person they lost.

"Camp Sydney is a time for kids to come together and know they are not alone in their grief," says camp direc-

tor Mary Weber, a counselor with Catholic Family Services. "There's time for both laughter and tears. It's the most meaningful camp I have ever been a part of."

Camp volunteers add fun activities like woodworking, slip-and-slide, s'mores, a scavenger hunt, swimming and group games. A balloon release and an evening memorial luminary on the water tops off the events.

Parents and their kids spent some time at the camp in separate programs. Parents worked with Dr. Marcie Moran, Catholic Family Services clinical director, to understand their own grief and how their child might be feeling.

The kid's programs focused on allowing them opportunities to

talk about their feelings, their loved one and make crafts to turn their grief into something they can keep.

At other times, parents came together with their kids to have fun and talk about what they were learning and feeling.

"Dr. Marcie Moran is an excellent speaker. And the child interaction with other kids who have lost someone, that seems to be a huge part of helping them cope," said one parent participating in the program.

Another parent said of their overall impression with the camp, "I love the passion all of the organizers and volunteers have for the camp. The kids are busy. They don't even realize how much healing is coming their way!"



Above: Campers gather around a fire with parents and volunteers. Below: Kids make connections and new friends at camp.



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Discipleship camps teach students about liturgical seasons and faith

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High school and junior high students from throughout the diocese joined together in June and July for Discipleship camps held at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center.

During two high school camps and one junior high camp, 276 campers gathered to play games, hear talks and enjoy outdoor activities and challenges. Another 89 staff members helped out with the camps.

The theme this year was “This is the Time” and was a study of the various liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time).

Father Tyler Mattson from Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls helped out with the junior high camp and found great inspiration in his days with the students.

“I was able to witness the college students as they truly loved and poured themselves out for the junior high kids. I was able to witness them live the life of the Trinity, to truly live Christianity,” Father Tyler said.


The students spent time in Eucharistic Adoration each evening, had opportunities for confession and went to Mass throughout each of the four-day camps.



Students attend Mass at SS Isidore and Marian Chapel at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center during Discipleship camps over the summer.

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New principal appointed for Roncalli Primary in Aberdeen

Elizabeth Gorski has accepted the appointment as principal for the Roncalli Primary School in Aberdeen, SD. Elizabeth has previously taught English, gifted and talented enrichment courses, and served as dean of students.



Her family is moving from Minnesota to Aberdeen. They will be members of St. Mary Parish.

Catholic Daughters institute new court



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) instituted the Court St. Joseph, #2754 July 1 at St. Ann Parish in Miller. This court had 43 members take the membership pledge. Fr. Paul Josten was installed as the court chaplain by Father Russell Homic, South Dakota State Chaplain, Ipswich.

After the Mass of Institution, the membership elected the following as new officers of the court: Deb Bushfield, treasurer; Diana Runge, financial secretary; Susi Odden, regent; Diane Steers, vice regent and Theresa Lichty, recording secretary.

Members from Highmore, Orient/Polo, Roscoe, Redfield, Faulkton, Kimball, Wagner, Parkston, Brookings, Sioux Falls, Dell Rapids, Pierre, Huron and Woonsocket shared in the celebration.

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Knights help Option 1 buy ultrasound machine

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Pictured L to R: Local KC Treasurer Mike Monnens, State KC Deputy Gerald Dvorak, Option 1 Executive Director Lacie Petersen, and KC fundraiser co-chair Doug Bierschbach.

Thanks to a partnership with Knights of Columbus Council 3640 from St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings, Option 1 pregnancy center has expanded its services to include ultrasound and has converted to a pregnancy help medical clinic. Converting to a pregnancy help medical clinic with free ultrasound increases Option 1's services to women, expanding the organization's mission and helping more pregnant women in need.

Since 2009, Knights at the state and local levels have partnered with the Knights of Columbus headquarters to fund ultrasound machines for use by pregnancy care centers through the Knights' Ultrasound program.

Right to Life group marches in Fourth of July parade



Some members of the Hand County Right to Life chapter of South Dakota Right to Life marched in the Miller 4th of July Parade, handing out special Right to Life candy and pens. Pictured from left to right are: Pastor Glenn Stewart, Carol Schulz, John Bushfield, Deb Bushfield, Marla McGeorge, Veda Zeller, Pastor Kevin Robinson, Father Paul Josten, Sharon Stewart, Remington McGeorge, Ramsey Zeller, Trent Augspurger, Valerie Augspurger, Caden Gortmaker, and Sally Wulf.

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ABERDEEN – Jim and Michala Heller will celebrate their 35th anniversary on August 3. They have 5 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Kyle and Miko Brandner will celebrate their 25th anniversary on August 27. They have 2 children and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Chad and Vicki Bent celebrated their 25th anniversary on July 2. They have 4 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Stan and Jan Heier will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 1 child, 2 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Edward and Kathleen Mitzel will celebrate their 25th anniversary on August 13. They have 11 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – BJ and Brandei Schaeftbauer will celebrate their 25th anniversary on August 12. They have 4 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



BRANDON – Dan and Connie Plut will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 8. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



BRITTON – Royce and Lunette Grimsrud will celebrate their 45th anniversary on August 17. They have 5 children, 16 grandchildren and are members of St. John de Britto Parish.



CENTERVILLE – Dennis and Mary Kay Smith will celebrate their 60th anniversary on August 4. They have 8 children, 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and are members of Good Shepherd Parish.



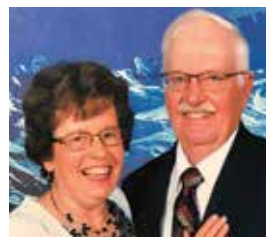
COLMAN – Steve and Jane Witte celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 28. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



DANTE – LaVern and Sally Rezac will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 23. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Assumption Parish.



FAULKTON – Richard and Rosalie Vogel will celebrate their 60th anniversary on August 27. They have 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



FAULKTON – Dale and Jean Gutenkauf will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug 14. They have 3 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



FLORENCE – Neal and Fran Schafer will celebrate their 70th anniversary on August 17. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish.



HARTFORD – Randy and Lisa Ulmer will celebrate their 35th anniversary on August 4. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



HARTFORD – Arnie and Mary Lou Lusch will celebrate their 60th anniversary on August 9. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



HUMBOLDT – Steve and Norma Bannwarth will celebrate their 45th anniversary on August 24. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



HURON – Leo and Beth Pollock will celebrate their 40th anniversary on August 3. They are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



HURON – John and Rita Schulte will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 22. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



KRANZBURG – Kevin and Jenny Kranz will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of Holy Rosary Parish.

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Committed in CHRIST



MADISON – Marvin and Jackie Eich will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 16. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Parish.



MITCHELL – Allen and Sheila Loecker will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Alfred and Sally Hohn will celebrate their 67th anniversary on August 11. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



MITCHELL – Frank and Mary Lou Bruna will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 1. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



PARKSTON – Tim and Roxane Alley will celebrate their 35th anniversary on August 10. They have 4 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



PIERRE – John and Char Nickolas will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 13. They have 4 children, 16 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



PLATTE – Deacon Joseph and Kathy Tegethoff will celebrate their 40th anniversary on August 24. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter the Apostle Parish.



PLATTE – Paul and Ruth Lucas will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 7 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter the Apostle Parish.



ROSHOLT – Donald and Anna Mae Braun will celebrate their 70th anniversary on August 30. They have 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



SALEM – Wayne and Linda Krempges will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 2. They have 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SCOTLAND – Louis and Joan Sedlacek will celebrate their 60th anniversary on August 24. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Marcy Rogers will celebrate their 60th anniversary on August 1. They have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Rod and Cheri Limoges will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bill and Joan Van Den Hemel will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 29. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bruce and Sally Sherburne will celebrate their 40th anniversary on August 18. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

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Anniversary Submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by August 15 for inclusion in the September 2019 edition to: The Bishop's Bulletin, 523 North Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or e-mail to: rkrantz@sfcatholic.org.

Correction

In the July edition of The Bishop's Bulletin, we listed Curtiss and Betty Ann Klock's anniversary as July 2. Their anniversary date should have been listed as July 28.

We regret the error.



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SIOUX FALLS – David and Elizabeth Walker will celebrate their 60th anniversary on August 10. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Mike and Mary Markstrom will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Terrin and Amy Haggerty will celebrate their 25th anniversary on August 6. They have 2 children and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Charles and Karen Schmidt will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 16. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Glenda Horstman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SISSETON – Terry and Sandi Jaspers will celebrate their 40th anniversary on August 18. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



SISSETON – Donald and Linda George will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 30. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



WATERTOWN – Scott and Lisa Schwinger will celebrate their 35th anniversary on August 4. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WESTPORT – Lance and Kristi Burns celebrated their 25th anniversary on July 2. They have 1 child and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



WHITE – Dan and Raynata Streff will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 9. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Paul Parish.



UPCOMING RETREATS

BROOM TREE
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SILENT RETREATS

Men's 2019 September 19-22 October 24-27 November 21-24	Women's 2019 August 8-11 October 17-20 September 5-8 November 7-10
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DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and consist of conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is also served, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested.

Aug 20: I Surrender - directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer	Sept 17: What is Grace? Cooperating with the power of God - directed by Fr. Tom Anderson
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SPECIAL RETREATS

Aug 2-4: Marian Retreat - directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer	Oct 20-24: Fall Priest Retreat - directed by Fr. James Steffes
Oct 11-13: Inner Healing Retreat - directed by Mike Snyder & Jane Barz	Dec 6-8: Couples Retreat - directed by Fr. John Rutten



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BISHOP'S CUP

Monday, August 26

The Bishop's Cup golf tournament is coming fast. One of the premier golf tournaments in the area, the tournament benefits Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Choose to play in one of two different formats.

Play the Bishop's Scramble

This format is a four-person scramble with prizes awarded to the top two teams in each flight. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score.

Play the Bishop's Challenge

This format consists of a four-person team. Each golfer plays their own ball, with the two best balls scored hole by hole. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score.



Registration and lunch start at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. After a great display of golf skill, enjoy a social and barbecue followed by an awards ceremony. To finish it all off, there will be a shoot out and putting contest final at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more about those opportunities or to register, go to www.ccfesd.org or call (605) 988-3765. Don't wait! Spots are filling up fast.

More about Broom Tree

Nestled in the rolling hills of the Missouri Valley, Broom Tree provides a picturesque setting that makes for a tranquil and serene environment. The peaceful grounds, adjacent lake, conference center, lodge, cabins and prairie church provide a place of recollection and prayer for people of all ages and faiths. Silent retreats for men and women, couples retreats and much more are available. Visit www.broom-tree.org.

Taste the Goodness

Saturday, August 24

The event previously known as "Legacy: A Tasting Experience" has undergone some exciting changes this year, starting with a new name, "Taste the Goodness." The event will be held at a new location—outdoors at the Avera Tech building on 11th street in downtown Sioux Falls.

Running from 5 to 9 p.m., you'll experience a wide array of tasting options including food, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages, games, activities and much more. As in past years, you can also take part in the mobile bidding silent auction. The band Goodroad will provide music for the evening.

Proceeds from this Bishop's charity event will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House which offers daytime and overnight emergency shelter for the homeless and vulnerable. Visit www.bdhh.org for more information.

While many things will look new this year, you will still experience a fantastic evening of fellowship while helping those in our community in most need of our help.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ccfesd.org or call (605) 988-3765. Volunteers are also needed.



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Recitation of the rosary planned

Friday, August 2 - The rosary is recited for the faithful departed on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Search for Christian Maturity retreat set

Aug. 9-11 - Located at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls, the retreat is a student led program featuring talks, skits, music, opportunities for confession, and celebration of Mass. All high school and college age students and adults are welcome. Contact 605-371-1478, SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com or www.siuoxfallssearch.org for more information.

Recitation of the rosary planned in the

Mother's Garden - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will sponsor the recitation of the rosary in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 22 and Monday, August 26.

Centennial celebration set in Garretson

Sunday, August 25 - A centennial celebration of the St. Rose of Lima Parish church building in Garretson will include Mass at 10:30, a meal, group photo and inflatables for the kids.

Annual fall supper planned in Scotland

Sunday, September 8 - St. George Parish will host its annual fall supper. Enjoy broasted chicken, baked ham, cheesy potatoes, salads and pie served from 4-7 p.m. Take part in a raffle at 7 p.m.

Pax Christi Southeastern SD to meet

Saturday, September 14 - Pax Christi Southeastern SD meeting is set for 1-3 p.m. at Caminando Juntos, 617 E. 7th St., Sioux Falls. Contact Sister Pegge at 274-3735.

Turkey Dinner/Bazaar set in Dell Rapids

Sunday, September 15 - St. Mary Parish in Dell Rapids is hosting a Turkey Dinner and Bazaar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 7-12, \$2 for ages 3-6, and ages 2 and under are free. Carry outs are available for \$12.

Applicants for permanent diaconate being accepted

Men of the Diocese of Sioux Falls are invited to consider becoming a deacon. If you are thinking that God may be calling you to a deeper life of service to His Church and His people, you can apply for the next diaconate class. The diocese is accepting applications for a formation class that will begin in the fall of 2020. Contact your pastor or Deacon John Devlin if you would like to discuss this in more detail. You can call 605-988-3715 or denjohndevlin@sfcatholic.org.

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference

Sept. 27-28 - The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is hosting the Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference. The goal is to empower you to break the chains in your life so you can walk in the fullness of freedom. Held at St. John Vianney Church and School in Fairmont, Minnesota, registration for the conference begins at 6 p.m. on Sept. 27. Conference begins at 7 p.m. with a presentation and Confession available. Events on Sept. 28 will start with Mass and continue with several presentation sessions, lunch and dinner (included in registration), and prayer and breakout sessions. For more information or to register, go to www.dowr.org and click on events.

Mother of God Monastery

Aug. 11-17 and beyond - The Journey into Spiritual Growth, a nine month program using the Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will be offered at Mother of God Monastery, Watertown. For anyone desiring a renewed relationship with God and a greater prayer life, please consider this program. In addition to the retreat, there is a weekly guided program of prayer until the closing in May, 2020. For more information contact Sister Emily Meisel at sisteremily@hotmail.com or 605-886-4181.

Catholic Family Services

Sept. 17-Oct. 22/Grieving the loss of a parent or sibling will be offered on six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a parent or sibling. Parents and siblings play significant roles in our lives and this loss requires a significant adjustment. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Oct. 11-Oct. 13/Grieving the loss of a loved one weekend non-denominational retreat for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. Starts Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m. and concludes Sunday, October 13 at noon at Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene, SD. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran and guests. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org for more information or to register. Registrations limited.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Contemplative Morning/ The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the August 17 session, contact S. Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

Sept.-May Spiritual Enrichment Program/ A program open to men and women who desire to deepen their relationship with God through monthly gatherings, selected readings, and a silent retreat experience. Participants will meet once a month on Saturday morning 9:30-11:30 for prayer, a presentation on the focus topic, and group dialogue. Registration deadline is August 20. For more information go to yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program/ or contact us: benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292.

August 31 - Fall Scripture Studies - The morning series will be a study of the text and Scriptures behind Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, On Care for our Common Home, facilitated by S. Doris Oberembt and meeting Wednesday mornings at 9:30-11 a.m. for 7 weeks beginning September 11. The Spirituality of the Gospels, facilitated by S. Mary Jo Polak, meets 7-8:30 on Wednesday evenings, beginning on September 11 for 6 weeks. For more information and registration, go to www.yanktonbenedictines.org/center and click on the Scripture Study page, or call 605-668-6292. The registration deadline is August 31.

Silent Retreats at the Benedictine Peace Center/ Come for the number of days that fits your schedule. Retreatants may request a spiritual director and are welcome to join the monastic community for Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist. Contact benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292 or visit us at www.yanktonbenedictines.org/Center.

Residential Volunteer Program/Sacred Heart Monastery being offered for single females 21 years and older with no dependents who desire an exciting adventure while discovering direction and focus in one's life. The duration is three months to one year. Volunteer ministries include: gardening, receptionist, cleaning, dishes, assistance in the Gift Shop, kitchen, bakery, film library, and Care Center Activities, etc. Cost: one will provide for own financial, medical and personal needs. A stipend is included. For more details visit <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/who-we-are/residential-volunteer-program/> or call 605-760-2741.



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