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# THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN



*One Faith.  
One Family.*





**I**n the Broadway musical *My Fair Lady*, Eliza Doolittle in frustration sings: “words, words, words. I’m so sick of words. I get words all day through. If you’re in love show me.” This entertaining plea of course is not a theological proposition, but if we love the Lord we too should show Him not just in routine words but in practical ways. One way to accomplish that is to spend quiet time with him, time in silence.

There are two aspects to silence, quietly going to God in prayer and prudentially speaking with others. The first informs the second.

Saint Mother Teresa speaks of going to God in silent prayer, “We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls. . . . The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. Jesus is waiting to listen to us in silence. In this silence he listens to us and speaks to our souls. And there we will hear his voice.” (In the Heart of the World)

Robert Cardinal Sarah recently published a thought provoking book entitled: ‘The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise’

that speaks to what we say and how we treat others with our words.

He notes, “The virtue of silence does not mean that we must never speak. It invites us to remain mute where there are not good reasons to speak up. . . . Saint Arsenius acknowledges that he often regretted having spoken but never regretted having kept silence. Saint Ephrem says, ‘Speak much to God but little with men.’”

This invites avoiding violations of the Eighth Commandment: you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. We break this commandment with gossip, lying, slander, defamation and calumny which diminishes or destroys the good reputation and honor to which every person has a right. (Compendium 523) These are common in our culture and sadly even in the Church.

Silence is hard to come by. There is constantly ‘breaking news’ and musical intrusions just about everywhere, not all of quality at least to my old ears.

Even at Holy Mass we have a tendency to fill every void with sound. Sacred music and the spoken word are powerful vehicles of prayer that can lift us to the transcendent. Sometimes though it is simply resting in our thoughts and yearnings that provide the greatest and enduring lift beyond ourselves and the moment.

Pope Francis has been using his weekly audiences to teach on the Mass. A few weeks ago he encouraged priests to not be in a hurry and neglect a moment of silence at the collect or opening prayer.

He said, “Perhaps we (those attending Mass)

come from days of challenges, joy, pain, and we wish to say this to the Lord, invoke his help, ask that he be close to us; we have family and friends who are going through a hard time; we wish to trust the fate of the Church and the world to God.”

This he suggested is encouraged by the moment of silence after which the priest invokes the name of God, praises what he has done for the world, and then pleads for his intervention, “with his arms wide, imitating Christ on the Cross.”

The Holy Father also suggested that there be a moment of silence after receiving Holy Communion to reflect on the incredible gift of Christ himself to us. I notice that the Pope includes that moment of silence when he prays Mass.

One of the beautiful rediscoveries in our faith is that of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. I have been struck over the years by how impactful adoration has been to so many youth, who live in the world of constant noise with ear phones pumping out sounds all day long.

The story is told of a father who misplaced

his watch. His entire family was frantic looking for it but to no avail. Finally he shouted for everyone to stop and be silent. In that silence they heard the ticking of the watch and it was recovered.

Sometimes we just need to stop and listen to discover the presence of God in our lives and restore a sense of hope and perspective in our busy world.

As we enter the season of Lent, a time of prayer and penance, when the Gloria is not sung and simplicity is encouraged, perhaps we might make an intentional effort to include moments of silence. Perhaps we might give up for Lent some of the noise of our days and replace it with quiet time with Jesus. He regularly went off by himself to pray to the Father in silence. That teaching is a worthy one for us to adopt. As Saint Mother Teresa reminded us: God is the friend of silence; there we will hear his voice.

May this Lent be a time of spiritual renewal for you as we prepare for the glory of the Resurrection and Easter joy which came with the silence of the empty tomb.

## Prayer for the Diocese of Sioux Falls

Father of mercy, justice and hope,  
we the people of the  
Diocese of Sioux Falls,  
with humble hearts,  
acknowledge your gift of life,  
of creation, of the Church  
and commit ourselves to use  
what you have given us well;  
with unworthy hearts, approach the Holy sacraments, especially our Lord in the Most Holy  
Eucharist and  
commit ourselves to reverence in liturgical prayer and sacred spaces;  
with grateful hearts, remember those courageous and faith-filled men and women, clergy  
and consecrated,  
native and immigrant, who nurtured and nourished the land and built the visible Church on  
the prairie and  
commit ourselves to honor them by being good stewards of their legacy;  
with loving hearts, recognize one another as brothers and  
sisters in Christ and commit ourselves  
to defending life from conception to natural death and serving those  
in need; and  
with contrite hearts, ask your forgiveness for the sins of  
the past and for the sins of our day and commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation  
and peace.  
We ask Mary our Mother, and Joseph our patron, to watch over and guide us as we seek to  
do your will each day.  
We pray this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## SCHEDULE

February

2 10:00 Sioux Falls Catholic Schools  
All-Schools Mass, Elmen  
Center, Augustana University,  
Sioux Falls

3 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

4 10:30 Confirmation, St. Benedict,  
Yankton

1:00 Confirmation, Sacred Heart,  
Yankton

10 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

11 11:00 Confirmation, Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

3:00 Confirmation; St. John,  
Lesterville; St. Vincent,  
Springfield; St. Wenceslaus,  
Tabor and St. Leo, Tyndall at  
Tabor

13 12:00 Prayer at Planned Parenthood

14 6:30 Ash Wednesday Mass,  
Cathedral of Saint Joseph,  
Sioux Falls

17 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

18 10:00 Confirmation, St. Mary, Dell  
Rapids

1:30 Rite of Election, Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

22 11:00 Presbyteral Council, Catholic  
Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls

24 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

25 10:30 Confirmation, St. Katharine  
Drexel, Sioux Falls

6:00 Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

March

3 5:00 Confirmation, Ss. Peter and  
Paul, Dimock and Sacred  
Heart, Parkston at Parkston

4 1:30 Confirmation, Risen Savior,  
Brandon; St. Peter, Colman;  
Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Sioux Falls at Cathedral of  
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls



## This is the desert of Lent



**During the Octave of Christmas, I had an interesting conversation with someone who thought that the date of Easter should be fixed, “just like Christmas.” The date would be fixed and then Easter could fall on any day of the week, “just like Christmas.”**

I asked if she would be comfortable having Easter fall on, let's say, a Thursday. She assured me that proposition would suit her just fine. There would be a few more days off from work, which seemed to be the point, and there would be more time to celebrate and travel for family.

I then asked her if she would be comfortable with Good Friday being on a Tuesday, and that was when her enthusiasm began to wane. “Yeah, that would be a problem. We'd have to rename it I suppose.”

I did not even get into the amount of ink, not to mention blood, that was spilt historically to determine when Easter should be celebrated. We just decided to leave things the way they are, which brings us to this strange occurrence.

So this year Easter falls on April Fool's Day, which is interesting, and Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, which is becoming a source of some consternation. This is a convergence that has not occurred since 1945, so it has been 73 years since couples have had to figure out how to celebrate their love while maintaining a day of fasting and abstinence.

For many people, it may seem odd that we celebrate the beginning of our penitential season on a day that is set aside to honor and celebrate romantic love; but as we approach the Lenten season, the convergence on this day is becoming more interesting in its spiritual dimensions.

On Ash Wednesday, we stand on the edge of the wilderness, preparing ourselves to enter more deeply into that wild place. We do this because the desert is a place where the barest minimum is essential, where we are stripped of everything that is superfluous or that draws our attention away from what really matters.

This is the desert of Lent. This year, as every year, we enter the desert, but this year gives us an opportunity to take those steps with a

clearer understanding of why. There are several motivations we can have to journey through this desert, and what a person's motivation is will determine the nature of the journey.

A person could enter Lent because the calendar says it is Ash Wednesday and need to get ashes. They do just that and get on with their lives, perhaps with a few extra prayers, a can or two less of soda and meatless Fridays when they remember, until Easter rolls around. This would work, yet, perhaps Lent could mean a bit more.

A person could enter into the desert convinced and convicted of their own sinfulness, staggering through the wilds thinking only of their own faults and failings, hoping that their penances somehow appease a judging God enough to let them off the damnation hook, even though Easter comes around and they still do not feel free enough to celebrate. This would work, yet, perhaps Lent should not be focused solely on ourselves, what we do, how we sin, how we fail.

The fact that Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day gives us a different perspective. We enter into the desert, motivated to let go of so much, simply because we are learning what love means, and what love demands.

As I sit with couples preparing for marriage, as I watch and journey with families, I am always amazed at how much sacrifice is involved. People give up homes, jobs, opportunities, freedom and choices, and why? They do it because they love and are loved. They make these sacrifices, often joyfully, because of the love they have discovered, and how that love has changed their lives.

So we are given a gift this year, to being our Lenten time in the wilderness with a vivid reminder that it is all about love. There, we joyfully strip ourselves of distractions, there we learn to focus on things more urgent than our sinfulness, there we remember the place of love in our lives. It is love that gives us vision, courage and compassion. This year, the ashes are a simple Valentine's gift for our True Love, to remind and encourage us.

We remember the words of the prophet Hosea, who bids us enter the desert that we might find again our First Love, and allow that love to make us anew.

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**Pilgrims from the Diocese of Sioux Falls received the blessing of Bishop Paul J. Swain before departing for this year's March for Life event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The diocese sent two bus loads of pilgrims to the 45th annual March for Life. The group departed on January 17 and returned to the diocese on January 21. (Photo by Gene Young)**

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## *One Faith. One Family.*

**The Catholic Family Sharing Appeal, the annual effort to raise funds to support the ministries of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, has been positively impacting the faith life of families for generations. The appeal kickoff coincides with the season of Lent.**

**Among the goals of the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal is to encourage and support family life in all its facets - reflected in the theme, One Faith, One Family. Generations of families have been supported through the ministries funded through this annual appeal.**

The Steve and Carol Smith family, members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Groton offer an example of how that plays out generation after generation with Newman ministry, youth ministry, parish ministry and many other Catholic Family Sharing appeal supported ministries impacting their whole family.

“We’ve just seen so many benefits – from the Newman Centers, from discipleship camps, Totus Tuus, natural

family planning – all of it works together to build faith in our family,” said Steve Smith.

Adds Carol Smith, “we have grown so much as a family; what a blessing it has been.” Their family, including children, Marah, Sam, Luke, Eric AnneMarie and Isaac, continues to grow with Marah’s husband, Shane, Sam’s wife McKinsey and their daughter Gemma, and more in-laws on the way.

In the 1980s, Steve and Carol met at South Dakota State University. Both came from families with active faith lives, but Carol was not Catholic.

Pius XII Newman Center in Brookings was a key place for them, helping them wrestle with how best to blend their two faith backgrounds. Ultimately, Carol signed up for RCIA at the Newman Center and Steve went along, amazed at what he learned though he had been a cradle Catholic.

They also benefitted from marriage preparation through the Newman Center, then continued to seek, learn and grow as they began their married life together.

“I think because I wasn’t a cradle Catholic, we searched, we wanted to find out more,” Carol said.

They read books by Scott Hahn and others and took natural family planning classes after their first child was born, and attended Marriage Encounter weekends.

“Natural family planning was a whole new trusting God and giving to your spouse,” Carol



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**STEVE AND CAROL SMITH  
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON,  
GROTON**



*The Smith family (left to right) Shane Van Diest, Marah Van Diest, McKinsey Smith, Samuel Smith, Carol, Steve, AnneMarie, Erin, Luke and Isaac.*

said. "It required a lot of faith."

"I would say it is similar to tithing," Steven said. "We are tithing trusting God is going to provide and with natural family planning, we are working with God to plan our family. I learned a lot about Carol that I'm sure I never would have learned. With natural family planning you have to communicate as a couple and it just strengthens your marriage."

Now 30 some years later, the Smith's children have participated in parish and diocesan youth ministries, participated in retreats and found their own faith deepening at Newman Centers. Two of their children are married, and of course, met their spouses through the Newman Centers – one at SDSU, and another at USD.

And currently their son Luke is benefitting from Newman Center ministry at St. Thomas More Newman Center at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. Luke and fiancé Alexis

Soldatke are appreciating the Newman ministry, marriage preparation courses and have a deep history with discipleship camps, the Totus Tuus program and more.

"I think this type of generational support is exactly what Bishop Lambert Hoch, who built the Newman Centers in the 1960s had in mind," said Bishop Paul Swain. "Generations of families

have found their faith there.

"And that the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal is a part of sustaining this ministry is no doubt what Bishop Paul Dudley had in mind when he refocused the annual appeal as the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. It is as impactful as ever," he said.

Fr. Jeff Norfolk directs the St. Thomas More Newman Center. He works with many couples preparing for marriage, including Luke and Alexis.

"I definitely see the support of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life in the monthly, weekly opportunities in which I am working with couples to prepare them for marriage," he said.

Drawing on the diocesan resources available, he is able to somewhat tailor the preparation to best meet the needs of the various couples, something Alexis and Luke, who intend to be married next July at Alexis' home parish, St. Lambert, Sioux Falls, have noted and appreciated.

"Fr. Jeff is very good about having these resources and providing them when it is something that we need ... he has created this marriage prep specifically for us as a couple ... that's been a beautiful gift to us," said Luke.

Luke started attending diocesan discipleship camps in 7th grade and kept going each year. He appreciated the opportunity to be with others who desired to know God more.

"It changed my heart – before I just went to Mass, maybe because my parents wanted me to – but I realized Jesus wants to love me and love me in the Eucharist at Mass," he said.

Alexis was friends of those attending camps but didn't start attending until part way through high school.

"After going once I met people who I wanted to keep seeing and experience the Lord in that way – all of the joy, all of the peace that was experienced in those people was so good," she said.





*Luke Smith and fiancé Alexis Soldatke are appreciating the Newman ministry, marriage preparation courses and have a deep history with discipleship camps, the Totus Tuus program and more.*

Both credit additional diocesan ministries – such as the Going Deeper retreats and Steubenville conferences as helping them develop their faith along the way.

Alexis said along the way she began attending daily Mass while at O’Gorman High School, and eventually served for two years as a Totus Tuus team member.

“It’s very clear to me the connection,” said Fr. Norfolk.

“The couples that are strongest in their preparation for marriage are those who have been involved in youth activities in the diocese. They come into college with already a deepening of faith, they want to keep growing in that faith, they come to the Newman Center and get connected in that faith and many of them start dating and eventually get engaged,” he said.

Melinda North who leads the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal said she is grateful to hear people of all ages talk about the impact of Appeal funded ministries.

“We are seeing the fruits of all the ministries working together to build God’s church,” she said.

That working together through the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal includes not only diocesan ministries, but parish ministries as well, in the form of seminarians who become parish priests, support for youth and other discipleship

and evangelization programs in parishes, the availability to people in all parishes of the TV Mass, The Bishop’s Bulletin, social media and [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org).

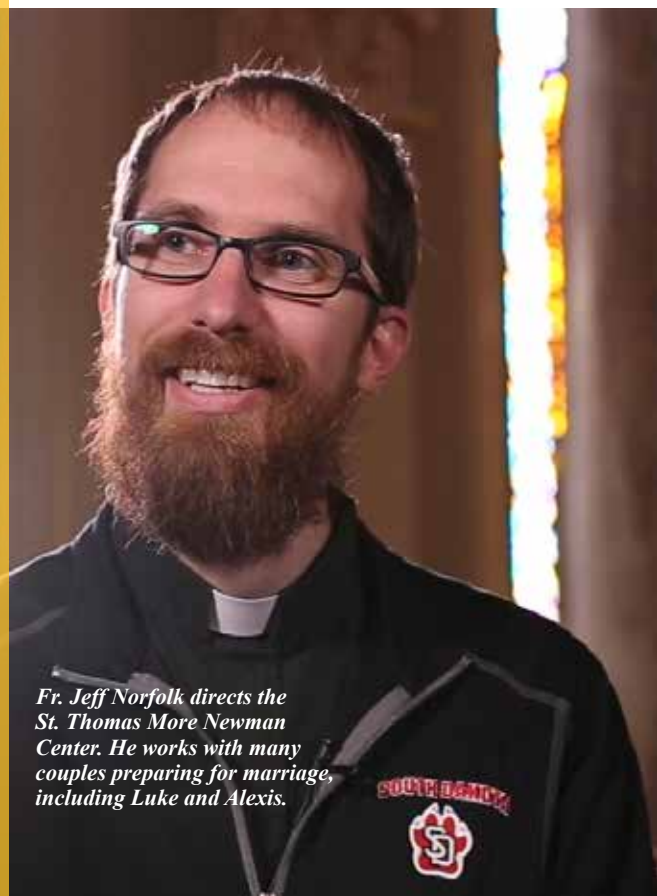
Included in the offerings of the discipleship and evangelization effort are the Going Deeper retreats which aim to help young people deepen, sustain and share their faith with others.

Several of the Smith children have attended the retreat with this result: “The biggest thing we saw was a deeper respect for their siblings,” said Steve Smith. “They could have the relationship with Jesus, and it is so important that I want to share it with my family.

“You worry your kids will leave home and lose their faith, but instead they came home and challenged us,” he said, giving credit to the priest chaplain/Newman Center directors at SDSU, USD and Northern State.

“I think our Newman Centers are more inviting, more active and more about evangelizing to draw kids back to the Church,” Steve said.

“That’s the biggest reason we felt we really



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needed to support our Newman Centers – we can't afford to be losing kids when they go to college," he said.

But the Smith's also give much credit to the Totus Tuus program for getting their children the right start. Totus Tuus is a diocesan program, heading into its 17th year, which sends teams of young adults to parishes around the diocese for summer bible camps.

"We give Totus Tuus credit for getting our kids started on their faith," Carol said.

"The first year we had Totus Tuus groups come they also invited the kids to d-camp (discipleship) and that was the beginning of their faith journey," she said. The three oldest of their children – Marah, Sam and Luke - have gone on to be members of Totus Tuus teams.

And there may be more in the future. Erin, a freshman at SDSU has already been involved at the parish level in Totus Tuus, d-camps and the Going Deeper retreats. AnneMarie, a high school junior has a similar resume. Both have been active in their parish too – Erin as a cantor, AnneMarie as an organist. Isaac, a high school freshman, has d-camp experience and loves helping with Totus Tuus when the team comes to their parish.

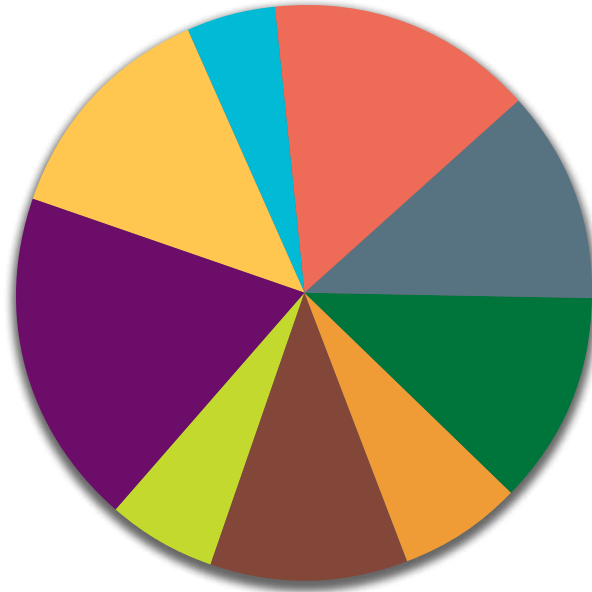
"Having the witness and mentorship of both men and women on the teams is important," said Steve Smith.

Fr. Norfolk credits donors to the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal with making an impact in almost every ministry in which he is involved.

"Whether it is marriage and family, whether it is students being daily impacted at the Newman Center through the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal and the funding that comes through that; definitely in the parishes that I help with (Dakota Dunes, Jefferson and Elk Point), we see how it makes more programs available," he said.

"Smaller parishes may not have the resources, but the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal opens those possibilities up for them because the resources (like youth programs) are accessible to

# Catholic Family Sharing Appeal Distributions



**SEMINARIAN & PRIEST EDUCATION**

**19%**

**DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION**

**13%**

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES**

**5%**

**PASTORAL SERVICES**

**15%**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**12%**

**BISHOP'S BULLETIN & COMMUNICATIONS**

**12%**

**EDUCATION & NEWMAN CENTERS**

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**11%**

**CHARITABLE MINISTRIES**

**6%**

them," said Fr. Norfolk.

He also noted the impact of ministries like chaplains at the state correctional facilities, which impacts not only the incarcerated, but their families as well.

"I wouldn't be where I am at if it wasn't for that – for the support of individuals families, parishes," Fr. Norfolk said.

"To see that because of youth ministry opportunities on a parish level, on a diocesan



*A student prays in adoration at the diocesan Youth Conference.*

level, eventually I became a seminarian. Once in the seminary because of Catholic Family Sharing Appeal I could continue through the time in the seminary.

"Now as a priest in the ministry that I'm involved in whether its hospital chaplaincy, whether it's Newman Center at USD, I'm a living person that is affected by it.

"I just know that having experienced the effects and the benefits of it that I want to encourage people to hear my words and see my life and that it would not be possible to do what I'm doing and be who I am without the support of the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. I hope I am somewhat of a living witness to what their sacrifice has benefitted," he said.

"We are the body of Christ, the communion of saints and we need to be building each other up and carry each other," said Steve Smith.

"Through Catholic Family Sharing Appeal we can do those things, we can enable our diocese to do those things that we can't do on our own. We give because we have been so blessed and we see our family has lived the benefits of what Catholic Family Sharing Appeal does – we just have to give back," he said.

"Sometimes it's hard to realize the blessings right away," added Carol.

"I feel like giving is something that you see later. I don't think when we first started giving we saw or expected to see any fruit. We are definitely seeing the fruit now. We see it in our kids' friends who are going to these camps and the friends that our kids have met at the Newman Center and Totus Tuus throughout the diocese. It's been a blessing," she said.

The Catholic Family Sharing Appeal theme of "One Faith, One Family," makes sense to Luke Smith.

"Our faith is what unites us and allows us to be a family," he said. "It doesn't matter what our history has been or our experience or what culture we come from ... our faith can unite us and bring people together that might normally never interact," he said.

"Our actions impact others, even if we don't see it," Luke said. "So by donating to the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal you may not see the impact directly, (that the diocesan ministries are having), but it's there ... it is enabling people to encounter the Lord."

Alexis notes that impact has a way of spreading easily.

(Catholic Family Sharing Appeal) "Impacting Totus Tuus teachers, who impact youth, who impact younger siblings, their families, and vice versa, the siblings impacting the rest of the family and the youth impacting the Totus Tuus teachers – I have experienced so many blessings and graces from everybody I've encountered," she said.

Alexis and Luke, young as they are, already are finding ways to pass along what they have received to the next generation, serving as small group leaders for the youth discipleship, grades 7-12 at St. Teresa of Calcutta in Dakota Dunes. "It has a snowball effect on every family," she said.

You can find more information about this year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal and the ministries supported through the appeal at [sfccatholic.org/cfsa](http://sfccatholic.org/cfsa).



# 2018 Parish Share

▼ CITY	PARISH	PLEDGE
Aberdeen	Aquinas Newman Center	\$ 1,750
Aberdeen	Sacred Heart Church	\$ 113,900
Aberdeen	St Mary Church	\$ 88,000
Alexandria	St Mary of Mercy Church	\$ 18,100
Arlington	St John Church	\$ 8,000
Armour	St Paul the Apostle Church	\$ 22,500
Artesian	St Charles Church	\$ 4,000
Beresford	St Teresa of Avila Church	\$ 20,300
Big Bend	St Catherine Church	\$ 200.00
Big Stone City	St Charles Church	\$ 11,700
Bowdle	St Augustine Church	\$ 15,200
Brandon	Risen Savior Church	\$ 94,300
Bridgewater	St Stephen Church	\$ 11,000
Britton	St John de Britto Church	\$ 16,400
Brookings	Catholic Campus - Newman Ctr	\$ 4,600
Brookings	St Thomas More Church	\$ 139,000
Bryant	St Mary Church	\$ 6,900
Canton	St Dominic Church	\$ 22,500
Castlewood	St John Church	\$ 9,700
Centerville	Good Shepherd Church	\$ 10,000
Chamberlain	St James Church	\$ 32,000
Clark	St Michael Church	\$ 15,500
Clear Lake	St Mary	\$ 16,800
Colman	St Peter Church	\$ 15,800
Dakota Dunes	St Teresa of Calcutta	\$ 29,500
Dante	Assumption Church	\$ 14,800
Dell Rapids	St Mary Church	\$ 65,000
DeSmet	St Thomas Aquinas Church	\$ 16,000
Dimock	SS Peter & Paul Church	\$ 17,700
Eden	Sacred Heart Church	\$ 18,150
Elk Point	St Joseph Church	\$ 30,700
Elkton	Our Lady of Good Counsel	\$ 22,500
Emery	St Martin Church	\$ 14,200
Epiphany	Church of the Epiphany	\$ 11,500
Estelline	St Francis de Sales Church	\$ 8,000
Eureka	St Joseph Church	\$ 6,900
Faulkton	St Thomas the Apostle Church	\$ 32,000
Flandreau	SS Simon & Jude Church	\$ 30,000
Florence	Blessed Sacrament Church	\$ 11,000
Fort Thompson	St Joseph Church	\$ 700.00
Garretson	St Rose of Lima Church	\$ 21,600
Gary	St Peter Church	\$ 6,650
Geddes	St Ann Church	\$ 10,000
Gettysburg	Sacred Heart Church	\$ 31,000
Grenville	St Joseph Church	\$ 9,500
Groton	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	\$ 22,300
Harrisburg	Catholic Community	\$ 7,000
Hartford	St George Church	\$ 53,300
Henry	St Henry Church	\$ 9,500
Herreid	St Michael Church	\$ 12,500
Highmore	St Mary Church	\$ 13,200
Hoven	St Anthony Church	\$ 33,000
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Mellette	All Saints Church	\$ 12,300
Milbank	St Lawrence Church	\$ 63,350
Miller	St Ann Church	\$ 31,000
Mitchell	Holy Family Church	\$ 117,000
Mitchell	Holy Spirit Church	\$ 52,000
Mobridge	St Joseph Church	\$ 38,000
Montrose	St Patrick Church	\$ 30,100
Onida	St Pius X Church	\$ 13,100
Parker	St Christina Church	\$ 19,000
Parkston	Sacred Heart Church	\$ 41,000
Pierre	SS Peter & Paul Church	\$ 86,000
Plankinton	St John Church	\$ 19,200
Platte	St Peter Church	\$ 16,200
Polo	St Liborius Church	\$ 10,000
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Sioux Falls	Katharine Drexel	\$ 91,500
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Yankton	Sacred Heart Church	\$ 100,000
Yankton	St Benedict Church	\$ 78,000

“**T**hey opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way...”

These are the last lines from Gospel on the Feast of Epiphany from Matthew Chapter 2:11-12.

This journey of the Magi to Jesus is also our story and our journey. The journey of the Magi was difficult and took a long time. Our journey began at the moment of conception in our mother’s womb and soon after our journey of faith began at baptism.

In reality we are all on our way to Jesus when we will pass from this life to the next. It is in this journey of life and faith we must come to realize that all we have and are is a gift from God.

Even though we do not always realize it, in our lives God has blessed each of us with unique gifts, talents and abilities. We are on a journey with Jesus and to Jesus with all these gifts, talents and abilities. Throughout our life God wants us to discover and develop these gifts, talents and abilities for His Glory and His Kingdom.

Epiphany means to manifest or reveal. Jesus wants to reveal Himself to us as we discover and develop these gifts, talents and abilities that God the Father has bestowed upon us throughout our life.

God trusts us with these gifts, talents and abilities during our life and faith journey. Do you realize that God trusts you? Do you realize that God trusts you with the gifts, talents and abilities that you have been blessed with?

That is something that we need to pray over and contemplate regularly. God has trusted us. Do we trust God?

Recall a time when you were younger and your mom and dad entrusted you to do something.

One example, when we were allowed to drive the family car for the first time. Probably for many of us it began with one of our parents in the passenger seat and guiding us on an old country road. Many of us farm kids remember going out to a wide open field where we couldn’t destroy anything.

Then came the day when we could drive to town without mom or dad in the passenger seat. We were excited, but also a bit fearful. We certainly wanted to have fun but also arrive home safely with the car in one piece. Our parents trusted us even though they probably were worried and prayed until we arrived home safely.

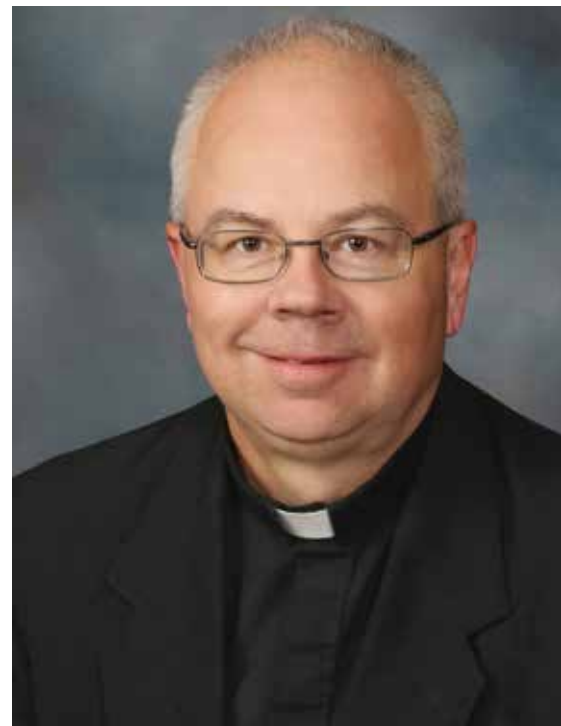
How true it is for us with our life and that God trusts us on this earth for a brief time trusting us with these gifts, talents and abilities.

Again consider the Magi, the camels they traveled on, the gifts they brought to Jesus, their very lives were not theirs to begin with. God trusted them to the Magi ever so briefly. The result was the Magi gave glory to God with what was entrusted to them. From the last line of the Gospel on the Feast of Epiphany “they departed for their country by another way.” For the Magi their life changed once they realized who Jesus was, their life changed forever.

Once we realize who Jesus is in our life, our life will change, we will look at things differently.

There is great relief knowing that we are here for a reason and purpose. We are here for God’s reason and purpose. By God’s Grace we come to know that our Father in heaven has a plan for us and has entrusted us with gifts, talents and abilities for the glory and honor of His Kingdom.

St. Francis De Sales offers us some wisdom



Father John Short

through the following statement. “Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: ‘The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.’”

*Father John Short is pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Mitchell and along with Fathers James Morgan and John Fischer, is serving as a priest director to the 2018 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal.*



# Seminarians meet with Bishop Swain before returning to class for Spring semester

Local  
CHURCH



Bishop Paul J. Swain is pictured along with Father Shaun Haggerty, diocesan vocation director and many of the seminarians of the diocese at the bishop's residence during their recent semester break. The diocese presently has 24 men in seminary studying for the priesthood. (Photo by Gene Young)

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## Local CHURCH

Theresa McGinn, accompanied by Sister Clarice Korger, vocation director, knocked at the front door of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, and was welcomed by Sister Maribeth Wentzlaff, prioress, and the community. McGinn was received into Sacred Heart Monastery as a postulant Jan. 12. After Theresa symbolically knocked on the front door of the Monastery, Sister Maribeth Wentzlaff asked, "What do you seek?" to which McGinn responded, "I want to live in love and service of God with the help of this community." The monastic community affirmed her request. McGinn is a former elementary teacher. While discerning her call, Theresa found the Yankton Benedictine's Residential Volunteer Program, a program designed to provide single women (without dependents) with an opportunity to discern new directions in life. (Photo courtesy, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton)

## From residential volunteer to postulant at Sacred Heart Monastery



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## The Gift of Hope concert set for March

The Gift of Hope concert, which supports the work of Catholic Family Services will be Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Harrisburg High School Performing Arts Center.

This year, the Gift of Hope Concert performer is Matt Maher, Christian music performer.

The concert will provide a memorable evening of music to benefit Catholic Family Services.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 605-988-3765.

The concert supports Catholic Family Services' Gift of Hope Fund helping people of all faiths, ages and walks of life who experience grief, despair,



Matt Maher (CNS Photo)

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## Advent Baby Shower gets plenty of support



The donations to this year's Advent Baby Shower piled up fast and were plentiful including this stack of donations from the O'Gorman Junior High students. Each year, the Advent Baby Shower collects donated items to help new moms who cannot afford some of the basic necessities they need for their infants. Donations come from across the diocese throughout the month long effort that coincides with the season of Advent. (Photo by Gene Young)

## MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE STUDENT DISCOVERS THE VALUE OF SERVICE

As a Mount Marty College freshman, Audry Miiller, a native of Vermillion, had no idea how her MMC experience would uniquely prepare her for her future as a teacher.



Audry Miiller

"I did take the price of going to a private school into consideration," she says. "However, Mount Marty provided me with an awesome scholarship package which made the cost very competitive with public schools."

MMC provided Miller something that can be harder to find at a public university — opportunities to grow through service. She experienced this first-hand when she got involved with the Writing for Re-Entry Program which helps prison inmates examine their choices by penning their personal narratives. Audry transcribed their stories, and it changed her perspective on the world.

"Before this, I thought most guys in jail were criminals without an

ounce of sorrow for what they did, but some made one terrible mistake that ruined their lives."

Audry believes this knowledge will prove useful down the road.

"Almost one in three working Americans has a criminal record," she says. "So chances are I'll have a student with a loved one in prison. This experience will help me be more understanding of those situations."



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## Upcoming Spiritual Events

February 13th

**Day of Recollection**

Message of our Lady Fatima

March 2nd-4th

**Men's Lenten Retreat**

The Colors of the Cross

March 9th-11th

**Inner Healing Retreat**

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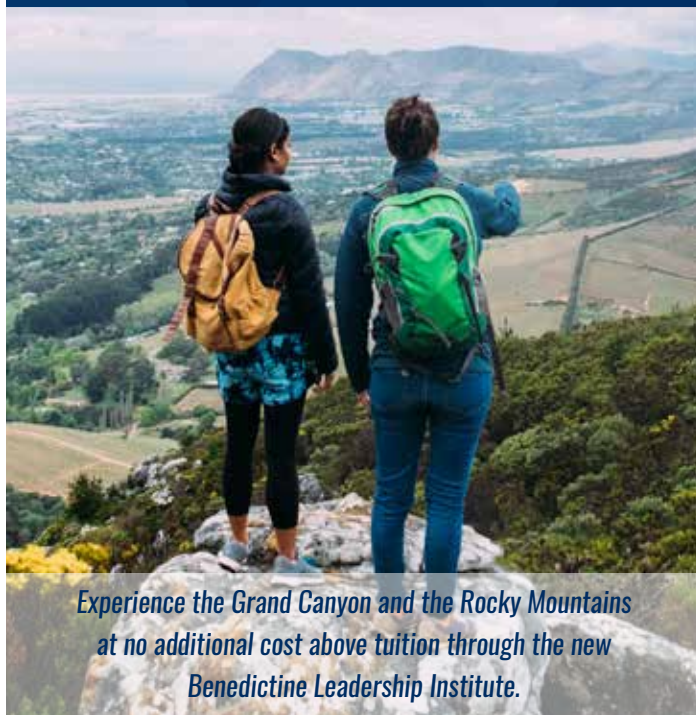
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## Local CHURCH

### SERRA CLUB DONATES TO DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE



Sioux Falls Serra Club president Tim O'Shea (on the right) presents a check for \$6,000 to Father Sean Haggerty, diocesan vocations director at the Serra Club's recent vocation luncheon held at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish Hall. The donated funds go toward seminarian education. (Photo courtesy, Father Shaun Haggerty, Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls)

### HELP WANTED ABERDEEN AREA

Sacred Heart Parish of Aberdeen SD is currently accepting applications for a **Parish Director of Discipleship & Evangelization**

The incumbent will assist the Pastor with the formation needs of Sacred Heart parishioners. Responsibilities include planning, organizing and sometimes leading parish events, training and programs as well as recruiting, equipping and forming discipleship leaders to further the mission of discipleship and evangelization within the parish and community. A detailed Job Description can be found at [www.sacredheartaberndeen.net](http://www.sacredheartaberndeen.net), or at the Parish Office.



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## Local CHURCH

## Cathedral Arts Series returns in February

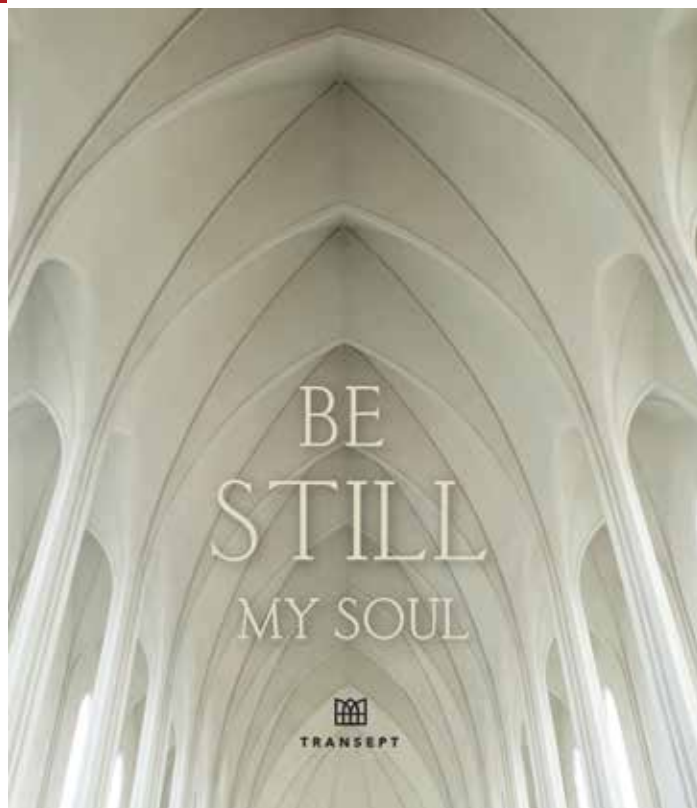
Transept – “Be Still My Soul: Lenten Meditations” will be the feature of the Cathedral Arts Series when it returns on Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls.

The Cathedral Sacred Arts Series continues its season with a joint Lenten concert from ensemble “Transept”, founded and directed by USD assistant professor Dr. Timothy Campbell.

The Cathedral Choir will join in.

This performance of Lenten meditations will feature music of Sibelius, Brahms, and others, as well as Tomas Luis de Victoria’s setting of the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

Tickets are available at [www.sfcatholic.org/SAS](http://www.sfcatholic.org/SAS)



Confirmation retreats being offered by the diocese

The Diocese of Sioux Falls’ Youth Discipleship and Evangelization office is offering three confirmation retreat opportunities this summer.

The retreats are one day and staffed by a dozen Totus Tuus missionaries.

Registration opens online on February 1.

Retreats will be filled on a first come basis.

Cost is \$50 per participant.

Locations this year are: Aberdeen - June 16th, Sioux Falls - June 23rd and Mitchell on July 21st.

Contact Becca with any questions at [rekeren@sfcatholic.org](mailto:rekeren@sfcatholic.org).



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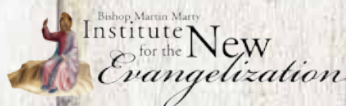
Who Am I to Judge?  
Truth, Happiness  
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Saint Thomas More, Brookings  
February 17, 2018  
9:30am-11:30am

Male & Female He Created Them:  
Our Bodies & Our  
Sexuality

Holy Spirit, Mitchell  
March 10, 2018  
9:30am-11:30am

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## Lenten regulations for Catholics:

Lent begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday.

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer and fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity.

All Fridays through the year, especially during Lent, are penitential days.

**Abstinence:** All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting:** All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need; but together, they should not equal another full meal.

Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously.

People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult their priest.

## Local CHURCH

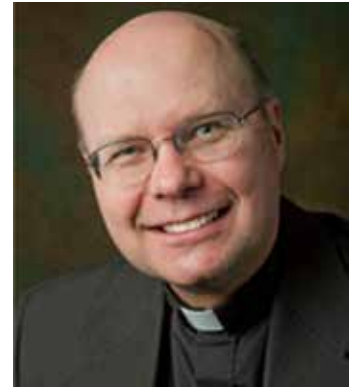
## Apostleship of Prayer director coming to parish in the diocese

St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Sioux Falls will host Father James Kubicki, SJ, longtime national director of The Apostleship of Prayer, on Friday evening and Saturday morning, February 9-10.

The topic of his talks will be Christian prayer.

Rev. James Kubicki, S.J., is the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, a Jesuit ministry whose mission is to encourage Christians to make a daily offering of themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Father Kubicki is the author of *A Heart on Fire*. In addition to being a frequent guest on Catholic radio and television, he is also a popular conference speaker and retreat director.



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For this retreat please contact S. Clarice Korger no later than March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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May 17-20, 2018  
September 20-23, 2018  
October 25-28, 2018

**Women's 2018**  
February 15-18, 2018  
March 15-18, 2018  
May 3-6, 2018  
June 21-24, 2018  
August 9-12, 2018  
September 6-9, 2018  
October 18-21, 2018  
November 15-18, 2018

► **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.

**February 13: The Seven Last Words of Christ**  
- with Dr. Teresa Kemmer

**March 13: The Passion of God & Passion of Man: Why Suffering, Why Me?"**  
- with Msgr. Richard Mahowald

► **SPECIAL RETREATS**

**February 9-11: Couples Retreat**  
- with Fr. Jeff Norfolk

**March 2-4: Inner Healing Retreat**  
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## Committed in CHRIST



**BRANDON** – Joe and Marilee Smith will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on Feb. 15. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



**CLEAR LAKE** – Leonard and Sharon Prins will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Feb. 9. They have 5 children, 16 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**DELL RAPIDS** – Frank and Pat Leisinger will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Feb. 17. They have 1 child and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**FAULKTON** – Dale and Joan Eschenbaum will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Feb. 16. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Parish.



**LESTERVILLE** – Terry and Joanne Schramm will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 24. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren (1 deceased), 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



**MITCHELL** – Mike and Michelle Ommen celebrated their 45th anniversary on Jan. 20. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



**PARKSTON** – Patrick and Lenora Boehmer will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Feb. 2. They have 5 children, 16 grandchildren (1 deceased), 21 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**PLATTE** – Lauren and Norma Lucas will celebrate their 70th anniversary on Feb. 25. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and are members of St. Peter Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Fran and Mary Lou Campbell will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 10. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Gus and Joan Rysavy celebrated their 60th anniversary on Jan. 25. They have 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**SPRINGFIELD** – Ken and Jeanne Varilek will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Feb. 4. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



**WATERTOWN** – Don and Virginia Redlin celebrated their 70th anniversary on Jan. 3. They have 8 children, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Name Parish.



**WATERTOWN** – Ross and Nina Mitchell will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Feb. 17. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Holy Name Parish.

### Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by February 15 for inclusion in the March 2018 edition to:  
The Bishop's Bulletin  
523 North Duluth Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
or e-mail to:  
[gyoung@sfcatholic.org](mailto:gyoung@sfcatholic.org).

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To obtain an application, contact your pastor, the Financial Aid Office at Mount Marty College or Presentation College. Applications are due March 15. Applications must be returned to the Office of Catholic Schools, 523 North Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2714.

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## Deacon Edward Oliver

Deacon Edward B. Oliver, a permanent deacon ordained in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, died Jan. 8 in El Paso, TX, where he had been entrusted to nursing/hospice care.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 13 at St. Dominic Church, Canton.

Ed was born on May 29, 1934 during the heart of the depression in Canton, to Bruce and Jennie (Anderson) Oliver.

Ed graduated from Canton High School in 1952.

On June 30, 1956, Ed married Jeanne Schwebach, in Sioux City, IA.



Deacon Edward Oliver

Soon after, he joined the Army and the two of them lived in El Paso, TX. After completing his service, Ed worked for Raven Industries and helped launch and collect weather data balloons.

In 1981, Ed moved his family to

the Oliver homestead, just west of Canton.

Soon after, he felt called to serve the Lord and was ordained a deacon of the Catholic Church in 1984 by Bishop Paul V. Dudley.

Deacon Oliver served in assigned ministries in the parishes of St. Dominic, Canton; St. Edward, Worthing; and St. Magdalene, Lennox until 2004. Deacon Oliver remained active in the parishes after his retirement from assigned ministry as well.

Deacon Oliver is survived by his wife, Jeanne; children Kim Ober, Savage MN; Chris (Denise), Bangor WI; and Vicki (Dan) Voss, of Canton, SD; nine grandchildren, Alyssa, Sarah,

## Committed in CHRIST

and Kristen Ober; Coey and Orrin Oliver; and Rowdy, Sterling & Casey Hillmer and MaKenzie Voss; siblings Ralph, Sioux Falls and Linda (Carl) Larson, Brandon, SD; brothers-in-law, Keith (Jovita) Schwebach and Don (Darlene) Schwebach, all of Sioux City, IA.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Bruce and Jennie; sisters LuAnn and Clarice; sister-in-law Judy Oliver; nephews, Vaughn and Curtis Schreurs and Nathan Larson; and great-nieces Jennie and Clarissa Minihan; as well as many cousins.

## Bon Homme Knights of Columbus gather for annual feed

The Bon Homme Knights of Columbus Council #4002 recently gathered for the annual council feed in advance of one of their monthly meetings. In addition, the council recognized members for their service with the annual council candy sale fund raiser and awards for members lifetime, 50 and 60 years of membership. (Photo courtesy Bill Minow, treasurer Bon Homme Knights of Columbus #4002, Tyndall)



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## News BRIEFS

### Poll shows strong majority want restrictions on abortion

**Washington, D.C. (CNS)** - The annual poll of Americans' views on abortion sponsored by the Knights of Columbus indicates that more than three-fourths continue to want "significant restrictions" on abortion access, even though a slim majority describe themselves as "pro-choice." The poll, conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, surveyed 1,267 adults in December and another 1,350 adults in January. Seventy-six percent indicated support for "significant" limits, with 92 percent of those who felt that way identifying as Republicans, and 61 percent as Democrats. Fifty-one percent of respondents overall called themselves "pro-choice." "I think what you see that's encouraging is that this is not, strictly speaking, a partisan issue," said Andrew Walther, vice president of communications for the Knights of Columbus.

### Young adults want to be heard by the church, study finds

**Linthicum, MD (CNS)** - A new study by St. Mary's Press looks at the reasons for the growing religious disaffiliation by young people. Asking teenagers and young adults ages 15 to 25 a basic question: Why did you leave the church? The answers reported in the study, titled "Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation of Young Catholics," vary widely with respondents citing sociological, familial and spiritual reasons as well as opposition to organized religion. What's key to the study, said John Vitek, CEO and president of St. Mary's Press, is that the process gave young people a voice, something which has not happened often within the church. He made the comments during the release of the findings.

### Division, segregation threatens to humanity, says Pope Francis

**Temuco, Chile (CNS)** - Celebrating Mass in a land steeped in indigenous history and culture, Pope Francis said the greatest threat facing humanity is the stifling of differences driven by the idea that some cultures are better than others. Greeting members of the Mapuche people and other indigenous peoples living in southern Chile, Pope Francis recognized the suffering and injustice endured by the indigenous population. "Seen through the eyes of tourists, this land will thrill us as we pass through it, but if we put our ear to the ground, we will hear it sing: 'Arauco has a sorrow that cannot be silenced, the injustices of centuries that everyone sees taking place,'" Pope Francis said, quoting famed Chilean songwriter Violeta Parra.

### Christians must convert to ecumenism, cardinal says

**Vatican City (CNS)** - To be effective evangelizers, the Catholic Church and other Christian churches must constantly undergo their own conversion to a stronger commitment to Christian unity, said Cardinal Kurt Koch, the Vatican's chief ecumenist. "So that the evangelizing task can be carried out in a credible way, the church itself continually needs a self-evangelization that includes conversion to the ecumenical search for Christian unity," the Swiss cardinal wrote in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano. In preparation for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Cardinal Koch's article focused on the connection between mission and Christian unity, a connection that gave birth to the ecumenical movement among Protestants more than 100 years ago and one that the Catholic Church has acknowledged since the Second Vatican Council.

### Ritual, consistency lead to better participation at Mass

**Detroit, MI (CNS)** - So who's really singing "Gather Us In" at Mass? Does the pastor asking people about their week really make the Mass friendlier and more engaging? Why is the Our Father so engaging? Do people like singing new songs at Mass, or do they prefer tried and true hymns they have been singing for years? Two researchers are trying to find out. John Ligas and Sacred Heart Major Seminary professor Michael McCallion presented a paper titled "Sociology of the Sacred in Post-Modernity: Ritual Dis-Attunement at Sunday Mass" during the recent Society for Catholic Liturgy Conference. The study's primary aim was to discover which parts of the Mass local Catholics were most actively engaged with, and which parts lacked participation. "We wanted to do research on tuning and dis-tuning at a typical Sunday liturgy," Ligas told The Michigan Catholic, Detroit's archdiocesan newspaper.



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## Diocesan EVENTS

### Parish Dinners/Socials

Feb. 11/St. Benedict Parish, Yankton church bazaar, dinner, raffle, games, bingo and bake sale; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; menu includes broasted chicken, potatoes, homemade mac and cheese, corn, salads and desserts; adults: \$10; children (preschool-5th grade): \$5; children under 3: free.

Mar. 4/St. Peter Parish, Colman, will host a pancake breakfast at the St. Peter Parish Hall; serving will be from 9-11 a.m.; a free offering with proceeds going to the St. Peter Parish youth group.

Mar. 25/St. Lambert Parish, 16th and Bahnson, Sioux Falls, turkey dinner with serving from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; takeouts will be available; cost: adult: \$9; children ages 5-12: \$6; children 4 and under: free; family (immediate): \$40; advance tickets available March 17th and 18th and in the parish office or call 605-336-8808 for more information.

### Going Deeper opportunity ahead

**Feb. 9-11** - High School opportunity  
Going Deeper retreat will be hosted at St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings; learn about discernment and prayer; for grade 11-12 (open to 9-10 graders with letter from pastor); register online via the diocesan youth page at <http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth>.

### Retrouvaille being offered in the diocese

**Mar. 16-18** - If you are aware of any couples who may be struggling, the Retrouvaille program may be able to help. The next retreat is March 16-18 at Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center near Marvin. Register at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### Broom Tree Retreat Center

Feb. 9-11/Couples Retreat: directed by Father Jeff Norfolk; during this retreat couples will have the blessed opportunity to spend time together receiving from the very heart of God; the environment at Broom Tree makes for a perfect couples get-away; no TV, no radio, no phones or computers, just beautiful, peaceful surroundings and all you need to experience renewal in your marriage. Register early by calling 605-263-1040 or on line at [www.broom-tree.org](http://www.broom-tree.org).

Mar. 2-4/Inner Healing Retreat: using theophotic principles to bring healing to emotionally wounded people; this retreat offers hope and freedom to those seeking a way out of hurt and sorrow. Facilitated by Jane Barz and Mike Snyder from the The Matthew Ministry; for more information about The Matthew Ministry go to [www.themattthewministry.com](http://www.themattthewministry.com)

### Catholic Family Services

Feb. 6 and Mar. 6/Catholic Family Services invites you to join our Living with Chronic Illness group. This is a free educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. The group meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls. For details please call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Feb. 27-Apr. 3/Grieving the loss of a child meets for six Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls; directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief; non-denominational; cost is a donation; call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

### Mother of God Monastery

Feb. 16-17/Who Am I and Who is My Neighbor; Myers-Briggs workshop; Friday 7-8:30 p.m. through Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. at Harmony Hill Hall; the workshop will provide participants with the basic understanding of their own personality as well as introduce them to all of the sixteen personality types; suggested donation is \$70 (includes room and board); \$40 for commuters; contact Sister Emily to register at 605-886-4181 Ext. 1 or online at [watertownbenedictines.org](http://watertownbenedictines.org).

Mar. 10/Images of Jesus in Scripture Saturday 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Harmony Hill Hall; there are many Biblical images of Jesus, such as: The Good Shepherd, True Vine, True King, Bread of Life, etc.; during this presentation the group will explore the Biblical background to find a richer meaning and understanding of what Jesus was really saying about Himself; suggested donation, including lunch is \$30; contact Sister Emily to register at 605-886-4181 Ext. 1 or register online at [watertownbenedictines.org](http://watertownbenedictines.org).

### Presentation Sisters

Feb. 10/Gaye Lindfors will be the featured speaker for the Presentation Sisters' Lenten Retreat, "Servant's Heart of Justice and Joy", Saturday at St. Mary Church, Sioux Falls. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the retreat running 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15; register by calling 605-229-8391 or e-mail [bgrosz@presentationsisters.org](mailto:bgrosz@presentationsisters.org) by February 8.

### Sacred Heart Monastery

Sunday, Feb. 4/Eucharistic adoration is offered the first Sunday of the month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton.

Wednesday, Feb. 7/Lenten retreat: "Be-friending Silence, Tending the Heart" will be offered 9:30 to noon at the Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton; this morning of reflection, presented by Peace Center staff, will give you the opportunity to experience silence and consider how you can make it a part of your life, as well as a Lenten discipline; the suggested donation is \$20. Registration requested by Feb. 14 by calling 605-668-6292 or e-mail [BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu](mailto:BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu).

Wednesday, Feb. 7/Lenten Scripture Studies: The Benedictine Peace Center is offering two Scripture Study groups, using the Little Rock Scripture Study. The morning series, Women of the New Testament, is facilitated by Sister Doris Oberembt, meeting Wednesday mornings at 10:11:45 a.m. for 8 weeks beginning Feb. 7. The Book of Job, facilitated by Sister Mary Jo Polak, meets 7-8:30 on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Feb. 7 for 7 weeks. For more information on the study, costs, and registration, go to [yanktonbenedictines.org/center/](http://yanktonbenedictines.org/center/), click on the scripture study page, or call 605-668-6292.

Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the Feb 10 session, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at [doberembt@mtmc.edu](mailto:doberembt@mtmc.edu) or call 605-668-6292

Spiritual Direction Ministry Formation for those discerning a call to be a spiritual director is now available on a tutorial basis at the Benedictine Peace Center. Guided independent study complemented by two-day residencies permits flexibility to fit your other commitments. E-mail us at [benedictine-peacectr@mtmc.edu](mailto:benedictine-peacectr@mtmc.edu), or call (605) 668-6292.

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