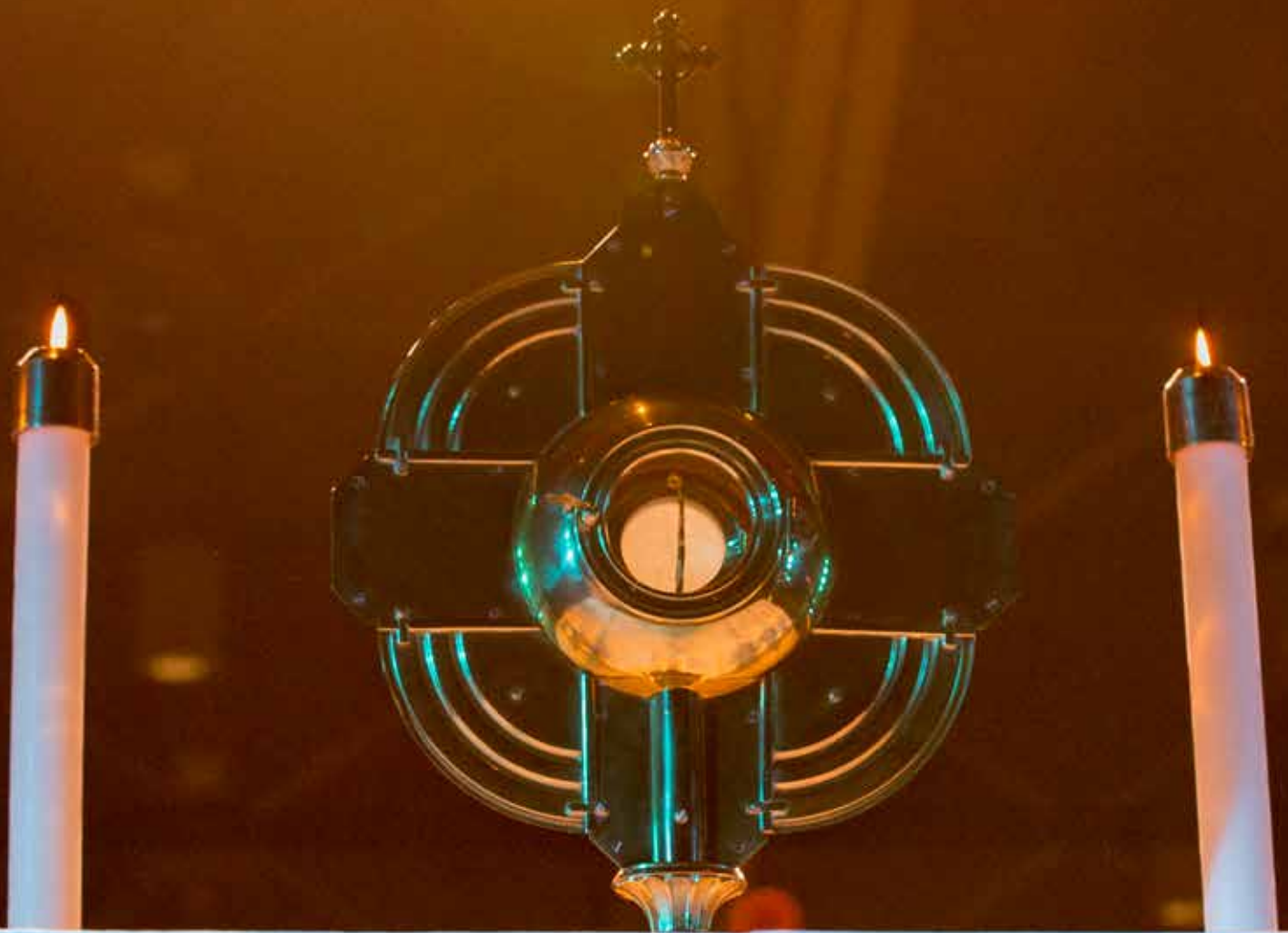




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Summer...offers the opportunity to refresh our spiritual lives...



One of the great treasures of the Church is the variety of spiritual resources available for personal prayer and reflection. While it is important to take advantage of more formal prayer especially Holy Mass, receive the sacraments especially confession, and participate in spiritually powerful devotions like adoration and the rosary, brief daily readings that invite us to reflect on our lives and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ can be especially helpful.

Some are recommended elsewhere in this edition of The Bishop's Bulletin. There are two that are currently part of my daily prayer. One is "My Daily Bread" first published in 1954 and authored by Rev. Anthony J. Paone, S.J. (Confraternity of the Precious Blood). It was a gift to me on my ordination to the priesthood 29 years ago. I use it for reflection every few years.

The introduction sets the scene: "If, like Mary, the sister of Lazarus, we had the privilege of sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to his precious words of wisdom, peace and joy, who would refuse to do so?" Each brief chapter has a statement as if God is talking to us, a 'think' reflection in response to that statement and a prayer of personal response. They are not inspired Scripture but reflect scriptural themes.

One conversation that especially resonated with me recently was entitled "The Voice of Conscience." It reads in part:

"3. No one can safely enjoy life except the man whose conscience is clear. The wicked never have true joy nor real interior peace. They may say that they have peace and that they never expect or fear harm from above. Either they are lying or they are fools...A bad conscience is afraid and disturbed. A good conscience has peace even in time of hardship. The good man's glory lies in the testimony of a clear conscience."

The prayer in this section begins: "Dear Lord, grant that I may never be insincere in my daily life. Let me always have the strength, the courage and the loyalty to follow what is right." This gives me pause as I reflect on my conscience and the strength of my courage or its lack.

Another is entitled "Visits to the Blessed Sacrament." It reads in part:

"People come to Me for different reasons. Some come only on Sundays and holy days, through a sense of obligation...There are those who come to me through mere habit. They act automatically, without any particular devotion to Me. There are however a certain number who come to Me for the best reason. They come because they are glad to be near Me...They receive many extra graces which are not granted to others...You too have the opportunity to give me your time and attention...You have the privilege of kneeling before Me like the simple, wonderful shepherds; the tired, admiring Magi; the suffering begging leper; the penitent, hopeful Magdalene; the convinced, converted Thomas. How are you taking advantage of this privilege?"

Included in the prayer is this yearning: "This sacrament is a living proof of Your love for me. I hope to show my love for you by a greater devotion toward you from now on."

It gives me pause as one privileged to serve in persona Christi at Holy Mass. Do I allow it to become an obligation, a habit, or am I humbled to be so near Him?

The second spiritual guide in my daily prayer is a recent discovery "When the Lord Speaks to Your Heart" authored by Father Gaston Courtois first published in French in 1991 and available in English only last year (Pauline Books and Media). It is based on the notes written by the priest which he jotted down as thoughts came to him which he attributed to God.

Several have pricked my conscience and challenged me.

"Nothing is more subtle than the poison of pride in a priest's soul. You yourself have often experienced it. Take your brethren upon yourself, especially those for whom apparent and momentary successes risk turning heads. If only people would think about Me instead of thinking about themselves. This is why the contemplative life, faithfully lived, brings security and a precious equilibrium."

"Today out of pride too many people, too many priests, think they are authorized to reform the Church. Instead they should begin by reforming themselves and forming around them faithful disciples who will not listen to what they think, but to what I myself think"

As a recommendation for a daily prayer:

"O Jesus, grant me to be in you and for you what you want me to be. Grant me to think in you and for you what you want me to think. Grant me to say in you and for you what you want me to say. Give me to love in you and for you all those whom you give me to love. Give me courage to suffer in you and for you with love what you want me to suffer. Make me seek you always and everywhere in order that you may guide and purify me according to your divine will."

Summer is a more relaxed time which offers the opportunity to refresh our spiritual lives and taste the many spiritual resources available to prick our consciences, strengthen our appreciation for our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, confront the pre-eminent sin of pride, and to open our hearts more fully to the divine will. May your summer be restful with family and friends and inspirational as you sit at the feet of the Lord and listen for his words of wisdom, peace and joy.

SCHEDULE

July

- 1-5 Joy of the Gospel: Convocation of Catholic Leaders, USCCB, Orlando, FL
- 8 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 9 4:30 Welcome, Discipleship Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 11 12:00 Prayer at Planned Parenthood
- 13 4:30 Welcome, Discipleship Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 15 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 19-21 Tekakwitha Conference on Native American Ministry, Rapid City
- 22 3:00 Blessing of the Cars, Holy Smoke Car Show, O'Gorman High School Parking Lot, Sioux Falls
- 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 24 6:00 St. Francis House Dinner and Auction, Ramkota, Sioux Falls
- 29 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

August

- 5 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 6 1:30 Anniversary Mass and Reception, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

Safe environment commitment of the Diocese of Sioux Falls...

...in order to be effective in fulfilling the Church's mission to evangelize and to remain true to Christ's calling for us all, believes its ministries and institutions must be safe places for children and adults. The Diocese, therefore, pledges to preserve safe environments in all of its facilities and catechetical programs. Those clergy, religious, diocesan, parish and school employees, and volunteers who collectively carry out the Church's ministries, remain dedicated to fulfilling its pledge to protect those children entrusted to her for formation in the Catholic faith.

Aware that some who have ministered in the name of the Church have caused harm, the Diocese of Sioux Falls also pledges to assist any who may have been harmed. As a diocese, we desire to help individuals heal from injury that has been caused to them. If you or someone you know has been abused, regardless of who caused the harm, please contact us. We pledge to cooperate with civil authorities in any investigation and we pledge to do our best to help facilitate a process for healing. Whether the need is for counseling, an opportunity to tell your story or something else, as a diocese, we stand ready to assist.

Our chancellor or victim assistance coordinator can be reached toll free at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-334-9861. We will do our best to help.



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There are those moments when all of it comes together...

Years ago, when I was in college, I took a class that taught me some things about the mystery of the human brain. There are several things that I still remember, but alas, the name of the class has long since slipped from the memory of my mysterious brain.

One of the things that has stuck in my memory is about walking. I was taught that the human brain makes several million adjustments a second simply so we can stand and take a step and not fall. The poor forgotten professor taught us there are few physical actions human beings perform more complex than standing and walking, and it all begins with a step.

Our mind adjusts for balance, gravity, weight, speed, distance and pressure, and we do it without thinking. We do it as toddlers.

It is a marvel of the human brain, that first step, and without even knowing its mental significance for the child, we still celebrate it, record it, make it a milestone of growing up.

Then, after a few years of enjoying the sheer glory of those steps, we try to avoid it as much as possible.

Walking is a mystery.

A few years ago I decided that I needed to take more steps during the day, I decided I would stop finding the nearest spot in the parking lot, I would take the stairs more and the elevator less, and, most importantly, I would stop grumbling about having to take my dogs out for their daily walk. I was going to stretch and relax and walk and think and notice and have some quality canine time.

I usually walk the dogs in the morning at the Brown County Fairgrounds and, often, I am there alone with my dogs. There are several places where they can run and smell and find disgusting things to eat before I can get caught up to them, and it is a lovely way to pause in the middle of the day.

When people do show up with their dogs, I find I still walk alone. Most folks who come out there with their dogs just let them out of their vehicle and they slowly drive around the fairgrounds with the dogs running after the car, stopping to smell and stopping to do what dogs do.

I am not judgmental when people do this, it is what they do. Well, to be totally honest, when it is really, really cold out with wind

chills way below zero, and I am walking in coveralls and huge gloves and big woolen cap, yeah, I feel a little superior, but mostly I just think it's their way to do it and I'm glad their dogs get to run.

A part of me feels a bit sad though, not for the dogs who get to smell and run, but for the people in the cars who miss so much that could be experienced with a short walk around the fairgrounds. In the years with my dogs, I have come to appreciate the subtle marks of life moving from one season to another. I appreciate the crunch of the snow on the roads under my feet, and how that snow slowly becomes slush, and then dries.

I enjoy how the earth feels under my feet, hard as stone as I walk in winter and early spring, but then slowly, almost imperceptibly, it begins to give a bit as I walk, just a bit, telling me the land is thawing and spring has come.

The trees have their beautiful cycle of growth and hibernation and growth again; the grass grows, is cut, grows and is cut again and finally dies and then the land thaws and the grass grows and the grass is cut. I walk through all this in wonder and I am a part of this wonder and sometimes I grow and then am cut, and sometimes I am hard as stone and then softened, and sometimes I hibernate only to awaken to newness of life.

While my mysterious brain is contemplating these wonders, it is also making millions upon millions of computations just so I can stand upright and take each, beautiful, glorious step.

Now, lest you think I am a wandering mystic, forever lost in the glories of the world as I walk, there are also times when I simply trudge along, head down against the snow and wind chill, or sweating in the heat and humidity of summer. There are times when the most profound thought I have is wondering what I'll make for dinner that night. This is walking as well.

Yet, there are those moments when all of it comes together and my heart, and sometimes my voice if I am alone at the fairgrounds, cries out the words of the psalmist, "...indeed, I am fearfully, wonderfully made." (Ps. 139).

So is everything, and so is this crazy life I live, and so is yours; sometimes you just have to get out of the car to discover it. Sometimes you will just walk and get from place to place, and sometimes you will be aware that you do not walk alone, that the Lord who made you, fearfully, wonderfully, walks with you, even just across the parking lot.



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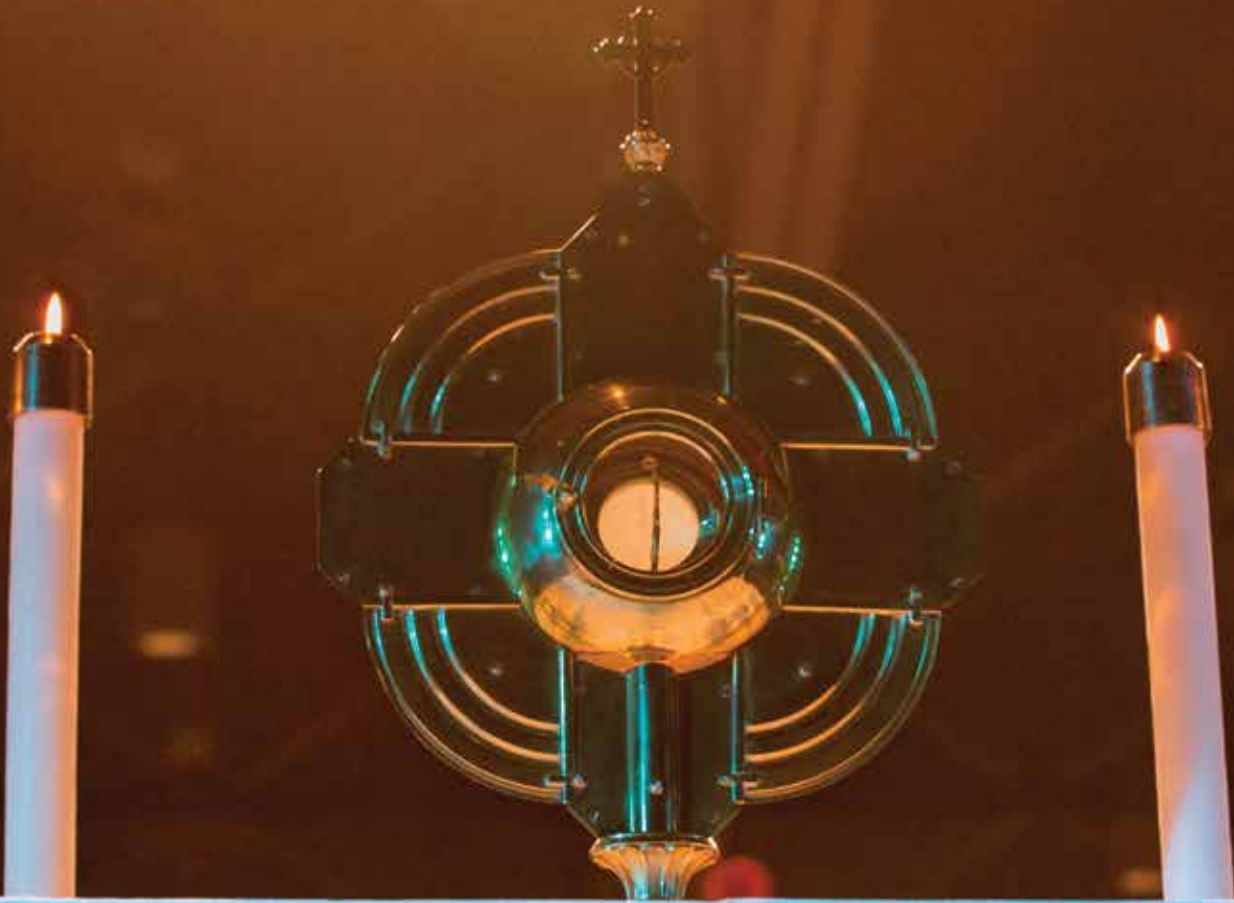


Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop of Sioux Falls, stands (above) with the six newly ordained priests of the diocese. Pictured are (l. to r.): Rev. Thomas Hartman, Rev. Joseph Scholten, Rev. Andrew Thuringer, Bishop Swain, Rev. Timothy Smith, Rev. Brian Eckrich and Rev. Tyler Mattson. Below left, the six men being ordained prostrate themselves as part of the Litany of Supplication during the ordination liturgy. Below right, Bishop Paul Swain extends his hands over Patrick Grode during the Prayer of Ordination during the Ordination to the Order of the Diaconate liturgy at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. (Photos by Michael G. Brown Photography, Sioux Falls)



spirituality

How God Invites Us to Know Him



The Acts of the Apostles tell of St. Paul's efforts to share Jesus Christ with the people of Athens, appealing to the fact that they already had an altar inscribed "To a God Unknown."

This appeal by St. Paul can help us understand that regardless of whether God is known or unknown to us, God longs for us and extends a continuous invitation to deepen our relationship with him.

Sometimes we label this ongoing invitation "spirituality" – the way that God invites us, encourages us and reveals himself to us.

Within the Catholic Church, thanks to the communion of saints, "many and varied spiritualities have been developed throughout the history of the churches. The personal charism of some witnesses to God's love for men has been handed on, like 'the spirit' of Elijah to Elisha and John the Baptist, so that their followers may have a share of this spirit." Catholic Catechism 2684

Why are there so many paths and which might God be using or want to use to help you?

Dr. Chris Burgwald, who focuses on adult discipleship and evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, says there are many types of spiritualities because there are many types of people.

"Because our Lord and Creator delights in multiplicity, in variety. Or to use a different analogy, we might all like ice cream, but we each prefer a different flavor. So too with our spirituality: while there are certain fundamentals that are constant throughout all authentic Catholic spiritualities (personal prayer, reception of the sacraments, devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist, etc.), they each have their own particular emphases in the spiritual life, or their own ways of expressing those common fundamentals... their own flavor," he said.

Examples are all around us. The rich diversity of religious communities that serve in the Diocese of Sioux Falls each have unique aspects to their spirituality and charism, usually based upon those who founded them: Benedictine, Presentation, Franciscan, Carmelite, Blessed Sacrament, Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the Perpetual Adoration Sisters.

Sometimes lay people also find the invitation to deepen their spiritual path through these consecrated communities; many have lay associates or oblates who pray with, support and find spiritual growth in this manner.

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul use other aspects of the Catholic faith, such as service to others, as means of deepening their spirituality.

“Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul,” said local leader Andrew Hoerner.

While most people are more familiar with the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store, the primary work of Vincentians is different.

“As a reflection of the whole family of God members are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule,” Hoerner said.

Their goal is to see the face of Christ in all as they seek to not just help with needs but also the causes of the needs. This work often happens through home visits to those in need.

“I think that the best place to start any discussion on spirituality and our relationship with God is with two fundamental truths: we are made in God’s image (Genesis 1:26) and God is love (1 John 4:8).”

“When I first became a Vincentian, I struggled with the idea that the spirituality of our members is our number one goal,” said Vincentian member Mary Montoya.

“I wanted to get out and help the poor and not spend so much time praying at our meetings and discussing spiritual matters. Over time the spirituality aspect grew on me. I began to cherish sharing my Christian values with other like-minded people. It became personal to me. I learned that rushing out to do Jesus’ work would quickly lead to fatigue without the underpinnings of spirituality,” she said.

The goal of deepening spirituality is true, not just for the Vincentians, but also for those they are visiting.

“The home visit team prays with those we have been asked to serve,” said Jean Lipetzky, another Vincentian member. “We hope that we have brought them some encouragement as we help with their immediate need.”



Vincentians Mary Montoya (right) and Dianne Breen (center) pay a home visit to the Thomas family.

“I believe that I have become more compassionate and less judgmental of others by accompanying them through a difficult time,” she said.

“It’s much better to share the love of Christ through serving others than to look down upon the less fortunate. You don’t have to walk a mile in their shoes but a few home visits will help you and those you visit,” said Lipetzky.

Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center director Fr. Joe Vogel said approaching the spiritual life does not have to be complicated.

“I think that the best place to start any discussion on spirituality and our relationship with God is with two fundamental truths: We are made in God’s image (Genesis 1:26) and God is love (1 John 4:8).”

“Given these truths we learn that our prayer is always a response to God’s love. We don’t have to make God love us, he already does. In a sense we just have to put ourselves in a place to let this love of God find us,” said Fr. Vogel.

“Our experience of God’s love is first made visible in our families and then in our friends. For many of us God’s love was made visible in going to Church. As a young child it was always a great thing to see so many people coming to pray together. One of the best teachers in life is our own experiences, both good and bad. We would like things to always go our way but if that happened most of us would never have a need for God,” he said.

The experiences of Missy Baumberger, Adult Faith Formation coordinator at Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown, suggest checking our motivation towards things of God can also be important and clarifying that can help us on the spiritual journey

“It was about sixteen years ago that my interest in scripture was peaked as I had a coworker ask me questions about stories in the Bible,” she said.

“At first, I picked up and dusted off the Big Book out of spite and frustration that I didn’t know how to answer him, but as I began to read and search for the answer something started to happen deep inside of me. I started to embrace the stories as truth, not just childhood stories I have heard so many times before. With this desire came a new hunger for knowledge. I started to attend Mass and participate more in the sacraments not because I was told to, but because something was drawing me. I



Fr. Joe Vogel at the Legacy beer and wine tasting, whose proceeds support Broom Tree.

also started to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church, dig deeper into Scripture, attend daily Mass, search for a spiritual director and find time daily to sit in silence preferably in front of the Tabernacle,” Baumberger said.

Over time, Baumberger said her spiritual path has included adoration, scripture, and what she describes as “being a student in the school of silence.”

“I believe the practice of Lectio Divina has been most beneficial in helping me open my heart to God’s will for my life. Through meditating upon His Living Word, I not only learn more about Christ and His church but my own strengths, weaknesses and the desires God has placed on my heart. God is no longer distant but a friend and His Church’s teachings are no longer a set of rules but guidelines so I can experience His true gift of peace, joy and happiness. Meditating on Scripture has also helped me in my daily vocation as a wife and a mom,” she said.

“God has also taught me how to listen carefully to the whispers He places upon my heart. For example, a few weeks ago I could feel him nudging me that after I took care of the needs of my family, He wanted me to spend time with Him. Because it worked out, I went back to the chapel,” Baumberger said.

“As I became silent, I found myself gazing upon a painting of Mary that we have beside the crucifix. My eyes became locked on it and I started to feel a peace and joy that made no sense humanly. It’s like I could feel her





Dr. Chris Burgwald addresses the crowd at Discipleship Day.

drawing me to her Son. I knew deep inside my being that He was answering a prayer that I had been praying for some time. His message to me was just stay focused on Him and our Mother Mary, that it wasn't my job to make sense of things but instead to just believe and trust."

"Experiences like this are what give me the courage to keep going in my times that I too am Moses and ask God 'Are you sure it's me you want for this great task?'" she said.

Fr. Vogel believes silence is essential for developing our relationship with God.

"One of the greatest experiences in my spiritual life and priesthood has been my time spent at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Broom Tree is best explained by the statement: "In the Silence God Speaks." One of the best ways to get back to the basics (God loves me before I do anything) is to get off the merry go round and be still and listen," he said.

"It is said of God that he will rarely hit a moving target. Our world teaches us to stay busy, do more and that will make us happy. Again it isn't that we have to be still to make God love us but to be still and realize that he always has."

"As director of Broom Tree and as a spiritual director I encourage everyone to spend time in silence each day thanking God for your blessings and reading God's word each day. For many people who have wandered away from the practice of the faith (as I did for a few years) the best thing we can do is to go to confession. Confession isn't about seeing how bad we are but about coming to realize how good God is and what freedom is really like," Fr. Vogel said.

For parents, developing prayer habits with children can set a pattern for a lifetime of deepening spirituality.

"As a child we often said the rosary together as a family. Eight kids kneeling down to say the rosary didn't always seem like prayer to me but it taught me the discipline of prayer," said Fr. Vogel.

"I can't imagine a day that I wouldn't say the rosary and that is because of this experience. The family is always the best place to learn to meet God - in good times and in bad."

"One of the greatest changes in my relationship with God has been coming to understand that God isn't against me, but he is on my side and one of the best tools to help see that is the Bible.

"I believe that we should not talk about reading and praying the Bible, but reading and praying the Word of God. If we read and pray God's word that changes everything. Remember that he first loves us and his 'Word' is a series of love letters encouraging us to know his mercy and forgiveness," he said.



Missy Baumberger (on left, with book) leads a women's group at Immaculate Conception Parish in Watertown.

Resources

Broom Tree Retreat Center – www.broom-tree.org
Society of St. Vincent de Paul – www.svdpusa.org

DR. BURGWALD RECOMMENDS

Word On Fire resources on spirituality – www.wordonfire.org
Peter Kreeft: Lesson One on Prayer – www.peterkreeft.com
Prayer Primer, Fr. Thomas Dubay
Praying Scripture for a Change, Tim Gray
The Examen Prayer, Fr. Timothy Gallagher



RECOMMENDED BY OUR FACEBOOK FRIENDS

Furrow, St. Josemaría Escrivá
I Believe in Love: A Personal Retreat Based on the Teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Jean C. J. d'Elbée
The Imitation of Christ, Thomas à Kempis
Resisting Happiness, Matthew Kelly

“One of the best ways to know of God’s love for us is to begin each day thinking of five ways that God blessed us in the past 24 hours. This attitude of gratitude always lifts our spirits and helps us look for the good in each day rather than the bad.”

“Another tool and weapon that we have available in our Catholic faith is a devotion to our Blessed Mother. She is often referred to as our shortcut to Jesus. Matthew Kelly has said that no one knows a son like a mother. There is nothing that we are dealing with that the Blessed Mother hasn’t had to deal with. For some people it is difficult to pray to Jesus or the Father because of difficult family situations. In that case it is often easier to go to her for comfort and unconditional love,” said Fr. Vogel.

There are some cautions and concerns when talking about spirituality, to the point that some become wary of using the word.

“When people say things like ‘I’m spiritual, but not religious,’ what they usually mean is that they have some interest in their spiritual life, but they don’t think that they need ‘organized religion’ (e.g. belonging to a church community) to attend to their spiritual life,” said Burgwald.

“Hence the term (spirituality) is sometimes looked on with suspicion, precisely because it can be used in a way that is opposed to belonging to Christ’s Church. But the fact that the term can be misused in this way doesn’t mean that we ought to avoid using it altogether: as I noted previously, it truly does refer to the health of our soul, and we shouldn’t give up

that meaning because of how others misuse it,” he said.

“There simply is no opposition between our spiritual life and belonging to the Church. At the Second Vatican Council, the Church taught that in Jesus Christ, God has fully revealed to us who we are (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* 22), and therefore we need to look to Him and what He has revealed in us to determine how best to attend to our spiritual health, not to my own, self-created religion,” said Burgwald.

Among the graces found in working to listen and follow up on God’s invitation to know Him better is the joy of witnessing and helping others on their journey.

“Praying communally by going to Mass to pray with other parishioners is very important and being able to share the Good News in conversation with a small group of others, feeds my soul too,” said Montoya.

“I believe we are wounded healers and can relate on a personal level with those we serve.”

“I noticed soon after becoming a Vincentian that other members of our parish conference have been through serious difficulties in their lives, as have I. I believe we are wounded healers and can relate on a personal level with those we serve,” she said.

“As the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator for Immaculate Conception Church, I find the greatest joy in being able to witness moments of grace; when clarity is awakened within the hearts of our parishioners,” Baumberger said.

“Some of the most fruitful moments this past year would be the newly found hope obtained by a woman that unexpectedly lost her husband, a man that has been convicted that God is weaved into his ‘everyday ordinary’ activities like getting coffee from the gas station, a young lady that has found strength to simply walk into the church again after years of addiction and the loss of a child through abortion. These are all moments of grace only possible through love, a receptive heart and a desire to know the Creator,” she said.

“Too many times I can fall into the trap thinking that being ‘spiritual’ is something special for those that walked the earth with Christ or the saints, but in reality, I am learning through the Word that God calls each of us to be saints which is something very attainable if we are willing to allow Him to show us His plan for our ordinary daily lives,” Baumberger said.

“Being a Vincentian has changed my perspective on life by allowing me to put my faith into action. I’m more appreciative for the blessings God has given me,” said Hoerner.

“Recently I visited a lady who was renting a room and shared a bathroom with a whole floor of strangers. She had no bed, no furniture, and very few clothes but was only asking for help with hygiene items. Even though she had so little, she was overjoyed to be off the streets. The Holy Spirit humbled me with her humility. It’s hard to feel sorry for yourself when you do a visit like that!” he said.

“One of my best Broom Tree stories is everyone that I talk to about Broom Tree just smiles when they talk about their experience of being there,” said Fr. Vogel.

“They all say that it is holy ground and there are very few places like that in their life. I believe that there is a fear in some people that only super holy people can go there and ordinary people won’t fit in. I would say that it is just the opposite.”

“All of us need a place to sense the presence of God in a very special way. Check out the Broom Tree website and see how many different opportunities are available there for you. Even if you don’t think you need a break to get back in touch with God’s love ask the people you live with and work with. I would bet that they would say to go, calm down and come back and share with them the love you have received. That is evangelization at its finest,” he said.



Fr. Timothy Smith, Fr. Tyler Mattson, Fr. Brian Eckrich, Fr. Andrew Thuringer



www.saintpaulseminary.org

Pope Francis is asking for your input. He wants to hear from as many young people as possible to help the Catholic Church better serve young people as they grow in faith and discern their life's vocation.

Bishops from around the world will gather in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This meeting will focus on "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment." The Holy Father believes a better world can be built with the efforts of young adults and their desire and generosity to invest in themselves, to make bold choices, and to be led by the Holy Spirit. The Church wishes to listen to the voices of young people, their sensitivities, their faith, even their doubts and criticisms.

Pope Francis wants the young adults of the world to "be the center of attention because you are in my heart." The Holy Father said, "In Krakow at the last World Youth Day, I asked you several times: 'Can we change things?' And you shouted: 'Yes!' That shout came from your young and youthful hearts, which do not tolerate injustice and cannot bow to a throw away culture."

To assist the bishops in their discussion and deliberations on young adults and how the Church can best support and encourage growing faith, each diocese is asked to listen to the voice of the young people in the local church. A summary of what is learned in the diocese is shared with the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops and combined to formulate a representative document from this country for all the Bishops of the United States to represent at the Synod to be held at the Vatican.

"Young people are the future of our Church," said Bishop Paul Swain of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. "I travel the dio-

cese each year for confirmations and am impressed with the students I meet each year. Their faith is alive and needs our support to continue to grow and impact the Church."

The committee for the Synod has prepared a survey to capture the insight of young adults. This survey focuses on how young people experience the Church, their faith and discern vocations. "I receive many letters from young people asking questions about their faith and offering testimony to how their faith has changed their lives," said Bishop Swain. "I am always deeply moved by these letters. I also meet with men and women discerning their vocation and considering religious life or the priesthood. These young people have an energy that needs to be shared with the world."

The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls wants to hear your faith experiences, good or bad. The survey is for young people ages 16 to 30 and is a series of open ended questions to capture a more complete vision of the experiences. The survey can be completed individually or in groups. The most important is to be honest and enter into the survey with prayer. It is more important to answer the questions that most touch your heart than to answer every question.

The survey for the Diocese of Sioux Falls can be taken at www.sfcatholic.org.

If a group of young people wish to gather and take the survey, but need a facilitator, Daryl Thuringer, Director of Parish Services (605-988-3779) will coordinate a session to help groups reflect on the questions and complete the survey.

This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard and start the change you desire. The answers offered will be presented with others by Bishop Swain and combined to represent the United States to Pope Francis at the worldwide Synod of Bishops.



Daryl Thuringer
Delegate, Office of Discipleship
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Sample survey questions:

- What are the main challenges and most significant opportunities for young people?
- How do young adults take part in the life of the church community?
- How does the parish community reach out to young people?
- If you could tell Pope Francis one thing, what would it be?

Bishop's Golf event renamed

Newly renamed Bishop's Cup will bring golfers together and will be played this year at Minnehaha Country Club in Sioux Falls. The event is slated for Monday, August 28.

There will be two formats this year. The Bishop's Scramble which 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.

The Bishop's Challenge is a four-person team. Each golfer plays 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.

All of the proceeds from this charity event go to benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

For more information contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3725, toll free at 1-888-246-3386 or online at www.ccfesd.org.



Local CHURCH

Bishop's Fishing Tournaments draw crowds in support of seminarian education



The 21st annual Bishop's Fishing Tournaments were held on June 5 at Big Stone Lake and on June 12 at West Whitlock State Park on Lake Oahe. Over \$100,000 was raised to support seminarian education. Over 175 fishermen and 40 teams fished. Nearly 200 additional individuals attended the celebration of Mass and the evening social and barbecue that followed. (Photo courtesy, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

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70th Jubilee



Sister Ann Kessler, OSB, grew up in Aberdeen. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1945. Sr. Ann's passion was education and she was an instructor at the high school and university level for 37 years. Now a Professor Emerita, she writes website blogs and assists in special roles in the monastery care center where she now resides.

60th Jubilees



Sister Aidan Bourke, OSB, grew up in York, NE. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton in 1955. Sr. Aidan served as Prioress of the community from 1981-89. Presently she serves the sisters at the monastery in a variety of ways: house driver, committee member, Federation archivist, and hospitality for retreatants.



Sister Kathleen Courtney, OSB, grew up in rural Yankton County. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1955. Sr. Kathleen's ministries have included elementary and art education, and art activities with elderly and pediatric patients. She presently leads adult retreats and confirmation, Advent, and Triduum retreats for children.



Sister Kathleen Crowley, OSB, grew up in a suburb of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton in 1955. She held various positions as a nurse in several states and has taught nursing at Mount Marty College. She is now a professional counselor with Catholic Family Services practicing in Yankton.



Sister Margretta Doyle, OSB, grew up in Tyler, MN. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1957. Sr. Margretta taught at Albion, NE; Vermillion and Yankton, and Little Flower and Christ the King Schools in Sioux Falls. She is currently retired at Sacred Heart Monastery.

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60th Jubilee



Sister Thecla Holzbauer, OSB, grew up on a farm near Wagner. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1955. Sr. Thecla had a passion for the dietary field and served in various dietary facilities for over 50 years. Sr. Thecla currently volunteers at Majestic Bluffs, independent and assisted living center.

50th Jubilees



Sister Joelle Bauer, OSB, grew up on a family farm near Harrold. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in June 1967. She has served in a variety of ministries: teacher, Procurator of Sacred Heart Monastery, Oblate director and board member in several local social-issue agencies. She currently is the monastery hospitality coordinator.



Sister Sharon Ann Haas, OSB, grew up in Epiphany. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1965. She served as a nurse in several capacities. She currently serves as assistant professor of Nursing at Mount Marty College and is Director of Initial Formation at Sacred Heart Monastery. She has recently been appointed sub-prioress.



Sister Rosemarie Maly, OSB, grew up on a family farm near Constance, NE. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in August 1965. Sr. Rosemarie has served for 47 years in parishes and Newman Centers in Nebraska and South Dakota. Sr. Rosemarie is presently residing at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton.

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Sister Loretta VonRueden, OSF, was born in Reynolds, ND. She entered the Franciscan community in Hankinson, ND (where she grew up) in 1946 and professed her vows in 1947. Sister Loretta's ministry was in nursing. She is a founding member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1969. She was a pastoral visitor for the elderly and shut ins for Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes, Mitchell for 11 years.

60th Jubilee



Sister Loretta McIlvenna, OP, celebrated her 70th jubilee in June. Sister Loretta's home parish is St. Therese, Sioux Falls. She is the daughter of the late John and Theresa (Maher) McIlvenna. Sister Loretta's ministry has been dedicated to teaching. She has also ministered in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Tennessee, Alabama, and Oklahoma.



Sister Carol Mechtenberg, OSF, is celebrating her 60th jubilee of religious profession this year. Sister Carole is the daughter of the late Leo and Louise Mechtenberg of Sacred Heart Parish, Parkston. Sister Carol made her first profession as a sister of St. Francis of Assisi in St. Francis, WI.

50th Jubilee



Mother Marie Therese celebrated her Golden Jubilee with a Mass of Thanksgiving on May 13, the centenary day of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima, Mother Marie Therese pronounced her first vows in the Carmelite Monastery of the Little Flower in Buffalo, NY. Upon the request of then Bishop Robert Carlson, she left the Buffalo Carmel 20 years ago with seven nuns, to found the Carmelite Monastery in Alexandria.



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Benedictine sisters in Yankton and Watertown, install and elect a new prioress for their respective communities



Sister Joella Kidwell OSB, President of the Federation of St. Gertrude, asks Sister Maribeth Wentzlaff (above, center) if she is willing to undertake this responsibility before taking the oath of office as prioress for the Benedictine sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. Sister Penny Bingham, outgoing Prioress, looks on. Sister Maribeth was recently elected prioress of the community of Benedictine Sisters at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. Sister Maribeth accepted the election by the sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery and will serve a six-year term as the 14th prioress of the monastery. As prioress, Sister Maribeth becomes the spiritual and administrative leader of the 85 professed members of the monastery and the women in formation. (Photo courtesy, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton)



Pictured (left to right): Sister Ramona Fallon, Sister Marlene Minnaert, Sister Joella Kidwell, Sister Terri Hoffman and Sister Nancy Zemczuznikov. Sister Terri Hoffman, OSB, was installed as the eleventh prioress of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown on June 18. Sister Marlene Minnaert, outgoing prioress, presented Sister Terri to Sister Joella Kidwell, president of the Federation of Saint Gertrude, who administered the oath of office. As symbols of office, Sister Terri received the Sacred Scriptures and the Rule of St. Benedict. She will be serving closely with her leadership team consisting of Sisters Ramona Fallon and Nancy Zemczuznikov. Sister Terri shared with those assembled that it will take a lot of trust going forward. (Photo courtesy Mother of God Monastery, Watertown)

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In honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima, members of St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner, and Assumption Parish, Dante, gathered at the Peace Shrine east of Wagner on May 13 and again on June 13 to recite the Rosary. The group plans to meet again for prayer on July 13, and likely on the 13th of every month to mark the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. The group gains in number each month. (Photo courtesy, Theresa Koupal, St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner)



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Vacation Bible Schools were in full swing across the diocese in the last few weeks. Pictured at left top: the Vacation Bible School at Sacred Heart Parish, Gettysburg was held May 30-June 2 and drew 60 children from the parish. The title and theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was "Maker Fun Factory." (Photo courtesy, Jean Senyak, Director of Religious Education, Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg)

St. Pius X Parish, Onida (pictured at left, lower) also drew a good sized group to its Vacation Bible School. The parish hosted 45 children with the theme was "Camp Out - Getting S'More of Jesus", emphasizing the Bible point: Jesus is the light. (Photo courtesy, Tacea Voorhees, Religious Education Director, St. Pius X Parish, Onida)

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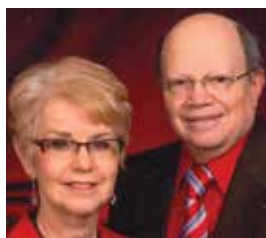
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IDYLWILDE – Luverne and Lorraine Mammenga will celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 8. They have 6 children, 16 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Boniface Parish.



MILBANK – Jerry and Cindy Jungers will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 2. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MITCHELL – Tom and Jacque Schumacher will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 15. They are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Steve and Dawn Morgan will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 18. They have 3 children and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Donald and Carol Harrell will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 22. They have 5 children (2 deceased), 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MONTROSE – Donald and Violet Healy will celebrate their 70th anniversary on July 3. They have 7 children, 18 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Patrick Parish.



PARKER – Kurt and Deb Creegan celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 24. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Christina Parish.



PIERRE – Milton and Dawn Morris will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 5. They have 5 children, 15 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Peter and Paul Parish.



PIERRE – Monte and Tami Carda celebrated their 35th anniversary on June 19. They have 4 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.



SALEM – Eugene and Julie Streff will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 11. They have 3 children and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SALEM – Marty and Laura Gessner celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 13. They have 1 child and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Curt and Sheri Messler will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 25. They have 3 children and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dan and Karen Ripperda celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 3. They have 2 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Richard and Diana Grosz will celebrate their 55th anniversary on July 28. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Kim Haiar will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 31. They have 2 children and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Rick and Mary Althoff will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 29. They have 10 children, 18 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bill and Mary Nielson will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 9. They have 6 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



TABOR – Stanley and Rita Schuch will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 15. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Dave and Sandy Crawford celebrated their 45th anniversary on June 16. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Troy and Carol VanDusen will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 11. They have 2 children and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

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Sister Leonette Hoelsing

Sister Leonette Hoelsing, a Benedictine sister of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton died on June 9. She was 101.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 13 in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.

Leonette Hoelsing was born September, 12, 1915 to Fred and Elizabeth (Goeden) Hoelsing of Menominee, Nebraska.

She graduated from Mount Marty College, Yankton. She earned a Master's degree in Religious Education from Seattle University in 1970.

Leonette entered Sacred Heart Monastery September 4, 1933. She was invested as a novice June 23, 1934. She made first profession on June 24, 1935 and final profession June 24, 1940.

Sister Leonette taught elementary school. She then was asked to be novice mistress and choir director and was Sub-prioress



Sister Leonette Hoelsing, OSB from 1961-1965.

Sister also worked in parish ministry. She was Oblate Director from 1979-2000 and administrative assistant for three prioresses. From 1984-1990, she worked in the Social Service Department at Sister James Nursing Home. She continued to volunteer at Sister James and Sacred Heart Hospital until 2005.

S. Leonette is survived by her Benedictine community and her sisters, Della Goeden and Arlene Wohlman. She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings.

Sister Pierre Roberts

Sister Pierre Roberts, a Benedictine sister of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, died June 13. She was 93.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 17 in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.

Marie Ruth Corinne Chretien was born in London, Ontario, Canada, on September 22, 1923. She was adopted by John and Christie Roberts of St. Lawrence, SD and given the name Gertrude Marie.

She entered Sacred Heart Monastery on May 24, 1940 during her junior year. She became a novice on June 23, 1941 receiving the name Pierre. She made her first vows on June 24, 1942 and final profession June 24, 1945.

She received her American citizenship in May 1950.

Sister Pierre spent her life as an educator and administrator,

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Sister Pierre Roberts, OSB teaching in South Dakota and Nebraska.

She served at Mount Marty until 1995. After years in academic education, Sister Pierre was asked to be the monastery Formation Director, a ministry she held until June, 2001.

Sister Pierre is survived by her Benedictine community. She was preceded in death by her adoptive parents.



WATERTOWN – Duane and Dorothy Dohman celebrated their 40th anniversary on May 21. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WESSINGTON SPRINGS – Jim and Bernice Burg will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 22. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



YANKTON – Eugene and Karen Kocer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 1. They have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

SALEM – Allen and Kay Bies will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 22. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Mary Parish.

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Ave Maria, FL (CNS) - For Curtis Martin, founder and CEO of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, “It’s all grace.” He was describing the apostolate’s consecration to Mary during its five weeks of new staff training at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria. The act of consecration came during the celebration of Mass at Ave Maria Church, followed by a rosary procession by 600 people. Participants walked with the World Apostolate of Fatima’s statue of Our Lady of Fatima. “We want to make a consecration to Our Lord in a new and powerful way through the intercession of Our Lady. With special emphasis on Our Lady of Guadalupe and Fatima because of the special significance which they hold for their new evangelization,” Martin told Catholic News Service.

New priests follow many paths to answering call

Washington, DC (CNS) - After almost 12 years as an Episcopal priest, Deacon Jonathan Erdman entered into full communion with the Catholic Church along with his family in 2016 and a year later, he became a Catholic priest after being ordained a priest of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. This spring, 590 men entered the priesthood in dioceses throughout the United States, according to a report released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. The report is based on an annual study that the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate conducted for the USCCB.

Pope Francis: Don’t pretend to be teens; help youths see blessings of adulthood

Rome (CNS) - Instead of “pretending to be adolescents,” parents must help young people see the blessing of growing into adulthood, Pope Francis told priests, religious, catechists and parish council members from the Diocese of Rome. The belief that youthfulness is a model of success “is one of the most dangerous ‘unwitting’ menaces in the education of our adolescents” that hinders their personal growth because “adults have taken their place,” the pope said, opening the Rome Diocese’s annual convention.



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Candidate is responsible for coordinating music and music selections for the parish including Masses, Holy Days and other liturgical celebrations. The candidate must be proficient in organ and piano. The candidate will coordinate all persons involved in liturgical ministries as well as oversee the aesthetic décor of the worship space. Along with a joyful and faith filled presence we hope for a person who can interact with a variety of people and lead choirs and instrumentalists. Background check and Safe Environment Training is required.

For a more complete job description please email our parish at office@icparishwatertown.org. Qualified applicants should submit a letter of interest, a resume and three references to: **Fr. Paul Rutten, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, 309 2nd Ave SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201**

Director of Faith Formation - Spencer, Iowa

The position of Director of Faith Formation has become open in Sacred Heart Parish in Spencer. Sacred Heart is a vibrant parish with a Faith Formation Program that serves 180 students K-12 each Wednesday. The Director works closely with the Pastor and Assistant Director of Faith Formation in providing a program of Religious Education and Youth Ministry opportunities. Degree in Theology is preferred, but not required. Salary will be commensurate with experience. This is a full-time position with benefits.

Please contact Fr. William Schreiber at P.O. Box 817 Spencer, Iowa 51301 or wschreiber@spencersacredheart.com

Send letter of application and 3 references.
Position will remain open until filled.

Recitation of the rosary planned

July 6, 13 and 25 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host recitation of the rosary on Thursday, July 6, Thursday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 25 at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls.

Parish and shrine hosting Fatima events

Thursday, July 13 and every month through October - This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Mary at Fatima. Since St. Mary of Mercy Parish is home to the Mid-America Fatima Family Shrine in Alexandria, the parish and shrine will have a series of evening events to mark the occasion. On the 13th of every month through October the parish and shrine will have an outdoor Rosary procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and a talk on the apparitions at 7 p.m. at the shrine.

Evening with Bishop Jacobs in Watertown

Thursday, July 13 - In celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Bishop Sam Jacobs will celebrate Mass along with an evening conference at Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown at 7 p.m. Bishop Jacobs, long time priest and bishop, has been involved in the CCR and serves on the National Service Committee. Free will offering. Hosted by Loving Servants Prayer Group. For info contact Mavis Kemnitz at 605-880-5996 or mavis.kemnitz@gmail.com

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement marking 50 years in the diocese

July 14-15 - Bishop Sam Jacobs is the guest speaker at the annual July conference. "Living in the Spirit, A Perpetual Pentecost" will be hosted by the Yahweh Shalom Prayer Group and will be held at St. Benedict Church, Yankton. The conference begins Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is requested. To register go to www.ajoyfulshout.com, call Jane Barz at 605-940-4101 or email at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net.

Rummage, book, bake sale for Sioux Falls

July 14-16 - St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls will host its rummage, book and bake sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls. On Friday and Saturday the hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (with everything \$2 a bag after 5:30 p.m. on Saturday). On Sunday, the hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m. (with everything \$1.00/bag on the final day). Lunch is served Friday and Saturday. Bake sale and raffle items offered all three days.

Golf tournament for St. Mary, Dell Rapids

Saturday, August 12 - 13th Annual Dell Rapids St. Mary Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday at Rocky Run Golf Course, Dell Rapids, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$280 per team which includes 18 holes, cart and meal. You can sign up at the golf course or call Lee Saude at 605-595-4946.

Harvest fund raiser set for Dante

Sunday, August 13 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante is holding

its annual harvest festival fund raiser Sunday. Serving begins at 4 p.m. with a broasted chicken meal with homemade rollicky, kolaches and desserts. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Bingo, a raffle, and games will also be available.

St. Benedict Parish hosts Deacon Poyo

September 9-12 - St. Benedict parish, Yankton is bring Deacon Ralph Poyo to the parish for a mission presentation. The fall program will run for four nights at the parish, 1500 St. Benedict Dr., Yankton. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Catholic Family Services

July 11 and Aug. 1/Living with Chronic Illness group, a free educational support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls. For details please call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Aug. 1-Sept. 5/Grieving the Loss of a Spouse is a six week program held every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational. Cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Adoption? If you feel you are being called to adoption, Catholic Family Services can answer any questions you may have about the process. To receive more information regarding our adoption services or to schedule a visit with our Adoption Specialist, call our main office at 605-988-3775 or 800-700-7867 or email Christy VanderWoude, MSW at cvtanderwoude@sfcatholic.org.

Broom Tree Retreat Center

Day of Recollection Schedule
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, you are asked to please register. A prayerful donation is requested.

August 22 - Peace and Freedom: Goals of the Interior Life
directed by Father Kristopher Cowles

September 12 - Treasures from Heaven: Eucharistic Miracles
directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer

Sacred Heart Monastery

July 2/Eucharistic Adoration is offered on the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton.

Spiritual direction and personal retreats are offered at the Benedictine Peace Center year round by arrangement. Contact the center at benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292 or visit www.yanktonbenedictines.org/Center.

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 July or August sessions, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

Silent Retreats/Contact the center to schedule a retreat. Let the monastic environment and outdoor beauty nurture prayerful renewal time at the Benedictine Peace Center. Choose a private retreat or request the guidance of a spiritual director. BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292.

Diocesan Vocations office

July 30-Aug. 5/JP II Rocky Mountain Vocation Expedition; Vocations Director Father Shaun Haggerty, will lead the expedition, along with Father Jordan Samson and several seminarians and a few dads. We will be tent camping and doing day excursions as well as staying at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, CO; go to www.sfvocations.com to sign-up.

Presentation Sisters

July 17-21/The Presentation Sisters will sponsor their 22nd annual Leadership Camp in the Black Hills. The Camp is an opportunity for girls entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade in the fall of 2017, to focus on their faith, learn leadership skills and build self-confidence through the speakers, skits, songs, prayers, peer interaction and more. Register for this fun-filled week of camp at www.presentationisters.org or contact Karen at (605) 770-3671 or kmith@mit.midco.net.

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