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THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN



Chastity
It's for Everyone!

Actions taken by Bishop's Conference address clergy abuse

At the June meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, major attention was given to strengthening efforts to address clergy child sexual abuse and assuring accountability of bishops.

Below is a summary of the meeting including excerpts from a resource prepared by Conference staff which highlights the new policies and procedures we bishops adopted. All were supported overwhelmingly.

The Bishops approved three documents related to reporting and investigating claims of abuse or the intentional mishandling of these cases by bishops.

Protocol Regarding Available Non-Penal Restrictions of Bishops. It addresses the status of bishops who were removed from office or resigned their office for reasons of sexual abuse or intentional mishandling of cases.

Affirming Our Episcopal Commitments. It reaffirms the commitments bishops make to live according to the Gospel, including chastity and charity, and to place ourselves under the same high standards applied to priests, deacons, and lay personnel including the Charter.

Directives for the Implementation of the Provisions of Vos estis lux mundi Concerning Bishops and their Equivalent. It applies especially to the reporting and investigation of complaints against bishops.

Currently such allegations can be made to law enforcement, chanceries, or to the nuncio (the Pope's representative to the United States). A confidential third party reporting system will be established that will supplement (not replace) these other options.

We bishops also made the commitment to appoint a qualified lay person to receive reports of bishop misconduct and to publicize the means by which such complaints might be made and to assure an independent investigator chosen from the list of lay experts previously prepared in consultation with bishops of the province, in our case

the dioceses in Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Recently Pope Francis issued a document which must guide how these issues are dealt with throughout the world, not just in the United States. Given the inherent diversity of countries and cultures, it is important to recognize its universal or international intent.

This document provides for a mandatory process for Church investigations of complaints against bishops for sexual abuse of a minor. It also addresses complaints against bishops for sexual acts involving adults regarded as vulnerable, and for mishandling such abuse or harassment cases. It mandates internal reporting of such cases, offers whistleblower protection for those reporting, and prohibits any imposition of silence on those reporting.

It also expands the definition of vulnerable adults to include seminarians and any person forced to engage in sexual acts due to an abuse of power.

The Holy Father has structured the handling and investigation of complaints against bishops through the archbishop of the province or region, in our case the Archbishop of St Paul-Minneapolis. If the complaint is against the archbishop himself, it is the senior bishop to which the complaint would be referred.

We also pledge to inform the person asserting such an allegation of their rights under these new procedures and church law. We also established a process to address potential conflicts of interest and to assure such conflicts will not result in prejudice, retaliation or discrimination.

As might be expected, frustration was expressed at the meeting for the delay in explanations of the career history of former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. In October of last year the Holy See announced a study of the documentation present in the Archives of the Offices of the Holy See concerning this matter. Investigations are also under way in the four dioceses he served as bishop. It is expected that a public report will be issued when these studies are completed. I pray it will be soon.



Let us pray that these actions will prove to be effective in addressing the horror of child abuse by clergy and anyone acting in the name of the Church and will help assure accountability of bishops so great a concern of so many.

Recommended reading

I commend to you the brief yet hopeful publication by Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary of Los Angeles and chair of the USCCB Committee on Communication entitled, "Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis." It is available for one dollar through www.sufferingchurchbook.com

In his preface Bishop Barron states clearly what so many of us are thinking:

"This is a cry from the heart. I am a lifelong Catholic and I've been a priest for thirty-three years and a bishop for four years. I have dedicated my life to the Church. The sexual abuse scandal has been for me, for millions of other Catholics, and especially for the victim-survivors, lacerating.

"I have written this book for my fellow Catholics, who feel, understandably, demoralized, scandalized, angry beyond words and ready to quit.

"What I finally urge my brothers and sisters in the Church to do is to stay and fight—and to do so on behalf of themselves and their families, but especially on behalf of those who have suffered so grievously at the hands of wicked men."

His is a sentiment with which most of us can relate. What sustains me is the truth that it is Christ's Church. He will see us through this heavy time as he has His Church over centuries to rid his body of "wicked men" and anyone who seeks under evil influence to distract us from Him in whom is our hope.

Please pray for all victims of any sin committed under the guise of Christ's Church, and their families and friends.

Let us also take up the challenge of Bishop Barron to stay and fight for Christ's Church, our hope and our salvation.



Officials

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

Reverend David Desmond from Pastor for St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls, to personal leave from public ministry.

Reverend Kevin Doyle from Pastor for St. Anthony Parish, Hoven, and St. Augustine Parish, Bowdle, to Pastor for St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Artesian, St. Joseph Parish, Wessington Springs, and St. Wilfrid Parish, Woonsocket.

Reverend Darin Schmidt from Parochial Vicar for Cathedral of Saint Joseph and Diocesan Master of Ceremonies to Pastor for St. Augustine Parish, Bowdle, and St. Anthony Parish, Hoven.

Reverend Timothy Smith from Parochial Vicar for Cathedral of St. Joseph to Pastor for Holy Cross Parish, Ipswich, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Leola, and St. Thomas Parish, Roscoe.

Reverend Russell Homic, at the invitation of the Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley, Bishop of Kalamazoo, to be relieved of his appointment as Pastor for Holy Cross Parish, Ipswich, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Leola, and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Roscoe, so that he might fulfill a pastoral assignment in the Diocese of Kalamazoo (MI).

Additional assignment changes are anticipated in future editions of The Bishop's Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor

SCHEDULE

July

- 8 9:00 High School Discipleship Camp, Broom Tree Youth & Family Camp, Irene
- 10 9:00 Mass with Diocesan staff, Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 12 9:00 Junior High Discipleship Camp, Broom Tree Youth & Family Camp, Irene
- 13 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 16 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 20 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 25-26 Installation of the Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss as Bishop of Saginaw, Saginaw, MI
- 27 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

August

- 6-8 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- 10 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 13 Clergy Continuing Education Workshop, O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls
- 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- Picnic with clergy, the Bishop's house
- 15 12:00 Mass, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

Rejoicing in the lantern light of the Presentation Sisters



A few weeks ago I sat on a clear and beautiful Aberdeen afternoon to witness the groundbreaking for Presentation Place, the new residence for the Presentation Sisters. The speakers were standing at a podium placed in front of the architectural drawings of the beautiful building which will soon be built, and as I listened to them, by mind started to wander.

Not that the speeches were not interesting, they were; what got me reflecting was their focus on how the Presentation Sisters transformed the world around them, and the city blessed by their presence. All of this is true, but it got me thinking about how they have impacted my life.

If you were of a certain age growing up in Aberdeen and you happened to be Roman Catholic, you were going to have one of the sisters teaching you, either in the Catholic school or in religious education classes. Their patience when passing on the faith to us was nothing short of heroic.

When I was in the 9th grade, one of the sisters was my Confirmation teacher. She did a great job and, as was usual back then, administered the 100 point test we had to pass in order to be confirmed. The next Wednesday, when I got my test back, I was stunned to see I had scored a 99 out of 100.

I was outraged, incensed, horrified. I remember that one of my true or false statements was marked wrong. I waited until the end of class and approached the desk, "Sister, I think you made a mistake. You marked one wrong that isn't wrong."

"Let's see," she said, taking the test from my hands. "It says 'Jesus Christ is a man like us in all things but sin,' and you put false. That's incorrect, it's true."

"But Sister," I said, "it's not true. He did sin."

"When did He sin?" she asked.

"In the garden, when He said He didn't want to die."

"But He did die. He accepted the Father's will."

"But He said He didn't want to. That's a sin."

"That wasn't a sin, Mike. He accepted the Father's will; and besides, He was divine so He couldn't sin."

"But Sister..."

And so it went until, at the end of a long day, she sent me on my way, the red mark still scandalously glowing on my paper. I bore the outrage patiently, and was confirmed. When I later ran into her at my ordination, I thanked her for allowing me to be confirmed even though I was a heretic. She did not remember the encounter, but told me she was glad to be a part of my religious formation.

As am I. What a gift these strong and holy women have been to my life; from my first encounter with the sisters as my teachers, to Sister Joan Marie, whom I worked with for seven years at the Newman Center at SDSU, as a partner in ministry.

As I called my mind back to the speakers in front of me, I listened in a bit of awe as the accomplishments and the prophetic witnesses of these women were recounted. Mike Levsen, the mayor of Aberdeen, spoke with tears in his eyes and told us that every good thing that happened in our city either had the sister's fingerprints all over it, or had them as the driving force.

None of this surprised me. One of the great symbols of the Presentation Sisters is the lantern their founder, Nano Nagle, carried with her into the darkness.

When the poor and the immigrant are marginalized and demonized, they do what they have done since the beginning, they reach out with the love of Christ and embrace their sisters and brothers in peace. That is a shining lantern.

Long before it became a global crisis, the sisters in Aberdeen were working to defend God's creation and speaking out on our need to cherish and protect this gift. That is a shining lantern.

Through their efforts and faith, we have a strong health care system, housing for the poor and low income families, and a voice for the voiceless. That is a shining lantern.

There was also compassion shown to a stubborn young confirmation student years ago, and he still basks in the light of that shining lantern.

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Father Timothy Cone with Bishop Swain (above) and
Deacon Michael Kapperman with Bishop Swain (below).



Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop of Sioux Falls, ordained Timothy Cone to the priesthood (May 31) and Michael Kapperman to the transitional diaconate (May 30). Bishop Swain hands over the bread and wine to Timothy Cone (top). He will be the Parochial Vicar for St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls. The bishop says a final blessing over Michael Kapperman (left). He will begin his transitional diaconate service at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls.



Chastity

It's for Everyone!



by Renae Kranz

Try this experiment. If you have an iPhone, try typing “chastity” in a text message. As you type, watch the autocomplete feature. On my phone and others I tested, the iPhone didn’t know the word “chastity” at all. How is this possible?

It’s possible because in a fallen world, we can’t expect our phones to know a word we barely understand ourselves. We may think chastity doesn’t apply to us, so we remove it from our thoughts entirely.

But chastity is part of God’s plan for all of us.

We are living examples of our faith and its teachings on chastity. If we don’t understand and embrace them, how can we expect the world to see God in us or our Church?

What is chastity?

We usually confuse chastity for abstinence, but chastity has many facets. And it looks different for a priest or consecrated person for example, than for a married couple or single person. We must understand the dignity of the human person through the lens of chastity because we are all called to it.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), in part, defines the vocation to chastity this way:

“Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being.” (CCC 2337)

Burgwald says most people don't see the benefit of pursuing chastity. They think it will limit their happiness, freedom and fulfillment in life. Because our culture sees freedom as a license to do whatever we want, chastity seems backward and constricting. But Burgwald points out the real definition of freedom is to do what we ought, meaning not separating freedom from responsibility. The virtuous life is about striving for freedom of excellence.

"On the basketball court, LeBron James is freer than I am because he's internalized the rules of the game and he's practiced," says Burgwald. "If you practice it, you become freer, you become better at it, and it doesn't become a burden."

And so it is with chastity. Learning the rules and practicing, pursuing excellence in it, makes you freer to live an abundant life. Burgwald says even though it's hard to do in the beginning, much like learning basketball, when you live virtuously by practicing chastity, you flourish.

"It's not about repressing anything. It's about focusing and channeling that energy on my state in life," Burgwald says.

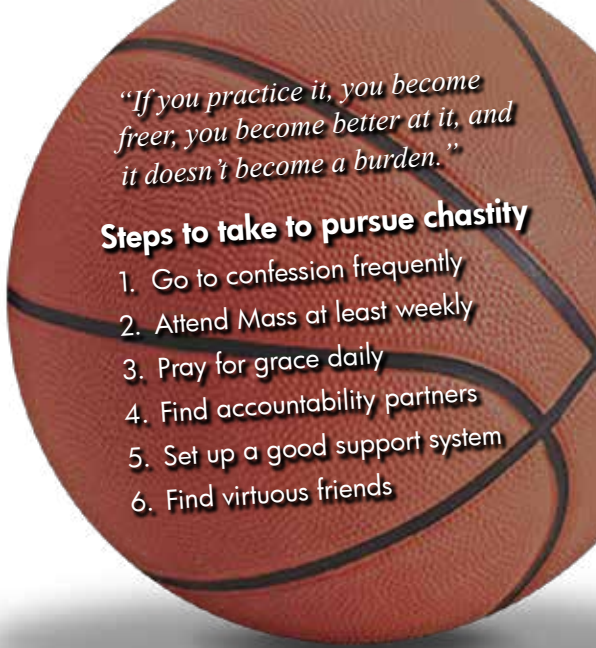
Virtues and vices, or habits, are the default settings of our soul Burgwald explains. He says by repeating good or bad actions, "it sort of makes grooves in our spirit and soul, so we're inclined to act a particular way."

If we tend toward vice, it takes a lot to overcome those habits because they become the default. To change the default, Burgwald says we need the grace of sacraments like confession and the Eucharist to reset our disposition toward the path to virtue.

Jesus said, "I came that you might have abundant life." Chastity works in all states of life to provide abundance. We just need to know how to apply it.

Dr. Chris Burgwald, director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, clarifies this definition.

"All our desires are good things. We get into trouble when we miss-prioritize them," Burgwald says. "So the person who overeats has taken the good, God-given desire to eat and over prioritized it. The person who lacks chastity has taken the good, God-given desire for sexual pleasure and over prioritized it. That's what the CCC means by integration, that we're giving it its due place."



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Steps to take to pursue chastity

1. Go to confession frequently
2. Attend Mass at least weekly
3. Pray for grace daily
4. Find accountability partners
5. Set up a good support system
6. Find virtuous friends

Teens face big obstacles

According to Emily Leedom, director of Marriage, Family and Respect Life for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, teens in our culture face a sexual onslaught that's pervasive in almost everything they do or see—movies, TV, music and social media. Sex is introduced as a normal part of even a small relationship, making chastity feel impossible to a teenager.

She tells about a time when a high school student asked an anonymous question in a group setting. "How do you invest in one relationship when on Snapchat it's just so easy to connect with so many different guys?"

Leedom told the group something a priest told her: "If I could tell parents one thing, it's to get Snapchat off your kid's phones. This is from someone who hears their confessions." The group of students sat silent. Their silence was loud and clear—they knew he was right.

"It's not a shaming of youth to say these problems exist," Leedom says. "We have so few examples of healthy, chaste relationships to look at."

She suggests the way to pursue chastity as a teen is to discover who you are. Rather than look for love in the wrong places, search for answers



Abby Schallenkamp and friends, a student at Benedictine College and Brookings native

about love and who you are in the light of the Father.

“You are not disposable,” Leedom says.

Sister Carol Jean VanDenHemel, a Benedictine at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, would agree. She teaches theology at Mount Michael Benedictine in the Omaha Archdiocese. She tells her students to see chastity as more than a list of things they cannot do. They talk instead about “how they are called to incorporate who they are, who God has called them to be, and how they share this gift (of chastity) with others in a positive way.”

In his book “If You Really Loved Me”, Jason Evert puts it this way: “The world sees chastity as death because it does not have the patience to see the life and love that spring forth from the sacrifice. It is not repression or guilt that motivates the chaste man or woman, it is the desire for real love.”

That’s what we need to show teens today. We need to be examples of chastity in every state of life.

Abby Schallenkamp, a Brookings native and student at Benedictine College, says it took time to come to a similar realization. The decision to remain chaste before marriage is a continual commitment that has grown

as she’s learned about the Church’s teaching on sexuality.

“I began to realize that I deserved to be loved, fully and truly. That if I wasn’t being chaste, I wasn’t loving the other person and they weren’t really loving me,” Abby says. “I think I decided to remain chaste because I desired to love and love well.”

As Abby begins to discover new relationships in college, she is setting expectations and boundaries to protect herself and avoid temptations. She has used confiding in good friends, confession and growing in prayer to help overcome challenges.

“When I realized that the Lord loved me, the pressure to date and the temptation to emotional unchastity became less because I wasn’t seeking so much to be loved in those other places,” she says.

Abby suggests having a good group of friends was the key for her. Things would have been more difficult for her without those good friendships. It’s all a work in progress, though. And she has some words to help other teens pursuing chastity.

“You are good. You are chosen. You are loved. He’s got a plan, and He’s going to bring you to it. You just have to be patient. Don’t grasp after things.”

Marriage benefits from the gift

For those who are married, chastity takes a different spin, but it still applies in a foundational way—it offers a way for spouses to honor the dignity of the other and the vows of the sacrament of marriage.

“Chastity in marriage is not abstinence,” Leedom says. “Chastity in marriage is using the gift of sexuality well, and really approaching the gift of sexuality for what it is—unitive and procreative.”

Burgwald agrees. He says we’re all called to properly order our desires.

“We’re all called to self-mastery. So even the married couple who’s able to exercise the sexual desire has to live chastely,” he says. “Chastity helps us to give ourselves completely to each other.”

Since chastity is the proper ordering of sexual desire for unitive and procreative purposes, it’s crucial in marriage to not give it too much priority, or too little. Living marriage in a chaste way leads couples to both of these ends rather than a place of using one another solely for personal gratification.

When Leedom met her husband, they made it clear to each other that they wanted to pursue chastity until marriage.



“From the beginning we said: this is who we are and I want to love you well and if I’m going to love you, this is what it’s going to look like,” Leedom says. “That doesn’t mean it was easy or without fail, but there was an understanding very early on that we weren’t going to cross boundaries.”

Leedom says it’s important to know that chastity encompasses everything that leads up to intercourse. But it also means intimacy starts long before things move to the bedroom. And sometimes you have to find other ways to love each other due to circumstances like pregnancy, postpartum or illness.

“It was very clear in our first year of marriage that sex isn’t a fix. It’s a gift, but it’s a gift that starts outside the bedroom. Intimacy starts the moment you wake up, the moment your husband brings you coffee in the morning, the moment the wife honors and serves her husband by making breakfast,” Leedom says. “It’s in the conversation throughout the day.”

There are several tools to help spouses build chaste marriages. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is one of the best ways to honor the dignity of your spouse according to Leedom. She says it honors the person and fertility of the spouse and reinforces that they are not something to be taken or used. But it’s not always an easy road.

“The reality is it’s a sacrifice. And because it’s a sacrifice, there’s beauty and there’s fruit,” she says. “It’s actually in the sacrifice itself that we become more of who we are, that we enter more deeply into the marital covenant that we’ve been given.”

She also recommends pursuing emotional chastity by making sure your eyes are not wandering to another and to be careful about what you watch and consume that could compromise fidelity to the marriage covenant.

Howie and Kayla Schmidt of Harrisburg have experienced the blessings of chastity in their marriage as well. They pursue chastity with communication, discipline and prayer.

“I think it’s safe to say that it has grown our relationship in ways we never expected,” Howie says. “We share the gift of chastity in our marriage by being joyful and respectful to each other in conversation and practice.”

So how can married couples use chastity to evangelize? Leedom says the best way is to respect life, to bear life.

“Have a rock, solid marriage,” she says. “Unify. Continue to be emotionally invested. Do things together. Share everything. And invite others into your life and home. If you’re striving to be saints, invite people in to see the abundant joy that pours from it.”

Ordained see fruitfulness

Priests of the Church are one of the most visible signs of chastity in the form of celibacy. But Father Jordan Samson, pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Westport and director at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Aberdeen, reminds us celibacy is not just an absence of marriage and sex. He says it has to be a positive for those considering the ordained or consecrated life.

It’s Great to be You program

Need to start the conversation in your family? This program is a way for mothers and daughters and fathers and sons to come together and learn what it means to be a daughter or son of God and to understand the gift of our bodies.

Children need a place to learn effective and healthy sexuality, but parents are terrified to talk about it and kids are so embarrassed by it that the parents don’t want to go there at all. This is an effort on behalf of the church to say “parents we see you and we know this is hard. Let us help you start the conversation.”

The program is from a medical perspective along with having an older high school student or young adult come in and share their experience of going through the changes of puberty. The medical professionals and young people help children and adolescents understand some of the hormonal changes that are happening. Children are encouraged to ask their parents questions after the program is completed if any come up. The goal is to get the child to feel comfortable and the parents to feel equipped to be able to support their child as they start going through changes.



Emily and Matt Leedom, with their two children Claire and Magdalene



“It can’t be a white-knuckled absence or add-on stipulation,” Father Samson says. “Chaste celibacy must be seen as a gift and joyfully lived as Christ lived.”

He didn’t see it that way at first. He recalled a time in seminary when he realized celibacy didn’t have to equal unfruitfulness. The beauty of celibacy had finally shown itself to him.

“It was a real joy to have this change happen in myself as I realized on a deeper level that a celibate and chaste life was meant for fruitfulness,” Father Samson says. “On a spiritual level I was still meant to be a father and have children and be fruitful. And I get to see that my life does bear fruit in the parish and on campus. I get to see how Christ is born in the lives of so many people and that there is a real, visible fruitfulness to my life.”

Consecrated religious build faithful relationships

Along with priests, those who live the consecrated religious life can influence how the world views chastity. The beauty of their sacrifice for the Lord is on display wherever they go.

Sister Carol Jean sees chastity expressed in the primary relationships within their communities as well as in the way they build faithful friendships.

“Our lived example of healthy relationships with friends, family, and those we meet in our service to God’s people encourages those who struggle. Hopefully, these public examples of our joyful, life-giving relationships can show chaste living in a positive light,” she says.

Even for Sister Carol Jean, the depth of chastity was unclear when she first entered religious life. Her thoughts were initially centered on repressing sexuality and the sacrifice of never having a husband. As a result, she



Fr. Jordan Samson, Associate Vocations Director for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Westport and director at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Aberdeen

tended to step away from deep relationships at first. Her postulate and novitiate classes quickly helped refocus her thinking.

“Those classes helped me understand a greater fullness of chastity as living an integration of my spirituality, talents, personality, and God’s call, and sharing this whole gift of life with

all God’s people,” Sister Carol Jean says.

“Our commitment to chaste living frees religious sisters and brothers to a full expression of the love of God and love of neighbor that Jesus proclaims as the Great Commandment,” she says. “We live it openly as an invitation for you to join us in doing the same in your homes and workplaces, to share this chaste love of neighbor in bringing God’s love to a world in need.”

Singles offer gifts to others

For those living the single life, whether never married, divorced or widowed, chastity should be directed toward love of neighbor, toward giving oneself to others. Most of us will be in this category at some point in our lives.

Andrew Welbig of Sioux Falls chose to pursue chastity before marriage because the Church calls us to it. He says the fear of hell is a big motivator, but it can only take you so far. For him, the chaste life was only really possible when he started doing it for the love of Christ.

“Even then it was incredibly difficult,” Welbig says. “What really helped me to succeed was knowing what kind



Sr. Carol Jean VanDenHemel, a Benedictine at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton

of gift I could give a future wife if I did hold strong to chastity. It's a hard and often long road, but give it all to Christ and do what you can. He'll do the rest and the beauty of it is so very worth it."

Welbig knows our culture has a big influence on how we act, especially when it comes to chaste living. Lustful music, movies and books for example can lead us to near occasions of sin. He refers to them as a way Satan "bread crumbs" us away from chastity. Those things should be avoided.



Andrew Welbig of Sioux Falls

"When you do stumble upon something lustful or pornographic, then pray for that person," he says. "It's amazing how much that humanizes the person and draws your heart out of lust and into love."

What does Welbig do to help on his journey? He looks to family and friends for support, visits with a spiritual director regularly, seeks out the sacraments (especially confession), and reads the Psalms.

"Read the Psalms until your heart rests on one and rejoice in the peace. Make it your battle hymn," Welbig says. "And regular confession helped me to weed out the minor sins in my life that were the true basis of my struggle for purity."

Jeannie Friske from Castlewood has pursued chastity in all phases of her life. Her unique experiences of life after a divorce and now as a widow give her a singular view of the difficulty and joy of chastity.

"I know God wants it for us because we're happier that way," Friske says. "I've learned that as I've gotten older."

She remembers the difficult single years after her divorce and says chastity in that situation can be a challenge because you're looking for verification that you're lovable. You're looking for affirmation and for someone to care about you.

"You're looking for hope in a way, for a future that doesn't hurt," she says. "It changes who you are."

That type of rejection can lead even a faithful person down a road far away from chastity. Friske says she often counsels friends who find themselves divorced to not get married right away. You can't learn who you are if you're always depending on someone else.

"That time alone is valuable time. You have to learn to love yourself, rely on God's love for you," Friske says. "And just keep barreling along. Keep praying."

When she was widowed after her happy second marriage, the experience was different. Even though chastity is a struggle all through life, it's been easier this time around.

"I don't have the desire to marry again because I don't feel like I could find a better match for me," she says. "And I don't need to be married to be happy."

Although she misses being married, she now focuses her energy on her home parish, developing a better relationship with God, and spending time with friends and family. Her most

challenging new focus is teaching CCD classes to junior high students. The topic? Theology of the Body.

"It's one of the hardest and most fulfilling things I've done since I retired," she says. "I need to have something I feel really good about. It helps me live in a more chaste way because we need to set an example for those kids."

"I've learned that we think the only way we can change the world is in big ways," Friske concluded. "Well it's not. It's in ten million small ways."

Show the world what chastity really is

Living chastely is difficult, so pray for the grace of chastity. Father Samson reminds us not to see chastity as only a "no," but to see it as "a yes to true human flourishing and right relationship with God and others."

He says we should never back down from the goodness of perfect chastity, but wants us to know that it's a process.

"It's important to have patience," Father Samson says. "God's mercy is so great."

Leedom says a lack of chastity creates wounds needing healing. Go back to the Lord and tell him you need his help and guidance.

"Chastity is not a passive standing on the sidelines. It's an active fight. It's a battle. It's a worthy thing," she says. "Really live out your sexuality the way God intended it to be, in all of its glory. Not hidden, not shamed."

That is the foundation of fruitful evangelization.

Noticing the moments that lead us to be better witnesses for Christ

Beginnings and endings can be such great moments of grace and inspiration. I've learned, and maybe you have too, that it only happens if we are open to it.

For several years now, a gentleman has been adoring in the chapel at my parish the hour after me. He generally arrives early and it took me a long time to take notice of his beginning ritual—which now has become a true moment of grace and inspiration to me.

He's a rather tall and rangy man and clearly has some issues with his joints. Nevertheless, down he goes on his knees, and then lowers his upper body almost flush with the floor. He stays there a bit, arms outstretched in front of him, hands folded in prayer.

The moment is full of his humility and reverence for his Lord and God, present in the Blessed Sacrament on display in the monstrance. Having become open to noticing it, I'm moved every time he arrives in the chapel and begins his adoration in this way.

Without a word, and surely unaware, he is evangelizing.

We all are called by virtue of our baptism to share Jesus Christ, and often we wonder how to do that. The very word "evangelization" is daunting. This gentleman's witness is proof of how easy and simple it can be.

Endings too can be powerful moments.

Here at The Bishop's Bulletin, we witnessed the graceful end of Gene Young's 19-year tenure as managing editor as he completed last month's edition and moved into retirement.

As proof day approached, Renae Kranz, the new managing editor, began her work, and Gene shared with her how he went about the building of an issue.

The truth is there are many moving parts to this work, and after 19 years, habits can become rather entrenched. But there was Gene, frequently telling Renae that he was showing her the way he had done it, but surely she would have her own way.

I watched in admiration at Gene's detailed assistance and at Renae's openness to all that he offered. It was another form of evangelization, and I hope each edition of The Bishop's Bulletin offers our readers examples of evangelization in all its many forms.

Beyond The Bishop's Bulletin, our Communications Office is privileged to experi-



Jerome Klein, Delegate for Communications and Social Ministries

ence many other beginnings and endings, as well as the graced moments in between.

For example, we regularly hear from Sunday TV Mass viewers from within our diocese and far beyond. For some in countries where Christianity is essentially forbidden, access to the TV Mass is incredibly meaningful.

For others, the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, from where the TV Mass originates, truly shines as the mother church of the diocese and becomes in essence their home parish. We all long for that connection to our Lord and each other; the TV Mass offers a community of faith for those who, for whatever reason, are unable to attend a parish.

Once again I experience moments of great grace and inspiration and from multiple directions—here are three examples related to the Sunday TV Mass; some are more obviously evangelism, some are more subtle.

The first is from Bishop Paul Swain and Father James Morgan (Cathedral rector) who most often celebrate the Mass, and who do so with great joy. Second, from those who send in notes and donations with comments about how meaningful the Mass is to them or their loved ones.

And third, the far more subtle, are the core of volunteers who attend to the recording of the Mass each week. This group rotates through a schedule where every so often they interrupt their weekend for a couple hours on Saturday afternoon to make sure people can see the TV Mass on Sunday morning.

I don't think any of them think of themselves as evangelizers, but to me, that's exactly who they are each time they volunteer to help out.

Perhaps that is the bottom line for all of us who wish to do a better job of being witnesses (evangelists!) for Christ: stay open to witnessing these small moments which are surely around us each day and let them move us. And also seek ways to offer our own simple but inspiring moments to others.

Our world sure seems to need all the grace-filled moments we can muster. If we can find ways to share Christ with others, whether we like the word evangelization or not, we are doing what Christ commanded us to do.



Gene Young works with Renae Kranz as she assumes the role of managing editor. Young retired after 19 years on the job.

Totus Tuus reaches kids at summer Bible camps across the diocese

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Totus Tuus, which means “Totally Yours,” gives young adults the experience of leading summer Bible camps and engaging parish communities through their witness throughout the diocese. They work with children and youth at parishes, teaching them about this year’s themes, the sacraments and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The Totus Tuus leaders use skits, activities and music to help their students grow in their understanding of their faith. Top right: the team in Wessington Springs leads kids in song and dance activities. Below left: three leaders put on a skit for a group of kids in Kimball to reinforce what they’re teaching. Below right: the entire Totus Tuus group trains for the work ahead.



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The Father's Beloved Conference fills women with joy

Women of all ages shared a day of inspiration and prayer during the Women's Conference in June. They were treated to keynote speeches from Jennifer Fulwiler and Barbara Heil, a special lunch, breakout sessions to learn more about their faith, and shopping throughout the day.

Mass, adoration and confession provided opportunities to deepen their relationship with the Father, to whom they offered the day.

The conference was sponsored by the Adult Discipleship and Evangelization and Marriage, Family, and Respect Life offices of the Sioux Falls Diocese.

The gathering was a joyful celebration of the gifts women bring to the Church and the world. Watch for information in the future for next year's Women's Conference.



Bishop Paul J. Swain celebrated Mass with the women attending the conference (below). Women listen intently to speakers throughout the day (above). (Photos by Kevin Fitzgibbons, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)



Two keynote speakers highlighted the day's events: Jennifer Fulwiler (top left) and Barbara Heil (above). Two women greet each other with a happy embrace (above middle). Bishop Swain offers a blessing to a baby and his mother (above top).



Bishop's Fishing Tournament

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Snagging fish and faith in support of seminarians



Bishop Swain awards one of the Knight's Challenge trophies to Gary Kafka. (Photos by Kevin Fitzgibbons, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

The 23rd annual Bishop's Fishing Tournament brought fishermen and women from all corners of the diocese to Big Stone City and Pierre in June to raise an estimated \$120,000 for seminarian education.

Coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota, 44 teams made up of 154 youth and adults fished for trophies and bragging rights. Over 200 more people joined in for Mass with Bishop Paul J. Swain, a social and banquet, and silent auctions and raffles.



Top: Collin Cronin shows off the fruits of his labors. Bottom: Derek Scheffelbein measures a fish for the competition.



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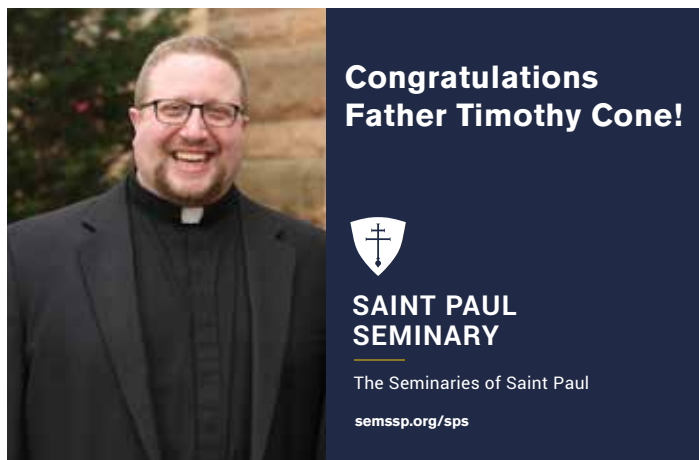
St. John the Evangelist Parish in Ft. Pierre hosted a farewell Mass and supper reception for the Benedictine Sisters from Mother of God Monastery. Benedictine sisters from Mother of God, Watertown, and Sacred Heart, Yankton, have ministered in Pierre since 1893.

The sisters sold their convent, St. Benedict House, to Avera to use with their new cancer center in tandem with the local hospice to provide a place of respite for patients and their families. The Benedictines in eastern South Dakota began their community in Pierre, providing healthcare and education ministries, then branched out to Watertown and Yankton over the years.

Sister Barb Younger, OSB, said, "These women helped shape our country with courageous leaps of faith and creative risks in the fields of healthcare and education."



Pictured top: Sisters Johanna Schumacher, Francis Schumacher, Jeremy Sitter, Eileen Brick. Pictured bottom: Sisters Ramona Fallon, Sandra Meek, Marietta Miller, Adel Sautner, and Mona Kirwan.



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Three Benedictine sisters from Mother of God Monastery, Watertown, celebrating jubilees

70th Jubilee



Sister Clarice Schmidt, OSB
Sister Clarice Schmidt, OSB, will celebrate her 70th jubilee on Aug. 4. Sister Clarice's current ministry is serving at Immaculate Conception School, Watertown, in the foster grandparent program and as a reading tutor.

60th Jubilees



Sister Rebecca Littel, OSB
Sister Rebecca Littel, OSB, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on Aug. 4. Sister Rebecca is a retired registered nurse having served in South Dakota and Guatemala in health care and health education. Later she served as a pastoral associate in Beardsley, Minnesota. She is now retired and resides at the monastery in Watertown.



Sister Marlene Minnaert, OSB
Sister Marlene Minnaert, OSB, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on Aug. 4. Sister Marlene was the Prioress of the community from 2011 to 2017, previously having served many parishes in South Dakota as an elementary school teacher and later for many years as pastoral associate at St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings. She is now retired and resides at the monastery in Watertown.

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Dominican sister celebrates jubilee

75th Jubilee



Sister Ellen Shannon, OP
Sister Ellen Shannon, OP, a member of the Sinsinawa Dominicans, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, celebrated her 75th jubilee in June. Sister Ellen's ministry has been dedicated to education and pastoral care. She ministered at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls, as a teacher from 1974-1976 and as principal from 1976-1982. Sister Ellen is living in community at the motherhouse in Sinsinawa.

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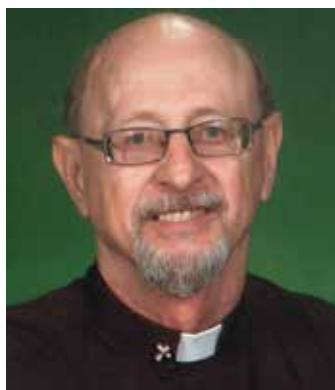
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Three deacons of the diocese celebrating anniversaries

25 Years



Deacon Mike Conrads
Deacon Mike Conrads celebrated his 25th anniversary as a deacon in June. He taught RCIA at St. Therese Parish, Sioux Falls, performed prison ministry, and also worked with a group with special needs. He and wife Sheila have been married 29 years. He retired to Leander, Texas, in 2016.



Deacon Bill Frankman
Deacon Bill Frankman celebrated his 25th anniversary as a deacon in June. He served as diocesan development director and at Holy Spirit Parish, as a parish administrator, on the marriage tribunal, and in prison ministry. He's been married more than 50 years to wife Anne and is retired.



Deacon Arvid Holsing
Deacon Arvid Holsing, from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Faulkton, celebrated his 25th anniversary in June. He performed prison ministry for 10 years. At age 90, he is still active in church and nursing home ministry.



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September 5-8 November 7-10

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Two religious sisters celebrate jubilees

75th Jubilee



Sister Lenore Steilen, OSF, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis, Wisconsin, will celebrate her 75th jubilee on July 28. She worked as an educator in schools in Wisconsin and Iowa, and as director of religious education in Granger, Iowa. She is the daughter of the late Joseph and Louisa Steilen of Farmer, South Dakota. She retired in 2000 and lives in the convent.

60th Jubilee



Sister Marita Pfau, OSF, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent, Mitchell, will celebrate her 60th jubilee on Aug. 2. Sister Marita served 23 years as an LPN and RN in Gettysburg; 12 years in Mitchell as an RN in the hospital; 14 years as a home health nurse at Dakota Physical Therapy; and is retired since 2017. She lives at the Our Lady of Guadalupe convent.

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ABERDEEN – Steve and Marilyn Kohles will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 7. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Ed and Joanne Kessler will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 5. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – LeRoy and Donna Lout will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 7. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Al and Sally Waltman will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 4. They have 10 children (1 deceased), 22 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Leonard and Cindy Suel will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 23. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



CHAMBERLAIN – Terry and Sharon Casey celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 13. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. James Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – Tony and Rose Brown will celebrate their 30th anniversary on July 22. They are members of St. Mary Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – James and Mardelle Berg celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 14. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



GROTON – Neal and Wynella Abeln will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 19. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.



HOVEN – Dave and Mary Rausch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 12. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



JEFFERSON – Jim and Judy Dailey celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 30. They have 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter's Parish.



KRANZBURG – Marvin and Carol Rinehart will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 26. They have 8 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Rosary Parish.



KRANZBURG – Steve and Debbie Vetter will celebrate their 40th anniversary July 7. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Holy Rosary Parish.



MITCHELL – Steve and Trudy Morgan celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 18. They are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



MITCHELL – Curtiss and Betty Ann Klock will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 2. They are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



MITCHELL – Paul and Betty Widman will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 30. They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



PIERRE – Dennis and Lois Ries will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 20. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of SS Peter and Paul Parish.



ROSCOE – Sebastian and Marian Scherr celebrated their 65th anniversary on June 1. They have 8 children, 26 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Thomas Apostle Parish.



SALEM – Gary and Carol Klinkhammer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 26. They have 6 children, 16 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dwight and Joyce Van Zee celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 11. They have 2 children and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

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SIOUX FALLS – Doug and Sue Brost will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 26. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tim and Brenda Welbig will celebrate their 30th anniversary on July 15. They have 1 child, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Mary Ann Egan will celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 3. They have 8 children (1 deceased), 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Nick and Marie Van Loh will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 9. They are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Carl and Kathleen Eisenberg celebrated their 35th anniversary on June 29. They have 1 child and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



TEA – Jerry and Jean Ollerich will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 2. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



WATERTOWN – George and Mick Dylla will celebrate their 65th anniversary July 17. They have 10 children, 19 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WOONSOCKET – Skip and Diane Larson celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 14. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Wilfrid Parish.

GARRETSON – Arden and Mary Ellen Sorenson will celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 17. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.

Anniversary Submissions

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Vaccines preserve 'moral health' of communities, say church experts

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) - Measles, chicken pox and other diseases are making a comeback as more parents are choosing not to vaccinate their children out of the fear of side effects, especially with regard to the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine. Skeptics are concerned it leads to sickness, autism or death. But doctors, physicians and immunologists have come forward to debunk the loud din of the anti-vaccination movement and the Catholic Church has joined them. A long supporter of vaccines, the church continues to advocate for their use. Still, the anti-vaccination movement has continued to grow, flourishing on social media, through celebrities and uncredited sources, such as online parenting blogs. All the while, religious groups, doctors and people of science are continuing their fight to inform parents who are doubtful of the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in late May that measles cases in the United States have spiked to 971 so far this year, the highest number in any single year since 1994. Albany Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger said: "We have a responsibility not only to protect our own health and that of our dependents, but also the community" through vaccinations.

Young women urged to reject ego, focus on life of integrity, honesty

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Spiritual advice was mixed with practical suggestions at the GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum held at The Catholic University of America in Washington. "To prepare yourself for motherhood, consider getting rid of your television and your smartphone," said Jeanne Schindler, an author, lecturer and former college professor at the forum's June 14 session. She said that not only does it end distractions, but it also supports the notion of a home "as a place of order and wonder." Elizabeth Kirk, director of the Institute of Faith and Culture at the University of Kansas, found herself in full agreement. "We got rid of our TV on Oct. 27, and my husband and I consider it the best decision we ever made," she told 120 attendees, most of whom were laywomen between the ages of 21 and 30. GIVEN is a year-round initiative which began in 2016 with the goal of helping young women embrace what St. John Paul II called the "feminine genius." Among its objectives are leadership training, faith formation, and the support of mentors to help young women better understand and pursue their particular mission and/or vocation.

Georgetown panel discussion examines 'a wounded church and divided nation'

WASHINGTON (CNS) - An air of resignation and frustration overtook Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life panel as it discussed the ongoing clergy sexual abuse crisis. It was, moderator John Carr observed, the seventh time the initiative had focused exclusively on it. "Lay leadership," Carr said, needs to be "building on what we do rather than what our leaders say." Looming over the event, titled "Lay Leadership for a Wounded Church and Divided Nation," were the six-year prison sentence for Australian Cardinal George Pell for being convicted of sexually assaulting two choirboys, and the recent report on financial and sexual improprieties by retired Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia. The June 14 event followed the spring meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which was almost entirely devoted to actions to address the abuse crisis by responding to the misconduct of some bishops and the failure of some bishops to properly address abuse. The bishops passed all the abuse measures before them, but none of them said these actions would hit the reset button for the church. In closing remarks, Cardinal DiNardo acknowledged that the steps they had taken were a "work in progress." "The bishops, as a body, have lost a sense of moral credibility," said panelist Kathleen Domingo, senior director of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. "The credibility of individual Catholics - I don't think that credibility has been lost. I think we have a sort of street cred."



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Sunday, August 11, 2019
12:30 pm-2:30 pm
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center - LaCroix Ballroom

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Recitation of the rosary planned in the Mother's Garden - Office of the Marian Apostolate will sponsor the recitation of the rosary in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2; Monday, July 15; and Tuesday, July 30. All are invited.

Recitation of the rosary planned Friday, July 5 - The rosary is recited for the faithful departed on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Anniversary celebration in Florence set Sunday, July 7 - Blessed Sacrament Parish in Florence will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a festival following 11 a.m. Mass. There will be a catered dinner, kids games, root beer floats, Eucharist exposition and Benediction.

Forgiveness and Mercy Healing Retreat set July 19-20 - Located at St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, participants can expect to 'Experience the healing love of God' in a retreat led by Oblate Fr. Richard McAlear beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday with an opening Mass and conference. Saturday will consist of a series of talks, reconciliation and prayer ministry concluding Saturday evening with a Mass at 7 p.m. Speakers include Fr. McAlear, Patti Lihs and Jane Barz. There is no registration fee; however, pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. Sponsored by St. Benedict Parish and Yahweh Shalom Prayer Group. For more information or to register go to www.ajoyfulshout.com or call Jane Barz at (605) 940 4101 or email at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net.

Sioux Falls parish hosting rummage sale July 19-21 - St. Lambert Parish, East 16th and Bahnson, Sioux Falls, will host its Rummage, Book and Bake Sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hours are Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch served Friday and Saturday.

KC host trap shooting tournament Sunday, July 21 - Come test your skills in a Trap Shooting Tournament hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 16802 at the Izaak Walton League in Sioux Falls. Warm up starts at 11 a.m. with registration and lunch at noon followed by a safety meeting. Shooting begins at 1:30 p.m. Price is \$100 per shooter with teams of five. Fee includes shells, targets, lunch and t-shirt. Each shooter will be entered into a drawing for a Benelli Nova Pump shotgun. Trophies awarded to top teams and individual. For more information or for an entry form, contact Lance Mattson at 605-366-4055 or mattsonsd@q.com.

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

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

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

Mother of God Monastery

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

Catholic Family Services

July 30-Sept. 3/Grieving the loss of a spouse will be offered on six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. Non-denominational and the cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Vocations office

July 28-Aug. 3/JP II Vocation Expedition returns with all things new; the expedition will be to the Rocky Mountains near Lander, WY. More information is available at www.sfvocations.com.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Contemplative Morning/ The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the July 13 session, contact S. Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

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

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

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

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