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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which includes me, ask us to raise up once again in prayerful concern the serious threats to religious liberty during a Fortnight for Freedom. The theme this year is “Witnesses to Freedom.” It begins on June 21 and concludes on the Fourth of July. We will do so at a Holy Hour on June 28 in the Cathedral at 7 p.m.

Pope Francis has noted “A Church or a Christian who does not give witness is sterile; like a dead person who thinks they are alive; like a dried up tree that produces no fruit; an empty well that offers no water! The Church has overcome evil thanks to the courageous, concrete and humble witness of her children. She has conquered evil thanks to proclaiming with conviction: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

The horror of persecution of Christians around the world is breathtaking and tear making. It has resulted in thousands of lives lost and millions displaced. Let us pray for them and support those Church agencies which seek to provide physical assistance and are witnesses of hope that comes with faith in Jesus Christ.

Here at home the persecution is more subtle but growing on many fronts. We are called to be witnesses to religious freedom in the public square including for whom we vote and standing up for our rights especially in the workplace and institutional settings.

In addressing this threat we do so not as partisans who seek political influence, nor as a special interest which seeks favors, nor as those seeking profit. We do so as disciples of Jesus Christ who seek to follow his directive to first love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, and then our neighbor as our self.

One journalist wrote that we Christians are now exiles in our own country. Even if true, we must make clear that we have not left our country and that we will stand up for our God-given rights to religious liberty and freedom of conscience.

As we do so we pray for those who reject faith and those including some government officials, corporate powers and ideological zealots who view believers as old-fashioned, as pests, and even as enemies. We pray for their conversion and changed hearts. We do so not as victims but with the hope that comes from knowing that our Lord has overcome the world; not as adversaries but as evangelists who seek to share the joy of Christ with all; not as dividers but as healers, as instruments of Christ’s invitation to fullness of life in Him.

As we face disagreements and hostility we must do so with civility, compassion, forgiveness but also with courage. We ought not forsake Christ for popularity or paper peace. Our souls and the souls of those who touch our lives and those whose lives we touch are on the line.

It is within that context we approach this continuing threat. Thus we recognize the rule of law in our country to which we owe respect; we also recognize the law of God to which we owe obedience. While respecting civil law generally we cannot disown God’s law.

What are God’s laws that we must defend and are threatened in today’s culture? They include:

1. the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and respecting all persons in the years in-between,
2. the family unit as the basis on which a stable society is grounded
3. marriage as intended by God which is the union of one man and one woman open to children
4. the responsibility to feed the hungry, comfort the sick and welcome the stranger in ways consistent with the teachings of Christ, and
5. recognizing that God is the creator and we are his creatures subject to his natural laws rejecting ideologies that center on ourselves as little gods.

The fact is that we now are surrounded by a culture that essentially rejects the presence of God and our need for God.

Pope Francis noted this trend: “When in the name of an ideology, there is an attempt to remove God from society, it ends up adoring idols, and very soon men and women lose their way, their dignity is trampled and their rights violated.”



One spiritual advisor noted that there are three pagan gods being worshipped today in our country: the god of economics, the god of politics, and the god of entertainment. Each has its narrow and self-centered agenda which it seeks to impose upon us all. The frightening reality today is that they have come together to bully and subjugate those of us who worship the true God. Thus by threats of boycotts, by ruthless imposition of government regulations and by the media saturation with sordid and unseemly images, they seek to drown religious freedom.

What is on the horizon that may restrict our religious liberty and freedom of conscience? That threat includes the use of government regulations to force individual believers and Catholic institutions to violate moral truth such as the mandate to provide drugs that cause abortions. They include the use of government to force employing in Catholic schools and other institutions those who reject in word or action Christ's teaching.

They include efforts to punish faith-affirming speech as harassment or discriminatory or bigoted hate speech. They include efforts to restrict or withhold accreditation and licenses unless our beliefs are compromised. They include prohibiting government grants and contracts and tax-exemptions in order to limit our outreach ministries by which we live our baptismal call to serve all, Catholics and not.

They include using law suits as time-devouring weapons or to bully settlements that weaken financial support for Church ministries. They include intimidating small

business owners to violate their consciences or face going out-of-business. The list could go on.

We clergy, consecrated and lay, must recommit to defending the free exercise of religion and of speech from hostile judges, government regulators, legislative bodies at all levels, corporate boards and media moguls. In that ministry we will be good citizens and persons of charity, but with the motto ever in our hearts, as St. Thomas More, another witness and martyr for the faith, put it, "I am the King's good servant but God's first."

We also do so with hope. Pope Francis has noted: "Everything passes, only God remains. Indeed, kingdoms, peoples, cultures, nations, ideologies, powers have passed, but the Church, founded on Christ, notwithstanding the many storms and our many sins, remains ever faithful to the deposit of faith shown in service; for the Church does not belong to popes, bishops, priests, nor the lay faithful; the Church in every moment belongs solely to Christ. Only the one who lives in Christ promotes and defends the Church by holiness of life . . ."

May we each day live with fidelity and integrity defending the Church by word and deed. May we daily seek to grow in holiness by being Witnesses to Freedom as faithful and hopeful disciples of Christ.

May Our Lady watch over and Saint Joseph protect you and our country.

SCHEDULE

June		
4	10:00	Totus Tuus Commissioning Mass, Sacred Heart Chapel, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
	7:00	Confirmation, Sacred Heart Parish, Eden
5	12:30	Confirmation, Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown
	3:00	Confirmation, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Watertown
6		20th Annual Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament, Lakeside Park, Big Stone City
	3:30	Holy Mass, Lakeside Park, Big Stone City
9	11:00	Presbyteral Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
11	8:15	Young Leaders Institute, Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish Hall, Sioux Falls
	4:00	Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
13		20th Annual Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament, West Whitlock, Lake Oahe
	3:30	Holy Mass, West Whitlock Resort, Lake Oahe
15	10:30	D-Camp-High School, Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene
18	8:30	Rite of Candidacy, Anthony Klein and Scott Miller, St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls
	4:00	Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
20	10:00	The Shepherd's Voice, Live Radio Call-In, Lamb Catholic Radio Studios, Sioux Falls
21	Noon	Pray at Planned Parenthood, Sioux Falls
23	Noon	Diocesan Investment Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
25	4:00	Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
28	7:00	Fortnight for Freedom, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

Litany for Liberty

Christ the Lord has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Let us turn to him in humble but fervent petition, seeking the grace to root out from our hearts all trace of darkness, and all that holds us back from walking in the full freedom of the children of God. As Christ is our great model for that inner freedom, which enables us to do the right, let us turn to him with confidence that we, too, may follow him to the fullness of spiritual freedom.

V/. Lord, have mercy;	R/. Lord, have mercy.	V/.	R/.
V/. Christ, have mercy;	R/. Christ, have mercy.	For the freedom to care for the suffering...	Give us your grace.
V/. Lord, have mercy;	R/. Lord, have mercy.	For the freedom to comfort the sick...	Give us your grace.
V/.	R/.	For the freedom to feed the hungry...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, victor over sin and death...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to shelter the homeless...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, source of light and hope...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to proclaim the Gospel...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, fullness of truth and mystery...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to walk in chastity...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, teacher of seeking hearts...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to live in peace...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, healer of body and soul...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to work in good conscience...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, bringer of mercy and justice...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to stand in solidarity...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, who humble the heart and mind...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to seek justice...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, release of captives...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to reject sin...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, voice against violence...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to reject coercion...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, courage for the lowly/down-trodden...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to reject falsehood...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, origin of all authority and power...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to reject evil temptations...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, true lawgiver...	Free our hearts.	For the freedom to reject injustice...	Give us your grace.
Jesus, unity of order and passion...	Free our hearts.		
Jesus, freedom of the Spirit...	Free our hearts.	O God, who gave one origin to all peoples and willed to gather from them one family for yourself, fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love and kindle in them a desire for the just advancement of their neighbor, that, through the good things which you richly bestow upon all, each human person may be brought to perfection, every division may be removed, and equity and justice may be established in human society. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.	
Jesus, obedient Son of the Father...	Free our hearts.		
For the freedom to love...	Give us your grace.		
For the freedom to believe...	Give us your grace.		
For the freedom to hope...	Give us your grace.		
For the freedom to worship...	Give us your grace.		
For the freedom to serve in charity...	Give us your grace.		



A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to drive to Eden, SD. I am preparing a couple for marriage, and the groom to be works on a family farm there and at the local grain elevator, so in the springtime, his availability to meet and discuss marital issues is rather limited.

So I thought it would be fun to go and see them in Eden rather than expecting them to drive to see me.

It was a beautiful day as I drove east and then north of Aberdeen and I had forgotten for a moment how lovely the world can be in springtime, when you are off the interstates and highways and smelling the slowly warming soil being prepared to receive the seeds of spring.

I got to Eden a little early and so I had a chance to visit with the groom for a bit, get a tour of the grain elevator and the family farm. I walked into the elevator and the smell of it struck me, and I closed my eyes and just breathed in the agricultural scent.

It took me back to outside of White Lake and my grandparent's farm and their dusty barn. The smell was the same, and it was wonderful. I realized how long it had been since I enjoyed that smell and how I had been a bit too long confined to classrooms and sanctuaries and my rather sterile office.

I had lost the scent of the farm work around me.

Then we went off the family farm and I ran my hand over the sleeping farm dog in the front yard, and I asked about the ticks in the trees on the edge of the yard, and when I was told they were abundant, I took my hand off the dog.

I wanted to get back to the land, but not that badly.

After a nice visit with the family, we went to the Eden Café for their famous, and very popular Wing

Night, and got some wings to go; actually, a huge amount of wings. When the bride showed up, we feasted on sweet, savory and spicy wings before sitting down for the work at hand.

I had a wonderful meeting with a wonderful couple, so full of love and thoughtful towards each other. It was a blessing for me to be with them, as it often is, to just bask for a bit in the love that binds them and brings them life.

As I was driving home after a fantastic afternoon and evening, I watched the sun setting with color and power over the fields of northeast South Dakota, enjoying the view and the classic rock songs pouring out of my radio.

I could not help but see the beauty of the love I had been blessed to witness and celebrate mirrored in the beauty of the creation around me on this journey. As Pope Francis wrote: "Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamble...If two persons are truly in love, they naturally show this to others" (The Joy of Love, 132).

It occurred to me as I drove that the love this young and holy couple share and celebrate is born of the powerful beauty of the creation around me; but the love they share and celebrate also sustains that creation.

There is a graced glory in the interconnectedness of our lives which the Sacramental life of the Church proclaims and celebrates; this is not mere idealism, but truth that our prayers and rituals proclaim. This truth does not mean that love is not difficult, or that there are not struggles and problems with which to contend. It does mean there is a beauty and power that underlies and sustains it.

The springtime land around me, bursting with new life, proclaimed it. The beauty of the couple I had worked with proclaimed it. To be honest, even the Journey song I was listening to proclaimed it.

It is ours, it is a gift; it is beautiful.

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Officials

The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop of Sioux Falls, effective July 6 has accepted requests to retire from assigned ministry from the following:

Reverend David M. Axtmann

Reverend Rodney L. Farke

Reverend Robert B. Vinslauski

and has decreed the following priest assignment-changes to take effect July 6:

Reverend Terence R. Anderson, from Pastor, Holy Trinity, Huron to Pastor, St. Thomas More, Brookings

Reverend John J. Helmueller, from Pastor, St. John the Baptist, Wagner and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dante to Pastor, St. Mary, Clear Lake, St. Peter, Gary, and St. Francis de Sales, Estelline

Reverend Melvin T. Kuhn, from Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen to Pastor, Christ the King, Webster and Immaculate Conception, Waubay

Reverend Michael R. Schneider, from Pastor, Holy Spirit, Mitchell to Pastor, Holy Trinity, Huron

Reverend John W. Short, from Pastor, St. Michael, Clark, Blessed Sacrament, Florence, and St. Henry, Henry to Pastor, Holy Spirit, Mitchell

Reverend Daniel H. Smith, from Pastor, Sacred Heart, Eden, and St. Joseph, Grenville to Pastor, St. Michael, Clark, Blessed Sacrament, Florence, and St. Henry, Henry

Reverend Robert D. Wullweber, from Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart, Yankton to Pastor St. John the Baptist, Wagner and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dante

and in anticipation of his ordination to the priesthood,

Reverend Barry Reuwsaat to Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen

Additional priest assignment changes will be published once decreed.

Having received just cause for incardination, Bishop Swain has issued decrees of incardination for the following clerics:

Reverend D'Cruz Nicholas
Deacon Dennis Davis

Finally, His Excellency has assigned

Deacon Pat Derrington, a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Superior and with the consent of his bishop, to offer diaconal ministry at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor



NICK PAVEL

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MINISTRY BY AND FOR THE DISABLED

Nick Pavel started playing piano at age four and began accompanying for Mass at St. John the Baptist Parish, Lesterville as a freshman in high school.

Vicki Kerkvliet began playing flute at age 10, joined the choir in high school and has been part of parish choirs ever since.

That Pavel is blind and Kerkvliet is in a wheelchair are incidental to the ministries they regularly provide to their parishes. They are like anyone else who uses their God-given talents and gifts each week in parishes around the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

“I guess the best thing that I can say at this point is to never give up no matter what,” said Pavel, who now lives in Sioux Falls and sings and plays organ at St. Michael Parish. “We all have some difficulties, but it’s important to stay positive and know everything is going to work out,” he said.

Kerkvliet, now ministering with her flute at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls said “I believe I’m doing God’s will by sharing my gifts with others ... I truly believe God wants us to share the gifts we’ve been given to enhance the life of our parishes and make them an inclusive place for all.”

Darcy Rokusek has been interpreting the Mass for almost 20 years. “Honestly I’ve always felt like this ministry was a calling,” she said.

“God gave me the ability to learn American Sign Language (ASL) and by His Grace He is using me as an interpreter. It is a humbling experience to be given the honor to walk with our Deaf members on their journey of faith,” said Rokusek, who regularly interprets at St. Lambert, Sioux Falls where many in the Deaf community gather each week

Mary Carrell is a wife and mother of three. Beyond her regular job, she plays piano and cantors and has been involved in several music groups at Christ the King, Sioux Falls. She served as a Sunday TV Mass cantor for several years. She is also blind.

"I think it is always good to get the message out about people with disabilities," Carrell said. "More importantly, we aren't that much different than anyone else. I have always hoped by working in the Church, it would give others the encouragement to offer their time and talents as well."

Patty Fuegan has been a religious education teacher for more than 30 years and since 2010 has been the director of religious education at St. Bernard Parish, Redfield. She also has been a paraplegic since a car accident in 1974 and has endured multiple surgeries through the years.

"Where ever you are (school, hospital, work, family life) know that our Lord has you right where he wants you and you are there for a purpose to grow in His love and to bring forth His glory," Fuegan said.

Whether serving those with a disability or being disabled and providing a ministry, the goal is the same, to enrich and deepen the faith of each person.

"When I first started to interpret the Holy Mass I quickly realized I needed to deepen my understanding of our faith and His word in order to convey His message as faithfully as I could," Rokusek said.

"The more I studied God's word the hungrier I became. The more time I spent reflecting on scripture the deeper my faith became and my relationship with Him grew. It is my hope that my reverence for Him and His Holy Mass is made manifest when I interpret and in my life," she said.

"God calls all of us to service," Carrell said. "The fact that I can do something worthwhile that helps others is so uplifting for me."

"I know that I couldn't make it without my belief in God and what Jesus did for me on the cross. If I can help others to find hope, comfort, and consolation which I have received throughout my life, I could ask for nothing more," she said.

Perhaps the worst and best moment of Fuegan's life is the same. She grew up in a Catholic family, members of St. Thomas the Apostle, Roscoe, but "As a senior in high school however, I had lost sight of His love over an envious jealous rage," Fuegan said. She describes the rage as the cause of the accident during which she was thrown from the car.

But it led to an overwhelming experience of God's love, which some 40 years later is still vivid.

MARY CARRELL



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“My back was broken upon impact and as a result I am a T6 Paraplegic. At that moment, I was no longer dwelling on my anger and the Lord was able to engulf me in His love,” Fuegan said.

“There are no words within the English language to describe the truly awesomeness of His love. I felt like I was dwelling in his love for hours but in reality it was only a small amount of time for my accident was witnessed by another man who had just passed me and came to my assistance,” she said.

“My envy and anger had been replaced with a burning desire to continue to grow and learn about a true relationship with our Lord and to share the Love of our Lord with all God’s people,” Fuegan said.

That desire, resourcefulness and tenacity are helpful traits for overcoming what might appear to an outsider to be an overwhelming obstacle.

“When I play the organ and piano, I play by ear,” Pavel said. “When I was taking piano lessons in high school, music was taken to my teacher to record on a tape. Then I was able to listen to the music and do the best I could to memorize the songs. Kind of the same situation for when I would sing, I would either listen to the song and try to memorize it, or I would have the lyrics brailled out so I could read them, and listen to the song to memorize the melody.”



PATTY FUEGAN

“So I’m not sure if I would call it an obstacle or not, but it is just making everything work out so I can continue performing the ministry and doing what I really love to do,” said Pavel.

Carrell grew up in Ethan and after high school earned her degree in music education at South Dakota State University. She took a job as a rehabilitation teacher helping the newly blind, married her husband Ted and moved into the Christ the King neighborhood.

“It took about two years before I was brave enough to try music ministry there,” Carrell said. Msgr. Richard Mahowald, pastor at the time, hired her to lead the contemporary choir.

“My first thought was that hey, I have all the skills to do this type of job so I just did it. It seemed to always just be

in the back of my mind that I wasn’t using my music. It was truly a leap of faith for me,” she said.

“I found out pretty quickly that it was going to take everything I had to give to do this work because I had to memorize both the vocal parts and the piano music, which was going to be a bit of a challenge,” Carrell said.

The solution, she decided quickly, was to find an accompanist. “I found a young man from O’Gorman High School who was absolutely amazing at the piano. He played the music for me so I could teach it to the choir. He was truly sent by the Father,” she said.



VICKI KERKVLiet

Kerkvliet's resume includes five years in diocesan ministry, including working with the disabled.

"The obstacles I have faced have mainly been architectural," she said. "I've encountered choir lofts with steps so I had to be lifted up and down. The sanctuaries haven't always been accessible when I lector so I had to read in front of the altar."

"When I worked in disability ministry, I know people with disabilities often faced attitudinal barriers," Kerkvliet said.

"Some individuals focus on the disability rather than the ability a person possesses. Sometimes parishioners forget to ask people with disabilities if they want to become involved in parish ministry. Others have told me, and I've experienced this myself, that when it is time for the sign of peace at Mass, no one offers their hand to us."

The solution to that, Kerkvliet said, is common kindness.



"Every person has God-given gifts and abilities. We need to encourage everyone to share their gifts in our parishes. Reach out and ask others if they want to be involved. Often times an invitation is all a person needs!"

Scattered throughout the Catechism of the Catholic Church are references to the dignity of the human person. "Respect for the human person entails respect for the rights that flow from his dignity as a creator." CC1930

And that dignity is due the person regardless of physical or other differences.

"On coming unto the world, man is not equipped with everything he needs for developing his bodily and spiritual life. He needs others. Differences appear tied to age, physical abilities, intellectual or moral aptitudes, the benefits derived from social commerce and distribution of wealth ... these differences belong to God's plan, who wills that each receive what he needs from others, and that those endowed with particular 'talents' share the benefits with those who need them." CC 1936 and 1937.

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Rokusek encourages people to take a look at the whole of a person.

“I think we can encourage involvement when we start viewing people for the person they are and not the person we think they are,” she said.

“That means when you view someone with or without a disability as different you put a limitation on them. If you give every person, no matter what their possibilities, a chance to grow in the life of the church you will see a ripple effect in everyone around you. God does great things through every willing heart no matter the package they come in,” said Rokusek.

Fuegan views her wheelchair less as an obstacle and rather that it is about “...not being “tall” enough; stairs of course; and in getting down or putting away heavy boxes. I have learned that these “obstacles” are in fact ways to allow others to receive a blessing. I ask to borrow someone else’s “height” a lot,” she said.

“I have learned the virtue of humility and to humble myself in asking for assistance. The Station of the Cross where Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus

to carry the cross has been a great learning tool on humility for me,” Fuegan said.

She credits the prayers and support of her family for helping her complete college. Along the way she married husband Pat and they had two sons. She worked as diet technician until needing several surgeries and was no longer able to do that work. Through her long recovery time she deepened her faith, crediting hours of EWTN as a significant help. When she returned to work it was part time at Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen, and eventually to the current work at St. Bernard Parish.

“That there is always more to learn and encounter within the love relationship of God. I am always amazed when I recognize another answer to prayer and I find pleasure in watching the growth of knowing about and of God’s love in the children and

DARCY ROKUSEK

adults that come forth for Religious Education,” she said.

“We are only upon this earth for a moment of eternity. I can take this wheelchair for a moment for God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven,” Fuegan said.

Pavel comes back to the need to trust, even when it is hard to do so.

“I’ve been in many situations and I’m currently in one where the job market has been very difficult, I get interviews, but no job has come up lately,” he said. “But I know things are going to work out and all is going to be fine.

“I guess one more thing I can say which I’ve said before, don’t be afraid and share any gifts or talents that you have. It doesn’t matter if you are blind or have a disability or not, we all have gifts to share, and we should never be afraid to share them.”



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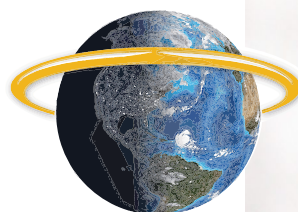
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For many years adults have been finding ways to help themselves through moments of grief and loss with the assistance of the programs and counseling of Catholic Family Services.

But what about children for whom a loss can be devastating?

Catholic Family Services recently completed a grief group for children ages 6 to 11 called "Seeing through the Rain". The group blends discussion, music, activities, movement, and art to explore grief and to help identify and share feelings.

Each child created a memory box on the first night of group and then added to their special box each session. The topics covered included: you are not alone, feelings (including questions about death) and safe ways to cope with BIG feelings, changes/changes, memories and honoring, and celebrating each child who attended group.

On the last night of group each child wrote a note and tied the message to a balloon before we had a balloon release. Together they made "tear soup" (aka trail mix!) as they listened to the story Tear Soup. They lit candles in memory of their loved one and each received supportive messages from one another.

Many children did not want the group to end and many asked if they could come to the next one! They created a poster which summed up their feelings about the group. They titled it "We are not ALONE".

When asked what their favorite part of group was and what they would want other children to know about group, they had MUCH to share.

Many said initially they were scared and nervous to come to the first group but now they made friends and wished group didn't end. Their favorite activities ranged from balloon stomp, memory bracelets, the human knot game, feelings scavenger hunt, inside/outside feeling game, the stories, the snacks, the prayer stones and painting.

One child said it was nice to be with new friends who understood each other's sadness; another child said it was the first time he shared his real feelings about the death of his sibling, and another said he liked group because everyone got along and was kind to each other (he also liked the quiet/reflective moments). EACH child had a special place in mind at their home for their memory box.

What did parents think about this? Here is a response that illustrates the common feeling:

"Bringing Kayleen into this grief counseling group has made her understand more about where her dad is. It has been hard for me as a parent to explain to her where he is and why he isn't coming back. This journey that we are taking as a family has not been easy but I think we're on the right path thanks to Catholic Family Services!"

And another:

"The children's grief program helped my children feel safe in experiencing their grief and it was interactive enough to hold their attention. It helped give my children words for their feelings and validated their experience with loss. It was broad enough to cover the many aspects of grief and yet individualized enough to address the different grief stages they were experiencing at that time. I am so thankful for this program!"

-Ellie, children's ages are 11, 9 and 6

Children grieve but they often grieve differently from adults. Their questions and concerns are different. They understand and process their grief very differently depending on their developmental age.

It is Catholic Family Services' commitment to honor children during their grief journey by providing individual and family therapy as well as groups and retreats specifically designed to meet their needs. CFS will also meet with classmates and teachers if there is a death in their school.

Please see the accompanying list of upcoming grief and loss programs, as well as the other programs offered through Catholic Family Services.

For information about any CFS program or to learn about how to seek help check online at sfcatholic.org/cfs or call 605-988-3775.



Mary Weber, LPC, LMFT
CFS Counselor and leader of
the Children's Grief program

One Day Youth Grief Retreat

June 4: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The retreat is designed for those ages 11-16 who have experienced the death of a loved one. There will be pizza, activities, discussion, and projects.

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide Program

New 6 week program in Vermillion
Begins June 6 at USD Newman Center
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New 6 week program in Sioux Falls
Begins June 15 at St. Mary School,
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The people of the diocese will be asked to come together at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls, June 28 at 7 p.m. to participate in this year's Fortnight for Freedom activity seeking to insure religious liberty.

Bishop Paul J. Swain will preside at the event as he did last year (pictured above) and during Exposition will lead those in attendance in the praying of the rosary followed by Benediction.

The Fifth Fortnight for Freedom, as established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be observed June 21, the vigil of the feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More to July 4, Independence Day.

The Fortnight for Freedom theme this year is "Witnesses to Freedom".
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in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
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give us courage in making our voices heard
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Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and
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so that, with every trial withstood
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for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
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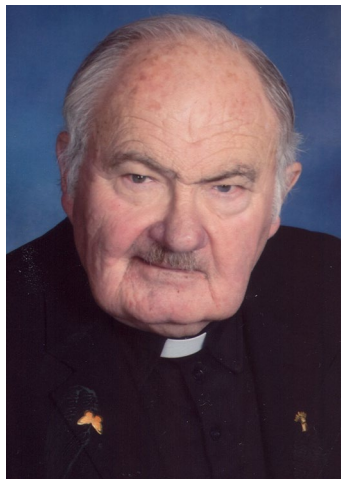
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Local CHURCH

DIOCESAN PRIESTS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS YEAR

50 Years



Rev. William Osborn

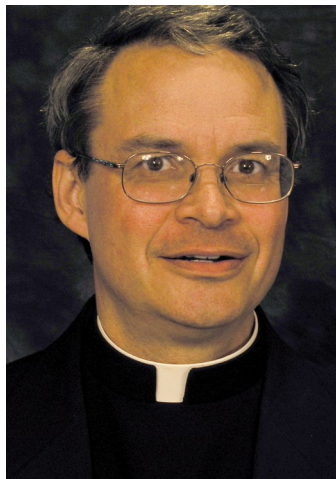
Father William Osborn is a native of Miller. He was ordained March 6, 1966 by Bishop Lambert Hoch at St. Joseph Cathedral. Father Osborn is retired and resides at St. Peter Parish, Colman.

25 Years



Rev. John Rader

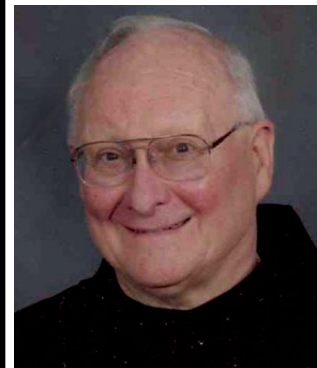
Father John Rader is a native of Webster. He was ordained May 31, 1991 by Bishop Paul Dudley at St. Joseph Cathedral. Father Rader is pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Parkston and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Dimock.



Rev. Jerome Ranek

Father Jerome Ranek is a native of Sioux Falls. He was ordained Dec. 30, 1991 by Bishop Paul Dudley at St. Joseph Cathedral. Father Ranek is pastor of St. Peter Parish and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Sisseton and St. John parish, Rosholt.

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Father John McMullen, OSB, is a native of Washington, IN. He entered St. Meinrad Minor Seminary in Sept. 1955. He entered Blue Cloud Abbey Aug. 1, 1960; made 1st vows, Aug. 15, 1961 and final vows, Aug. 15, 1964. He was ordained at St. Joseph Cathedral May 29, 1966. Father McMullen currently resides and ministers at St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana.

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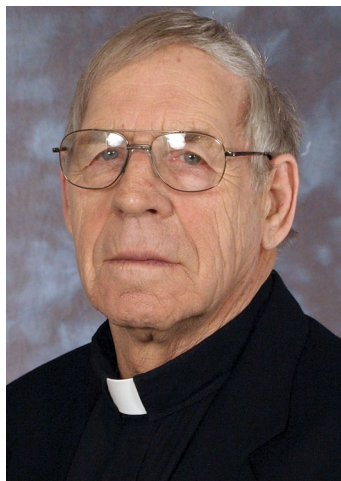


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Deacon Ed Gruhot

Deacon Ed Gruhot is a native of Ghent, MN. He was ordained Jan. 26, 1991, by Bishop Paul Dudley at St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Gruhot is retired from assigned ministry and on senior status. He and his wife, Marjo, reside in Lake Benton, MN.



Deacon Harold Pardew

Deacon Harold Pardew is a native of Bel Air, MD. He was ordained Jan. 26, 1991, by Bishop Paul Dudley at St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Pardew is retired from assigned ministry and on senior status. Deacon Pardew and his wife, Mary, reside in Sioux Falls.



Deacon Thomas Vogel

Deacon Thomas Vogel is a native of Montrose. He was ordained Jan. 26, 1991, by Bishop Paul Dudley at St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Vogel is retired from assigned ministry and on senior status. Deacon Vogel and his wife, Ione, reside in Vermillion.



Deacon Barry Wagner

Deacon Barry Wagner is a native of Parkston. He was ordained Jan. 26, 1991, by Bishop Paul Dudley at St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Wagner serves at Sacred Heart Parish and Avera St. Benedict, Parkston. Deacon Wagner and his wife, Doris, reside in Parkston.

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70th Jubilee



Sister Madonna Schmitt, OSB, grew up near Epiphany. After entering Sacred Heart Monastery in 1942, she ministered in schools as an instructor in liturgy and music. She was Postulant Directress at the monastery for six years and served in pastoral care before retiring. Sister Madonna now volunteers at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Mount Marty College, Yankton. She is also an avid gardener.

60th Jubilees



Sister Louise Marie Goetert, OSB, was raised on the family farm near Freeman. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery Aug. 20, 1954. Sister Louise Marie had a passion for teaching children for 38 years serving in South Dakota, Colorado and Nebraska. She then became director of religious Education for St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, for 16 years. Sister has retired now to the monastery and serves in several ministries.



Sister Bernadette McGowan, OSB, was raised on the family farm near Laurel, NE. In 1954, she entered Sacred Heart Convent. Her ministries included teaching all grades from kindergarten through college math. In retirement Sister Bernadette quilts, sews (for others and herself), takes her turn preparing Saturday suppers, prepares vegetables, serves community meals, and spends hours volunteering in the Yankton community.



Sister Matthew Wehri, OSB, was born in Hebron, ND. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery 1954 and took English and religion courses at Mount Marty College. Sister Matthew's ministries have included the college's numerous flower beds, the garden, kitchen, vestment department, and serving as Eucharistic Minister. Sister Matthew presently assists at Mount Marty College recycling and serves for the St. Joseph Care Center.

50th Jubilees



Sister Kathryn Easley, OSB, grew up in Lincoln, NE. After entering Sacred Heart Monastery in 1964, she ministered her entire religious life in Catholic education. Sister Kathryn also served as prioress of the monastery. For the past 18 years, she has ministered at O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls. In all, she spent thirty years in the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

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50th Jubilees (continued)



Sister Jennifer Kehrwald, OSB, grew up in Yankton. After final profession, she taught at O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls. After receiving a Masters in Religious Studies, Sister Jennifer taught at the college level and served various health systems in Minnesota, Ohio, North Dakota and South Dakota. She also served as Prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery. Most recently she was Canonical Administrator with the Benedictine Sisters in Crookston, MN.



Sister Marietta Kerkvliet, OSB, grew up in Salem. She attended St. Mary Grade and High School, and graduated from Mount Marty College in Yankton. Sister Marietta's ministries have included teaching grade school and being a religious education director. She has been Vocation director, Liturgical director, and assistant in formation at Sacred Heart Monastery.



Sister Joyce Streff, OSB, grew up on the family farm near Salem. Sister Joyce has ministered mainly in health care for 40 years as an occupational therapist and a hospital chaplain. She has ministered in Ohio, Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota. She presently works as a Board Certified Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, NE.



Sister Margo Tschetter, OSB, was born in Yankton. She grew up in Hoven, Tabor, and Yankton. She joined Sacred Heart Monastery in 1964 and taught in Lincoln, NE, Sioux Falls and Yankton. Since retiring, she has been helping with the St. Joseph Care Center Sisters, tutoring people from the Yankton Abilities Building Center in Yankton, and teaching EARTH class (Ecumenical Religious Training for the Handicapped program).

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Local CHURCH

TWO DIOCESAN NATIVES CELEBRATE JUBILEES

70th Jubilee



Sister Julianne Josten, OP, calls the Cathedral of Saint Joseph her home parish. Sister Julianne's ministry has been dedicated to teaching. Sister Julianne is retired and living in community at the Motherhouse in Sinsinawa, WI.

50th Jubilee



Sister Sarah Naughton, OP, will celebrate her 50th jubilee in July. Sister Sarah's home parish is the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls. Sister Sarah's ministry has been dedicated to education. She serves as archivist at Edgewood College, Madison, WI.

75th Jubilee



Sister Rosalie Sitzmann, OSB, was born in Kingsley, IA and entered Sacred Heart Convent in 1939. She became a founding member of Mother of God Monastery in 1961 and was elected Prioress in 1962. For over 35 years, S. Rosalie worked in the field of nursing, much of the time in teaching and administration. In the 1980's, she served in the area of pastoral care. Currently, she resides at Sacred Heart Monastery Care Center.

70th Jubilee



Sister Marmion Maiers, OSB, was born on a family farm near Ipswich. She attended Mount Marty College and earned her M.A. at the University of South Dakota. She entered Sacred Heart Convent on June 24, 1946 and became a founding member of Mother of God Monastery in 1961. Ministry in education and faith formation have been extremely fulfilling to Sister Marmion. Presently she resides at the monastery, living the monastic life.

60th Jubilee



Sister Amanda Wolf, OSB, (Clara) was born on a farm near Zeeland, ND. Sister Amanda made her monastic profession June 29, 1956 at Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton. When Mother of God Monastery was founded in 1961, Sister Amanda transferred her vows to the new community. Her journey of ministries included teaching, financial management and working with the marginalized and homeless. Currently she serves as a minister of hospitality.



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ABERDEEN – Kendall and Janet Hoellein will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 22. They have 3 children and are members of St. Mary Parish.



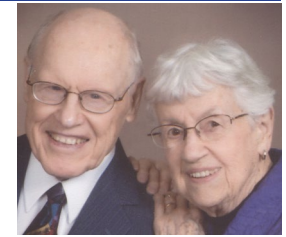
ABERDEEN – Russ and Marilyn Stone will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 8. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ALEXANDRIA – Bill and Connie Bennett will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 4. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary of Mercy Parish.



BERESFORD – Royal and Kay Zweifel will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 12. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



BROOKINGS – Louis and Mary Ann Skubic will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 1. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



CHAMBERLAIN – Bob and Julie Gregg will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 7. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and are members of St. James Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – Jim and Connie Geraets will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 25. They have 8 children, 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – Tom and Kaye Reedy will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 4. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



DIMOCK – Wilfred and Mary Jo Zwinger will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 11. They have 2 children and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



EMERY – Loren and Amy Huber will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 19. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren and are members of St. Martin Parish.



FAULKTON – Richard and Kathy Schulte will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 11. They have 10 children, 30 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Parish.



FAULKTON – Tom and Linda Bartholomew will celebrate their 55th anniversary on June 26. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Parish.



FAULKTON – Kenny and Lorraine Huss celebrated their 60th anniversary on May 28. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 10 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Parish.



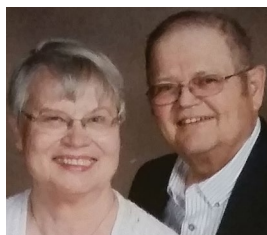
FLANDREAU – Duane and Rita Greenhoff will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 11. They have 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Ss. Simon and Jude Parish.



FLANDREAU – Leslie and Libby Heinemann will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 5. They have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Simon and Jude Parish.



GETTYSBURG – Francis and Theresa Kirby will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 25. They have 6 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



HIGHMORE – Doug and Connie Hageman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 11. They have 6 children, 17 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Mary Parish.



HIGHMORE – Dennis and Marlene Marso will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 30. They have 4 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



HOWARD – Leo and Yvonne Poncelet will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 6. They have 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Agatha Parish.



IPSWICH – Jerome and Lydia Schumacher will celebrate their 45th anniversary on June 26. They have 6 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of Holy Cross Parish.

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Committed in CHRIST



MITCHELL – Jim and Adeline Oberembt will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 12. They have 11 children (1 deceased), 27 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Doug and Mary Timmer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 18. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Robert and Joanne Nelson will celebrate their 55th anniversary on June 10. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren (1 deceased), 7 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Jim and Natalie Misiaszek will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 8. They have 4 children and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Art and Helen Pollreis celebrated their 69th anniversary on May 7. They have 8 children (1 deceased), 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Thomas and Alice Lichter will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 26. They have 11 children, 30 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



MITCHELL – Dean and Jackie Müller are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 28. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Denny and Janice Welch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 11. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



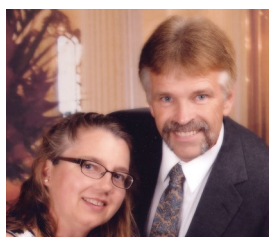
MOBRIDGE – Don and Margaret Knodel will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 10. They have 6 children, 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



MOBRIDGE – Dick and Loretta Leonard will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 11. They have 8 children (1 deceased), 24 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



MONTROSE – Doug and Rose Marie Hooten will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 29. They have 7 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Patrick Parish.



PIERRE – Dave and Mary Voeltz will celebrate their 35th anniversary on June 20. They have 2 children and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



PLANKINTON – Vince and Shirley Assmus will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 11. They are members of St. John Parish.



PLANKINTON – Dale and Lenora Hoffman will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 28. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. John Parish.



REDFIELD – Rich and Mary Ellen Rische will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 5. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



ROSCOE – Bruce and Janet Fuhrmann will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 8. They have 5 children and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



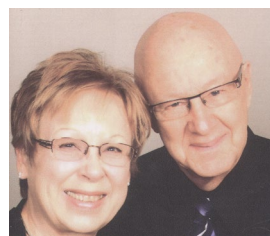
SALEM – Robert and Jean Schnider will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 15. They have 5 children, 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Mary Glenski will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 9. They have 9 children, 23 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



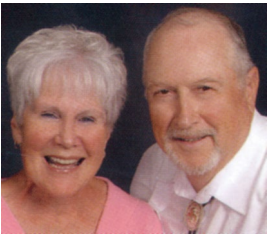
SIOUX FALLS – Dennis and Carol Dingman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 25. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ted and Pat Feller will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 11. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.

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Committed in CHRIST



SIOUX FALLS - Gene and Shirlee Vognild will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 20. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS - Richard and Judy Miller will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 11. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



TABOR - Laddie and Janice Rous will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 2. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



WATERTOWN - Lien and Bettie Marso will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 12. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WHITE LAKE - David and Lisa Reuland will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 7. They have 3 children and are members of St. Peter Parish.



WHITE LAKE - Martin and Jody Hauge will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 21. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Peter Parish.



WOONSOCKET - Larry and Ruth Ann Olinger will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 11. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Wilfrid Parish.



YANKTON - Larry and Kathy Miller will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.



YANKTON - Robert and Mary Jo Bruening will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.



YANKTON - Bill and Shirley Jennewein will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4. They have 5 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

Sister Virginia Kopp

Sister Virginia Kopp, OSB, died April 26.

She was 101.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 3 in the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in the Sacred Heart Monastery cemetery.

Eugenia Olivia Kopp was born July 9, 1914, the third of thirteen children of Melchior and Margaret (Hegel) Kopp of Richardton, ND.

She attended St. Mary Elementary school in Richardton and was greatly influenced by the sisters and monks.

She graduated from Mount Marty High School in Yankton in 1932.

Eugenia entered Sacred Heart Monastery September 2, 1929. She was invested as a novice on



Sister Virginia Kopp, OSB August 15, 1932 and received the name Virginia. She made first profession on August 16, 1933 and final profession on June 26, 1939.

Sister Virginia taught first grade for one year at Stephan, South Dakota and then was asked to go into nursing.

She graduated from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in 1937. She was a nurse at Yankton; Pueblo and Canon City, CO from 1937-1952.

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, by June 15 for inclusion in the July edition to:

The Bishop's Bulletin, 523 North Duluth Avenue,
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
or e-mail to: gyoung@sfcatholic.org.

From 1952-1978, she was asked to work in hospital administration in Tyn-dall and Parkston, South Dakota. She received a Credential in Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

She received a degree

from Mount Marty College, Yankton and became certified in Pastoral Care in 1979.

Thus, she began her Pastoral Care Ministry in Canon City, CO. She served in this ministry from 1979 until her retirement to the monastery in 2001.

WHITE LAKE - Gerald and Margaret Hettinger will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 25. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.

Sister Virginia is survived by her Benedictine community, her sisters Phyllis Viglione, Alma Bray, and Agnes Hill, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings.

Celebrating First Holy Communion in Parker

St. Christina Parish, Parker, recently celebrated First Holy Communion. The class included (l. to r.) Henry Niezwaag, Wyatt Rand, Rilye Pankratz, Colton Preheim and Gavin Flannery. Father Hal Barber and Joanne Almond are also pictured. (Photo courtesy, Joanne Almond, St. Christina Parish, Parker)



Signed Mass beginning of more outreach by archdiocese Indianapolis, IN (CNS) - The conversation before Mass was boisterous, words of welcome, friends greeting each other, catching up, talking of their excitement about the upcoming Mass and presentation. The volume would have raised a racket, had it been verbal. But the chatter was communicated in a flurry of fingers using American Sign Language. The exchange took place at St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis on a recent Wednesday, when the Indianapolis Archdiocese's Office of Catechesis arranged for a special Mass, dinner and talk for the archdiocese's deaf community. Celebrating the Mass was Father Michael Depcik, who is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales and ministers in the Archdiocese of Detroit and who was born deaf. About 35 people were in attendance. At a dinner afterward, he spoke on "Celebrating the Year of Mercy." Both the Mass and the presentation were entirely signed, a rare treat for deaf Catholics.

Catholic values drive coach of Ravens on and off the field Baltimore, MD (CNS) - Winning the Super Bowl in February 2013 as coach of the Baltimore Ravens gave John Harbaugh a crowning achievement in football, but he relied on his Catholic faith to guide him and his players through a series of potentially spirit-crushing events during the past year. The worst was a nighttime phone call about a catastrophic off-season accident that caused severe head trauma to one of his promising young players, 23-year-old Tray Walker. The March 17 call caused Harbaugh a sleepless night but he reached out to his team the next morning before Walker died by writing an open letter that urged them to develop a spiritual life, to live with purpose and to consider the risks when making decisions. Harbaugh shared with his players that he viewed them as sons and wanted to offer guidance about how to live and to look after their loved ones. His deeply held religious beliefs had intensified during the past year as he prayed for the words to speak to his team during the 2015 football season when major injuries to key players led to a number of close losses as the perennial playoff-contending team had a 5-11 record. Johnny Shelton, the Ravens' nondenominational team chaplain, witnessed Harbaugh "grow spiritually" during the season and said that his players responded to their coach's messages as he sought to prepare them each week.

Survey of Muslims: Religion less central to those in Israel Jerusalem (CNS) - While a majority of Muslims in the Middle East and North Africa say religion is "very important," religion tends to be less central in the lives of those living in Israel, according to a survey released May 18 by the Washington-based Pew Research Center. Nevertheless, the survey found that compared to other religious groups in Israel, including Jews, Christians and Druze, Israeli Muslims are highly devout, and 68 percent say religion is "very important" in their lives. That number is significantly lower than the 89 percent that say the same in Morocco, according to the survey. Among those countries polled in the region, Lebanon is the only one where only a slim majority, 59 percent, of Muslims say religion is very important in their personal lives.


Catholic students use robots to explore cave's waterways Louisville, KY (CNS) - A group of students from an all-girls Catholic high school in Louisville has been exploring Mammoth Cave National Park's underground waterways this school year using submersible remotely operated vehicles and high-definition cameras. The Mercy Academy students recently presented their findings at the Western Kentucky University Research Symposium, held at Mammoth Cave in mid-April. The students have found a rare species of cave fish and a sunken boat, believed to be from the 1800s. And their work isn't over. They also are mapping the cave's aquatic floor and trying to determine where water enters the cave.



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Parish Dinners/Socials

- June 12/Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a food sale on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish gymnasium. The menu includes tacos, popusas, flautas, drinks and desserts. Everyone is welcome.

Vocation camp set for the diocese

June 3-5 - The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls will host its 2nd annual vocations camp for junior high and high school students. Vocations director, Father Shaun Haggerty, several seminarians and a few dads are ready to lead the vocations camp again at Abbey of the Hills, Marvin. The camp is for young men ages 12-16. Cost is \$185 with all food and gear included in the cost. There are only 24 spots available for each camp. Sign up and registration is available at www.sfvocations.org or by calling 605-988-3772.

Recitation of Most Holy Rosary planned

June 9 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will sponsor the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden (near the Cathedral of St. Joseph) in Sioux Falls. All are invited.

Celebration planned for retiring priest

June 12 - An open house reception is set for Father Rod Farke, Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at St. Thomas More social hall, 1700 8th St. S., Brookings. All are welcome.

Year of Mercy presentation planned

June 12 - "This Holy Year of Mercy" is the title of a presentation to be held in St. Agatha Church, Howard on Sunday at 3 p.m. The diocesan Missionary of Mercy, Msgr. Charles Mangan, will speak. All are invited.

Speaker being hosted in Huron

June 14 - Holy Trinity Parish, Huron and the Plus One Guidance Center, a crisis pregnancy center in Huron are hosting Pam Stenzel, a pro-life, abstinence speaker in Huron on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Campus Center. The event is free to all. Please RSVP at www.plusonehuron.org.

Prayer group summer conference set

June 17-18 - The Loving Servants Prayer Group annual summer conference will be held in Watertown at the KC hall. Trust in His Mercy is the theme. Mary Jo Gallagher will lead the conference based on the scripture Matt 9:13. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. on June 17. A free will offering will be accepted with \$6 for a meal. For additional information, contact Mavis Kemnitz at 605-880-5996 or mavis.kemnitz@gmail.com.

Latin Mass being celebrated in parishes

Weekly - St. Mary Parish, Salem and Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls are offering the celebration of Mass each week in Latin. The Traditional Latin Mass, also known as "The Ex-

traordinary Form" is offered every Sunday at noon and on each Holy Day of Obligation at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 240 W. Vermont Avenue, Salem. You can find out more by calling 605-425-2600 or going on line at www.salem catholic.org. All are welcome to attend. At Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls. The Extraordinary Form is offered on most Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Please visit holyspiritsf.org to see when the Masses will be celebrated.

Traveling Virgin statue available to host

The Office of the Marian Apostolate has available the traveling Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for both families and individuals. If you would like to have the statue for a week, please contact Msgr. Charles Mangan at 521-0175 or msgrmangan@sfcatholic.org.

Presentation Sisters

Monday, June 13/The 21st annual Presentation Sisters' Golf Tournament, will be held at Moccasin Creek Country Club, Aberdeen. The 18-hole, four-woman scramble tournament begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$80 which includes green fees, breakfast, lunch and nominal donation. Net proceeds from the tournament will support the Presentation Sisters Leadership Camps for young girls. To register, contact Barb Grosz at 605-229-8391 or bgrosz@presentationsisters.org.

July 18-22/The Presentation Sisters of Aberdeen will sponsor their 21st annual Leadership Camp in the Black Hills. The Camp is an opportunity for girls, who are entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade in the fall of 2016, to focus on their faith, to learn leadership skills, and to build self-confidence through the speakers, skits, songs, prayers, peer interaction and more. Register for this fun-filled week of camp at www.presentationsisters.org or contact Karen at (605) 770-3671 or kmith@mit.midco.net.

Broom Tree Retreat Center

July 26/Day of recollection will be offered on Tuesday; the day is entitled: "Marriage-The Anchor of Family Life", directed by Father Joe Forcelle. The day begins at 10 a.m. and consists of conferences, Adoration and Mass.

Sacred Heart Monastery

June 5, July 3, Aug. 7/Eucharistic Adoration is offered the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton. The intention of this time is prayers for vocations.

Diocesan EVENTS

Catholic Family Services

June 6/The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide-Summer Session begins Monday, at the USD Newman Center, 320 E. Cherry St., Vermillion. Sessions are held on Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks.

June 7/Catholic Family Services invites you to join the Living with Chronic Illness group. This is an educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers, at St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls.

June 7-July 12/Grieving the loss of a spouse will be offered six Tuesday evenings 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. Non-denominational. Cost is a donation.

Wednesday, June 15/The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide-Summer Session begins at St. Mary School, 2001 S 5th Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions are held Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person.

For information or to register for any of these CFS programs, call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 mculhane@sfcatholic.org.

Mount Marty College

June 3-5/Mount Marty College is launching a new summer program for teens called Magnify at the Mount, scheduled for June 3-5. The weekend event offers teens a chance to ask real questions about their lives, challenges and faith. Registration and information can be found at www.mtmc.edu/magnify. The Magnify at the Mount youth conference is designed for ninth-grade through 12th-grade students (teens who have just finished ninth grade, are currently in high school or just graduated from high school in 2016). Cost is \$100 per person (including teens, adults and chaperones), which includes programming, five meals and housing for two nights. The event is free for all priests. To register, call 605-668-1542.



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