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Publisher's note: Below is an edited version of my homily preached at the O'Gorman High School Graduation Mass on May 20. I pray it offers some perspective and encouragement for all who are facing transitions.

At another graduation one person in attendance could not understand what the main speaker had said and asked "what did he say." The reply was "I think he said 'school's over'". That may be all that you hear tonight. While it is true that school at O'Gorman is finished yet before you a less regimented beautiful school awaits, the school of life as an adult. A new freedom will now be yours. God gifted you and us all with free will. With freedom comes opportunity, temptations and responsibility.

What will you take with you as you 'change schools'?

One gift I pray you will take with you is the virtue of hope. In your new school of life whatever its dimension I pray you draw on the hope in Jesus Christ that you were introduced to these last years. As you reflect on your time at O'Gorman please recognize that it is in hope for each of you that so many have made this night possible. Education itself is a gift of hope.

All those who have taught and supported you have done so because they care about you...The teachers and staff, the benefactors and families did not have to support you yet they did because they have hope for you and see hope in you. Be grateful for them and seek to live up to the hopes they have for you whatever your vocation or occupation.

Peter in the second reading (1Pt 3:15-18) urges us to "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience." That is a charge to share our joy in Christ while respecting the dignity of all persons

from conception through natural death.

In the Gospel reading (Jn 14:15-21), Jesus reminds us of the reason for our hope: His love and mercy. "I will not leave you orphaned," Jesus promised. "Love one another as I have loved you." What is that love? It is not the schmaltzy love based only on feelings that come and go. It is not even the admirable love of friendship that changes with time and circumstance. It is the love the crucifix so powerfully depicts. It is a love that is selfless and sacrificial and sees beyond the moment or personal preference or advantage. We can be hopeful because we know that God created us and that our destiny is to return to him and be one with him for all eternity. In anticipation of that goal we prepare ourselves by how we live our lives, how we carry our crosses and how we recognize others as brothers and sisters, as part of our family in Christ.

One measure of how we live His love might be how we use ever changing communications technology. Does it isolate us from one another or does it empower us to be the hands of God within our human family? Everywhere we go these days we see almost everyone including me looking down onto cellphones and other devices. That is fine as long as we also take time to look around at others in need of sacrificial love and look up to God the Father who is our creator, God the Son who is our friend and God the Holy Spirit who is our guide and consolation.

Over the last years there have been movies about being home alone and the opportunity to take advantage of freedom from constraints, often with surface joy that does not last. The fact is that there are many who are alone and lonely, aching for someone to assure them that they are worthy, that they have value, that they are cared about and cared for when necessary. That is the virtue of hope you can share from your experience in our Catholic schools.

I remember when especially in rural areas a simple telephone with a party line in every home was a great advancement. One feature in that ancient time was what was called "information." A person could pick up the phone and talk with a live operator without being put on hold or greeted by a computer voice.

One day a young boy was home alone and playing around he hit his finger with a hammer. He cried out in pain but no one was there to hear him. So he climbed on a stool, picked up the phone receiver and asked for information. A friendly voice answered



“how can I help you?” “I hurt my finger,” he cried out as tears fell. “Isn’t your mother home?” “Nobody’s home but me.” “Are you bleeding?” “No, I hit it with a hammer and it hurts.” “Can you open the icebox?” “Yes.” “Take a little piece of ice and hold it to your finger. Don’t cry. You’ll be all right.”

After that he felt welcomed and called information for all kinds of things – help with school work, what to feed a chipmunk. One day the family canary died. He called information and told the operator the sad story. “Why is it,” he asked, “that a bird should sing so beautifully and bring joy only to end up as a heap of feathers feet up on the bottom of a cage.” The operator responded gently, “young man, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in.”

The boy grew up and moved away. One day on a lark he called his hometown and asked for information. The familiar voice answered. He asked, “Could you tell me please how to spell the word ‘fix’?” There was a pause as she recognized the voice and responded, “I trust that your finger must be healed by now.” He said, “I wonder if you know how much you meant to me as I was growing up.” “I wonder,” she answered, “if you know how much you meant to me. I

never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls. Silly, wasn’t it?” They never had actually met so he asked if he could visit her when he next returned to this hometown. “Please do so,” she said, “just ask for Sally.”

When he came home he asked for Sally. A strange voice answered. “Are you a friend?” “Yes, an old friend” and told his name. “I’m sorry to tell you that Sally died a few weeks ago. But she left a message for you. Here it is: ‘tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He’ll know what I mean.’”

There are folks who have played that role of mentor and consoler for you. Thank them and pray for them. It is also a role you now can assume for others, to be a sign of hope and a messenger of God’s love.

Because of the selfless and sacrificial love of our Lord, amidst the tragedies and wonderment of our day, we know that there is another world to sing in if we remain faithful. In your new school of life, share that Good News and always be open to wherever God leads you, the ultimate mentor and consoler.



Officials

The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop of Sioux Falls, effective, July 5, 2017, has accepted the request to retire from assigned ministry from the following:

Reverend Hal Barber
Reverend Joseph Puthenkulathil

and has decreed the following Priest Assignment changes:

Pastors of Parishes

Reverend Thomas Anderson, from Director, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Northern State University and Pastor, Sacred Heart, Westport to Pastor, St. Bernard, Redfield and All Saints, Mellette

Reverend Thomas Fitzpatrick, from graduate studies to Pastor, St. Nicholas, Tea and St. Christina, Parker

Reverend Gregory L. Frankman, from Pastor, St. Bernard, Redfield and All Saints, Mellette to Pastor, St. John the Baptist, Rosholt and St. Anthony, Browns Valley, MN (with the approval of the Most Reverend Donald J. Kettler, Bishop of St. Cloud)

Reverend Paul Josten, from Pastor, St. Agatha, Howard, St. William, Ramona and Epiphany, Epiphany to Pastor, St. Ann, Miller, and St. Mary, Highmore

Reverend Kenneth Lulf, from Pastor, St. Benedict, Yankton to Pastor, Holy Family, Mitchell

Reverend Chester Murtha, from Pastor, St. Ann, Miller, and St. Mary, Highmore to Pastor, St. Agatha, Howard, St. William, Ramona and Epiphany, Epiphany

Reverend Kevin O’Dell, from Pastor, St. Nicholas, Tea, and St. Magdalen, Lennox to Pastor, St. Therese, Sioux Falls

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SCHEDULE

June

- 1 11:00 Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 2 11:00 Ordinations to the Priesthood, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 5 Bishop’s Charity Fishing Tournament, Lakeside Park, Big Stone Lake
- 6 1:00 St. Paul/St. John Vianney Seminaries Board Meeting Teleconference
- 10 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 11 11:30 Confirmation, St. Michael Parish, Herreid, St. Anthony Parish, Selby and St. Joseph Parish, Eureka at Herreid
- 4:00 Confirmation, Sacred Heart Parish, Gettysburg
- 12 Bishop’s Charity Fishing Tournament, West Whitlock, Lake Oahe
- 13 11:00 Presbyteral Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 17 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 18 12:00 Preside at and Preach Homily, Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form, St. Mary Parish, Salem
- 19 4:30 Presentation, High School Discipleship Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 20 12:00 Prayer at Planned Parenthood
- 22 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 6:00 Red Mass/Fortnight for Freedom, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 24 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 30 – July 5 Convocation of Catholic Leaders, USCCB, Orlando, FL

July

- 8 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 9 4:30 Presentation, High School Discipleship Camp, Broom Tree, Irene
- 11 12:00 Prayer at Planned Parenthood

We are blessed, enormously blessed...

If you walk through a rectory in which I live, you will usually find a few pictures hanging on the walls that do not seem to fit.

One such picture I have hanging just outside the dining room is a framed picture, an old sepia picture, of a young college baseball player. He is standing in front of a weathered outfield fence, in his uniform, looking at the camera, looking so serious.

His college, Columbia, is printed on the front of his uniform.

People will sometimes see the picture and ask if we are related, if he is my grandfather perhaps, and while both my grandfathers played baseball, he is not a relation to me.

It is an old picture of Lou Gehrig.

The reason I have that picture, and the reason it touches me still when I look at it, is that it is taken years before Gehrig would become the "Iron Horse" of the New York Yankees. It was years before he would set a record for consecutive games played that would last for 56 years.

It was years before he would stand before a stadium full of fans on a beautiful Fourth of July in 1939, less than two years before he would die of the disease that now bears his name, and declare himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

Years before all of this, he was just a young college student, playing baseball, who one day had his picture taken in front of an old, weathered outfield fence. Everything was in front of him, and he had no idea what the future would hold. I know what it held of course, his future is my past, and because of that, when we meet in that picture, I think about the unknown.

It is the same feeling I get when I look at the picture collage families often put together to honor a loved one who has died. As my eyes gaze on old hunting pictures, wedding pictures, military pictures, formal pictures, informal pictures, I think about how we live our lives, always attempting to hold at bay the realization that, no matter how much we plan and schedule and prepare, the future is always beyond our control.

The old wedding pictures touch me the most, young couples in these black and white pic-

tures, dressed up, smiling, nervous, in love, and then I look at the later pictures, when the same couple is older, much older, and surrounded by children and grandchildren and I wonder about all that must have happened in between.

They had no idea what they would have to live through, the joys and sorrows and the ordinary, when they joined their hands before their family members and friends and the Altar of God and pledged their lives and love to each other. The not knowing is a gift; who could endure the weight of that knowledge?

Perhaps it is because the future is unknown and beyond our control that we spend so much time and attention on it. Before we have even finished something, we are wondering what is next on the agenda, what will happen tomorrow, then the day after that; we flip the page on the calendar and are stunned that each little box for the next month is already filled.

Our future is planned, but, really, it isn't. We know what's next, but, really, we don't.

That is how we live, and perhaps how we must live.

But then those faces from the past look at us and challenge us to remember that our lives are not found in the future, our lives are known and lived only in the present, in the moment. We are challenged to have the awareness necessary to recognize what is happening in the moment, our sorrow or joy, or perhaps just the boring routine of life, how we feel, what we are experiencing, this is the gift for us to notice.

It is not easy to do this, we have too many experiences from the past, and the pull of the future, but the moment matters. It is the challenge Jesus gives us: "...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." (Matthew 6:33-34)

We are blessed, enormously blessed, and we can lose this reality when our eyes are only on tomorrow, and the blessings that might come. A small gift that an old picture of Lou Gehrig reminds me to embrace. The future is unknown, but what is known is how blessed I am at this moment.

This knowledge helps us live.



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Reverend D'Cruz Nicholas, from Parochial Vicar, St. Michael, Sioux Falls to Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart, Yankton

Reverend Darin Schmidt, from Parochial Vicar, Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls to Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Joseph and Diocesan Master of Ceremonies

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Reverend Brian Eckrich, upon his expected ordination, to Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, Watertown

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Reverend Tyler Mattson, upon his expected ordination, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls

Reverend Joseph Scholten, upon his expected ordination, to Parochial Vicar, St. Lambert, Sioux Falls

Reverend Timothy Smith, upon his expected ordination, to Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

Reverend Andrew Thuringer, upon his expected ordination, to Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Mitchell

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Reverend Jerome Ranek, from Pastor, St. Peter, Sisseton, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Sisseton and St. John the Baptist, Rosholt to Pastor, St. Peter, Sisseton, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Sisseton

Reverend John Rutten, from Pastor, St. Lambert, Sioux Falls to priestly ministry to the Catholic community living in and around Harrisburg with the intent of exploring the feasibility of erecting a canonical parish

Reverend Shane D. Stevens, from Pastor, Holy Family, Mitchell to pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee (Florida)

Reverend Anthony Urban, from Pastor, St. Rose of Lima, Garretson and St. Joseph the Workman, Huntimer and Diocesan Master of Ceremonies to Pastor, St. Rose of Lima, Garretson and St. Joseph the Workman, Huntimer

Reverend Jonathan Venner, from in residence, Holy Family, Mitchell to in-residence, St. Stephen, Bridgewater, St. Mary of Mercy, Alexandria, St. Martin, Emery and the Monastery of Our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph, Alexandria

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor



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Story written by Maricarrol Kueter for The Bishop's Bulletin

As he followed a school bus north on Interstate 29, Father Michael Griffin couldn't help but wonder about the students inside.

He knew their high school had lost the state championship football game the night before and the bus was likely taking them home.

As he drove, Father Griffin said he started to think about the students' emotions.

"I kind of started writing in my head," he said. "It was about lessons to be learned and what I hoped they had taken away from their experience."

Griffin, who is the pastor of St. Mary's in Aberdeen, also serves as executive editor of The Bishop's Bulletin. He put down his thoughts to the students on that bus and published it in his monthly column. He was proud of the column, but admitted surprise that he heard virtually nothing back from readers.

A few years later, he met some people from that small town and asked about residents' reaction to his column.

They told him even though people may not have commented

directly to him, his school bus column was "posted behind just about every cash register" on Main Street and on bulletin boards around the community.

"Sometimes you don't hear anything and you don't know it, but it (the writing) does touch people," Father Griffin said.

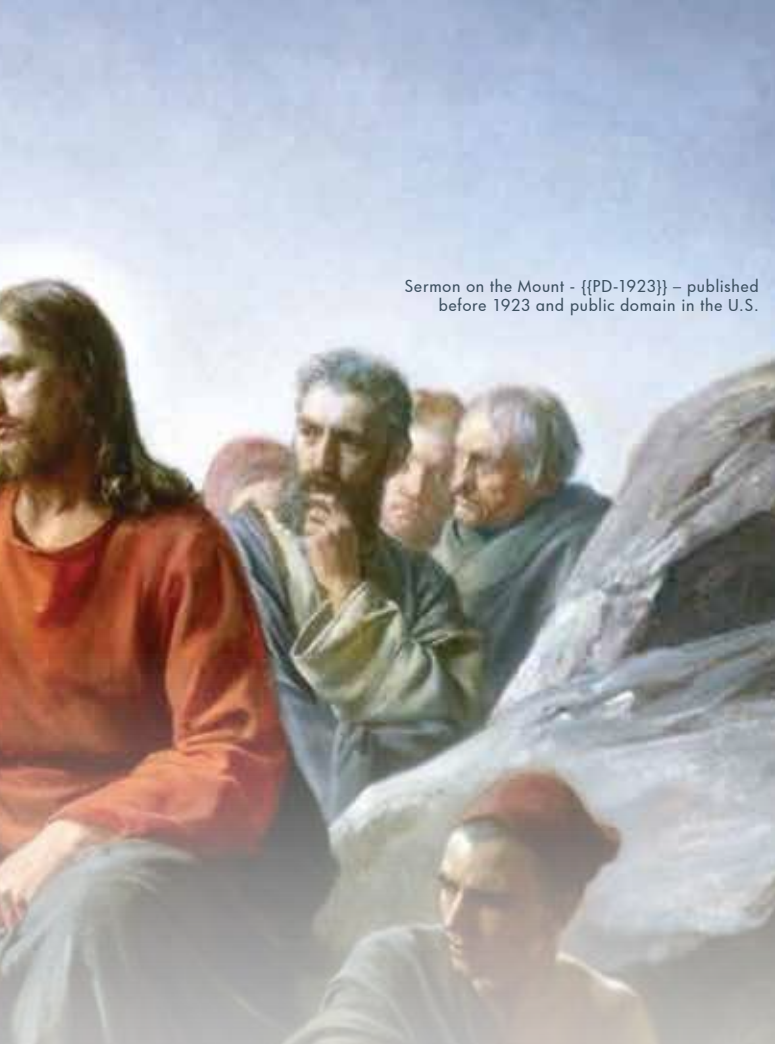
That is the goal of The Bishop's Bulletin which has served as the bishop's primary communication tool with the Diocese of Sioux Falls for the past 70 years.

But it is just one of a multitude of communications vehicles being used to spread the Gospel message. Today, aided by technology, Catholics can hear, read and discuss Scripture and religious topics at home, in their cars, while at work, or while exercising.

Sue Wollman was at work when she said a radio program first drew her to explore the Catholic faith.

"One day I was tired of listening to the same old songs on the radio stations and started searching around for something else," she said.

Wollman, who was raised in the Lutheran faith, said she had tried several different churches throughout her life. When



Sermon on the Mount - {{PD-1923}} – published before 1923 and public domain in the U.S.

she heard a priest speaking on the Lamb Radio show she accidentally had tuned into that day, she hesitated.

“I thought, oh, he is Catholic. But my curiosity was piqued by what he was saying and I kept listening. I didn’t know Catholics believed what I believed and they had a personal relationship with Jesus. I kept listening and it is pretty much all I listen to now,” she said.

The Catholic Church encourages bishops and priests to utilize traditional, as well as newer communications methods to reach out to individuals and to share the Lord’s message.

As a follow up to the Second Vatican Council, the Pontifical Council for Social Communications issued pastoral instructions, on the importance of using all the tools available in communicating with Catholic families.

“Catholic media work is not simply one more program alongside all the rest of the Church’s activities: social communications have a role to play in every aspect of the Church’s mission,” according to the document.

Jerry Klein, delegate and director for Communications for the Diocese, said Bishop Paul Swain has the “responsibility to be the chief teacher of his diocese. As the new tools become available, there are additional ways for Bishop to communicate.”



The Bishop's Bulletin

For Bishop Swain, The Bishop’s Bulletin is the primary conduit for communication to diocesan Catholics.

“The name itself tells you something. It is the bishop’s bulletin,” said Klein, who oversees communication endeavors for the diocese from social media and website content to radio, television and print communications.

Klein and The Bishop’s Bulletin managing editor Gene Young are challenged with communicating the bishop’s message to a broad, diverse audience. Each month the publication reaches out to inform, educate, challenge and inspire Catholics in eastern South Dakota.

The first edition was published in January, 1947. At the time, Bishop William O. Brady wrote, “The Bishop’s Bulletin makes its bow as the official paper of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. It is planned to be the Bishop’s paper, the priest’s paper and the people’s paper - a monthly, issued to bind the people, the clergy and the Bishop more closely together in our common work.”

The publication has changed in format, method of distribution and funding mechanisms over the years, but its content has remained consistent. It includes messages from the Bishop, coverage of diocesan and parish events, celebrations of ordination and marriage anniversaries and other news and perspective from local church leaders.

Father Griffin’s column is one of the longest running features in the monthly publication. He has been writing it for 27 years, starting as a vehicle to relate his experiences as a newly

Gene Young, managing editor of The Bishop’s Bulletin



ordained priest. Originally, he agreed to a six-month stint with the publication, but was asked to extend again and again and again. Today, he said the column offers “insight into a priest’s life.”

Griffin often uses South Dakota imagery and familiar sites in his storytelling to help connect with readers.

South Dakota scenes and familiar routines, he said, give readers “insights into another way of looking at the presence of God.”

“I try to start with something they can connect with,” he said. “Then it becomes spiritual. Hopefully they can see the amazing spiritual depth in their ordinary lives.”

Griffin has written on a host of subjects over the years, and finds his focus in everyday life.

“It’s always in the back of my mind that I have to write a column,” he said. “So I keep an eye out and I just notice things.”

One of his more memorable columns centered on his feelings after the death of a young firefighter in Aberdeen. He struggled with the approach he would take before deciding, “Why don’t you just write the column you want to write,” he recalled.

The difficult column helped him work through his own emotions, he said.

“At the same time, I knew I was sharing with the entire diocese.”

**Fr. Michael Griffin, Executive Editor
of The Bishop’s Bulletin**



The Sunday TV Mass

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls has been broadcasting Sunday Mass on television. Bishop Paul Swain prays the Mass, which is shown on KELO-TV each Sunday morning.

“The bishop views it as a way to extend himself as teacher and liturgist of the diocese,” said Klein.

For those who are ill or unable to travel to Mass, the TV prayers provide support and a sense of belonging.

The Sunday Mass has become a soothing lifeline to young Brayden Schlader, according to his mother, Terri. Brayden, who has Down Syndrome and struggles with seizures, respiratory and other medical problems, is drawn to the broadcast every Sunday morning.



Bishop Swain with Brayden Schlader

“When we started TV Mass, Brayden was immediately spellbound by it,” she said. “He loves watching Bishop Swain and listening to his sermons.”

Her son Brayden has been hospitalized five times this year. But, even in the face of his medical struggles, Brayden finds extraordinary peace watching the Sunday Mass.

“I think TV Mass resonates so much with Brayden, because he can see it at home. He is calmed by Bishop Swain’s voice and demeanor,” Terri Schlader said.

“We watch it every Sunday morning. ... We even watch it when he is in the hospital,” she said.

On a recent Sunday, Brayden was attending his brother

Brenden's Confirmation at Holy Trinity in Huron.

When Brayden heard Bishop Swain's voice from the altar in church, his mother said, he got very excited. "He recognized him immediately," she said.

He was able to meet the bishop at the reception following the Mass, an experience he won't forget, according to his mother.

"Meeting Bishop Swain made Brayden's year. He is very, very happy when we talk about it."

Originally, the TV Mass was a half-hour broadcast, recorded in the studio of a local television station. Then, for a time, it moved to the chapel of what is now O'Gorman Junior High School, then back to a TV studio, and then to the Chapel of the Sacred Heart at the Cathedral.

For the past several years, the TV Mass has been recorded at the Cathedral 4 p.m. Saturday Mass.

Bishop Swain wanted the TV Mass moved into the main Cathedral, after its historic restoration was completed. Klein said the Bishop wanted viewers to be able to experience the Mass with the backdrop that can uplift and teach.

"He wanted to use it – the beauty and art of the Cathedral to help share that (with the Diocese)," said Klein.

Father James Morgan, rector of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, said the TV Mass helps connect the people of the diocese to the Mother Church.

The Cathedral backdrop, he said, hopes to accomplish two things:

"Increase an awareness throughout the diocese that as Catholics we are "Church Universal," and "collapse the distances – physical and psychological – that keep us from having a united vision and participation in helping to bring about the Kingdom here on earth."

Klein said diocesan officials know that the TV Mass is reaching Catholics and others.

"People are faithful to it and regularly donate" he said. "For some people, that's their parish and it's important to them."

Videos of the Mass are archived and available on the diocesan website.



Catholic Views

The Diocese of Sioux Falls also uses the radio in its outreach to believers.

The program, "Catholic Views," was started and originally hosted by Monsignor Louis Delahoyde more than 50 years ago. It continues today as an important weekly touchstone for Catholics.

The show, which airs on Sunday mornings on commercial stations in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen and Milbank, and on the Catholic radio network, features the Sunday Mass readings, short news items that pertain to Catholics, and an in-person interview with a guest. Topics have ranged from discussions on upcoming events and interviews with leaders of various local ministries to discussions with representatives of Catholic Relief Services, who update international projects.



Klein has hosted “Catholic Views” since 1994.

The shows also are archived on the diocesan website.

Local parishes also utilize radio programming.

In some communities, “Radio Rosary” programs air; in others a weekly Mass is broadcast on the local radio station.

Catholics have a variety of other radio and television programming available beyond what the diocese produces.

Lamb Radio, is a non-profit Catholic network broadcasting in eastern South Dakota. It features live programs, talk shows on social and community issues and other interactive Catholic programming. (Lambradio.com, 104.3 Sioux Falls, 91.3 Hartford, Mitchell, Yankton, and 88.9 Aberdeen area)

The station is affiliated with EWTN, Eternal Word Television Network, which broadcasts Catholic programming on radio and television around the world.

Wollman credits Lamb and EWTN for leading her to take steps to join the Catholic Church.

“The radio messages that I hear touch my heart. They open up the Bible and bring it alive for me. Passages that I was confused about, now they make sense,” she said.



Frs. John and Paul Rutten and brother Joe host a monthly local radio program on Lamb radio



Diocesan website

The diocesan website provides information and connects Catholics with religious programs, ministries and resources.

“It has become a key hub for our communications,” said Klein.

The diocesan communications office uses social media and other avenues to drive people to the website where they can find information such as details on events, contacts for various diocesan ministries and a directory of priests and deacons.

The Bishop’s TV Mass homilies also are posted, as are radio broadcasts and the stories from the most recent Bishop’s Bulletin. Links to YouTube and other social media are also found there.

While technology has opened up new channels for communication, it also can complicate things, Klein said. Religious views shared across the internet, for instance, can be divisive and confusing. With a vast array of religious programming and content available online, Catholics sometimes are unsure where to turn.

Klein said the diocese and websites of other known trustworthy sources such as EWTN and Catholic News Service, and the Vatican itself are good places to start. (vatican.va)

“You have to be discerning as a consumer,” he said. “It’s no different for Catholics.”



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Technology in the parish

A variety of communication tools are put to use by individual parish pastors, as well.

At the Cathedral, Fr. Morgan said technology plays a key role in ministries and outreach..

"We use email lists, social media and our website," he said providing links to important Cathedral-related programs, such as the Catholic Men's Business Fraternity.

"When using social media, we take into consideration demographics and different audiences, for sure, depending upon the intent of our message," he said.

Communicating is important because parishioners look to the pastor for leadership, Fr. Morgan said.

"How do the sheep recognize the Shepherd? Through His voice. Likewise, the parish family yearns for leadership from their pastor. The only means by which to achieve this is through the voice of the pastor," said Father Morgan.

"He must be constantly presenting his vision, his thoughts, his ideas so that the parish family can contribute to this vision and feel a part of it and not removed from it."

There are a variety of other digital programs for Catholics to utilize for adult education, young adult formation and RCIA. Video resources such as "Word on Fire," by Bishop Robert Barron, are used in parish group discussions.

At Cathedral, priests use the marriage preparatory video series on the diocesan website for independent and assigned work with couples. Parishioners also can go online and independently download material for catechetical growth and formation, Fr. Morgan said.

Some priests post their homilies online, others have experimented with short videos to share lessons and reflections.

All of it is designed to spread the Gospel message.

"It's all about how do we help people know about and love Jesus Christ?" said Klein.

For Wollman, introduction to church teaching through radio and television programs have led her to a deep commitment to the Catholic faith.

"It is the faith for me," she said. "In all the years of searching, this is where I am to be. I am home."



In its earliest days, The Bishop's Bulletin shared news from area parishes and reflections from

Bishop William O. Brady. Some of the items deal with topics still in discussion today. Here are some excerpts from the 1947-1950 publications:

- St. Anthony's parish school in Hoven had 210 students in the last school year, according to a 1947 item. Seven sisters of St. Benedict formed the faculty.
- "Effective Sunday, Aug. 31, 1947, at 4 p.m., the missions of Brisbane and Roswell will be closed. These closings have been made necessary by the destruction of the church at Brisbane and by the shortage of priests in the diocese."
- "Father H.J. Mahoney of Faulkton claims the championship for Baptisms in a parish of its size in the diocese for 1947 - 52 in Faulkton-Seneca."
- The Diocesan Charity Collection for 1948 lists just three parishes in Sioux Falls: Cathedral - \$1,477.56; St. Mary's - \$288.25 and Little Flower - \$167.
- In Feb. 1949, the Bishop wrote, "More than two years are gone since we first published The Bishop's Bulletin. In the beginning, we sent the early issues to the parishes to introduce our paper to all our people. Then, we asked for support to continue publication. Our pastors were cooperative so that sound financing of the paper was assured for two years."
- A September, 1949 account details renovations at St. Joseph Church in Huntimer. "St. Joseph's church, Huntimer, has taken on all the appearances of a new church with a complete interior redecoration, including altars, statues and stations. A new oil burning furnace has been installed, also a new electric organ."
- The bishop marked the 60th anniversary of the Sioux Falls Diocese in November, 1949. One of his comments noted, "Throughout the history of the Diocese every Bishop has been a beggar for religious vocations to carry on Christ's work."
- In a column in 1949, Bishop Brady wrote, "We do not know who it was that first called the public press the 'fourth estate' But whoever named it, named it well. For the power of the press has ever been a match for the power of clergy, nobles, the army or a mob."



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EIGHT DIOCESAN PRIESTS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS YEAR

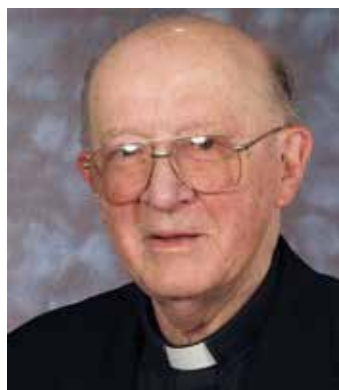
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65 Years



Rev. Charles Duman

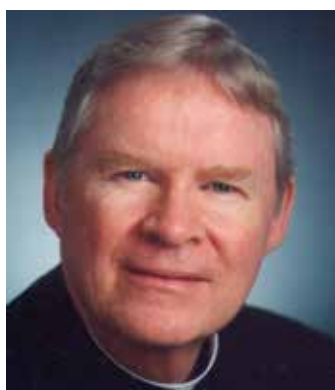
Father Charles Duman is a native of Wynot County, Nebraska and grew up in Vermillion. He was ordained May 3, 1952. Father Duman is retired and resides in Mitchell.



Msgr. Carlton Hermann

Monsignor Carlton Hermann is a native of Rockford, Iowa. He was ordained June 6, 1952. Msgr. Hermann is retired and resides in Yankton.

60 Years



Msgr. James Doyle

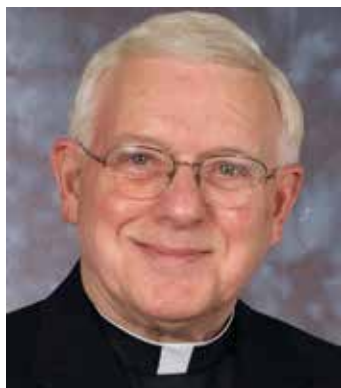
Monsignor James Doyle was born in Lake Benton, Minnesota. He was ordained June 2, 1957. Msgr. Doyle is retired and lives in Sioux Falls.



Rev. Jerome Holtzman

Father Jerome Holtzman was born in Highmore. He was ordained June 2, 1957. Father Holtzman is retired and resides in Watertown.

50 Years



Rev. Hal Barber

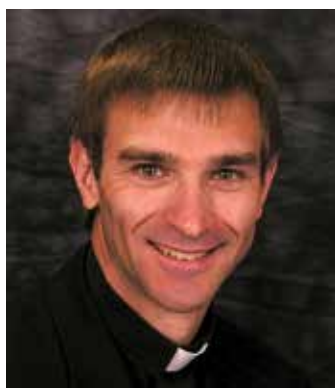
Father Hal Barber is a native of Parker. He was ordained June 1, 1967. Father Barber is pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Marion and St. Christina Parish, Parker and he resides in Parker.



Rev. Gerald Thury

Father Gerald Thury is a native of Parkston. He was ordained June 1, 1967 at Bishop Marty Chapel at Mount Marty College, Yankton. Father Thury is retired and residing in Dimock.

25 Years



Rev. William Hamak

Father William Hamak was born in Aberdeen. He was ordained May 29, 1992 at St. Joseph Cathedral, Sioux Falls. Father Hamak is pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mobridge.



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SEVEN PRESENTATION SISTERS FROM ABERDEEN CELEBRATING JUBILEES

70th Jubilees



Sister Elizabeth Remily, PBVM, was born in Turton. She received her nursing degree and after working as a surgical supervisor, spent the next 50 years establishing hospitals and clinics in foreign countries. She was also instrumental in founding Bera-khah House in Sioux Falls.



Sister Virginia Hallauer, PBVM, was raised on a farm near Watertown. Sister Virginia dedicated over 50 years to parish and Catholic school education in parishes and schools throughout SD and MN. She continued her parish ministry until her retirement. Sister Virginia is active in the congregation's prayer ministry.



Sister Margaret Anne Talbott, PBVM, grew up in Artesian and Dell Rapids. For 25 years she taught in SD and MN. She continued her service in pastoral care at hospitals in SD and MT. Sister is active in full time prayer ministry at Avera Mother Joseph Manor.

60th Jubilees



Sister Catherine Fiegen, PBVM, was born in Dell Rapids. She served as a teacher and administrator in SD and MN and worked in parish and hospital mission services. Sister Catherine served on the Presentation Sisters Leadership Council and now devotes herself to full time prayer ministry at the Convent.

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Men's 2017
August 17-20
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November 16-19

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June 22-25
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June 20: How to Hear God's Voice in the Midst of Pain and Difficulties
- with Fr. Steven Jones

August 22: Peace and Freedom: Goals of the Interior Life
- with Fr. Kristopher Cowles

September 12: TBD
- with Dr. Teri Kemmer

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Sister Francene Evans, PBVM, was born in Aberdeen and taught in high schools, colleges and universities throughout MT, SD and MN for many years. She has also served as a hospital chaplain, adult faith formation leader, and sponsor of refugees. Sister Francene currently serves in Congregational Leadership.




Sister Gayle Volz, PBVM, was raised in Mitchell. She served in education ministry for 26 years, teaching in MN, MT and SD. Over the next 30 years she served in religious education, home health ministry and pastoral care. Sister Gayle is now in full time prayer ministry.

50th Jubilee



Sister Janice Klein, PBVM, began her faith journey at St. Mary in Dell Rapids. After joining the Presentation Sisters, she served as an elementary educator prior to serving as a pastoral minister in the Chicago area. Sister Janice started the Sisters' Development Ministry in 1992, and is currently the president of her Congregation.


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Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.
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SEVEN BENEDICTINE SISTERS FROM MOTHER OF GOD MONASTERY CELEBRATING JUBILEES

70th Jubilees



Sister Evelyn (Ida) Sehn was born in Linton, ND. She graduated from Mt. Marty High School, after which she entered Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton. Sister Evelyn graduated from Sacred Heart School of Nursing and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Mary College in Omaha, NE. Sister Evelyn is presently retired and living at St. Benedict House in Pierre.



Sister Judeen Seeberger was born in Glen Ullin, ND. She entered Sacred Heart of Yankton in 1945 and became a founding member of Mother of God Monastery in 1961. She received her education degree from Mt. Marty College. Her teaching career spanned more than twenty-five years, teaching in ND, SD, NE, CO and CA. In 2015 she retired and returned to live at the monastery.



Sister Michaelleen (Beverly Ann) Jantzer is a native of North Dakota. Her educational background includes a B.A. degree from Mt. Marty College, Yankton and a M.A. degree from South Dakota University, Brookings. Sister Michaelleen has served as principal, religious education director, teacher, teen mentor and retreat facilitator. Currently she is retired and living at Mother of God Monastery.

60th Jubilees



Sister Yvonne Marie Linster spent her childhood in Lemmon, and, later, in Red Wood Falls, MN. In 1955, Sister Yvonne entered Sacred Heart Convent in Yankton. She completed X-ray Technology School in 1959 and worked in hospitals in SD, CO, WI and MN. She retired in 2007 and presently is in prayer ministry and resides in St. Paul, MN.

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60th Jubilees



Sister Adel Sautner grew up on a farm near Hoven. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton in 1955, and is a founding member of Mother of God Monastery in Watertown. Sister Adel lives in Pierre where she is part of the community at St. Benedict House. She also serves on both Mother of God Monastery Finance Committee and Council.



Sister Ramona Fallon grew up on a farm in central SD. After completing 9th grade, she entered Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton where she finished high school and entered into formation as a Benedictine. In 1993 she served as Assistant Prioress and was elected Prioress in 2005. Since 2012, Sister Ramona has been living with sisters at St. Benedict in Pierre.



Sister Johanna Schumacher grew up on a farm near Halliday, ND. She entered Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton and later became a founding member of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown. Sister Johanna has ministered as a teacher, pharmacist and accountant. Currently, Sister Johanna is the Director of Hospitality for the monastery.

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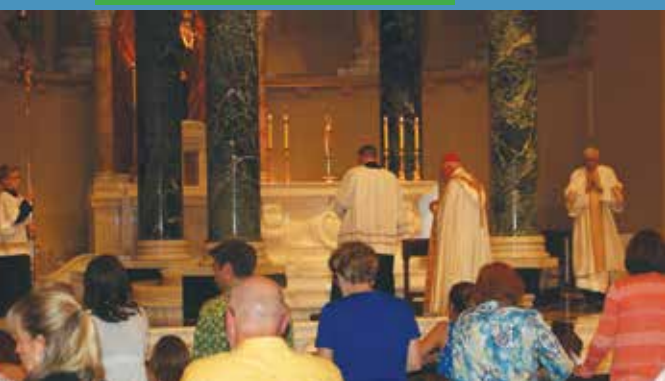
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Red Mass and Fortnight for Freedom event for religious freedom



The people of the diocese will gather together at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls, June 22 at 6 p.m. to participate in this year's Fortnight for Freedom and Red Mass.

Bishop Paul J. Swain will preside.

The Red Mass provides an opportunity to pray and give thanks for the men and women who serve our communities in public office and the legal profession. It combines this year with the ongoing call for protection of religious liberty.

Bishop Hoch Scholarships awarded for 2017-2018

The Diocese of Sioux Falls awards seven \$1,000 scholarships per year to enable a student to attend either Mount Marty College in Yankton or Presentation College in Aberdeen.

The scholarships are available to new students, students already in college and non-traditional students interested in attending or already attending Mount Marty and Presentation Colleges.

This year's Bishop Hoch Scholarship recipients are:

Taylor Flanery - Holy Trinity Parish, Huron - Mount Marty College
Jaycie Culbert - Sacred Heart Parish, Parkston - Mount Marty College
Audry Müller - St. Agnes Parish, Vermillion - Mount Marty College
Jeff Wanner - St. Henry Parish, Henry - Mount Marty College
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Commemoration of Fatima apparitions and plenary indulgences

A yearlong Jubilee in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima began on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27, 2016 and will continue until November 26, 2017.

On May 13, the anniversary of the first apparition, Pope Francis made a pilgrimage to Fatima and raised to sainthood brother and sister Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the visionaries.

During this graced time the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a plenary indulgence for those who fulfill the necessary conditions during this Jubilee year.

“The plenary indulgence of the jubilee is granted:

a) to the faithful who visit the Shrine of Fatima (in Portugal) in pilgrimage and devotedly participate in a celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the Symbol of Faith (Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;

b) to the pious faithful who visit with devotion an image of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly displayed for public



A man reaches to touch Pope Francis after the pope blessed the sick with the Eucharist at the conclusion of the canonization Mass of Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the three Fatima seers, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. (CNS photo by Paul Haring)

adoration in any temple, oratory or adequate place, during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions (the 13th of each month, from May to October 2017), and devotedly participate there in any celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the Symbol of Faith (Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;

c) to the faithful who, due to their age, disease or other serious reason, are impeded of moving, if, repentant of all

their sins and having the firm intention of performing, as soon as possible, the three conditions mentioned below, in front of a small image of Our Lady of Fatima, spiritually unite in the days of the apparitions to the Jubilee celebrations, offering with trust to God all-merciful through Mary their prayers and pains, or the sacrifices of their own lives.

“To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful, truly penitent and animated with charity, must ritually fulfill the

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following conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.”

The Committee on Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops notes: “Parishes and oratories may consider placing a statue of Our Lady of Fatima for public veneration throughout the year, or at least on the six anniversary dates (May 13, June 13, July 13, August 13, September 13, and October 13).

“In particular, the 100th anniversary of the first apparition on May 13 should be celebrated at parishes and oratories named in honor of Our Lady of Fatima with greater festivity, as it is also the titular solemnity for those places. Although obligatory or optional memorials occur on the other anniversary dates, except for October 13, a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Fatima could be celebrated for the pastoral advantage of the people, if the pastor or other priest celebrant judges it suitable (see General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 376).”



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ABERDEEN – Richard and Adeline Salwei will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 17. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



ABERDEEN – Curtis and Vickie DeWalt will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 11. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Larry and Delores Scheid will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 3. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BOWDLE – Joseph and Betty Geier will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 4. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Augustine Parish.



BRIDGEWATER – Roger and Sharon Paweltzki will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 4. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Stephen Parish.



BROOKINGS – Dean and Donna Doss will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 18. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



DANTE – Frank and Linda Krcil will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 17. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren (2 deceased) and are members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



HOWARD – Jim & Charlotte Spader will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 17. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 16 grandchildren (2 deceased) and are members of St. Agatha Parish.



JEFFERSON – Paul and Danielle Irwin will celebrate their 55th anniversary on June 2. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



KIMBALL – Robert and Patti Thayer will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 13. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Margaret Parish.



LAKE ANDES – Gary and Shari Boetel will celebrate their 55th anniversary on June 23. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mark Parish.



LEOLA – Alvin and Nancy Kallas will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 3. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren (1 deceased), 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.



MADISON – Arlen and Pamela Lewis will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 25. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



MILBANK – Gene and Sandy McKernan will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 29. They have 6 children, 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MITCHELL – Elwin and Rosalie Hohn celebrated their 50th anniversary on Apr. 29. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



PARKER – John and Paula Chicoine will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 27. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Christina Parish.



PARKSTON – John and Joyce Mechtenberg will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 30. They have 8 children, 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ROSCOE – Robert and Theresa Malsam will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 6. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



SALEM – Jim and Lois McCormick will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 3. They have 7 children, 18 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SCOTLAND – Michael and Kathy Wollmann will celebrate their 30th anniversary on June 20. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. George Parish.

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SIOUX FALLS – Dennis and Doris Tate will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 21. They have 7 children, 13 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Lou and Margaret Barnett will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 7. They have 10 children, 23 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Charlene Berry will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 24. They have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – John and Burlene Schultze will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 13. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – John and Jeanne Ranek will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 25. They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Christ the King Parish.



TABOR – Mark and Char Kronaizl will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 11. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Greg and Jackie Koch will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 4. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Doug and Diane Stormo will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 10. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WEBSTER – Leroy and Joann Weber celebrated their 60th anniversary on May 29. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



WEBSTER – Maurice and Pat Bierschbach will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 24. They have 5 children, 19 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



WESSINGTON – John and Mary Spicer will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 18. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



YANKTON – Howard and Joyce Combs will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 19. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – Glen and Joyce Olson will celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 4. They have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – Lawrence and Irene Wubben will celebrate their 68th anniversary on June 1. They have 6 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

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.

Parishes celebrate First Holy Communion with young people



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Roscoe, had its largest First Communion class in over 40 years with pastor, Father Russell Homic (at left).

Seven second graders recently received their First Holy Communion with Father Steven Jones at St. Wenceslaus Parish, Tabor.



Remains of priest exhumed, verified as part of beatification process

Okarche, OK. (CNS) - Early on the morning of May 10, the remains of Father Stanley F. Rother were exhumed from Holy Trinity Cemetery in Okarche and transported to Oklahoma City. As required by the Catholic Church for the beatification process, his remains were examined by medical professionals and re-interred in the chapel at Resurrection Cemetery in northwest Oklahoma City. In March, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City announced that Father Rother, one its native sons who worked in Guatemala and was brutally murdered there in 1981, will be beatified Sept. 23 in a ceremony in downtown Oklahoma City. Pope Francis recognized Father Rother's martyrdom last December, making him the first martyr born in the United States and clearing the way for his beatification. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City sent Father Rother, who grew up on a family farm in Okarche, to its mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala, in 1968. He served a poor and indigenous community in the area, helping build a small hospital, a school and its first Catholic radio station. But he also helped the agricultural community with its crops and to build an irrigation system.

U.S. dioceses mark Fatima centennial with Masses, processions, devotions

Merrillville, IN. (CNS) - Carl Marlburg says many Catholics, especially those with a traditional or devotional spirituality, are familiar with the Fatima message of prayer, repentance and the need to turn to God, but in the presence of the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima, even they are overcome by a sense of "motherly care. Pretty soon there are tears in their eyes, because they are thinking of a loving mother who is trying to help them stay on course, or get back on course," said Marlburg, a Munster resident, who is the presenter and custodian of the Fatima statue taken to Marian events around the world. Marlburg, who has traveled with the statue to dozens of countries since the late '90s, made the comments ahead of the Fatima centennial in an interview with the Northwest Indiana Catholic, newspaper of the Diocese of Gary. The Indiana diocese was among those around the world marking the centennial of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children in Portugal. Local celebrations and international commemorations were held on the May 13 anniversary, in the days leading up to it and afterward.

Railroad is beginning of line for 100-year-old South Carolina Church

Walhalla, SC. (CNS) - For a century, a simple but serenely beautiful wooden building tucked away in the picturesque mountain town of Walhalla has been the spiritual home for Catholics. St. Francis of Assisi Mission was built by parishioners who donated their time, money, hours of sweat and labor, and even the wood, so they could have their own church. Today, the mission is home to a small but strong congregation who love and care for each other and treasure the little building passed down to them by that early group of dedicated people. Current and former members recently packed the small church nearly to overflowing for a 100th anniversary celebration. Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone of Charleston celebrated Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall. The bishop congratulated the members of St. Francis on their close-knit community. "People come to an understanding of who Jesus is through seeing others who live a Christian life well-lived, and for 100 years people here at St. Francis have been doing precisely that," he said.

Meeting pope gives hope to Huntington's disease patients, expert says

Vatican City (CNS) - Pope Francis' meeting with families affected by Huntington's disease will bring much-needed attention and hope to men, women and children who often are ostracized and even left to die alone and unloved, a U.S.-based neuroscientist said. Especially in poor countries, people suffering from Huntington's, a neural degenerative disorder, face discrimination and are forced to live in areas that "almost look like a leprosy colony" because "nobody wants to mix with them," the neuroscientist Ignacio Munoz-Sanjuan told Catholic News Service. "I think the fact that a figure like the pope is going to speak about (Huntington's) disease will hopefully generate enough interest," he said. "Because I think it's just unacceptable in any country that people are left to starve. I think we need to do better as a society." Munoz-Sanjuan co-founded HDdenmore (pronounced "Hidden no more"), a coalition of neuroscientists, research experts and institutes with the goal of "ending the stigma and shame around the disease." He joined Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, president of the Pontifical Council for Culture, and several families from South America at a Vatican press briefing on the eve of their meeting with Pope Francis.

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Marian Apostolate hosting the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue in diocese

Saturday, June 3 and other dates and locations - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the following parishes. On Saturday, June 3 at Sacred Heart Parish, Yankton, from 8 a.m.-noon; Saturday, June 3 at St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls, from 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 4 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Monday, June 5 at St. Mary of Mercy Parish (Chapel of the Monastery of Our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph), Alexandria, from 8 a.m.-noon; on Monday, June 5 at Holy Family Parish, Mitchell, from 3:30-7:30 p.m.; on Tuesday, June 6 at St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner, from 8 a.m.-noon.

Anniversary celebration set for priest

Sunday, June 4 - Father Gerald J. Thury will observe his 50th anniversary of priestly ordination on Sunday at Sacred Heart Church, Parkston. All are welcome to attend Mass celebrated at 1 p.m. with an open house to follow from 2-4 p.m.

Recitation of the rosary planned

June 13, 15 and 20 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host the recitation of the rosary on Tuesday, June 13, Thursday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 20 at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls.

Parish and shrine hosting Fatima events

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

Anniversary celebration set for priest

Sunday, June 25 - Father Hal Barber will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of priestly ordination and his retirement on Sunday. An open house in his honor will be held at the Parker Community Building on Main Street from 1:30-4 p.m.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement marking 50 years in the diocese

July 13-14 - Bishop Sam Jacobs is the guest speaker the annual July conference. "Living in the Spirit, A Perpetual Pentecost" will be hosted by the Yahweh Shalom Prayer Group and will be held at St. Benedict Church, Yankton. The conference begins Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is requested. To register go to www.ajoyfulshout.com, call Jane Barz at 605-940-4101 or e-mail at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net.

Catholic Family Services

June 6 and July 11/Living with Chronic Illness group, a free educational support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls. For details please call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

June 6-July 18/Grieving the Loss From Homicide is a six week program held every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, this is a program for adults who have lost a loved one through homicide. The meetings are located at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. To register or with questions, call 605-988-3775 or e-mail at cfs@sfcatholic.org

June 7/Surviving Divorce Program; the summer session begins Wednesday, in Sioux Falls; sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for six weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 mculhane@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

Sacred Heart Monastery

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

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

Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the June or July sessions, contact Sister Doris Oberemba at doberemba@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

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

Presentation Sisters

June 12/The 22nd annual Presentation Sisters' Golf Tournament, sponsored by Avera, Eide Bailly, LLP, Kyburz-Carlson Construction and Northern Valley Communications will be held Monday, at Moccasin Creek Country Club, Aberdeen. The 18-hole, four-woman scramble tournament will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$85 which includes green fees, breakfast, lunch and nominal donation. Net proceeds from this tournament will support the Presentation Life in an Emerging Future conference being held this summer in Brookings. For more information, contact Barb Grosz at 605-229-8391 or bgrosz@presentationsisters.org.

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

Diocesan Vocations office

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

Mother of God Monastery

Tuesdays and Thursdays in June/The Benedictine Multicultural Center in Watertown is offering its unique summer program for youth ages 8-12 entitled "Around the World Youth Program". The program is held Tuesdays and Thursdays in June from 5:30-7 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the month. Scholarships and transportation are available. Call 605-878-2021 for more information.



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