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WHAT STRANGE GODS DO WE HONOR?

A look at the first commandment

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The importance of prayer at the center of our lives

As I near the end of my privileged time as Bishop of Sioux Falls I continue to share with you themes that have guided me as reflected in my columns in The Bishop's Bulletin over the years.

Below are two edited columns on the importance of prayer at the center of our lives and the opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to guide and uplift us.

From the May 2008 edition of The Bishop's Bulletin:

When I was rector of St. Raphael Cathedral in the Diocese of Madison in Wisconsin, my practice was to hear confessions immediately before the 5 p.m. daily Mass, except on Holy Days when additional preparation for the Mass was needed. At the time I was the only priest assigned to three parishes. A notice was posted on the confessional which read: "No Confessions Today" to remind the faithful and not inconvenience anyone. Someone decided to improve this notice; it then read, "No Confessions Today BECAUSE YOU ARE LAZY".

My first reaction was to be taken aback, followed by this person really needs the sacrament. But then I wondered if God was sending me a message.

Dictionary.com gives three definitions to lazy: *1. disinclined to action or exertion, adverse to labor, idle, shirking work; 2. inactive, slothful, slow, sluggish; 3. wicked, vicious.* Some one thought that of me? Could it be true? Sometimes we can be lazy by being busy. That is why regular prayer is so essential.

I often use the capital sins as a source of evaluation. Among them is sloth or acedia. I ask myself if this day I have been shirking from or sluggish in my prayer life which sustains the rest of my life.

The Catechism describes prayer as a battle. The Compendium of the Catechism tells us why:

"Prayer is a gift of grace but it always presupposes a determined response on our part because those who pray 'battle' against themselves, their surroundings, and especially the Tempter who does all he can to turn them away from prayer. The battle of prayer is inseparable from progress in the spiritual life. *We pray as we live because we live as we pray.* (572)

"Distraction is a habitual difficulty in our prayer. It takes attention away from God and can also reveal what we are attached to. Our heart therefore must humbly turn to the Lord. Prayer is often affected by dryness. Overcoming this difficulty allows us to cling to the Lord in faith, even without any feeling of consolation. Acedia is a form of spiritual laziness due to relaxed vigilance and a lack of custody of the heart. (574)

I must admit that on occasion I suffer from all three of those difficulties in prayer; I am engaged in the battle, especially while living in a culture that is so filled with activity, noise, judgmentalism and the tendency to compartmentalize our spiritual from our workaday world. Maintaining our relationship with Christ is a 24-hour mission.

St. Therese of Lisieux put it so simply, as was her way, and so beautifully: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

She also wrote a moving poem entitled My Song of Today which includes this truthful and challenging verse which offers this humbling perspective.

"My life's a jot of time, an hour that comes and goes; my life – this moment; now – escapes and runs away. To give You while on earth, O God, the love one owes, I've got . . . only today." And so do we.

As this long winter comes to an end and the busyness of the world surrounds and entices us, may we recall the model of Jesus in prayer and the example of His sacrificial love about which this Easter season reminds us to give the love one owes Him today.

That person who edited the notice on the con-

fessional got my attention. I am grateful for it. In response, I began to hear confessions after Mass.

From the June 2009 edition of The Bishop's Bulletin:

Spring is a wonderful time of year as green overwhelms the once drab countryside and purple and pink flowering shrubs lift our spirits.

A few years ago there was a beautiful tree outside my window with its branches laden with blossoms. A strong spring storm came through and toppled the tree. Examination showed that while there was an appearance of health on the outside, the tree was weak on the inside, the wood soft and moist. The beautiful exterior hid the interior decay that inevitably resulted in its destruction.

We are a culture that tends to judge value and beauty on the exterior. Appearance aids and cosmetic surgery are billion dollar industries even in times of economic uncertainty when many do not have the basics to live healthy lives. Financial statements are concocted to impress while the hard earned investments of others are squandered. Slick publications and glitzy television shows, including some that are religious based, preach instant gratification, often at the expense of demeaning others.

We in the Church can get caught up in the exterior as well. To hold peoples' interest liturgies can become entertainment rather than prayer and worship. Devotions and social causes can become ends in themselves rather than ways to respond to the call of Christ to love others as he has loved us. Catholic identity can be sacrificed for popularity or public acceptance. It leads to a softening of the core of institutions and individuals that can result in interior decay, and thus more vulnerable to the storms of life.

This time of year we celebrate the Solemnities of Pentecost and the Most Blessed Trinity, recalling the core mystery of our faith, one God in three persons and the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and counsel. They are opportunities for us to shore up our interior spiritual lives, seeking to better live externally the gift of the Holy Spirit we have received internally at baptism and confirmation.

Grounded in the love of Christ, we can call upon the Spirit to strengthen us as we confront what the secular culture urges us to do, to seek and how to behave. The Spirit offers the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. They can bring us perspective beyond appearance, patience to endure our crosses and withstand temptations, the humility to trust in God's will and way, and so to live with the hope won for us on the decidedly "unbeautiful" cross.

As we age and experience, our exteriors will change no matter what new miracles may be advertised. When we "topple over", may it be said that there was a beautiful person not because of how we looked but because of how we allowed the Holy Spirit to nourish and guide us.

Officials

On February 22, Bishop Swain accepted the resignation of Reverend Robert Wullweber from the pastorates of St. John the Baptist, Wagner and Assumption, Dante and granted his request to take personal leave from public ministry.

Effective April 23, Bishop Swain appointed Reverend Jim Friedrich, pastor at St. John the Baptist, Wagner and Assumption, Dante. Father Friedrich will concurrently serve as Temporary Adminstrator for St. Charles Parish, Artesian, St. Joseph Parish, Wessington Springs and St. Wilfrid Parish, Woonsocket until such time a successor can be named.

With the appointment of a new pastor, Reverend Joseph Forcelle was relieved of his assignment as Temporary Administrator to St. John the Baptist, Wagner and Assumption, Dante. Father Forcelle remains the pastor at St. Leo the Great, Tyndall and St. Vincent de Paul, Springfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor

Schedule

May

1	7:00	Mass, 100th Anniversary, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
2	7:00	Cathedral Sacred Arts: The Cathedral Choirs-100th Anniversary Concert, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
3	6:00	Confirmation, Holy Cross, Ipswich, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Leola and St. Thomas the Apostle, Roscoe in Ipswich
4	5:30	Confirmation, St. Joseph, Eureka, St. Michael, Herreid and St. Anthony, Selby in Selby
5	11:30	Bless new pipe organ, following 11:30 Mass, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen
	1:30	Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen, St. Mary, Aberdeen and St. Mary, Westport at Sacred Heart, Aberdeen
7	11:30	Luncheon with Senior Priests
8	7:00	Confirmation, St. Agnes, Vermillion
10	11:00	Live interview on Real Presence Radio
11	4:00	Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
	5:00	Spring Dinner, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish
12	10:00	Confirmation, St. Boniface, Idylwilde and St. George, Scotland in Scotland
14	12:00	Pray at Planned Parenthood
15	6:00	Confirmation, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sioux Falls at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
16	11:00	Presbyteral Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
18	4:00	Stational Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
18	7:00	O'Gorman High School Commencement, Elmen Center, Sioux Falls
19	10:30	Confirmation, St. Mary, Clear Lake, St. Francis de Sales, Estelline and St. Peter, Gary in Estelline
	2:00	Confirmation, Holy Trinity in Huron
21	11:30	Luncheon with Leaders of Consecrated Women's Religious Communities
22	6:30	Confirmation, St. Peter, Colman, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton and Ss. Simon and Jude, Flandreau in Elkton
24	11:00	Mass, Totus Tuus Commissioning, Sacred Heart Chapel, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
25	4:00	Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
27	9:00	Memorial Day Mass, St. Michael Cemetery, Sioux Falls
30	11:00	Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
31	11:00	Ordination to the Priesthood, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

Fr. Michael
GRIFFIN

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice

We gathered in Easter darkness around a fire and lit a candle that will carry the fire of this Holy Night throughout the year.

We carried the candle inside and lit many, many candles from this one flame, this one light, until the inside of the church was aglow with our baptismal light.

Bathed in this warmth, we listened as the solemn proclamation of the Lord's rising was sung; ancient, poetic, unrestrained in praise of the resurrection, and demanding as it commands the hosts of heaven to exult and blow the trumpet of salvation; demanding as it commands the earth to be glad and allow glory to flood her.

Finally, demanding in its command to the People of God, "Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples." There is a great deal of power in these commands, glory that arrives like lightning, buildings shaking with joy and filled with mighty voices.

Yet, there is a small touch of peace in the midst of this wild storm of exultation, a touch of gentleness; the word "Mother."

We often hear the word "mother" in connection to the Church, but rarely does it have the same meaning as it does on this Holy Night. It is impossible to hear that word and not look at those lined up at the Easter Vigil, awaiting the new birth of their approaching Baptism. It is impossible not to pause and ponder the love of a Church as she prepares to give birth to them through water and the Holy Spirit.

Certainly this new birth is at the heart of the understanding of "mother" in this proclamation, yet motherhood is more than just giving birth. Countless women, who have not given physical birth to their children, bring their children to life through their devoted love. St. Augustine, in reflecting on the annunciation to the Virgin Mary, reminds us that motherhood flows, not so much from the womb as from the heart.

There is a wonderful beauty in knowing that you are loved and nourished, cared for and known, a beauty that brings us to life. Each time we come to the Church for a transformative encounter, Marriage, Holy Orders, Confirmation, Baptism, we are always called by name, we are cared for and known.

We come to this same community to know forgiveness, to find grace to unite our sufferings to Christ, to be fed by His Word and His Body and Blood, we are loved and nourished.

A few weeks ago I had the happy privilege of attending the annual Roncalli Ball with my family. Each year since I have been back in Aberdeen I have attended this wonderful evening fund raiser with my parents, my sisters and brother-in-law.

This year the dinner was highlighted by Beef Wellington but, alas, I had given up eating meat for Lent, so I checked the menu mailed out with the invitations and realized most of the appetizers had some meat in them, and most also contained gluten, which left my sister out as well.

We both prepared ourselves for an evening of dining on a side salad.

As we sat at table, talking and enjoying our salads, the entrees were brought around. They smelled great and then the waiter asked, "Who gets the vegetarian and who gets the gluten-free?" My sister and I looked around confused and our mom pointed us out.

"What's up?" I asked her.

"I called ahead to make sure you two had something to eat," she said; a delicious and wonderful surprise.

So there I was, 56 years old and still her boy; come what may in my life, I will always have that.

This is what the Church means when she calls herself "Mother."

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Many parishes across the Diocese of Sioux Falls celebrate the feast day of St. Isidore to bless the agriculture efforts of the farmers. The feast of St. Isidore is May 15. St. Isidore is the patron saint for farmers and rural communities. There are usually farm blessing Masses celebrated as well as the blessing of fields and equipment as seen above in St. Leo the Great Parish, Tyndall. (File photo courtesy, Father Joe Forcelle, pastor, St. Leo The Great Parish, Tyndall)

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The call and command to place God above all else in our lives could not be much clearer.

It is first of the Ten Commandments and Jesus reinforces it throughout the gospels, for example, in the Gospel of Matthew.

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself'". MT 22:37-39

It is inevitable that something rises to the top of how we spend our time and our resources. Said another way, human beings are made to worship something.

"When the Catechism of the Catholic Church was first published I attended a workshop on it. I remember reading the paragraph CCC 27 under the title of 'The Desire for God', said Sally Engler, the director of religious education at St. James Parish, Chamberlain.

"(It) states the following: 'The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; And God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for…' This has always been one of my favorite statements," Engler said.

Aberdeen Roncalli High school religion teacher Cherie Shishnia puts it this way.

"We are religious beings with a need to express ourselves... in appreciation for the transcendent...Goodness, Truth, Beauty (which is God). We are created this way and our fulfilment is found in knowing the One who created us. We often turn our eyes to the created things and forget who has created it all in love for us," she said.

For life-long teacher Shelly Wiemann from St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings, it is about love.

"I believe that not only are we made to worship, but to love because we were made by Love itself for the purpose of loving Him who made us - God. This then is our nature - to

Fr. Scott Traynor, pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Yankton.

love. If to love is our nature than we will love something because it is who we are as humans," she said.

Fr. Scott Traynor, pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, said worship is part of God's plan of love and joy for each of us.

"My love of God grows as I come to know Him more (growing in faith) and say yes to living his plan of love (following the commandments) and enter more deeply into relationship with Him (prayer). As my love of God grows and is nourished by regular worship of Him above all at Mass, my worship will become more meaningful, and less routine or just 'going thru the motions' which the Catechism reminds us is not really worship but superstition (CCC 2111)", he said.

"God has 'hardwired' us to worship," said Jeff Heron, who leads the RCIA program at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls.

"Anthropologists tell us that every culture has three things in common: A game that involves some kind of a ball, a traditional dance (of some sort), and worship of a supreme being," he said.

BUT WHAT DO WE WORSHIP?

If the question isn't whether human beings worship, it probably is what do we worship? What rises to the top of our own daily living? If you take just a few minutes to reflect, do you come up with a substantial list of things that occasionally, maybe regularly, maybe all the time, come before God?

"We begin to worship the created rather than the Creator," Wiemann said.

"Over the last 30 years of working in education, various parish ministries, and my own family experiences, it seems that as a culture, we have an unquenchable thirst for more- more pleasure, comfort, success and more stuff. We are so often looking for the next greatest vacation, the perfect career, the house with everything, or the latest technology and hoping this will make us happy.

"It's a heartbreaking struggle for more. Our wants become the focus of our daily life and the center of our worship. In some ways, our worship is of self – me and my wants," she said.

Curt Clemen, a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls and an active member of the men's group there, offers a list of what gets to the top of the list for many of us.*(see list below)*

Patricia Irvine, who leads the theology department at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, encourages a look at some more subtle examples.

"Apart from the typical worship of money, fame, education, and pleasure, a more subtle example of worship is found in the family," she said.

"I've started to notice that many people are replacing God with their families in terms of what they worship. The question seems to be less about what God would want for them and more, 'What would Grandma want?'

"Certainly, family is a great good, but it is easy to make the family the

ME AND MY WANTS

- things - house, cars, boats, etc;
- titles - indication of importance to feed our pride;
- work – people often neglect family and other responsibilities to get the next promotion;
- busy life;
- social media - portraying image of importance, having it all together, many friends;
- Any addiction: alcohol, drugs, gambling, porn, gaming;
- the 'model' look – perfect body - people spend a lot of time and money on fitness clubs, personal trainers, diets, make up, etc. to have the look. But it doesn't change who is inside;
- sex – the media promotes it constantly and has been doing it for a long time. I didn't realize that growing up but I know it influenced me. Now the media is much bolder and sex has become very casual.

Sally Engler, the director of religious education at St. James Parish, Chamberlain

absolute good, a role that will crush instead of bolster family life. Parents, grandparents, and siblings can be beautiful revelations of God's love for us, but they will always fall short of God Himself. I have seen this worship of family played out in real life and in popular TV shows alike, yet both reveal the finite reach of the family to save us," Irvine said.

Engler said, "My very first thought was electronic devices – cell phones, tablets, iPad, etc. – and the social media they offer you. As a DRE, I have watched almost all junior high and high school students walk into the Religious Ed building looking at their phones.

"They go to their classrooms and use their phones until the bell rings for the start of class. It's good that they know to turn the phones off. It's sad that they don't communicate with one another which was common up until about five years ago," she said.

AMERICAN OR OTHER IDOL?

While the word idolatry is not often heard anymore, making idols of things other than God is common. We even hold it up as a good as we follow religiously the selection of the latest celebrity singer or actor. While most of us know there is a balance in all this, how do we know if we have gone too far?

"Here is a simple test," said Fr. Traynor.

"What in my life does not move or give place to anything else? If that unmovable thing is something other than God and his commandments, then the unmovable thing is my idol.

"People who excuse themselves from Mass on Sundays or Holy Days for soccer practice or because they are on vacation, or because it is inconvenient or because they would rather sleep in are surely making an idol of soccer, leisure, convenience or sleep. The Catechism reminds us that power, pleasure, politics, money and other created realities can (and do!) become idols in our lives (CCC 2113)," he said.

Fr. Traynor said there is a reason why this first commandment is first.

"We can easily perceive the real chaos and hellishness that would (and does) come into a person's life, family, community and the world when the commandments to not kill, to not commit adultery, to not lie, to not steal were routinely ignored," he said.

"When routinely ignored on a large scale- by many people, you have a true hell on earth. Why would that be any different with the first of the 10 Commandments? It is not. The first commandment is intimately connected to the Great Commandment given by Jesus- Love God with everything, love your neighbor as yourself. When our hearts turn to strange gods, the very foundation of living a life ordered by God's plan of love and joy for us is undermined," said Fr. Traynor.

Irvine said God's nature as an Infinite Being is key to helping understand our own desires.

"Our hearts were crafted with an infinite desire that can be filled only by an Infinite Being. When we try to fill it with finite things, such as family, education, or comfort, we will necessarily fall short of being fulfilled," she said.

Cherie Shishnia, teacher at the Aberdeen Roncalli High School

"A spouse, as great as the marriage may be, cannot fulfill the deepest longings of our hearts. If I pursue the good of education as the greatest good, I will never be satisfied. Yes, there will always be more to learn, but we weren't created to simply know things--we were created to be in relationship with the One who made us. Once you recognize the human longing for God, you will see how the entire world is aching for something or someone to fill their deep desires. All of the strange gods we worship will only enslave us while worshiping God will set us free," said Irvine.

Jeff Heron, leads the RCIA program at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

HOW DO WE PUT GOD FIRST?

Like so many other goods in our life, even though we know the benefit of worshipping God above all else, we might still struggle to actually make the right choices to help us live that way. But that is where Christians can help each other.

"I think we need to lead by example, to be people of prayer who strive to follow the Lord's bidding," said Shishnia.

"We can then share the peace in the midst of chaos or joy in the midst of strife. I remember, years ago when I had interviewed to travel with the National Evangelization Teams. I would give up my job, if they deemed me someone they needed. I put it in God's hands.

"A friend of mine was confused by my willingness to do so. He asked me if I was going to throw my life up into the air like pieces of paper to the wind and see where it lands and I said 'yes'. He saw me as a little crazy - but I do believe he was also inspired by this action. I trusted the Lord would lead and that year on NET was one of the most beneficial years of my life and led me back to Roncalli to minister and teach in the high school," she said.

Clemen said modeling behavior can be a help to others.

"Do they see us putting God first? Do they see us forgiving others? I think we live in a world that is way short on forgiveness," he said.

"Do they see us serving others - serving without expectation of being repaid? Do they see in us strong relationships, peace, joy? Enough to cause them to desire to change themselves?" he asked.

Heron said making choices to be Catholic Christians is a place to start.

"We must be content with and be in harmony with Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and Sacred Authority. This may sound too simplistic. However, these sacred pillars have helped followers of Jesus and members of His Church for millennia! This is who we must be," he said.

"Second, we must do. Do practice the teachings of scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church; observe the sacraments; read your Bible; go to confession; go to Mass; follow Jesus; love your wife and your family; love your enemies and pray for those who minimize/belittle/persecute you," he said

Engler cites a simple saying that can help keep things in the right order.

"Years ago, I went to a meeting at another parish and I noticed a poster that they had on their bulletin board. It looked like this:

J ~ Jesus **O** ~ Others **Y** ~ You

"I have used this many times over the years in explaining the way to find joy in your life is living it this way, by loving this way: Jesus first; others second; you third. Jesus needs to be first. If you get them out of order, it won't make sense," she said.

Shelly Wiemann, life-long teacher and parishoner of St. Thomas More, Brookings

Wiemann encourages a good examination of conscience as a place to get things sorted out.

"The solution begins with daily self-awareness and prayer. How did I spend my time and energy today? When did I turn toward God? When did I turn away from Him? Give God thanks and praise for the times you turned to Him and ask for forgiveness for the times you turned away from Him," she said.

"Daily Mass with the Eucharist and regular participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides transformational grace to strengthen and order our lives to God. Daily prayer and reading of Scripture opens our hearts and minds to know God through Jesus. Simplify your life – less stuff, less distraction. Serve others. Look up and around you. You will begin to see the needs of others and the face of Jesus in those you serve," she said.

St. Augustine noted that our hearts are restless until they rest in God, his way of saying that our need to worship and honor God is already built into us.

"Putting God at the top is something our heart longs to do. He created us and we belong to Him," Irvine said.

"It is natural that we should want to know our Creator. So putting God first isn't about working against our natural desires, but instead involves working with them. Every day we are called to make decisions that range from the most important to the least.

"Many of these are natural-parents will stop preparing supper when they hear their child screaming in pain. Of course, the child's suffering outranks the need to have supper immediately. When it comes to putting God first, too often we don't get our priorities in the right order.

"Scripture describes relationship with God as being food and water, things we cannot go without for very long. So many of us are starving and we have come to accept that as commonplace. If my soul needs God in order to be alive, I must prioritize the very things that give my soul life. A relationship with God is not optional or "if I have time" it would be a nice thing to do. Rather, it is vital. What keeps my soul alive? Daily prayer, the Sacraments, Scripture, adoration, and the list goes on and on," she said.

And where does Irvine think that may lead us?

"Are you free to sit in silence with the God of the Universe? If silence makes you uncomfortable, consider why," she said.

"If God only knew what you told Him in prayer, would He know much about your life? We schedule things that are important to us. Is time with God included in your schedule or do you fit Him in when it works? G.K. Chesterton said, 'Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.' Which one does your relationship with God seem to be more like: a theory or a love affair?" Irvine asked.

EASTER SEASON: THE FEAST OF FEASTS

We are living in the Easter season; the 50 days the Church asks us to celebrate the "mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death..." (CCC 1169) If there was ever a time to get what we worship in the right order, now is the time.

Patricia Irvine, teacher at O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls

Fr. Traynor suggests some rather basic ways to help us get there.

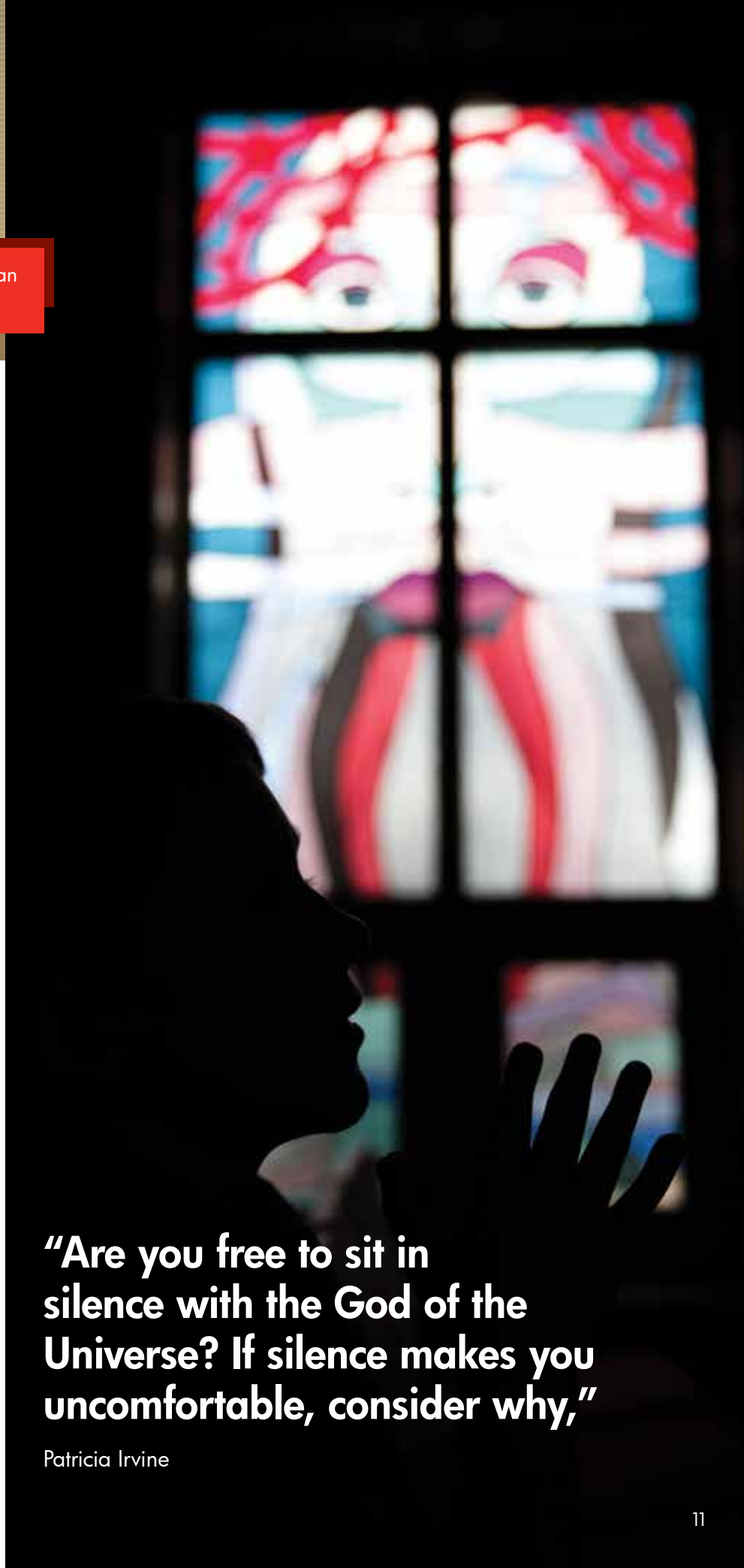
"Making an unmovable commitment to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day, to frequent confession, to daily prayer and a daily diet of the Word of God in Scripture is a good start," he said.

"Seek out opportunities for service of others, and cultivate friendships that help reinforce my daily choice to love God with everything that I am are concrete ways to say a greater 'yes' to God's plan of love and joy for me in the first commandment," Fr. Traynor said.

Irvine said putting God first means saying no to lesser things, not unlike many other choices we regularly make in life.

"St. Teresa of Calcutta lived a life of poverty so as to closely align herself with the poor, but also so that nothing would distract her from service to the poor. Knowing her own humanity, she eliminated the excess which thereby allowed her to be attentive to God and His will for her," she said.

"Our lives don't need to mirror St. Teresa of Calcutta's, but we should be honest with ourselves about what distracts us from placing God as first in our lives. Are we willing to get rid of it for the sake of a relationship with God? Would we be willing to sacrifice our phone, Netflix subscription, weekend plans, or anything else if we knew it would keep us eternally from God?" Irvine asked.



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Patricia Irvine

You are invited to consider God's love for you

"The more the Spirit quenches our thirst, the thirstier we become." This quote by one of my favorite authors, Father Wilfrid Stinessen speaks to my desire for the young people (and all people for that matter) of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. When one encounters Jesus Christ, they are changed.

I encountered Jesus Christ, as a youth growing up in northeast South Dakota, 22 years ago. As a teenager, I had my fair share of struggles both at school and at home. Along with these things, I had a lot of questions such as "does God even exist?" or "If God does exist, why does he allow bad things to happen?" Probably one of my biggest questions was "why does it seem like God loves everyone else more than He loves me?"

I remember going to Discipleship Camp as a high school student just wanting to get away from everything. I didn't go because I wanted to grow in my faith. In fact, I was so angry at God at the time, I was mostly wanting to confirm that even if God was real, He didn't love me.

The first thing that struck me about the camp was how happy everyone was. "Of course, they are happy" I thought, "they haven't had to go through what I've been through". As camp went on and the counselors began to share their lives with me, I realized how wrong I was. It begged the question "If they have also had suffering in their life, how can they be happy? What do they have that I don't?" Similar to the bystanders in the book of Acts, I was curious if they had been drinking.

Long story short one of the leaders at camp, during a time of prayer and adoration, invited us to consider God's love for us...to be open to receiving whatever God has in store for us. For just a moment, I remember praying to God "if you are real, please show yourself to me." And that He did. In only a few moments God gave me just a simple taste of His love for me, a glimpse of heaven. He revealed to me His great power in freeing me, at least for a moment, from the burdens that I had been carrying for far too long. I was made new.

As we approach summer, it is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of moments that are not so easily available throughout the rest of the year. Taking time to retreat a bit allows us to step away from some of the weight that we carry in our everyday lives and provides opportunities to find peace and comfort in God. For me, it was through D-Camp that God revealed some of the lies that had been weighing on me for so long. This encounter has continued to be a source of grace and hope as I strive to give my life to Him each and every day. The more I become aware of God's love for me and for the whole world, the thirstier I become.

Now, for me this opportunity and space came through Discipleship Camp. I am blessed today to direct the same camp that affected me so deeply 22 years ago and I've been able to offer a similar space for over 2000 young people since I started working at the diocese in 2010.

D-Camp is just one experience though of many that provides a space like this. We are blessed in our diocese to have so many pastors, parish staff, and volunteers committed to our young people and providing more opportunities in the summer than ever before. Whether it's a conference, mission trip, or even a day trip to an amusement park these opportunities exist to breathe life into us, our friendships, our realities, and our parishes.

On another note, it is important to realize that these sorts of "extraordinary" events are not as necessary as one might think. Sure, they are a good and true source of grace for many. For others though, opportunities like this just are not an option.

Eric Gallagher
Director, Youth Discipleship and Evangelization

We must recognize that at all times and in all places God is drawing us to himself. Opportunities like D-Camp help make us more aware of this. Also though, committing to smaller "retreat" opportunities like setting aside quiet prayer time each day or going on walks and offering a rosary can become invaluable sources of grace.

This summer, let us commit to creating the space that allows God to speak His love to us and satisfy our thirst.

Ordination to the Priesthood May 30 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph

A seminarian for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, Timothy Cone, will be ordained, God willing, to the priesthood on Friday, May 31 at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls.

Rev. Mr. Cone was born on June 1, 1987 in Fayetteville, NC to Thomas and Susan Cone.

He has an older brother, two older sisters, and one younger sister. He grew up going to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City.

He also attended St. Therese Catholic Church in Rapid City and currently is from Sacred Heart Parish, Yankton.

Rev. Mr. Cone graduated from Rapid City Central High School.

He received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

Rev. Mr. Timothy Cone

In 2013 Timothy became a seminarian for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

He began his seminary studies at St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, MN and will complete them this month.

The ordination is open to the people of the diocese.

Ordinations to the Diaconate set for the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and St. Peter's Basilica

Two seminarians for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, will be ordained, God willing, to the Diaconate, one in May at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and a second at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome in October.

Michael Kapperman will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on May 30 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls.

Kapperman was born on July 23, 1992 in Sioux Falls to Dennis and Carol Kapperman. He has three brothers, two older and one younger. St. George Parish, Hartford, has always been his home parish.

In 2014, Kapperman became a seminarian for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. He began his studies at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, MN, and he continues to study there.

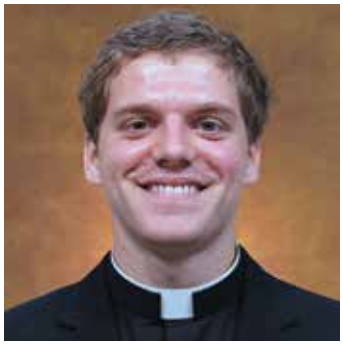
Anthony Klein will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Oct. 3 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Klein was born on June 24, 1993 in Sioux Falls to Steve and Briget Klein. He is the youngest in his family and has two older sisters. St. Lambert Parish in Sioux Falls has always been his home parish.

In 2012 Tony became a seminarian for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. He began his studies at St. John Vianney Seminary and the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Catholic Studies.

In 2016 he began theological formation at the North American College Seminary in Rome, Italy and he currently studies at the Pontifical University of the Angelicum in Rome.

Michael Kapperman



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Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish living a resurrection story with help of others

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls, continues its own resurrection story as progress is being made on restoring the church after a December 19 fire.

St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls, recently added to the recovery fund when Father Shaun Haggerty, pastor, presented a $7,500 check to Father Kristopher Cowles, pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, for the recovery effort.

Liturgies have been held next door in the parish's gymnasium while the restoration is performed.

The cleaning and restoration work will continue until the congregation can return to the church worship space.

Since the fire, Father Cowles has repeatedly offered thanks to those who have supported the parish's comeback and rebuilding effort through prayer and donations.

Help is still being sought and accepted by calling the parish at 605-338-8126 or via email at olgparish@sfcatholic.org.

(Photos courtesy, (upper left) Father Kristopher Cowles, pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls and (lower left) Father Shaun Haggerty, pastor, St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls)

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St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings, gets okay to grow and expand school classes

St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings, is growing its education offerings in the years ahead.

Father Terry Anderson, pastor, recently received approval from Bishop Paul Swain to expand the school.

A preschool has been in place at St. Thomas More for 16 years.

The Parish's elementary school was created two years ago as a kindergarten class.

Today, St. Thomas More has students attending preschool, junior kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade.

With the approval, the school will add second grade next year and third grade the following year.

Students already attending the school have shared with their parents how they want to be able to keep going to school at St. Thomas More.

Now that will be able to happen through the third grade.

Tara Mills, a St. Thomas More parishioner and parent to one of the St. Thomas More first grade students could not be happier. "I'm not sure I could imagine better things" for her daughter now. "Her days are filled with prayer, in a church where she feels so at home and comfortable, with priests, a sister and teachers who share about saints, prayer, their families, and their hearts."

St. Thomas More Catholic School (STMCS) has been prayed for and planned for by faithful people in the parish for many years.

"As we build the Catholic school culture in our community, our enrollment continues to grow," said Meghan Kelly, the school's director. "We are enthusiastic about the future of our school."

Miss Amanda Entringer teaching her first grade class at St. Thomas More School, Brookings. (Photo courtesy, Father Terry Anderson, St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings)

St. Thomas More School is now home to 80 students, four full-time and three part-time teachers.

"St. Thomas More Parish has been blessed these past two years with having Catholic School students, teachers and volunteers," said Father Anderson. "It takes many people to run a school and there were over 50 people from the parish who were directly involved."

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Diocese comes together for Chrism Mass

Bishop Paul J. Swain consecrated the Sacred Chrism and blessed the Oil of the Sick and Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls. These oils are used in sacraments in parishes across the diocese. Priests of the diocese also renewed their commitment as part of the Chrism Mass liturgy. (Photo by Gene Young)

SmartLab debuts in Watertown at Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School, Watertown , recently debuted and opened SmartLab for their elementary school. SmartLab is an engaging program where students explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (or STEM).Thanks to a generous benefactor, the school was able to reach its goal rather quickly to get the project open. Students are getting an introduction to the SmartLab during the last couple of weeks of this school year, but will fully start using the lab next fall. (Photo courtesy, Jocelyn Zimprich, Immaculate Conception School, Watertown)

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Bishop's Charity Fishing tournaments on the horizon

The 23rd annual "Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament" supporting seminarian education is getting closer. The tournament is a spring tradition for many and is scheduled for Monday, June 3 on Big Stone Lake and Monday, June 10 at the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area in Pierre. Proceeds from the tournaments go toward the formation and education of diocesan seminarians. For more information or to register, contact the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota at 605-988-3765 or toll free at 1-888-246-3386 or at www.ccfesd.org. (Photo courtesy, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

Students help those in need with Empty Bowls

Diners crowded into the O'Gorman High School cafeteria for the annual Empty Bowls fund raiser. The benefit provides a meal of soup, bread and dessert with the goal of raising money to help those in need in the community. The students at O'Gorman use the meal to help raise money for local agencies that feed the hungry and homeless. More than 100 students helped with the event. Because all the food is donated, all proceeds will go to local agencies that feed the poor. (Photo by Gene Young)

Catholic Daughters of the Americas generate funds for veterans

The Catholic Daughters of South Dakota recently held their 50th Biennial State Convention in Chamberlain. The theme was "We are Called...to Serve." The new state officers were elected for a two year term. The SD CDA Military project held a special fund raiser with donations made and a check presented to "Wishes for Heroes" to Kristin Hendrickson from the Sioux Falls VA hospital for $6347. Colleen Leer, state military chairman is presenting the check. These funds will go be spent to assist the veterans in hospice with a last wish. (Photo courtesy, Brenda Anderson, SD CDA State Regent)

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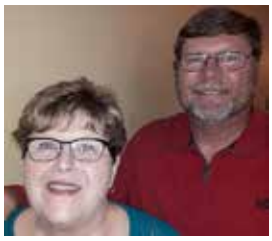
St. Patrick Parish, Montrose, brought out the parishioners (at right) for the parish's annual ham dinner. (Photo courtesy, Father Bob Krantz, St. Patrick Parish, Montrose)

The crowds were also great at St. Joseph Parish, Grenville, for all of the parish's fish fry meals (at right) during the Lenten season. (Photo courtesy, Father Brian Simon, St. Joseph Parish, Grenville)

Committed in CHRIST

ABERDEEN – Arnold and Marilyn Mathews will celebrate their 70th anniversary on May 3. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

ABERDEEN – Kirby and Paulette Hay will celebrate their 30th anniversary on May 13. They have 2 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



BRANDON – Henry and Gayle Zach will celebrate their 35th anniversary on May 5. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Risen Savior Parish.

DELL RAPIDS – Virgil and JoEllen Klein will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 12. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.

DIMOCK – Mark and Wanda Belitz will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 25. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.

DIMOCK – Donnie and Bev McBrayer celebrated their 35th anniversary on Apr. 27. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.

DIMOCK – Frank and Monica Horstman celebrated their 60th anniversary on Apr. 8. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.

FLORENCE – Vincent and Shirley Flemming will celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 25. They have 8 children, 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

GEDDES – Jim and Marilyn Petrik will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 17. They have 6 children, 15 grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.

GETTYSBURG – Darrell and Linda Simon celebrated their 60th anniversary on Apr. 11. They have 3 children, 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

HARTFORD – Paul and Tracy Ketcham will celebrate their 30th anniversary on May 6. They have 3 children and are members of St. George Parish.

HARTFORD – Brian and Pat McMahon celebrated their 30th anniversary on Apr. 15. They have 4 children and are members of St. George Parish.

HOVEN – Marvin and Lillian Glatt will celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 30. They have 8 children (3 deceased), 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

HUNTIMER – Dale and Rita Bunkers celebrated their 50th anniversary on Apr. 13. They have 6 children (2 deceased), 12 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph the Workman Parish.

MITCHELL – Jeff and Kathy Fouberg will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 12. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.

MITCHELL – Robert and Elaine Sullivan will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 24. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.

MITCHELL – Mick and Mary Ellen Weber will celebrate their 65th anniversary on June 1. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren (1 deceased), 13 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.

MONTROSE – Jim and Kay Miles will celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 14. They have 5 children, 19 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Patrick Parish.

PARKSTON – Lenny and Deb Nolz will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 26. They have 4 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

PIERRE – Doug and Jan Parker will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 19. They have 2 children and are members of SS. Peter and Paul Parish.

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SCOTLAND – Wayne and Mary Jo Bertrand will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 1. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 8 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.

SIOUX FALLS – Jerry and Margaret Bruggeman will celebrate their 45th anniversary on May 24. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.

SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Marsha Murphy will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 3. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

SIOUX FALLS – Dave and Liz Reimer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 31. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.

SIOUX FALLS – Duane and Joyce Coatsworth will celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 29. They have 3 children and are members of St. Michael Parish.

SIOUX FALLS – Vincent and Betty Ketcham will celebrate their 65th anniversary on May 5. They have 9 children, 21 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.

WATERTOWN – Dennis and Sheila Beisch will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 12. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

WATERTOWN – Keith and Cindy Mack will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 5. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

WATERTOWN – Joe and Eunice Reichling will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 17. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 8 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.

WATERTOWN – Dennis and Sue Paulsen will celebrate their 45th anniversary on May 4. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Rev. William Pitcavage, SCJ

Father William Pitcavage, a member of the U.S. Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, died March 22.

He was 76.

The funeral liturgy was held Mar. 25 at Good Shepherd Chapel of Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake Residence in Franklin, WI.

Interment in Sacred Heart Mausoleum.

Father Pitcavage made his first profession in 1969 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1976.

Born in Port Washington, NY, he enlisted in the US Navy soon after high school. A hospital corpsman for six years, Father Pitcavage spent the first half of his enlistment on an aircraft carrier based in Rhode Island and the second half in Washington, D.C.

It was during his years in the

Rev. William Pitcavage, SCJ

Navy that he began to discern a call to religious life.

Father Pitcavage earned a bachelor's in psychology from Loyola University in Chicago and his M.Div., from Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI.

Father Pitcavage was called to missionary work and during his priestly vocation, served a couple of assignments in South Dakota: at St. Joseph Indian School and St. James Parish, Chamberlain.

Since 2009, Father Pitcavage had been in Hales Corners, WI, attached to the Sacred Heart Community.

From 2010-2013 he was a member of the Provincial Council..

Father Pitcavage is survived by sisters Helen and Pat, his nephew Steve and the members of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

Anniversary Submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by May 15 for inclusion in the June 2019 edition to:
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God's glory is shown on the cross, pope says at audience

Vatican City (CNS) - The glory of God is not manifested with fanfare and applause but displayed through the love of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, Pope Francis said. "True glory is the glory of love because that is the only kind that gives life to the world. Of course, this glory is the opposite of worldly glory, which comes when one is admired, praised, acclaimed: when I am at the center of attention," the pope said during a weekly general audience. Arriving in St. Peter's Square, the pope invited several children to join him in the popemobile to ride around the square while he greeted thousands of pilgrims. Among those present at the audience was 16-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, who spoke briefly with Pope Francis at the end of the general audience. She started the "school strike for climate" initiative, which has expanded to include tens of thousands of students taking a day off school to demonstrate and demand their government's act against climate change. "Thank you for standing up for the climate and speaking the truth. It means a lot," Thunberg told the pope. In reply, Pope Francis told the young woman, "God bless you; continue to work, continue. Go along, go ahead."

Thousands of new Catholics join Church at Easter Vigil

Washington, D.C. (CNS) - Tens of thousands of new Catholics joined the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil liturgies in parishes throughout the United States the night of April 20. While a precise number was not available, reports from 89 U.S. Latin-rite dioceses, roughly half the total number, indicated that their dioceses alone accounted for about 37,000 Catholics joining the church. The great majority of the new Catholics will have gone through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process at their chosen parish. Already with some knowledge of Jesus and Christian teachings at the time they began, the new Catholics learned the teachings of the Catholic Church in a more formal way and discerned that they were ready to commit to living according to these beliefs. There are two distinct groups of people that joined the Church. One group is known as catechumens, who had never been baptized. They received the sacraments of initiation -- baptism, confirmation and first Communion -- at the Easter Vigil liturgy. The other group is known as candidates, who had already been baptized in another Christian faith. They entered the Catholic Church through a profession of faith and reception of confirmation and the Eucharist.

Fire chaplain helped save religious artifacts from burning cathedral

Paris (CNS) - A hero emerging from the Notre Dame Cathedral fire is Father Jean-Marc Fournier, chaplain of the Paris Fire Brigade, who is credited with saving a reliquary containing the crown of thorns and the Blessed Sacrament from the burning cathedral. The fire chaplain reportedly demanded to be allowed into the cathedral along with firefighters to retrieve the cathedral's relics. "Father Fournier is an absolute hero," a member of the Paris fire department told reporters, adding that the priest showed "no fear at all as he made straight for the relics inside the cathedral, and made sure they were saved. He deals with life and death every day and shows no fear." The priest was said to be at the top, or "hot end" of the human chain that included city workers and church caretakers who entered the burning cathedral to save irreplaceable religious items and pieces of art.

Notre Dame fire showed that beauty still matters, art historian says

Vatican City (CNS) - As people in Paris and around the world watched in horror as flames consumed the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral, the blaze also stirred genuine emotions that could come only from witnessing the loss of beauty, art historian Elizabeth Lev said. The fire that engulfed the centuries-old Gothic cathedral showed that although Notre Dame was a formidable structure, it was "vulnerable at the same time, much like Our Lady at the foot of the cross," Lev told Catholic News Service. "People saw a thing of beauty -- universally recognized beauty -- hovering on the brink of destruction and realized that beauty does matter to us after all," she said. Up to 500 firefighters battled for 15 hours to save the cathedral after flames erupted in the structure's attic. The blaze quickly consumed two-thirds of the 13th-century oak roof and brought down the cathedral's 300-foot spire. Authorities said much of the cathedral's wooden interior was destroyed and its masonry was seriously scorched.

U.S. cathedrals rely on state-of-the-art fire prevention but remain vigilant

Rye, NY (CNS) - Cathedrals in the United States count on state-of-the-art fire prevention, detection and suppression techniques to prevent the devastation witnessed at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Nonetheless, firefighters and cathedral staff remain vigilant. Msgr. Robert T. Ritchie, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, oversaw a recent, extensive restoration that included replacement of the traditional fire suppression system in the 130-year-old church. He told Catholic New Service one of his greatest fears during the project was that fire would break out. The rector said he prayed daily that the building and workers would be safe from fire. "St. Patrick's has some similarities to Notre Dame, with its attic of ancient logs," he said. "Of course, ours are not 800 years old, but it's still a concern, because it's wood and it's so dry."

Vermont's 10th bishop opens sainthood cause for diocese's first bishop

Burlington, VT. (CNS) - The 10th bishop of the Diocese of Burlington has opened a cause for canonization for the first bishop of the statewide diocese. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne made the official announcement at the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington. "He was known to be a holy and simple man," he said of Bishop Louis deGoesbriand. "He died well loved by many." Saying that a saint can come from anywhere, Bishop Coyne said it would "be nice to have our own local saint." Msgr. John J. McDermott, vicar general for the diocese, read the official request to open the cause of canonization on behalf of the diocese, recognizing Bishop deGoesbriand's heroic life of holiness and virtue. "The first step, after the announcement of the process, is to develop and foster the cult/devotion of the faithful toward Bishop deGoesbriand," Msgr. McDermott told Vermont Catholic, Burlington's diocesan magazine. Born in France, Bishop deGoesbriand devoted his priestly life to missionary service in America.

Sacred Arts Series concerts set Thursday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 7 - The Sacred Arts Series will host the Cathedral Choirs with Dr. Jared Ostermann, director as part of the Founders' concert. The May 2 performance is free although a free will offering will be accepted. On May 7 at 7:30 p.m.. the vocal ensemble Transept with Dr. Timothy Campbell as director will perform with the O'Gorman High School Concert Choir with Rachael Kramer as director. Tickets for the May 7 performance are $25 or $5. You can find out more about the Sacred Arts Series online at www.stjosephcathedral.net/sas/.

End of life seminar set in Sioux Falls Sunday, May 5 - There will be an end of life seminar Sunday at Holy Spirit Parish, 3601 E Dudley Ln., Sioux Falls. The event runs 12-3:30 p.m., sponsored by St. Michael Catholic Cemetery and Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus; the event is free and open to all.

Recitation of the rosary planned May 8, May 13 and May 31 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host the recitation of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, May 8, Monday, May 13, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima and on the Feast of the Visitation, Friday, May 31 at 6 p.m. each evening in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls. All are invited and welcome.

Pax Christi Southeastern SD to meet Saturday, May 18 - Pax Christi Southeastern SD meeting is set for 1-3 p.m. at Caminando Juntos, 617 E. 7th St., Sioux Falls. Contact Sister Pegge at 274-3735. "Be people of peace and builders of peace" (Pope Benedict to the young people, 2011) will be the featured topic. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart parish hosting organ concert Thursday, May 23 - Sacred Heart Parish, 502 2nd Ave. SE, Aberdeen, will be hosting an organ concert to celebrate the completion of the parish's new pipe organ. Dr. Nathan Knutson will perform May 23 at 7 p.m. More details are available by contacting the parish at 605-225-7065. The concert will feature a variety of sacred and secular pieces and will be followed by a reception and refreshments. A free will offering will be accepted.

Memorial Day Mass set for Sioux Falls Monday, May 27 - St. Michael Cemetery, Sioux Falls, will host its annual Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery at 9 a.m.

Celebration set to honor Fr. Roger Geditz Sunday, June 2 - Holy Cross Parish, Ipswich, will host a reception for Father Roger Geditz on Sunday in the Father Bormann Hall from 2-4 p.m. Father Geditz is a native of Ipswich and was ordained a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls on May 29, 1969. Correspondence may be sent to P.O. Box 496, Ipswich, SD 57451.

Centennial set at Lesterville parish Sunday, June 9 - St. John the Baptist Church, Lesterville will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday. The day will include Mass at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Paul Swain, a meal, and a sale of cookbooks and other memorabilia. Please RSVP for a meal count at stjohnb100th@gmail.com by May 19.

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary now established at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph
The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary has now been established at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls. The purpose of this international association is to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary by the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Catholics from any parish or diocese may enroll. For more information, please contact Jim Miles (605 759-2654; dustoff1525@yahoo.com).

Sacred Heart Monastery

Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the May 18 session, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292

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

Spiritual Direction/A spiritual director is an experienced companion-guide with whom you can share your experience of God, focus on and intensify your journey with God. The schedule is flexible, typically meeting once a month. Contact BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292 for more information.

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

Catholic Family Services

June 4-July 16/Catholic Family Services is hosting "Grieving the Loss From Homicide", a six week program held every Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30. Presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, this is a program for adults who have lost a loved one from the tragic and senseless crime of murder. This loss has a unique intensity that requires special and educational assistance toward adjustment. Located at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. To register or to ask questions please call 605-988-3775 or e-mail at cfs@sfcatholic.org.

June 11-13/Youth Grief Camp being offered-Catholic Family Services will be offering Camp Sydney, a grief camp for youth and their families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, beginning at 6 p.m. June 11 until 11 a.m. June 13. This two day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The grief camp is non-denominational and is offered free of charge. Call Catholic Family Services at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-988-3775 for more information.

Presentation Sisters

May 11/Cinco de Mayo festival will be Saturday at Falls Park, Sioux Falls from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Cinco de Mayo is a family event that recognizes, appreciates and celebrates the cultural gifts and heritage of the Latino people in our midst; the event is a benefit for Caminando Juntos, an outreach ministry to the newly arrived Latino immigrants in the Sioux Falls area and is sponsored by the Presentation Sisters; admission is free and open to all ages.

Vocations office

June 5-7/JP II Vocations camp being offered at Abbey of the Hills, Marvin; Father Shaun Haggerty, Father Jordan Samson and seminarians will lead the camp; the camp is for men 12-16 years of age; cost is $200 and more information is available at www.sfvocations.com.

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

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