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VIBRANT  
CATHOLIC  
PARISHES**



May we with...open hearts learn the music of our day

**T**hese are troubling times, as are all times. Yet these are also hopeful times, as are all times... As I write this column our nation had just experienced the violent racist hatred expressed in Virginia which was then compounded by the violent religious hatred expressed in terrorist attacks in Spain, both of which not only resulted in the death of innocents but also a certain death in the fabric of society. Hate, racism, violence and killing are expressions of the evil one. We must not allow that fallen source to weaken our faith or to lessen our resolve to work for a more perfect union. Jesus shows us the way; after the cross came the resurrection.

My statement in response:

*The recent violence in Charlottesville, Virginia saddens and shocks all people of good will. It also ought to prick our consciences. Racism, especially in this instance of white supremacy, is sinful. It is to be both rejected and condemned. Hateful and criminal violence is only its most extreme expression.*

*Inherent in our Catholic faith is that all persons are created by God in His likeness and, therefore, are children of God. Every person in all our diversity is deserving of respect and the freedom to live lives of dignity and safety.*

*As St. Paul reminds us: "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:27-28). Christ's invitation is offered to all.*

*Let us reject all forms of violence and pray for greater respect, mutual understanding, and reconciliation.*

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace... where there hatred let us sow love.*

A more profound response was offered by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFMCap, former bishop of Rapid City:

"Racism is a poison of the soul. It's the ugly, original sin of our country, an illness that has never fully healed. Blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity. Thus the wave of public anger about white nationalist events in Charlottesville this weekend is well warranted. We especially need to pray for those injured in the violence.

"But we need more than pious public statements. If our anger today is just another mental virus displaced tomorrow by the next distraction or outrage we find in the media, nothing will change. Charlottesville matters. It's a snapshot of our public unraveling into real hatreds brutally expressed; a collapse of restraint and mutual respect now taking place across the country. We need to keep the images of Charlottesville alive in our memories. If we want a different kind of country in the future, we need to start today with a conversion in our own hearts, and an insistence on the same in others. That may sound simple. But the history of our nation and its tortured attitudes toward race proves exactly the opposite."

I tried in my homily that weekend to offer a glimmer of hope as expressed through the love and actions of Jesus toward a worried mother who sought him out to save her dying daughter. Below is an edited version:

"This has been another week filled with sadness, violence, and disrespect for life around the world and in our own country. We pray for all those adversely affected in any way and for reconciliation and peace. We look to our Lord Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life to guide us. He is the hope in the midst of sadness, violence and disrespect for life.

With this real world background we listen to today's Gospel which seems to have an uncharacteristic harshness to it. Of note is the reaction of the disciples to the Canaanite woman seeking healing for her daughter. Finding her annoying they said: 'Send her away.' That is not exactly a charitable reaction to a frightened mother. To put it in some perspective she likely was a pagan and certainly a foreigner in the eyes of the Jewish disciples, and therefore an outsider in the prevailing culture. Jesus changed all that and the disciples themselves, for later in their ministries they traveled the world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples. Their message became not send them away but that of our



psalm response: 'O God, let all nations praise you.'

A loving mother in agony over the illness of her daughter, against all the societal rules sought relief from Christ. Her love moved her to action. She had that core natural sense that Jesus could heal her daughter.

Jesus by publicly responding to her changed the rules and underscored that he came that all might have life and have it to the full, even those looked down upon by the world. God loves all, saint, sinner and all of us who struggle between the two. This message that Jesus became man to personally deliver was prophetically noted in our first reading from Isaiah some 500 years before in which the Lord declared: 'My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples.' St. Paul affirms it in our second reading that Christ's mercy is available to all. This was an extraordinary societal change which likely baffled the disciples at first. It had to be hard for them to overcome their prejudices because change is hard. Christ can give us the strength to do so if we listen to him.

My first pastorate as a priest was in a picturesque rural parish affectionately known as St. Mary of Pine Bluff in Wisconsin. It was dedicated to the Blessed Mother and was located in a beautiful unincorporated town out in the countryside. It was settled by Irish and German immigrants in the mid-1880s. In the sanctuary of the church were statues of St. Patrick, the patron of Ireland, and St. Boniface, the patron of Germany. In most places in the 1800s the Irish and the Germans demanded separate parishes, not unlike so many ethnic based parishes in our diocese. However the fiscally prudent decision was made to have one parish. The German families sat on one side of the Church and the Irish on the other. Located between St. Patrick and St. Boniface was the tabernacle, the presence of

Christ. It symbolized that when Christ is at the center, all of us can live together despite our human differences, real or imagined.

I was told that tension was high when, not unexpectedly, young people fell in love and 'inter-married.' The real tension came when the couple had to choose which side of the church they would sit together as a new family. That division was gone by the time I became pastor. For God's house had become a house of prayer for all people.

In a book entitled, a 'New Song to the Lord', the author tells of being a member of a choir. The group begins rehearsals for a new musical program shortly after a successful public concert. Gone is the familiar music so much fun to sing. In its place is new music, new words to learn. The early rehearsals are painful. Individuals look back with fond memories, nostalgic for the music they had sung so well. Some wondered why we have to learn new things at all, let's just sing what we know.

Yet as time passes slowly but surely something beautiful comes into existence. Finally the day comes and the choir performs the new and now familiar music for the enjoyment of others but also for themselves. The past music remains in their repertoire and in their hearts and the new music enhances its richness.

May we with grateful and open hearts learn the music of our day without compromising Christian values, and welcome all God's children. 'O God, O Jesus Christ, let all the nations praise you.'

It is only when we accept others as brothers and sisters in Christ that hatred, racism and violence will cease. As Archbishop Chaput so powerfully stated, this can only begin with conversion of our own hearts."

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Very Rev. Terry Anderson  
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Deacon James Hayes

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Matthew K. Althoff  
Chancellor

## SCHEDULE

September

2 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

3 9:00 State Fair Mass, Women's Building, State Fair Grounds, Huron

7 11:30 St. Joseph Catholic Housing Brandon Heights II Project Blessing and Ribbon Cutting, Brandon

9 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

12 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood

14 11:00 Presbyteral Council Meeting, Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls

15-17 Annual Meeting of the Northern Lieutenancy Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, St. Louis, MO

23 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

24 1:00 Confirmation, St. John, Plankinton, St. Mary, Stickney and St. Peter, White Lake in Plankinton

3:30 Confirmation, St. Margaret, Kimball and St. James, Chamberlain in Kimball

25-26 Bishop's Charity Hunt, Kimball

29 12:00 Blue Mass to pray for police, fire professionals and first responders, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

30 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

October

1 10:30 Mass, St. Therese Parish Centennial, Sioux Falls

7 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

8 1:30 Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Brookings

9-12 Clergy Days, Cedar Shore, Oacoma



## Changing in profound ways

**L**ast month one of my dogs, Keisha, celebrated her ninth birthday. Well, to be honest, I celebrated it and she didn't seem to notice it much, but she did enjoy the treat and I was gentleman enough not to speak about a lady's age.

But as we paused to honor her birth, I also paused to remember an event that was so small, so insignificant at the time, that I wonder I can remember it. It was a quiet morning in Pierre and just a few weeks before I had to take my cat of 14 years to the vet for...well...sleep. So on this morning, I was still dealing with some sadness and pet loneliness.

I had made a vow the day after the raging blizzard when I had taken Horus the Goof, my fierce warrior cat, to the vet that I would never own a pet again. Never. Pets are great, but I could not imagine putting myself through that awful experience once again.

So on this morning, my mind wandering, my heart still sad and my vow intact, I looked across the street to the black lab/retriever mix puppy sitting behind a fence looking at me. We just kind of looked at each other, and soon I found myself walking across the street. As I got closer, she started to jump and whimper and greet me with effusive enthusiasm.

It was such a small thing, to cross that street and play with a dog behind a fence. I had no intention behind it other than a desire to make her happy for a bit. It was the start of going across the street to greet her each day, and then talking to the people who lived there asking if I could go into their backyard, and then asking if I could take her out to run around our parking lot.

Then, there was the phone call from the neighbors across the street telling me the dog they had been keeping for friends for over a year was being put up for adoption and that she would be leaving within a few days. I thanked them for the call and hung up. Later that night I began to think that some vows were meant to be broken.

The next day at the staff meeting I asked if any of them would have a problem with me getting a dog, since the office area and the rectory share the same space it seemed a prudent and polite question. It was answered by one of the secretaries who quickly and happily asked, "are you adopting Keisha?"

I told her yes and the staff was on board, and I called my friends across the street and the lady at the humane society, paid my bill and walked across the street. Only, this time,

I didn't walk back alone. She has been my shadow ever since.

A few years later, my best friend asked if I could keep his dog Cody for a year while he was living in Saudi Arabia, and I told him I would, if Keisha agreed. She did.

That year has turned into six years and I love them both. I was sent a short video of them when I was deployed to Afghanistan and I must have watched that video a hundred times, enjoying their wagging tails and small sniffs of the phone recording them.

Caring for them, making sure they are looked after when I am gone, having them at my feet or behind the couch, hearing them sleep beside my bed, being greeted by them with each return has become such a part of my life that I barely remember what it was like before. It all began because a one and a half year old black lab/retriever mix was just so cute that I had to walk across the street.

That is how life changes in its most profound ways. Granted, sometimes events are dramatic and sudden, but so often it is just the simple moments, the moments where we have no idea that anything of great import is occurring and then, without even noticing, we have set ourselves on a new path.

We speak to that person for the first time who becomes our best friend. We glance, and then glance again, at that beautiful person who becomes our spouse. We answer the phone. We make a small choice. I walk across the street to play with a puppy.

Remembering this brings about an awareness that can transform our days and infuse even the most routine moment with the wonder of grace and the joyousness of possibility. This awareness can keep alive within us the ability to be surprised, which is the gift of youth.

In our lives of faith, we often look for the dramatic and exciting as a sure sign of the God's work in our lives. We may wonder why our prayers are not answered in power, why the voice of God is so quiet, why bushes do not burn anymore. In seeking the presence of God we can forget to look in the ordinary and the routine, where the unfolding of grace is alive.

Sunday after Sunday, we are bid to enter the Church and to celebrate the Eucharist and, hopefully, Sunday after Sunday we do just that. It may not seem dramatic, it may not seem like it will change everything. But then we remember those brief, beautiful moments from our past, and we walk through the door.

Possibilities...always.



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**Eugene and Madelyne Saarie (front, left), Holy Trinity Parish, Huron, joined other couples at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for one of two diocesan anniversary Masses. Bishop Paul J. Swain celebrated the Mass and blessed the couples during the Mass. Couples in attendance also enjoyed a reception and photos with the bishop afterward. The second anniversary Mass this summer was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Aberdeen. (Photo by Gene Young)**

## Peace of mind

*Be confident in the  
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# BUILDING VIBRANT CATHOLIC PARISHES

*by Maricarrol Keuter for the Bishop's Bulletin*

Some rural families in eastern South Dakota drive up to 45 miles to attend Sunday Mass.

These dedicated parishioners are key members of their faith communities. But for a pastor, the idea of cultivating an active parish life with such a far-flung population may seem daunting.

From his vantage point as a rural pastor, Father Mike Kelly has seen something quite different.

Kelly leads the merged Conde, Doland and Turton parishes - now centered in St. Joseph, Turton. In recent years, he has watched a lively, faith-filled church community come together.

"The parish is energized; the church faith community is alive and sustainable and those qualities will spill over into the entire community," Father Mike Kelly wrote in a report in April 2016.

Brian and Jamie Johnson's family were among those who became new members of St. Joseph after the 2011 consolidation.

"When we joined St. Joseph in Turton it was a time of great transition in the area with the closure of many parishes," recalls Jamie Johnson. "Everyone was very welcoming when we started attending Mass there. As the years have passed I feel like we are no longer people from various closed parishes but all parishioners of St. Joseph, Turton."

The 119 parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls range in size from several dozen to more than 1,500 families. Some churches are nestled into busy urban neighborhoods; many stand as fixtures in small towns and several are situated along sparsely traveled rural roads. Whatever the size, each parish is called to create and sustain a healthy, spirit-filled community of believers.

While the parishes take various approaches to building and maintaining such vibrancy, one principle is shared by all.



*From the cover: Josh Hammrich and Bronson Heier volunteer at the parish food pantry in Aberdeen.*



“It’s not a pastor thing; it’s a people-in-the-pews thing” said Father Michael Griffin, pastor of St. Mary Church in Aberdeen.

The Catholic Church stresses the importance of lay people in parish life.

“Lay believers are in the front line of Church life,” according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. “For them, the Church is the animating principle of human society. Therefore, they in particular ought to have an ever-clearer consciousness not only of belonging to the Church, but of being the Church, that is to say, the community of the faithful on earth under the leadership of the Pope, the common Head, and of the bishops in communion with him. They are the Church.”



*One challenge to merged parish communities is cemetery upkeep and continued use. Image: St. Joseph, Turton, Submitted by Jim Ragatz*

## MERGER CREATES NEW PARISH, NEW CHALLENGES

Few parishes face the unique challenges that a handful of small rural parishes in north-central South Dakota did in 2011. After several years of study, meetings and discussion, a diocesan-wide pastoral planning process determined consolidation was the best route forward for the communities of Turton, Conde

watched the transition and understood the anxieties of the transplanted members.

“Of the parishes that merged, they still have their loyalties to their home parish. The cemeteries are still in those communities and burials will still take place there,” Hinds said.

But before long, the newly merged parishes started to come together and the parishioners formed a welcoming, inclusive environment.

Today, Father Kelly said, the church communities are thriving. That’s due in large part to what he calls the “ownership attitude” among the parishioners.

“It’s the people’s church,” said Father Kelly. “The liturgy is the work of the people. ... priests come and go, parishioners remain and get involved and bring life and energy into the parish, making it vibrant and life giving. This full, conscious, active participation in caring, supportive, loving ways is what makes parish life so active. We are gift to each other.”

The Johnsons have four children and live south of Frankfort, SD. They are active in the Turton parish. Jamie is a member of the parish council and serves as a lector, and religious education teacher. Daughters, Ella and Lila, serve Mass.



*The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton youth group, led by Renee Marzahn, top left, spends time volunteering at The Abbey of the Hills Retreat Center. Photo submitted by Jill Adelman, Events Coordinator, The Abbey of the Hills Inn & Retreat Center*

and Doland. At the same time, the small parish in Bristol joined with the neighboring Groton parish.

Les and Julie Hinds, members of St. Elizabeth Seton in Groton,

“We have a healthy mix of parish members from young families with little kiddos to middle age empty nesters to the elderly. Our parish captures a lot of land area where people travel close to 30 miles to come to Mass,” said Jamie Johnson.



*Bethann Murphy's new kindergarten classroom at St. Thomas More, Brookings.*

## IN BROOKINGS, A PARISH STRETCHES TO SERVE MORE

St. Thomas More is a strong, active congregation. As part of its regular outreach, the parish tithes to Brookings community organizations, a giving tradition that parishioners cherish, said Father Terry Anderson, pastor of St. Thomas More.

So about five years ago, when a group of families proposed that the parish consider building a school, many hesitated. They wanted to make sure their long tradition of tithing wasn't going to be threatened by the budget needs for operating a school.

The idea resurfaced last year. Proponents pointed out that theirs was the biggest parish in the diocese not to operate a school. St. Thomas More was offering pre-school and pre-kindergarten programs at the time.

This was an opportunity for an already vibrant parish to do more and expand its ministry to a new population - students and their families.

Father Anderson brought together parish members and groups for discussion on the idea. After a few months, the parish council agreed to expand their parish's outreach efforts by starting a school.

The parish has decided to begin small by adding a kindergarten class.

Since parishioners were adamant about not interfering with their active community tithing program, parish leaders agreed to find the money for the school outside the regular budget. They put together a combination of tuition charges, contributions from a foundation and a drive for individual contributions to finance the kindergarten program.

The school has 12 families committed, a teacher has been hired and the class will convene this fall.

"There are exceptional families who have put in a lot of work, a lot of time and made financial contributions to get this done," said Fr. Terry Anderson.

## TWO PARISHES IN COOPERATION IN ABERDEEN

In Aberdeen, there are two longstanding, vibrant parishes. Separated by only a few blocks, the congregations of St. Mary and Sacred Heart had been congenial, but slightly competitive neighbors for years.

That started to change several years ago when pastors decided to cooperate to consolidate and strengthen their Catholic school system. Instead of operating separate elementary schools, they merged into one system, with K-2 grades and pre-school at St. Mary and other elementary classes at Sacred Heart. Middle and



high school students attend classes on the Roncalli High School campus.

When two new priests - Father Michael Griffin at St. Mary and Father Mark Lichter at Sacred Heart - came to Aberdeen in the summer of 2015, they agreed to actively explore additional avenues of cooperation.

The priests thought both parishes would benefit “if we could work together in a more systematic way,” said Father Griffin.

They worked with the school board and Roncalli High School to establish a new Aberdeen Catholic Foundation. That organization now works to provide additional funds for the stability of both parishes.



The two priests meet once a week to talk and they’re currently holding listening sessions to explore additional areas of potential cooperation. Next year, for example, the parishes plan a combined Confirmation ceremony.

“The image we tend to use is to think of it as a married couple,” said Father Griffin. “We retain our individuality, but we can be better together”, he said.

Both parishes are lively, vibrant and faith-filled. The cooperation is designed to give them even more opportunity for spiritual and charitable growth. There is no intent to merge the parishes into one.

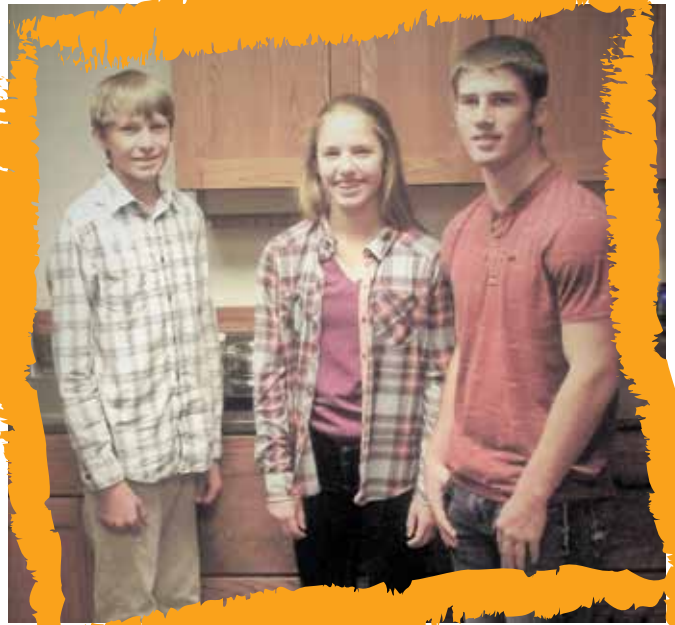
“Right now we’re just brainstorming ways we can be as efficient as possible and support and strengthen the lives of parishioners,” Father Griffin said.

“It’s a mindset really. We succeed better together than we ever would alone.”

## KEYS TO VIBRANCY IN PARISHES

There’s no set formula for vibrancy in parish life. But there are some common characteristics found in healthy parishes, diocesan officials say.

People working in community, strong prayer lives and support



*Getting ready to serve Mass at St. Mary are Colton Hellwig (Roncalli), Katelin Stoebner (Aberdeen Central) and Dillon Stoebner (Aberdeen Central).*

for each other are necessary, according to Daryl Thuringer, Delegate for Discipleship and Evangelization and Director of Parish Services for the Diocese of Sioux Falls

“As a parish we are called to be community, to support each other and those around us. That support is key in prayer, meeting material needs and service beyond the parish,” Thuringer said. “A parish community that is engaged in serving each other and praying for each other will be a vibrant community.”

Dr. Chris Burgwald, director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization for the diocese, says spiritual vibrancy has “both an inward and an outward dimension: Jesus calls us to go out and make disciples, but to do so requires first going in and attending to our own spiritual life.”

“We are called to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ into all aspects of our lives, so that through contact with us, others can ‘bump up against’ Jesus. Not only that, but He also commanded us to love our neighbor, so all of us are called to pray and reflect on how we can best love and serve those around us, whether it be in our neighborhood, our workplaces, where we shop... wherever it is that God is directing our attention in a particular way,” he said.

The more the parish attends to both - the inner spiritual life of parishioners as well as their outreach activities - the more vibrant it will become,” he said.

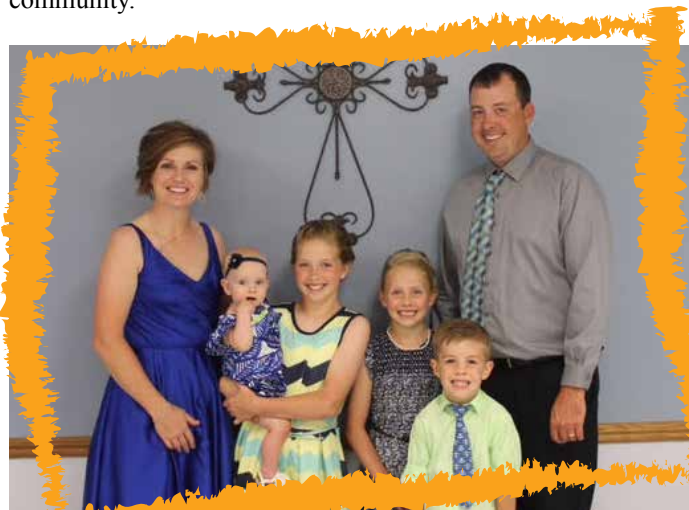
## WHAT CAN INDIVIDUALS DO TO HELP CREATE VIBRANT PARISHES?

Parishes sometimes struggle to get parishioners involved, to encourage them to work together as a team, and to learn to stretch beyond satisfying individual prayer needs.

Especially in a time where individuality is a cultural hallmark, pastors say the notion of a community of believers working together, supporting one another in Christian service, is unique.

Yet that is the essence of Catholicism.

“Catholicism has always been communal,” said Father Griffin. “From the gathering of apostles in the Upper Room to St. Mary Church in 2017, it’s always about the strength we get from community.”



*Brian and Jamie Johnson and their children drive from their home south of Frankfort to attend Mass at St. Joseph, Turton.*

So, what can one person, one couple or a single family do to help their parish become healthier and more vibrant?

“The simplest -- but not necessarily easiest -- thing to do is to focus on your own spiritual life: your daily prayer life, your participation in the sacraments, your knowledge of Church teaching etc.,” said Burgwald. “Parish vibrancy comes from the vibrancy of its members, so the more each of us is attentive to our own spiritual life, the more vibrant our parish will become.”

Thuringer agrees that prayer is essential.

“Saint Paul wrote to the Thessalonians to pray without ceasing. A parish community needs to pray -without ceasing - for each other. It is everyone’s role to be active in the prayer life of the parish that includes Masses, adoration and daily prayer,” he said.

Jamie Johnson sees the importance of being involved in parish life.

“It is very important for individuals and families to be active in parish life because it helps those people grow in their spiritual life. The more we are servants toward others the more Christ-like we become and in turn grow in our relationship with Christ,” she said.

Practical steps such as Bible studies, prayer groups and involvement in social ministry activities are good first steps for any parishioner, pastors say.

“Every parish needs to follow the example set by St. Benedict in his rule for monastic communities by offering hospitality. Welcome the stranger, include the lonely and embrace the sick are goals for home visits, Bible studies and prayer chains, all of which build stronger communities,” Thuringer said.

Father Kelly said his combined rural parish grew and matured as each parishioner brought individual gifts to the table.

“It’s about welcoming and bringing in the gifts that each parishioner provides,” he wrote in 2016. “Everyone comes with gifts; they bring what they are, what they have. When asked to bring one’s gifts, one feels valuable, wanted and needed.”

In Groton, long-time parish member Julie Hinds says a vibrant parish is possible only because of the efforts of members of all ages.

“St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is a healthy and vibrant parish because of the work of many families both older and younger. It is the younger families that are most important as they will carry on the way of the parish as more of the older parishioners are less active. We have a handful of younger families who demonstrate great care for the functioning of the parish,” she said.

Burgwald said Catholics are “unable to truly flourish in our spiritual life without others.”

“Whether it be the sacramental ministry offered by our priest, the friendship and accountability offered by a fellow parishioner, or the teachings of Jesus passed on to us by the pope and the bishops, we are truly dependent on others for our spiritual vibrancy.”

Thuringer said individuals “experience parish unity at a personal level and give back to the unity of the parish individually.”

“It is each member’s responsibility to be active and participate in the parish and constantly keep refreshing the circle of life in the parish,” he said.





*Catholics from the Harrisburg area are working with Fr. John Rutten to build a new Catholic community.*

## BUILDING A NEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

“Christ must be first.” This is the secret for Fr. John Rutten as he experiences the blessings and challenges of creating a new Catholic community in the Harrisburg area. “I am reminded of the words of Pope Francis, ‘Jesus Christ is always first, He *primareas* us, awaits us, Jesus Christ always precedes us; and when we arrive, He has already been waiting.’ These words give me much peace and confidence, because they place the primary effort upon God.

“I remember with great anticipation the days leading up to my arrival. I was eager to see what the Lord had in store. In terms of typical parish structures there was nothing there: no church building, no office, no school, no rectory, no staff. Thinking of all the missionary priests and people of years gone by, it sounded adventurous. In reality it became a difficulty, which was only lifted by entering into the lives of the people God entrusted me to, and admitting total dependence upon the Mystery of Christ. I have discovered in this dependence that vibrancy does not happen because we plan well or because we organize things correctly or even solve everyone’s problems. The vibrancy, which we long for is to recognize Christ who beats within our human hearts. When this happens we possess joy and we permit all things to fall into place according to His will.”

In less than one month the Harrisburg area Catholic community has been astonished at all that has fallen into place. The first



staff member, Paul Moneke, arrived within a few weeks to serve as mission coordinator (which includes religious education, administration and music/liturgy). A temporary location was established, including a chapel for daily Mass and offices. Office furniture, supplies, printer, computer software, a Roman Missal are among the many items which have arrived to supply the needs. “Even the children were asked to make some sacrifices from their piggy banks. I was moved to think that in 40 or 50 years, a little kid might consider that they contributed, maybe just a pencil, to the needs of the parish: but a pencil from a little person’s piggy bank is the widow’s mite,” he said.

Fr. Rutten acknowledges gratitude: “We are grateful for all the ways the Lord has blessed us in the first days of this new journey. Most importantly we are grateful that He has come first, has prepared a place for us, and calls each of us by name. We look forward to all the people He will call into our vibrant new community in the Harrisburg area.” The community thanks God foremost each Sunday at Mass, which is celebrated at the Harrisburg High School.

# The CHURCH

## *Vocation director Father Shaun Haggerty: The essential elements of a vocational call*

*Our call comes right after mercy, right after love; they are almost simultaneous. Pope Francis reminded us at the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, that we hear God's call not because we are worthy, but rather that we have first received mercy. He recounted Isaiah the prophet and his call. Isaiah writes, "Woe is me! For I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips... Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal... and he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips, your guilt is taken away'... And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'" Isaiah 6:5-8*

**N**otice that Isaiah first received mercy, forgiveness, his lips are made clean, even if they get burnt! Mercy can be painful as we are cleansed. Then after mercy, Isaiah is ready to hear the Lord's call and how does he respond? With a resounding, "Send Me!" These are the essential elements of every vocational call. God first loved us and we love Him back, and how we love him back is where we find our vocation.

This is the story of our six newly ordained. You could ask each one of them, when did you hear the call? And when did you know for certain you were meant to be a priest? Each one would tell you something of experiencing God's love and mercy, and their painful

and burning conversion. Then mindful of this mercy, they became certain of God's call. Finally on their ordination day they could say with great love, "Here I am! Send me." What does this look like? Well the pictures below are examples. Where does it take us? Everywhere. To the altar and the cross, to low riding trikes to the highest mountains, and how beautiful it is. Do not be afraid to let God love you and to follow where that love will lead you.

I particularly want to thank the newly ordained men for following this love; I am very excited to see where God sends them and the many lives they will touch with His love. God has big things planned for them and for our diocese through them. The future of the Church is bright.

Though we have ordained six men, God continues to call. This fall we will have five

new seminarians for a total of 24 men. Also this fall we continue to have events to help our men discern. I encourage you to tell a young man you know to come to one of the following events. Operation Andrew Dinners held this fall at the college campuses of SDSU, USD, NSU, DSU, USF, and Mount Marty. Seminary Visits to Winona, MN Nov 11-13th and to St. Paul, MN Nov 16-18th. Lastly our "Ski with the Seminarians" event on Dec 28th. For more details check us out online: [www.sfvocations.com](http://www.sfvocations.com) and "Diocese of Sioux Falls Vocations Office" on facebook.

A special thanks to all those who supported our 2nd Annual Holy Smoke Car Show. We had about 1,000 attend and we raised one and half times more than last year with over \$38,000. We reached our goal, we raised enough for one seminarian for one school year. Holy Smoke!





## FAITH AND BUSINESS GATHERING: "PROFIT AND STEWARDSHIP" FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH

Local  
CHURCH



The Faith and Business Conference 2017 was a half-day gathering with global leaders speaking on the relationship between faith principles and business practices. This year's theme "Profit & Stewardship" addressed the creation and value of profit and how to steward it justly. There were over 250 people in attendance at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. Photo courtesy, Brian Cooper, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota.)

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## Local CHURCH

National Kateri Tekakwitha Conference  
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The 78th National Tekakwitha Conference was recently held in Rapid City. Dedicated to St. Kateri Tekakwitha, it is the largest gathering of Native Catholics in the U.S. and Canada. This year more than 750 people attended the event in Rapid City. "Loving One Another Through the Spirit of Kateri," was the theme. It brought together people of many tribes, religious and clergy. Pictured is the group representing St. Paul Parish, Marty including the Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Paul J. Swain and members of the parish (Photo courtesy, West River Catholic, Diocese of Rapid City)

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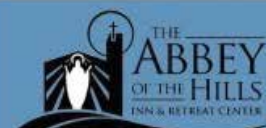


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# BISHOP'S HUNT FOR CHARITY COMING SOON

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Registrations continue for the 22nd annual "Bishop's Charity Hunt", September 25 and 26th at the Horseshoe "K" Ranch, Kimball.

Throughout the years, the hunt invites the people of the diocese to continue the South Dakota tradition of taking to the fields.

The event began in 1995 to foster community and raise funds for a range of diocesan ministries.

All proceeds in 2017 will support the diocese's Newman Center Campus Ministries.

The Newman Centers are Catholic

ministry to university and college students at South Dakota State University, Brookings; The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, Northern State University, Aberdeen and Dakota State University, Madison.

The charity hunt returns to the Horseshoe "K" Ranch where hunt-

ers are provided a truly memorable experience.

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## Seminarians busy through summer in retreat at Broom Tree and climbing the Rocky Mountains



Bishop Paul J. Swain and Father Shaun Haggerty joined the seminarians of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center for a summer retreat and gathering. The retreat and gathering preceded the return of the seminarians to school for the fall semester of classes. The seminarians and Father Haggerty were also busy this summer climbing mountains in the Rockies at the John Paul II Rocky Mountain Vocation Expedition. The diocese will have 24 seminarians studying for the priesthood this fall. (Photos courtesy, Father Shaun Haggerty, vocations director, Diocese of Sioux Falls)



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## Presentation sisters from around the world gather, meet in Brookings to discuss their mission, charism

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Presentation sisters from around the world gathered this summer in Brookings. Fifty-five Presentation sisters traveled from as near as Sioux Falls and as far as Africa to take part in this three-day gathering of sisters with energy and vision for the Presentation mission and charism for the next few decades. While each of the seven congregations that make up the Conference of Presentation Sisters was represented, the group also welcomed sisters from Ireland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, which brought a more global perspective to the worldwide mission of the congregation. (Photo courtesy, Lisa Olson, Conference of Presentation Sisters)



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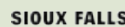


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## Sacred Heart Monastery sister elected president of Federation of St. Gertrude

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Sacred Heart Monastery recently hosted members of the Federation of St. Gertrude for the Federation chapter meetings. These meetings take place every three years. Fourteen member monasteries are represented (from both the USA and Canada) in which both prioresses and delegates meet to conduct federation business. At the meeting, Sister Jeanne Weber of Sacred Heart Monastery was elected to a six year term as president of the federation. Pictured left to right: the president and council: Sister Shawn Carruth, Crookston, MN., Sister Teresa Jackson, Cottonwood, ID, Sister Jeanne Weber, Yankton, (president), Sister Mary Luke Jones, Beech Grove, IN., Sister Barbara Schmitz, Ferdinand, IN, and Sister Mary Coswin, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. (Photo courtesy, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton)



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**ABERDEEN** – Pius and Clara Waldman will celebrate their 68th anniversary on Sept. 14. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**ALEXANDRIA** – Rich and Judy Waldera celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 18. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary of Mercy Parish.



**BRANDON** – Donald and Marge Lootens will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 30. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



**BROOKINGS** – Pete and Mary Schaefer will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Sept. 10. They have 2 children and are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



**CHAMBERLAIN** – Cliff and Donna Kluber will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 30. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. James Parish.



**COLMAN** – Gary and Patty Duncan will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 29. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Peter Parish.



**DANTE** – Francis and JoAnn Beeson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 11. They have 5 children (2 deceased), 11 grandchildren (2 deceased) and are members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



**DANTE** – Vit and Mildred Krcil will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sept. 7. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and are members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



**DELL RAPIDS** – Brian and Kristine Fiegen celebrated their 30th anniversary on Aug. 8. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**ELKTON** – Emmett and Julia Coughlin celebrated their 65th anniversary July 26. They have 6 children, 16 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and are members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.



**GETTYSBURG** – Todd and Amy Cordell will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Sept. 5. They have 8 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**HARTFORD** – Bernard and Vera Burggraaf will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sept. 3. They have 10 children, 34 grandchildren (1 deceased), 14 great-grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



**HOVEN** – Roy and Phil Heintzman will celebrate their 70th anniversary on Sept. 30. They have 3 children, 15 grandchildren (2 deceased) and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



**HOVEN** – James and Mary Spindler will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Sept. 1. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



**HUMBOLDT** – John and Susie Trapp will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sept. 14. They have 8 children (1 deceased), 17 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



**MITCHELL** – Keith and Janice Feiner will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sept. 10. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



**PARKSTON** – Collin and Chris Newton will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Sept. 19. They have 4 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**PIERRE** – Bill and Nancy Larsen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 16. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



**SCOTLAND** – Tom and Peg Herges will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Sept. 10. They have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Wally and Donna Smart will celebrate their 67th anniversary on Sept. 12. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.

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**SIOUX FALLS** – James and Lucille Wiles will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sept. 2. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Chuck and Myla Kampshoff celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 2 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Gordon and Joan Krantz will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Sept. 1. They have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Kenny and Joan Marquardt will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Sept. 16. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Ted and Angie Sullivan will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 2. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



**WATERTOWN** – Dr. Ed and Anne Larson celebrated their 60th anniversary on July 20. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Church.



**WATERTOWN** – Greg and Marlene Mack celebrated their 45th anniversary on Aug. 12. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Church.



**WEBSTER** – Deacon Mike and Mary Wambach will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Sept. 3. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Church.

## Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by September 15 for inclusion in the October edition to:  
The Bishop's Bulletin  
523 North Duluth Avenue  
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or e-mail to:  
[gyoung@sfcatholic.org](mailto:gyoung@sfcatholic.org).

Mount Marty College (MMC) graduate Cheyenne Lambley '15 recently received an Adopt A Classroom grant, part of a program aimed at providing teachers with \$500 grants to help offset classroom expenses. Lambley, a first-grade teacher in Colton is one of seven area teachers to receive the grant this year. Lambley was nominated for the grant by a classroom parent, who contacted her earlier this spring to share why she thought Lambley was a deserving candidate. Joey Rotert, marketing and business development manager presents Mount Marty College alumna and first-grade teacher Cheyenne Lambley with the grant check. (Photo courtesy, Mount Marty College, Yankton)



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## News BRIEFS

### New rural life ministry will assist those who 'till and tend'

**Metuchen, N.J. (CNS)** - As coordinator of the newly created Catholic Rural Life Ministry in the Diocese of Metuchen, NJ, Fr. Michael Saharic will show that the Catholic Church cares for and wants to meet the needs of those who work in farming and ag industries. "Through his pastoral visits to our parishes, particularly in the western counties, Bishop (James F.) Checchio has seen the need to address and strengthen the faith and the physical needs of our brothers and sisters who have a vocation to the care of God's creation through farming," said Father Saharic, who is pastor of St. Ann Parish in Hampton.

### Expat Salvadorans mark Blessed Romero's 100th birthday

**Washington, D.C. (CNS)** - Washington resident Berta Quintanilla said her toddler had always asked about the bespectacled older man whose photo he often saw at home and sometimes at church events. "He wanted to know about him, who he was," said Quintanilla. Because of the violent manner in which he died in 1980, shot to death while celebrating Mass, it was difficult to explain the entire story of Blessed Oscar Romero to young Esau Cruz, now 6, but little by little, Quintanilla, began to teach him: He was a bit like Jesus. "He died for us," and "he didn't like injustice," she explained to him. Quintanilla, who was born in El Salvador, took Esau to their Washington parish, the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, where parishioners shared cake in honor of Blessed Romero after the feast of the Assumption Mass, which fell on what would have been the Salvadoran archbishop's 100th birthday.

### Pope Francis prays for victims of mudslide in Sierra Leone

**Vatican City (CNS)** - Pope Francis offered his condolences and his prayers to the people of Sierra Leone after flooding and a major mudslide led to the deaths of hundreds of people and displaced thousands. "Deeply saddened by the devastating consequences of the mudslide on the outskirts of Freetown, His Holiness Pope Francis assures those who have lost loved ones of his closeness at this difficult time," said a message sent to Archbishop Edward Tamba Charles of Freetown by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state. Pope Francis "prays for all who have died, and upon their grieving families and friends he invokes the divine blessings of strength and consolation," said the message, which was released by the Vatican.

### Ohio community cafe responds to hunger

**Port Clinton, OH (CNS)** - Bow tie pasta with Chardonnay cheese sauce, fresh focaccia topped with herbs, a salad of fresh locally grown greens and made-from-scratch bread pudding aren't the usual fare for people in need of a free meal. At Bistro 163 in this lake-front town 38 miles east of Toledo, such tasty delights are the norm though. Part of the growing community cafe movement, the non-profit restaurant with a modern, clean decor in the heart of Ohio's Lake Erie vacationland seeks to connect good food with good fellowship while beginning to address the needs of hungry, lonely and elderly people. Mary Leucht, 52, of nearby Oak Harbor, has been coming for the meal since winter. The housekeeper at a local hotel said the free meal helps to make ends meet on her modest income.



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## Parish Dinners/Socials

Sept. 9/St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Hoven, will hold its "For God and Country" bazaar Saturday with serving from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Hoven; Menu will include baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, cheesy green beans, cole slaw, buns, butter, beverages and pies; adults \$10; children 6-12 \$6 with pre-schoolers free; there will be games, a paddlewheel and raffles.

Sept. 10/Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown, will hold its annual fall parish dinner and raffle at the parish hall Sunday with serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Menu will include turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies; adults \$10 or \$25 per family (dine in only); all take out meals \$10 each.

Sept. 10/St. George Parish, Scotland, will host its annual fall supper Sunday with serving from 4-7 p.m.; meal includes broasted chicken, baked ham, cheesy potatoes, salads and pie; there will be a raffle at 7 p.m.

Sept. 17/Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls, will host a food sale and Latin Festival; sales run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; the menu includes pozole, mole, birria, Central American breakfast (eggs, fried bananas and beans), Central American tamales, Mexican tamales, corncoobs, and refreshments with assorted desserts; there will also be a procession following the noon Mass; Everyone also is invited to wear the traditional clothing of their country to Mass on this day. There will also be a raffle.

Sept. 17/St. Mary Parish, Dell Rapids, will hold its turkey dinner and bazaar Sunday with serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sept. 17/St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Beresford, will hold its fall bazaar Sunday serving from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The parish will serve a broasted chicken and ham dinner; adults \$10; children 5-10 \$4; under 5 are free; carry outs available; there will be a country store with crafts and food items and games for the children.

Sept. 17/Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen, will hold its annual Market Street Bazaar Sunday, from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; a family style pork dinner will be served from 4-7 p.m.

Sept. 24/St. Peter Parish, Colman, will hold its roast beef dinner Sunday with serving from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; costs is \$10 for adults; children 10 and under \$3; there will be a country store, kids games and chance drawings; the dinner follows the celebration of Mass at 10 a.m.

Sept. 24/St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner, will hold its church bazaar and dinner Sunday with serving from 4-7 p.m.; there will be turkey, pork loin and all the trimmings; there will be games for all ages in the CCD center.

Sept. 24/Sacred Heart Parish, Westport, will hold its annual chicken dinner Sunday with serving from 4-7 p.m.; cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 ages 6-12 with children 5 and under free; includes chicken with all the trimmings and pie for dessert; visit the country store to sign up for the raffle.

Oct. 1/St. Stephen Parish, Bridgewater, will hold its annual sausage supper Sunday in the parish Hall; serving 3-7 p.m.; menu includes whole hog sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, baked beans and homemade pies; adults are \$12; children 12 and under \$5; fresh sausage for sale also.

Oct. 1/St. Wenceslaus Parish, Tabor, will host its annual bazaar at Beseda Hall; serving from 3-7 p.m. includes chicken, dumplings, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, salads, rolls, kolaches and desserts.

### State Fair Mass scheduled for Huron

**Sunday, Sept. 3** - The annual State Fair Mass will be celebrated Sunday at 9 a.m. on the State Fair grounds in Huron. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul J. Swain in the Women's Building Auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

### St. Benedict Parish hosts Deacon Poyo

**September 10-13** - St. Benedict Parish, Yankton is bringing Deacon Ralph Poyo to the parish for a mission presentation. The fall program will run for four nights at the parish, 1500 St. Benedict Dr., Yankton. Call 605-664-6214 for additional information.

### Parish and shrine hosting Fatima events

**Wednesday, Sept. 13 and Friday, October 13** - This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Mary at Fatima. St. Mary of Mercy Parish is home to the Mid-America Fatima Family Shrine in Alexandria and will host a series of events. 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.

### Recitation of the rosary planned

**Sept. 20, 26 and 28** - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, Sept. 20; Tuesday, Sept. 26 and Thursday, Sept. 28. All are invited.

## Diocesan EVENTS

### St. Vincent de Paul Society hosting event

**Saturday, Sept. 23** - The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will host Ozanam Orientation from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Michael Church in the art room (exterior door F); Ozanam Orientation is a valuable learning and growth experience, and a requirement to become an active member of the society; pre-registration preferred, but not required by calling 605-332-1493 or [denhenryknapp@sfcatholic.org](mailto:denhenryknapp@sfcatholic.org).

### Serra Club hosting waffle feed fund raiser

**Sunday, Oct. 1** - Sioux Falls Serra Club waffle feed and bake sale, Christ the King School Gym, Sioux Falls; serving 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; free will offering goes to support seminarian education.

### S.F. parish celebrating parish centennial

**Sunday, Oct. 1** - St. Therese Parish, Sioux Falls is having a centennial celebration; the second parish in Sioux Falls was established in 1917 and is celebrating 100 years with a feast on the Feast Day of St. Therese. Come join the parish for the celebrations; all past and present parishioners and clergy are invited. For a list of events call 605-338-2433 or go to [www.st-therese.ws](http://www.st-therese.ws).

## Catholic Family Services

Surviving Divorce programs begin Tuesday, Sept. 6 at Catholic Pastoral Center, 523 N. Duluth Ave.; Vermillion begins Monday, Sept. 11 at St. Agnes Parish; Watertown begins Monday, Sept. 11 at Immaculate Conception Parish and Brookings begins Tuesday, Sept. 12 at St. Thomas More Parish; cost of \$45 per person including all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 or [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org); scholarships are available.

Sept. 15-17/Grieving the Loss of a loved one is a weekend non-denominational retreat for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief; the weekend runs from Friday at 7 p.m., concluding Sunday at noon at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, Irene; directed by Dr. Marcie Moran; call 988-3775, 1-800-700-7867 or e-mail [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org) for more information or to register.

Sept. 19-Oct. 24/Grieving the Loss of a parent or sibling is a six week program directed by Dr. Marcie Moran; held every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Service, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls; this is a program for adults grieving the loss of a parent or sibling; to register or with questions call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867.



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