

Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls



PUBLICATION OF NAMES PRIESTS FOUND TO HAVE SEXUALLY ABUSED MINORS

Office of the Bishop March 20, 2019

Letter to Clergy, Consecrated & Laity of the Diocese of Sioux Falls,

Today I am releasing the names of those priests of the Diocese of Sioux Falls who have had substantiated allegations of child sexual abuse made against them. It is my prayer that this will encourage any victim harmed by any on this list or any other person serving in ministry in the Church to come forward to law enforcement or to the diocese so that appropriate assistance might be offered and justice accomplished. To all who choose to come forward, please be assured that your confidentiality will be respected.

Our diocese has been blessed by the presence of priests from many religious orders over the years. Any allegations against any of them must be forwarded to their superiors who have direct oversight over them. For this reason, religious order priests have not been included with this list.

PLEDGE TO HEAL

Victims of child sexual abuse too often suffer in silence. Many have shared that they remain silent for fear they will not be believed. By identifying those clergy in our diocese who have had substantiated allegations made against them and providing an accounting of how these were handled over the years, I hope to assure victims that an attentive ear and pastoral support can be expected.

While apologies do not heal or undo the disrespect for and violation of those innocently harmed, I do once again apologize as a sign of my and our faith community's accepting responsibility for failings over the years. Please hear the Church's pledge to help heal these hurts. If you feel you have been harmed, please contact law enforcement, our Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (800)700-7867 or vac@sfcatholic.org, or the Diocesan Chancellor at (605)988-3704.

PROMISE TO PROTECT

Since the adoption of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in 2002, our diocese has strictly followed the protocols established. Our own Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy predates the Charter. Both include requirements for informing law enforcement of any credible allegation based on the oversight of the independent Diocesan Review Board. The Review Board is comprised of professional laity and clergy. It also requires a comprehensive education program which seeks to assure a safe environment which includes criminal background checks and annual safe environment training for all clergy, diocesan and parish employees and volunteers who work with children. Failure to complete the Diocesan safe environment program requirements results in the revocation of permission to minister in the Church. In addition, candidates for ordination are subject to comprehensive psychological evaluations and regular oversight in their seminary formation.

I am grateful to my predecessor bishops who responded in ways that prevented offending clergy from further violations by removing their ability to serve in public ministry. It should be noted that all the substantiated cases of abuse reflected in this disclosure happened between 1958 and 1992.

CHRIST'S CHURCH

Let us remain mindful in the midst of this heaviness that the vast majority of clergy have not violated their promise of chastity or their moral duty to protect children. Unfortunately, a cloud hangs over us all. I offer my fraternal gratitude for the overwhelming majority of priests who have fulfilled their priestly promises and persevered during this heavy time when public revelations of scandal have shaken us all.

In 1983, when I professed faith in the Roman Catholic Church, I did so having previously experienced a spiritual emptiness. Over time, I recognized that my "spiritual house" was not in order. This recognition led me to the Church and the realization that what, or rather who, was lacking, despite my secular successes, was Jesus Christ. My journey is not unique.

At the time, I did not anticipate the scourge of clergy child sexual abuse that has since been revealed. As an official in the Diocese of Madison (Wisconsin), on behalf of the then-bishop, I met with many victims whose stories shocked me, moved me and discouraged me. I have also met with adults who were abused when they were minors since I became Bishop of Sioux Falls. Their pain is real and challenged me personally.

"Had I made the right choice with my conversion?" I contemplated after hearing their stories. Many today, converts and "cradle" Catholics alike, with all that has come forward, surely ponder that question as well.

My answer is a resounding "Yes!", for Jesus Himself instituted the Church and Jesus Himself continues to guide her. History documents the many times those of us privileged to represent Him through his Church have needed to be called to account. Purification, a cleansing especially

poignant in this season of Lent, is an essential component of being held accountable.

This is such a time. The many recent revelations of the horror of clergy sexual abuse of minors around the world and of bishops who covered it up or did nothing rightly lead to a call for an honest and lasting response that Christ asks of us. This must include a partnership with the laity.

I am hopeful that we bishops in the United States will be able to take concrete action at our semi-annual meeting this June to toughen accountability procedures, including for bishops, to provide greater transparency, and to assure pastoral outreach to those whose trust in the Church has been compromised and shaken.

Jesus said "come to me all who are burdened and I will give you rest." To the best of our ability, as the local Church in eastern South Dakota, we seek to fulfill that call.

I ask you to pray for all victims and their families, and for Christ's Church.

Come Lord Jesus, cleanse us of our sins.

Yours in Christ.

Most Reverend Paul J. Swain

1 – Matthew 11:28

Bishop of Sioux Falls

PUBLICATION OF NAMES PRIESTS WITH ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE INVOLVING MINORS MADE AGAINST THEM THAT WERE SUBSTANTIATED

The following list includes those priests who were incardinated and served in the Diocese of Sioux Falls who were alleged to have sexually abused a minor(s) in the Diocese. Allegations were later substantiated through investigation by law enforcement and/or Diocesan personnel.

As the Diocese of Sioux Falls holds responsibility for those diocesan priests who are incardinated to it, only diocesan priests are included in this list. Religious Order priests determined by the leader of their community to have been credibly accused of child sexual abuse and who served in the Diocese of Sioux Falls have not been included.

MILTON J. EGGERLING

ROBERT L. GRABOWSKI

BRUCE C. MACARTHUR

JAMES V. MCCORMICK

FRANK J. MCNEIL

JOHN I. MURRAY

LOUIS D. NALLY

WILLIAM J. NEUROTH

THOMAS J. RYAN

LEONARD F. STANTON

LEONARD M. THURY

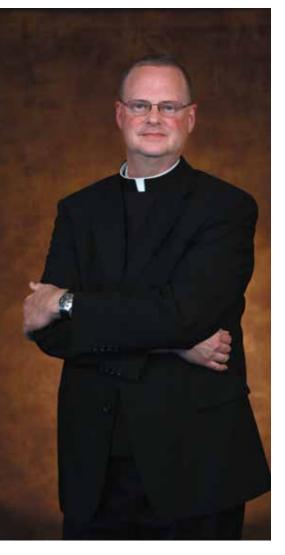
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SCHEDULE

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Ap	ril	
Apr 3 4	10:05	Live on Real Presence Radio Chrism Mass, Cathedral of
5		Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
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6	4:00	Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma Stational Mass Cathedral of
		Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
7	11:00	Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Gettysburg and St. Pius X,
	6:00	Onida in Gettysburg Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of
9	12:00	Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
	12.00	Committee Catholic Pastoral
10	7:00	Center, Sioux Falls Confirmation, St. Thomas
13	4:00	Aquinas, Madison Palm Sunday Stational Mass,
		Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
14	6:00	Lenten Vespers, Cathedral of
15	12:00	
16	12:00	Falls
	3:00	Sioux Falls CCFESD Executive Board
	3.00	Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sjoux Falls
18	7:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper,
		Mass of the Lord's Supper, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
19	3:00	Good Friday of the Lord's
		Joseph, Sioux Falls
20	8:30	Easter Vigil, Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Sioux Falls
21	7:30	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls Easter Vigil, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls Laster Sunday Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
24	7:00	of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls Confirmation, St. Mary, Alexandria, St. Stephen, Bridgewater and St. Martin,
		Bridgewater and St. Martin,
25	12:00	CCEESD Spring Board
26	12.00	Meeting, Brookings SD Knights of Columbus Convertion Basid City
		Convention, Rapid City Confirmation, SS. Peter & Paul,
27	5:00	Pierre
28	1:30	Confirmation St Teresa of
		Calcutta, Dakota Dunes, St. Joseph, Elk Point and St. Peter, Jefferson in Jefferson
29	7:00	Cathearal Historical
		Presentation, Cathedral of
30	7:00	Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls Duncan Stroik Presentation;
		Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
May		
1	7:00	100th Anniversary Mass,
		Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
2	7:00	Cathedral Sacred Arts
		100th Anniversary Concert, Cathedral of Saint Joseph,
3	6:00	Sioux Falls Confirmation, Holy Cross,
		Confirmation, Holy Cross, Ipswich, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Legia and St. Thomas the

Apostle, Roscoe in Ipswich

Fr. Michael GRIFFIN



Finding Wisdom in Our Scars

have a scar on my right middle finger.

It is not painful, but the receiving of it was; I was slicing apples on a mandoline slicer, just pushing the apple over the razor sharp blade and back in a sweet fluid motion. I was also utterly ignoring the directions that expressed in no uncertain terms that the slicer was "only" to be used with the attached protective shield while slicing.

Protective shields, that's for amateurs...right?

That was my arrogant contention until, with one sweet fluid motion, I sliced off a thin strip of apple and the top of my middle finger. The next fluid motion was grabbing a dish towel to cover my finger as I lifted it over my head, simultaneously opening the cupboard door under the sink with my left hand, and moving the mandoline slicer from the counter to the trash.

I waited patiently with my hand over my head for over 15 minutes, and when I lowered it over the sink and took off the increasing wet dishtowel, the cut was not only still bleeding, but dripping blood. So, off to the emergency room to learn my lesson. I was not overly concerned until the physician's assistant asked me if I had saved the tip to reattach.

"I didn't know there was a tip to be saved," I said

"Oh yeah," she said, "you did a good job on this one."

By this time the shock had passed and the painful throbbing had begun, which was not made any better by the injection I received on the tip of my finger in preparation for cauterization. She put the arc welding torch to my finger tip and we discovered together that the pain deadening injection had not quite done its job yet.

That was not pleasant.

After a bit more time, and another injection, the deed was done; the bleeding stopped and my wound was properly bandaged. It took some time for the fingertip to heal, and then to get feeling back, but the body repairs. To this day, I have less sensitivity in that finger tip, it is flatter than the other nine digits, and it has a scar.

It is not the only scar I have, I have scars on my legs and arms and hands, the result of long forgotten injuries over the years. I have a scar on my forehead where a garage door was dropped on me, but that one only makes me smile.

Because the body repairs its wounds with fibrous tissue instead of the usual skin cells, we have scars, the lingering reminders of our wounds. We may find them unsightly, or even ugly, but they are necessary. They are needed not only in the healing process, but also for the strengthening of a weakened part of the body.

They are necessary as reminders of the wounds of our past. In this, the scars themselves proclaim that we have been cut, that we have bled. They remind us we are not as indestructible as we like to think we are, physically, emotionally or spiritually; a certain level of gentleness is important when dealing with ourselves.

They are reminders that others have suffered as well. We may not see their scars, but we can be certain they are there. We may not know how they have been cut, or how they bled, but each person you meet has; a certain level of compassion is important when dealing with others.

Our scars are challenges that demand we learn from our wounds. The wounds may have healed, but the effects remain. As those redeemed by the gift of the Lord's Cross and Resurrection, we are not given the luxury of presuming that being healed means we can go back to the way things were before, we are not the same as we were, physically, emotionally or spiritually.

The wounding of our lives needs to be healed, but healing is never a going backwards, it is always about becoming a new creation, different, stronger, holier and scarred. Reconciliation, for us, is about growth. If we think that being forgiven is simply a washing away of sin and then we can go back to the way we were before, we need to look at our scars and remember our wounds.

As the People of God, we are being prepared these Lenten days to enter into the deep mystery of the Lord's dying and rising. He stands before us and calls to us in love, His hands open. It is an ancient and beautiful tradition of our faith that those hands have wounds, not scars.

Wounds to remind us, when we come to Him, we will never be what we once were.

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The faithful of the diocese came to venerate the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls. The relic pilgrimage was sponsored and facilitated by the Knights of Columbus, nationally and within the diocese. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests. (Photo by Gene Young)



Presentation Sisters of Aberdeen

God is not afraid! God is fearless! God is always greater than our plans and schemes. Unafraid of the fringes, he himself became a fringe. So if we are to go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there.

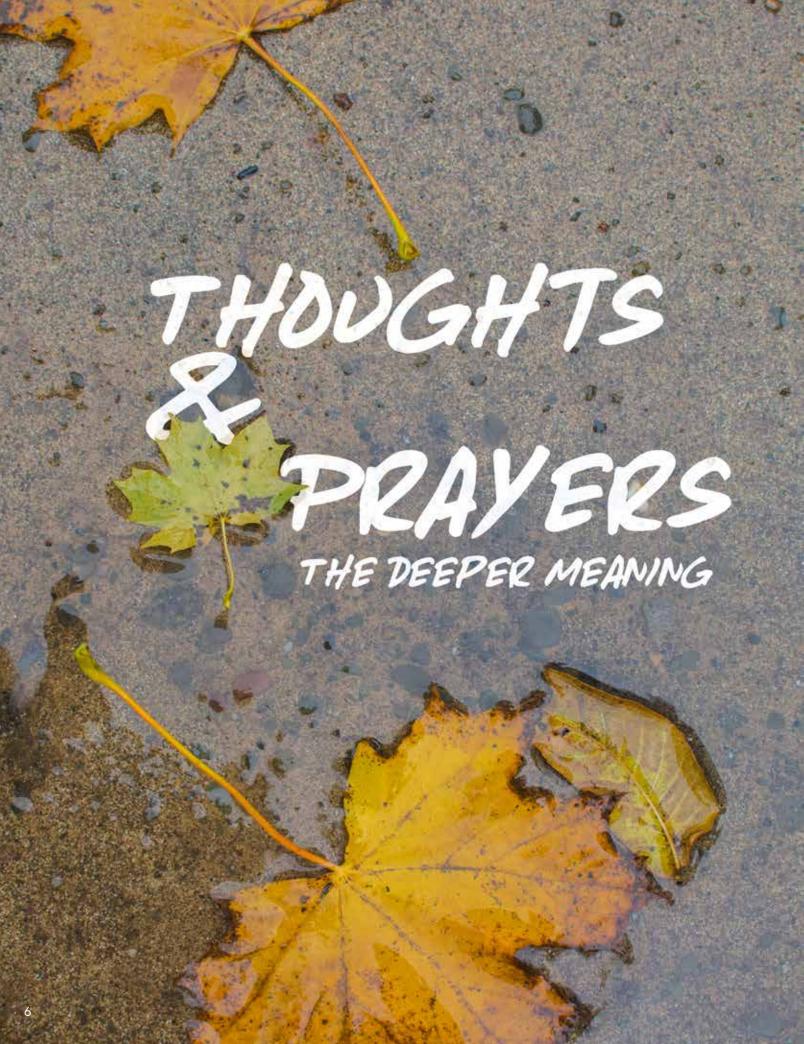
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We invite you to walk beside us as we welcome our neighbors and show kindness to everyone we meet.

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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."

Matthew 22:37-39

There is no denying the world around us is less religiously aware than it used to be.

So when someone offers another "thoughts and prayers" it might be taken as meaningless and ineffective or simply a way to relieve oneself of responsibility by reciting a trite phrase.

As people of faith, we know that nothing could be further from the truth – the deeper meaning of thoughts and prayers relates precisely to the command to love our neighbor.

"In some ways I sympathize with the people who find the phrase 'thoughts and prayers' a little worn out," said Fr. Andrew Thuringer, associate pastor at St. Mary, Aberdeen.

"When I hear it, my first reaction is 'well, I don't really care if you think about me, but please pray for me.' What do people mean by thoughts? Do they just take some time in a comfy chair to sit and think about people. I'm much more interested in the prayers," he said.

"As Catholics we are all connected. We share a common union (communion) with Christ," said Fr. Thuringer.

"When Catholics receive the Eucharist they are not only united to Christ, but to his entire body, the Church. So, when one of us suffers, we all suffer. When one of us rejoices, we all rejoice. And one of the clearest expressions of this unity among the Church is that we hold each other in prayer and rely on the prayers of others," he said.

How the term "thoughts and prayers" is used, and who is using it, can provide the needed context to clarify the intent.



Fr. Andrew Thuringer, associate pastor at St. Mary, Aberdeen

"Usually, it's something of a throwaway phrase you hear from TV announcers after revealing that someone has died. I hear it as a catch-all phrase meaning, 'We need to show we care but don't really know what to say," said Maricarrol Kueter, a veteran South Dakota journalist who has written occasionally for The Bishop's Bulletin.

"However, I think it's different when used by people you know. My reaction then is one of gratitude," she said.

"I have been greatly impressed - and often surprised - throughout my cancer journey by the number and variety of ways people have let me know they are praying for me," Kueter said.

"Fellow cancer patients, family members, co-workers of family members, health-care practitioners all have reached out to me through cards, notes and conversation. Every so often, for example, I get a postcard from the St. Mary's School (Sioux Falls) staff and students saying they're praying for me. Every instance is meaningful to me.

"Prayer is such a powerful witness and it always gives me strength," she said.

Clearly then, there can be and often is a deeper meaning to "thoughts and prayers." An essential key to loving our neighbor is to be authentic in our words. "When authentic, thoughts and prayers are a beautiful gift of self, united to the giver of all gifts, God," said Teresa Henrickson, a counselor and spiritual director, and a member of Sacred Heart, Yankton.

"What a humble gesture to bring another before the throne of the One who created us, loves and asks us to love our neighbor.

"I think we all run the risk of making this a trite and hollow phrase if we don't follow through with what we have said," Henrickson said.

"Somewhat like asking a person, 'how are you?' Well, do I really want to know? Or am I just asking to be polite? Similarly, I can say, 'you are in my thoughts and prayers' as I mosey along in my day without taking the time to actually pray," she said.

Dr. Jason Heron, who teaches theology at Mount Marty College, said that praying for another is essential to living like Christ.

"I love the Catechism's characterization of intercession as another expression of the communion of saints," he said.

"When we intercede for others, we are becoming more and more like the Son and the Spirit, who intercede on our behalf with the Father. So intercession is an essential practice if we want to live lives patterned after the Lord's.



Dr. Jason Heron, who teaches theology at Mount Marty College, and his family

"But we have to take care not to think of intercession as begging a reluctant Father," said Dr. Heron.

"It's not like the Father ignores us until we've reached the appropriate quota of intercessory prayers. That's a horrible thought. Instead, we should think of intercession as an eloquent expression of our ability to put ourselves in another person's position. Intercession is an offering of compassion - suffering with - given to the God who did not hesitate to assume our flesh," he said.

As Catholics, we believe in the power and necessity of praying for others, even when we cannot see clearly what direction is needed.

"We trust that God will use every circumstance that we encounter in our lives (or others) for the greater good beyond our capacity to understand," said Henrickson.

"We, by faith and experience, know that God doesn't leave us alone in our need. He accompanies us. We can confidently and freely come before the Lord and follow His instruction of loving others, caring for others and praying for them. The power, ability and desire to do this is itself a gift or grace from God.

"Praying for others can take many forms from a quick rote prayer to having a Mass said for someone, praying a Novena or contemplative intercessory prayer on behalf of another, fasting for another's need, the list could go on. The Catechism is a treasure in teaching us how to pray," she said.

For whom we pray need not have limits. How we

intercede for them may be less important than the fact that we do so.

"Intercession is an essential aspect of being a part of the human family and a part of the Body of Christ," said Dr. Heron. to remain silent about it in our intimacy with our Creator," said Dr. Heron.

He cites practical and personal examples of impacts on his life when others have prayed for him.

of the seminary, religious brothers and sisters and the list goes on. I was overwhelmed. Since then I take people's prayers very seriously. They mean the world to me," he said.

"It always stops me, in a good way," said Kueter.

"It's easy to get caught up in the mechanics of medical treatment and the expectations of dealing with your illness. Your mind is focused on each step. When someone shares their personal thoughts and prayers with me, I am transported out of that worldly sphere and am reminded of the bigger picture and the need to refocus on that," she said.

"I believe communicating your concern for another person is valuable no matter what words you choose. If someone tells me their thoughts and prayers are with me and my family, I take them at their word and say thank you. I would encourage the outreach always and urge people not to worry about the exact words to use," Kueter said.

"It is lovely to receive prayers from another, or even that someone would take the time to think of me," said Henrickson.

"Recently, to celebrate an accomplishment of mine a friend had a Mass said for me. That is a very meaningful and thoughtful gesture filled with action. This was also quite humbling to receive," she said.



Maricarrol Kueter

"In terms of our shared humanity, intercession enables us to cultivate compassion in conversation with the Lord. Intercession is expansive, endless. We may intercede for anyone. And it has as much to do with us as we pray as it does with the person for whom we pray. Within the practice of prayer, it is a gesture of solidarity. Really, it's a supernatural extension of our natural response to the suffering and need of others. When we observe our fellow humans suffering and in need, it seems inappropriate to just stare. We must do something.

"In addition to physical assistance in whatever form it might take, it seems appropriate to us to acknowledge or to recognize suffering and need. Human suffering and need prompt us to do more than fix them as problems that demand solutions. We talk about the suffering and need we see. We share it with others in our lives. We hope and fear for others out loud and in our own minds.

"In history, we have made monuments to the suffering of others. Intercession is a reasonable and healthy extension of this activity. We are self-consciously bringing this recognition of suffering and need into the presence of God with us.

Remaining silent about suffering and need seems to us to be almost criminal. It would be strange

"For some reason, when I was a teenager, a woman in my church prayed about and for me quite a bit. She came to me later and told me that she felt I would be involved in reconciliation work in my life," said Dr. Heron.

"Her prayerful consideration of my character and her intercession on my behalf have shaped the way I envision relationships in my life. Her prayers about and for me

helped me understand myself in a clearer light. She spoke to the Lord about me and was able to say something to me that was surprising but, in a way, expected. I have lived differently because of her intercession," he said.

"I also have a job at Mount Marty College because a venerable Benedictine sister prayed for me. This was a much more straightforward case of intercession. She is a holy woman. The Lord loves to hear her," said Dr. Heron.

Those examples give evidence that not only do we need to offer our thoughts and prayers to others, sometimes we need to be open as the recipient.

"While you're in seminary lots of people offer to pray for you and frankly, for a while I took it for granted," said Fr. Thuringer.

"But at a certain point it dawned on me exactly how many people were praying for me - my parents, friends, classmates, friends



GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, THE COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

UNING ONE DAY AT A TIME, ENSOYING ONE MOMENT AT A TIME.

ACCEPTING HARDSHIP AS A PATHWAY
TO PEACE, TAKING, AS HE DID, THIS
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HAPPY IN THE NEXT.

REINHOLD NIEBUHR

"I offer many prayers for many people every day. Most are not accompanied by a verbal confirmation of being 'in my thoughts and prayers'. I ask the Lord to conform my thoughts to His. As people/situations cross my mind I try to receive the grace needed to quickly move that thought to prayer. To pray for others in large and small ways is very humbling. It means I have the privilege of sharing in a very small way life with Christ," Henrickson said.

Going deeper might mean taking our thoughts about someone and moving it into prayer for them. But we still might understandably wonder if praying for someone is enough. Might our prayers lead us to action?

"Praying for others should always involve listening. After all, God is not a customer service department, but a loving Father," said Fr. Thuringer.

"After you pray for someone take a few brief moments to let God speak. In that listening silence He might ask something of you; maybe there's something that you can do for that person. Or he might just leave you in peaceful prayer. Be sure of this, if prayer is to lead us to any action, it should come from God," he said.

"This question shifts the focus from 'thoughts and prayers' as a saying to a premise of a 'commitment to pray' for another," said Henrickson.

"Growing in our commitment to prayer is an initiative that originates with God that an individual can respond to with generosity as one grows in closeness with the Lord.

"Certainly, the closer I am to someone, or a situation, my ability to take more action in addition to prayer increases, because I have the awareness of what may be useful or needed: a phone call, a card, a meal, time, money, companionship, service, transportation, respite care., etc. When we share life with others (family, parish family, community) we are given frequent opportunities to respond," she said.

Dr. Heron notes that prayer may lead us to something more, but it doesn't have to.

"It would be strange to pray for someone and then do nothing for that person if you were in a position to help through your actions. In the New Testament, James's letter and John's first letter are clear about this." he said.

"But we have to be careful here: if we say that prayer should lead to something more, it can easily seem like prayer is the stuff we do before we get down to the business of being really helpful. But I think this is out of sync with how Jesus taught us to pray and how the saints have patterned themselves after him. Prayer is not an empty gesture or a social convention," Dr. Heron said.

"Does this mean that every intercession must lead to action? No. That would be impossible. But if sanctification is real, and if James and John are right about what sanctification entails, then intercession is a part of making a person more sensitive to reality, more docile to the presence of suffering and needs in others, and so more creative and wise in active response to the suffering and needs of others. The saints prove this true again and again in startling ways," he said.

One might be overwhelmed watching the news from around the world and feel the need to respond with more than thoughts and prayers.

"It's always good to keep the sufferings and concerns of the wide world in our prayers. Does that mean we have to leap to action every time we see something bad on the news? I don't think so," said Fr. Thuringer.



Teresa Henrickson (third from right), a counselor and spiritual director and a member of Sacred Heart Yankton, with her family

"I like to think of what G.K. Chesterton said when someone asked him what was most wrong with the world. He simply responded, 'Me.'

"Now, I don't think he meant this literally. He meant that the clearest way he could make the world better was to be a saint. Do you want to help make the world a better place? Focus on becoming a holier version of yourself," he said.

Henrickson said, "We know that a number of researchers have established a connection between increased anxiety/stress/overwhelmed and feelings of powerlessness connected to a news-saturated media culture.

"In the context of this discussion, it is prudent to listen to what the Lord teaches us, in John 14:1 he tells us, 'do not let your hearts be troubled, believe in God and believe in me.' Anxiety is a feeling of worry, nervousness fearfulness, tension about an upcoming event, imminent event or connected to situations or circumstances that are outside of our control. Feeling overwhelmed can inhibit our ability to take action.

"There is a famous prayer that can put perspective on this," Henrickson said.

"The 12 steps made it well known, however, the longer version is not as well known. The Serenity Prayer by the German Protestant Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (*see page 10*).

"It is useful and good to not just think about the world we live in, but to pray for the global world we live in and for the needs of people ... and to place all of these cares and concerns in God's loving arms, for He is love and His goodness, truth and beauty extend immeasurably far beyond the reaches of humanity. Let Jesus be the Lord of your thoughts and prayers. Trust," she said.

Dr. Heron suggests that the Good Samaritan provides us with another example of considering whether prayers are sufficient or whether God might be inviting us to something more.

"The first thing to remember is that the hero of the story is the Samaritan, someone Jesus' audience would have despised as a pagan or a heretic or trash. So, Jesus challenges our ideas about the scope of our care by making someone supposedly outside the scope of care the one with a beautiful and expansive heart. In this way, the Samaritan - the outsider, the trash - is more like the Father than the devoutly religious are," he said.

"The second thing to remember is how Jesus shows the beauty and expanse of the Samaritan's heart. It's a lovely detail: the Samaritan takes the wounded man to an inn and cares for him. Then the Samaritan leaves the next day. So, this beautiful Samaritan interrupts his own life and spends the night tending a wounded stranger.

"So, from Jesus' parable, it seems there are degrees and there aren't degrees. Who is your neighbor? I don't know! Look around! The people you find when you look with Samaritan eyes will probably be people who need you. What should you do for them once you see them? I don't know! What are you able to do?

"It is probably important that Jesus did not tell us a story about someone who started an agency or a program to help people in need. Instead, he told us a story about a man who looked at what was in front of him and responded in a way that teaches us about what God's heart looks like. It would be an incredible challenge to us to measure our willingness against the Samaritan's overnight stay. It would be a step on the road to sanctification - becoming icons of the Trinity," Dr. Heron said.

Kueter notes that seeing an example, perhaps like the story of the Good Samaritan, often encourages and moves us to action as well.

"When someone tells me they're praying for me, I am moved to do more for others, in prayer and action.

"Figuring out what that action is can be challenging, as is getting beyond dwelling on my own problems and thinking and acting to aid someone else," she said.

The CHURCH

Rev. James Morgan Rector, Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Every day, I have the most spectacular walk in the diocese. Whether it's early in the morning, sometime during the day, or late at night, walking to and from the Cathedral is breathtaking.

Okay, perhaps it's not THE most spectacular walk (there are several around the diocese I'm sure), but it certainly ranks at the top. Especially when the outline of the massive Romanesque structure atop the hill is framed by the city lights below, creating a "European" aura.

Or when you look up at the spires on a sunny day, their peaks piercing the bright blue sky as if they were reaching up to heaven. Or when the setting sun casts giant shadows on surrounding houses, magnifying its immensity. There are so many different perspectives one cannot describe them all. You just take it in and thank God, and thank the foresight of the people of the diocese.

At times, you can feel the Cathedral speaking to you. It screams the sacred, the divine, the transcendent, the mystical; other times it whispers the personal, the intimate, the familiar, the hospitable. It speaks of the goodness of God and the beauty of God. It speaks of the faith of people and the commitment of people.

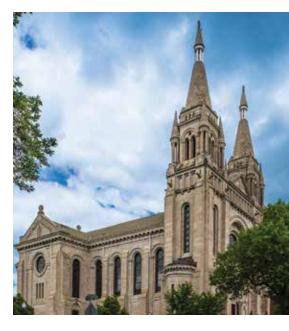
There are other voices too. The voices

of so many who have knelt and prayed within her holy confines. Voices that echo from wall to wall. Voices from the past; voices of the present. Those who built her; those who restored her. Those who grew up in homes surrounding her; those who travelled from parishes far and wide because they belonged to her. Voices of the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the sick and the healthy, the farmer and the urbanite, the native and the immigrant, the sinner and the saint.

The voices are the same today, but the tongues have changed. Though English is clearly the predominant language, there are other accompanying vernaculars that can be heard. Gone is the Gaelic and the German replaced by the Spanish and the Swahili...and a host of others. But why not? She is the local church of our people, yes? Absolutely. And she is also the universal church for every Catholic.

Though the cornerstone of our Cathedral says "1916," construction started in 1915. With a spirit of optimism, parishioners from 99 Catholic parishes and 81 missions in the diocese contributed funds to build a tribute to their Catholic faith. A Cathedral they could call their own. A Cathedral on the prairie.

Emmanuel Masqueray, her chief architect, would employ his trade well by capitalizing on her rural distinction. The spires of the Cathedral would ascend from her façade as sprouts of grain ascend from the earth. He would design them so that they might look like heads of wheat.



The first Mass was celebrated in an "unfinished" Cathedral on December 8, 1918, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Yet, already the Cathedral had been named in honor of St. Joseph.

The foster father of Jesus would be the protector of all who entered her doors. She was dedicated on May 7, 1919. It took four long years and a world war to boot to build her. But here she is, still standing tall and strong after 100 years. She has much to offer yet to the many from our diocese and around the world who come to see her. They might come to see her beauty, but they leave knowing they have encountered the Living God.

Cathedral InSpires

The Cathedral of St. Joseph will be celebrating the centennial of its dedication in the late days of April and early days of May.

Additional details of these events can be found at the website, www.stjosephcathedral.net

Sunday, April 28 – Archive Display: "Remembrances & Relics of 100 years" - 8:30 a.m-2 p.m.

Monday, April 29 – Historical Presentation: "A Vision Realized" - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30 – Restoration Presentation: "Creative Restoration" - 7 p.m., featuring Duncan Stroik, lead architect of the Cathedral restoration

Wednesday, May 1 – 100th Anniversary Mass – 7 p.m., Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, presiding

Thursday, May 2 – Cathedral Choir Concert: Founders' Concert – 7 p.m.

Friday, May 3 – Anniversary Bash, "Dinner & Music" - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7 – Transept/O'Gorman Choir "Cathedral Masterpieces" concert – 7 p.m.

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Women's conference "Beloved" set for June

Planning and registration is underway for this year's women's conference entitled "Beloved", coordinated by the Office of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization.

Dr. Chris Burgwald has shared that it is an opportunity for women, who do so much to serve their families, churches, and communities, to rest and receive the Father's love.

Attendees will experience a day filled with inspiring speakers, time for prayer and fun with friends.

The conference will be held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. with the opening welcome and the day's activities beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Keynote speaker Jennifer

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Fulwiler will address the conference attendees at 9 a.m.

Fulwiler is the host of the Jennifer Fulwiler Show, which airs daily on the national SiriusXM network.

The afternoon keynote speaker is Barbara Heil, who learned a life of prayer, worship, and devotion in an international ministry community as a young woman.

Tickets are available at http://www.sfcatholic.org/adultfor-mation/womensconference/.

You can also learn more or have other questions answered by calling 605-988-3748 or discipleship@sfcatholic.org.



As you finish your Lenten Journey come by and check out our items for Holy Week and browse our selection of gifts for religious Easter Baskets.

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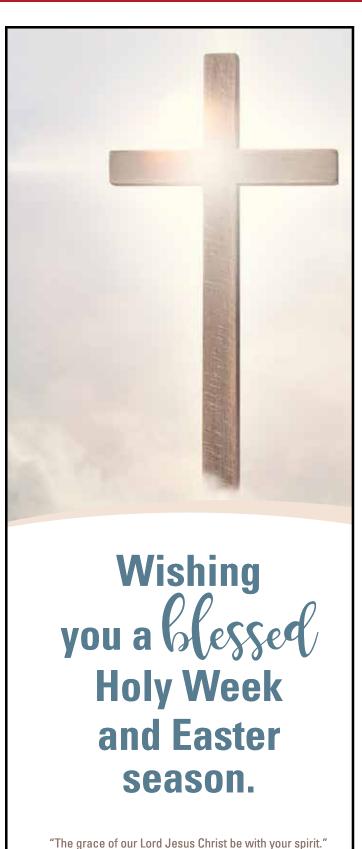
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K of C from Montrose-Humholdt help Mother Teresa Endowment



Members of the Montrose-Humboldt Knights of Columbus #10296 recently presented a check to the diocese for the Mother Teresa Endowment Fund. The Knights generated \$1,000 for the endowment from its annual "Life Causes Breakfast." Pictured are (l. to r.): Matt Althoff, chancellor, Dale Johnston, Knights of Columbus, Jerry Klein, delegate for Social Outreach and Dean Kueter, Knights of Columbus. (Photo by Bill Sealey, Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls)





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SACRED ARTS SERIES SET FOR BUSY TWO MONTHS

The months of April and May will bring a flurry of Sacred Arts Series performances at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls.

On Thursday, Apr. 11 at 7:30 p.m.. the Dakota String Quartet will perform.

The Dakota String Quartet, comprised of the principal string players from the South Dakota Symphony, will perform Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ. This piece is a perfect meditation to close the season of Lent, and lead into Holy Week.

Tickets for the Dakota String Quartet are \$10 or \$5.

On Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m., the Cathedral Choirs, Dr. Jared Ostermann, director will perform as part of the Founders' concert.

This performance is free although a

free will offering will be accepted.

The Founders' Concert each May commemorates the construction of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, as well as the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, patron of the Cathedral.

This year the Cathedral Choirs join in a concert marking the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

Then on May 7 at 7:30 p.m.. the vocal ensemble Transept with Dr. Timothy Campbell, director will perform with the O'Gorman High School Concert Choir, Rachael Kramer, director as special guests

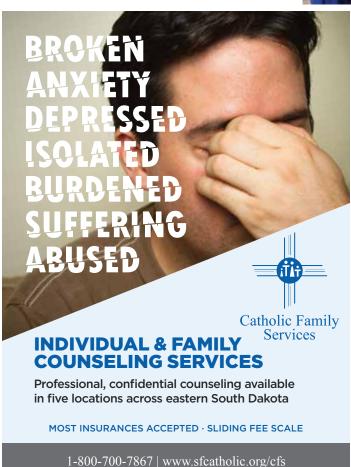
Tickets for that performance are \$25 or \$5

In its second performance of the season, Transept joins with the O'Gorman High School Choir to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in a program entitled "Cathedral Masterpieces."

You can find out more about the Sacred Arts Series on line at http://www.stjosephcathedral.net/sas/.











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MISSION DRAWS CROWDS TO HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, SIOUX FALLS

Local CHURCH



Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, recently hosted Father Larry Richards for a four night parish mission. Over the four nights, Father Richards spoke about God's love and prayer, love of others in the context of a Mass, the passion of Christ, the need for confession; and adoration and healing in the context of Eucharistic adoration. (Photo courtesy, Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls)

CATHEDRAL PARISH HOSTS BREAKFAST FOR FAMILIES OF RELIGIOUS SISTERS

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph parish celebrated Mass and hosted a breakfast afterward for families of Religious sisters. Fourteen families were present, representing their daughters and sisters who have entered religious life in 11 different religious convents and congregations around the world. Deacon Glen Ridder was the homilist for the Mass, expressing his own sentiments as a father of a daughter in religious life. The event was an occasion for families to share the joys and challenges of having a loved one in religious life. The event was also an occasion of gratitude for the vocations from their families and joyful service to the Church. The parish hopes to make it an annual event. (Photo courtesy, Father Timothy Smith, parochial vicar, Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish)









Local CHURCH

Raffle raises funds for some diocesan Catholic schools

Catholic school students and staff from Catholic United Financial set a new record fundraising total in the Catholic Schools Raffle. Students including those from a number of diocesan Catholic schools sold over \$1.2 million worth of raffle tickets, making 2019 the most successful year since the program began in 2009. Eight Catholic schools in the diocese participated in the 2019 Catholic Schools Raffle. (Photo courtesy, Catholic United Financial, St. Paul, MN)

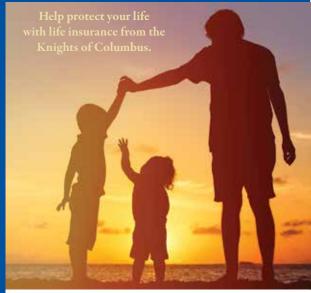


Presentation sisters host Lenten retreat in Sioux Falls



The Presentation Sisters host their Lenten retreat in March at St. Mary Church, Sioux Falls. Speaker Gaye Hanson addressed the women attendees. Hanson is a speaker and middle school teacher who shares personal stories of tragedy and triumph with her audience. (Photo courtesy, Presentation Sisters, Anerdeen)

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Maher Council Knights of Columbus, Mitchell, feed 800 with annual sausage supper

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Council 1079 The Maher Council of the Knight of Columbus, Mitchell, recently held its annual sausage supper at John Paul II School gymnasium. The nearly 175 members of the council assisted, serving home made sausage, sauerkraut, corn, and more. Nearly 800 people enjoyed the family style meal. (Photo courtesy, Maher Council #1079, Mitchell)

St. Nicholas Parish, Tea, heats up the end of winter with chili cookoff and auction

St. Nicholas Parish, Tea, tried to warm up the winter with its chili cookoff and live auction. The winner of the "hottest" chili was Mike Sorenson, the most flavorful chili award went to Karen Blasius and the most lasting Impression award went to Cindy McGarry. (Photo courtesy, St. Nicholas Parish, Tea)











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ABERDEEN – Roger and Eugenia Gardner will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Apr. 19. They have 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BIG STONE CITY – Don and Joan Reiffenberger will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Apr. 26. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Charles Parish.



BOWDLE – Ernie and Pauline Mertz will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Apr. 12. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Augustine Parish.



CHAMBERLAIN – Avery and Dixie Thompson will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Apr. 21. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. James Parish.



DeSMET – Don and Joyce Spader will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Apr. 25. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



EPIPHANY – Kenny and Jean Klinkhammer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Apr. 19. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of Epiphany Parish.



GEDDES – John and Mary Fuerst will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Apr. 12. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



IDYLWILDE/MAYFIELD – Lyle and Jean Hauger will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Apr. 11. They have 3 children (2 deceased), 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Boniface Parish.



MADISON – Jim and Alana Heinricy will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Apr. 28. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



PARKSTON – Ken and Rose Walz will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Apr. 11. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 3 greatgrandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



PARKSTON – Pat and Tina Roth will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Apr. 23. They have 2 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



PIERRE – Saylor and Donna Stanton will celebrate their 70th anniversary on Apr. 25. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 1 great-greatgrandchild and are members of SS. Peter and Paul Parish.



SALEM – Don and Elaine Eichacker will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Apr. 6. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 3 greatgrandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Karen Breuer will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Apr. 27. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Therese Parish.



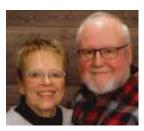
SIOUX FALLS – Craig and Katie Halverson will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Apr. 19. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Norris and Lisa Tiensvold will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Apr. 7. They have 3 children and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Rita Daniels will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Apr. 12. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



TEA – Joel and Karen Blasius will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 3. They have 2 children and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



TYNDALL – Keith and Julie Rothschadl will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Apr. 7. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Leo the Great Parish.



VERMILLION – Nick and Mary Merrigan will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Apr. 27. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Agnes Parish.

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WATERTOWN – Mark and Donna Horsman will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Apr. 21. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WESSINGTON SPRINGS – Gary and Gaea Blue will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Apr. 11. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren are members of St. Joseph Parish.



YANKTON – Tim and Lorie Mulhair will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Apr. 22. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by April 15 for inclusion in the May 2019 edition to:

The Bishop's Bulletin

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org.

Sr. Mary Denis Collins Sister Mary Denis Collins, a sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died Feb. 25 at the Presentation Convent, Aberdeen. She was 84.

The Mass of Christian Burial was Feb. 28 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen. Burial at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery was at a later date.



Sr. Mary Denis Collins, PBVM

Colleen Collins was born on March 23, 1934 in Wibaux, MT to Denis and Mary (Chamberlain) Collins.

After graduating from Sacred Heart High School in Miles City, MT she entered the Presentation Congregation on September 8, 1952 and professed her vows August 10, 1955 receiving her religious name of Sister Mary Denis Collins.

Sister Mary Denis Collins attended Presentation College and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Colorado State University. She later studied health care administration at the University of Minnesota.

Sister Mary Denis was elected to the Presentation Sisters Leadership Council, 1978-1982 and as president of the congregation 1982-1986. She served a second term

as a Leadership Council member 1998-2005.

She was vice president of Presentation Health System 1988-1998 and served as a member of the Avera Health System 2006-2010 before retiring to prayer ministry at the Presentation Convent.

Sister Mary Denis Collins is survived by her community family of Presentation Sisters and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and four brothers.

Sister Rosemary Weber Sister Rosemary Weber, a Benedictine sister of Sacred Heart Monastery died Mar. 5. She was 85.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held Mar. 8 in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery. She



Sr. Rosemary Weber, OSB

was born on the family farm near Salem on January 13, 1934. She was the seventh of eleven children of Stephen and Frances (Weber) Weber.

She attended St. Mary School, Salem, graduating in 1952.

She entered Sacred Heart Monastery on August 20, 1952 and was invested as a novice June 28, 1953 and received the name Francille.

Sister Francille made temporary vows June 29, 1954. Her perpetual vows were on June 29, 1957.

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She later went back to her baptismal name and was known as Sister Rosemary.

Sister Rosemary was a teacher and principal for 22 years receiving her credentials for this ministry from Mount Marty College in 1965 and, in 1971, she earned a Masters of Education from Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

In 1977, she left education for parish ministry among the Native people on the Standing Rock Reservation. She continued pastoral ministry in Watertown and Yankton until she retired.

She also served as a Mount Marty College board member.

Sister Rosemary is survived by her Benedictine community, her three sisters, a brother, in-laws and many nieces and nephews.

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

Sister Jane McGowan

Sister Jane McGowen, a Benedictine sister of Sacred Heart Monastery died Mar. 6. She was 83.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held Mar. 11 in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.

She was born January 1, 1936, the fifth child to James and Rose (McGuirk) McGowen of Laurel, NE. She was raised in Hartington, NE and received a Catholic education.



Sr. Jane McGowan, OSB

Jane entered Sacred Heart Monastery in August 1953. She professed first vows on June 29, 1955 and final profession on June 29, 1958.

Sister Jane began her health care ministry at Sacred Heart School of Nursing and X-ray Technology in Yankton. She became a nurse, radiologic technologist and health care educator. She earned a nursing degree from Sacred Heart School of Nursing, a Bachelor of Science degree in Radiology at St. Louis University and a Masters in Radiologic Science at the University of Cincinnati.

Sister Jane ministered at hospitals in Yankton and Parkston as well as others.

Later in life she spent time as a clerk for the business office at Avera Sacred Heart.

Sister Jane is survived by her Benedictine family and her sisters, Sister Bernadette McGowen, Mary Margaret Sudbeck and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and Rose Mc-Gowen and her sisters Catherine (Kitty) Uhrich and Helen Sudbeck.

News BRIEFS

Co-ops make an economy more humane, pope says

Vatican City (CNS) - True wealth lies in relationships with other people, not material goods, which is why cooperatives based on Gospel values are "the right road" to take, Pope Francis said. Alternative economic and business models inspired by the social doctrine of the church offer another way to live in a world "that is not governed by the god of money, an idol that deceives (society) and then leaves it increasingly more inhumane and unjust, and also, I would say, poorer," the pope said. The pope's remarks came during an audience with members of the Italian Cooperative Confederation, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary. Cooperatives, the pope said, harmonize "the logic of business" with solidarity -- by seeking to address the needs of their own workers and the outside world while being useful, efficient and effective in its industry.

Pope: Imitate God by being merciful to others

Vatican City (CNS) - The season of Lent is a time for Christians to reflect on and practice the mercy of God toward others and not waste away sitting in judgment of others, Pope Francis said. Jesus' command to "be merciful, just as your father is merciful" is a reminder for Christians that God always has shown them mercy even when they were at their worst, the pope said in his homily during morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae. "How many people say, 'I have done such terrible things. I have earned my place in hell, I can't turn back.' But do they think about the mercy of God?" he asked. Reflecting on the day's Gospel reading from St. Luke, the pope said Jesus calls on his disciples "to imitate God" by showing mercy, being forgiving and not judging others. God's mercy, he said, is a "great thing" that must not be forgotten even in the worst of circumstances. He recalled the story of a grief-stricken woman who told St. John Vianney that her husband was in hell after he committed suicide by jumping off a bridge.

Corruption is a cancer harming society, pope says

Vatrican City (CNS) - The constant temptation and cancer of corruption is one of the most devastating illnesses to befall society, Pope Francis said. Corruption causes considerable damage both ethically and economically, he said in an audience March 18 with judges, administrators and staff from Italy's court of audit, a kind of government accountability office with judicial powers. The pope told his audience that corruption, with its "illusion of fast and easy gains, in reality impoverishes everyone, erasing trust, transparency and integrity from the entire system. Corruption disheartens individual dignity and shatters all good and beautiful ideals."



Pope encourages South Sudan peace process, hopes to visit

Vatican City (CNS) - As the process to implement a peace accord in South Sudan continues, Pope Francis met with South Sudanese President Salva Kiir and expressed the hope that, finally, he would be able to visit the country. During the meeting in the papal library, the Vatican said, the pope and president discussed "matters regarding the implementation of the agreement recently reached by various political actors with a view to a definitive solution to the conflicts, the return of refugees and displaced persons, and the integral development of the country." In the context of the discussions about implementing the September peace agreements, the Vatican said, Pope Francis "expressed the wish to ascertain the conditions for a possible visit to South Sudan, as a sign of closeness to the population and of encouragement for the peace process."

Vatican-China agreement motivated by mission

Vatican City (CNS) - The Vatican's tentative agreement with the government of mainland China obviously has a diplomatic component, but it was motivated by a desire to spread the Gospel and ensure the appropriate freedom of the Catholic Church, the Vatican secretary of state wrote. A firm belief that the Catholic Church truly is "catholic" or universal "pushes the Holy See to nurture no distrust or hostility toward any country, but to follow the way of dialogue in order to reduce distances, overcome misunderstandings and avoid new divisions," Cardinal Pietro Parolin wrote in the preface to a new book, "The Church in China."



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Parish Dinners/Socials

Apr. 3/Empty Bowls will be held in the O'Gorman High School cafeteria from 5-7 p.m.; cost is \$5 for meal only; \$20 for families of 4 or more and \$15 for pottery bowl and meal; proceeds will benefit local agencies that feed the poor; silent auction of student pottery as well.

Apr. 14/St. Lambert Parish, 16th and Bahnson, Sioux Falls, Palm Sunday parish dinner; serving will be 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberries, green beans, dinner rolls, beverages and desserts; cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5-12 and those 4 and under eat free; there is a \$40 family ticket (for immediate family).

Apr. 28/St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls, will host its annual turkey dinner; serving 10:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the church hall, 2109 S. 5th Ave.; take outs available; pre-sale cost: \$8 for adults; \$9 at the door; children 4-11: \$5; tickets on sale after all Masses Apr. 6, 7, 13, 14 and following 4 p.m. Mass only on Apr. 27; no Easter sales.

Sioux Falls parish hosting adult education Tuesday, Apr. 2 - Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, will have adult education on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The presenter will be Deacon Bill Radio, Cathedral of Saint Joseph parish. Deacon Radio will discuss "Praying with Sacred Art." There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation. Contact Kathy Davis at 371-2320 for more info.

Residents Encounter Christ weekend set Apr. 5-7 - Residents Encounter Christ (REC), a prison ministry, is looking for volunteers. As it says in Matthew 25:36 – "I was in prison and you came to visit me." No formal training necessary, just a desire to live out the Gospel and see these men for who they are: children of God. If you're interested please contact Father Jeff Norfolk at jeff.norfolk@state.sd.us.

Parish offering musical event across area Apr. 7-9 - Risen Savior Parish, Brandon is offering an opportunity to experience a Lenten cantata, "We Were There." The cantata will be presented at Risen Savior, 301 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon on Sunday, Apr. 7 at 4:30 p.m., at St. Michael Parish, 1600 S. Marion Rd., Sioux Falls on Monday, Apr. 8 at 7 p.m. and at Bethany Meadows, 3008 E. Aspen Blvd., Brandon on Tuesday, Apr. 9 at 7 p.m. All presentations are free and open to the public. A free will donation is encouraged.

St. Joseph School concert in Pierre set Thursday, Apr. 11 - St. Joseph School, Pierre, is celebrating its 60th anniversary with a concert. Tony Melendez will be in concert at T.F.

Riggs Theater at 7 p.m. Melendez is a Catholic singer/songwriter who plays guitar with his feet because he was born without arms due to his mother receiving Thalidomide while pregnant; come enjoy an evening of song and inspiration as the school celebrates 60 years of Catholic education in Pierre. For more information, call 605-692-2946.

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.

Sacred Heart Monastery

April 18 - April 21/Paschal Triduum Retreat: Enter the silence and experience the rich liturgies of Holy Week with the monastic community of the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. The retreat begins 4:30 p.m. April 18, Holy Thursday, and ends with noon dinner on Easter Sunday. For more information go to our webpage, www. yanktonbenedictines.org/center-events. To register, email BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc. edu or call 605-668-6292 before April 12. A personal retreat may be arranged at another time that better fits your schedule.

Contemplative Morning/ The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. Because of Easter, the April session will be on the 4th Saturday. For more information or to register forthe April 27 session, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292

Silent Retreats/ Schedule your private Lenten 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.

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.

Diocesan EVENTS

Catholic Family Services

Apr. 2 and May 7/Catholic Family Services is hosting a Living with Chronic Illness group. This is a free educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their caregivers. The group meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls. For details please call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Apr. 4/Children's Grief Program directed by Mary Weber and Christy Vander Woude begins Thursday, Apr. 4 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. The four-week program is designed for children according to their age and specific loss. To register for this program or for more information contact Catholic Family Services 605-988-3775.

Apr. 6/Catholic Family Services is offering a One Day Retreat for mothers grieving the death of a child before, during, or shortly after birth on Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Watertown. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the retreat is for adults who have lost an infant and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. This program is non-denominational and is offered free of charge. To register, call Bridget at 605-886-4049.

Apr. 16-May 21/Grieving the loss from suicide is a six week program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. The offering is a program for families who have lost a loved one from suicide. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Non-denominational. Cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic. org with any questions or to register.

Mother of God Monastery

Apr. 12-13/"Call of the Soul weekend to be offered at Mother of God Monastery, Watertown. The event begins Friday at 7 p.m. and will run through Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The workshop will challenge participants to reflect on the deep call of the soul to reflect on the question; "Why am I here?" Sister Jan LaPlante is the facilitator for the workshop. The suggested donation is \$40 or \$70 with room and board. For more information contact Sister Emily at 605-886-4181.



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