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# THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN



**STRIVING TO  
BE HEALTHY  
AND HOLY  
FAMILIES**

**W**e pray in the Our Father: “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” It is a high standard indeed and a humbling one: our forgiveness of others will be the standard by which we are forgiven. We know the teaching; we just have a hard time putting it into practice.

C.S. Lewis captured it so simply: “Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have someone to forgive.”

As recorded in Sacred Scripture Peter asked Jesus how often must we forgive: as many as seven times? Some scholars tell us that he was being generous because in his day some taught it is necessary to forgive three times, then retribution could roll.

Jesus answered not seven times but seventy times seven. Do the math: is 490 times enough? Not really; Jesus really was telling us to forgive as often as is necessary. Our human nature is to calculate what we have to do. How many times “must” I forgive, Peter asked. If forgiveness is something we do because we have to, it will not last because it does not come from the heart.

Some will remember the old story about Pat and Mike, two Irishmen who held onto a grudge for many years despite the best efforts of their priest to reconcile them. Then Pat became deathly sick. The priest convinced Mike to visit Pat in the hospital. In that environment their hostility broke down. They said they were sorry, forgave one another and shook hands. Then as Mike was leaving, Pat called out to him, “now remember Mike, this only counts if I die.” A joke we hope.

God's mercy toward us is not calculated. It is without limit because our need is without limit and it comes from pure love. That is the standard we are called to as hard as it is.

Forgiveness is not a reaction we have but a choice we can make. We are called to forgive to encourage others surely but it is necessary to forgive for our own well-being and salvation. George Herbert wrote: “People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven, for everyone has a need to be forgiven.”

To forgive does not mean to condone or minimize wrong actions. Nor does it mean that just consequences can be avoided. Nor does it mean that differences are eliminated. Nor does it result in the sudden removal of the hurt for we tend to remember. But when it comes from the heart it can lift our tendency toward self-absorption and opens us to be able to see beyond the moment and receive the grace God gives us to move on.

President Dwight Eisenhower, who led our country in war and peace, wrote about his learning this truth when growing up in Kansas. His older brothers were allowed to go trick or treating on Halloween but he was not because he was so young. He threw a temper tantrum, going into so wild a rage that he pounded his fists against the rough bark of an old apple tree to the point that his knuckles began to bleed. His father took a hickory switch to him and sent him to his room.

The retired five star general and leader of the free world recalled: “Perhaps an hour later my mother came into the room. I was still sobbing into the pillow, my feelings among others things hurt, completely abused and at odds with the entire world. Mother sat in the rocking chair by the bed and said nothing for a long time. Then she began to talk about temper and controlling it. Eventually as she often did, she drew on the Bible, paraphras-



ing it I suppose. This time she said, ‘he that conquereth his own soul is greater than he who taketh a city.’ Hatred was a futile sort of thing, she said, because hating anyone or anything meant that there was little to be gained. The person who had incurred my displeasure probably didn’t care, possibly didn’t even know, and the only person injured was myself. This was soothing, although she added that among all her boys I was the one who had the most to learn. In the meantime, she had set about putting salve on my injured hands and bandaging the worst places. Not failing to make the point that I had expressed resentment and only damaged myself.” (At Ease: Stories I Tell My Friends)

When we allow hatred or anger or resentment to control us we damage ourselves spiritually, which sometimes is reflected physically, because we are focusing in our ourselves and do not experience the freeing love of our merciful God.

St. Mother Teresa wrote: “reconciliation begins not first with others but within ourselves. It starts by having a clean heart within. A clean heart is able to see God in others. The tongue,” she continued ‘the part of the body that is in such close contact with the Body of Christ, can become an instrument of peace and joy or of sorrow and pain. Forgive and ask to be forgiven; excuse rather than accuse.”

When we see Christ in others and seek to be Christ we will be able to keep the hurts of the world in perspective and forgive as we seek forgiveness from our hearts. This whimsical little poem entitled “How to Forget” offers insight into how we can forgive seventy times seven, as often as it is needed.

“If you were busy being kind, before you knew it you would find you’d soon forget to think ‘twas true that someone was unkind to you.

“If you were busy being glad and cheering people who are sad, although your heart might ache a bit, you’d soon forget to notice it.

“If you were busy doing good, and doing just the best you could, you’d not have time to blame some man who’s doing just the best he can.

“If you were busy being right, you’d find yourself too busy quite to criticize your neighbor long because he’s busy being wrong.” (Rebecca Forsman)

As usual, I am preaching to myself. I need to get busy. Come join me.

## Prayer for the Diocese of Sioux Falls

Father of mercy, justice and hope,  
we the people of the  
Diocese of Sioux Falls,  
with humble hearts,  
acknowledge your gift of life,  
of creation, of the Church  
and commit ourselves to use  
what you have given us well;

with unworthy hearts, approach the Holy sacraments, especially our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist and

commit ourselves to reverence in liturgical prayer and sacred spaces;  
with grateful hearts, remember those courageous and faith-filled men and women, clergy and consecrated,  
native and immigrant, who nurtured and nourished the land and built the visible Church on the prairie and

commit ourselves to honor them by being good stewards of their legacy;  
with loving hearts, recognize one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and commit ourselves  
to defending life from conception to natural death and serving those  
in need; and

with contrite hearts, ask your forgiveness for the sins of the past and for the sins of our day and commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation and peace.

We ask Mary our Mother, and Joseph our patron, to watch over and guide us as we seek to do your will each day.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## SCHEDULE

August

- 1-3 135th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, St. Louis, MO
- 4 2:00 Mass of Thanksgiving in recognition of Sister Loretta Von Rueden, OSF 60th Anniversary of Vows, Holy Spirit Parish, Mitchell
- 5 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 6 1:30 Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 8 11:00 Seminarian Gathering Mass and Presentation, Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, Irene
- 10 11:00 Opening Prayer & Remarks, Faith & Business Conference, Ramkota, Sioux Falls
- 12 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls  
5:00 Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Annual Potluck, the Bishop’s House, Sioux Falls
- 15 12:00 Solemnity Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 17 Administrative Day, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls  
4:00 Clergy Social and Picnic, The Bishops’ House, Sioux Falls
- 19 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 20 1:30 Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen
- 22 10:00 Rite of Consecration of Patricia Cordell, as a Virgin Living in the World and spouse of Christ, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 24-26 Region VIII Bishops Summer Conference, Detroit Lakes, MN
- 26 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 28 Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic, Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls

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





**I**n a few weeks, we will be sitting in stands again, watching local high school and college football teams compete. In a few weeks, we will be amazed as these young men work as a team, winning or losing together.

The plays will seem like second nature to them, running, blocking, passing; they will each play their part, like they have always done these things.

But they haven't of course, not these particular teams that are formed anew each fall. Old players have graduated and moved on, new players stand nervously as they approach their time wearing the local colors.

They will only be able to do what they do because in a few days they will come together and begin their practices. Weeks before they take the field in that first game, they will spend endless hours, or hours that will seem endless, in the heat and humidity and the coach's gaze.

They will practice those plays, but more importantly, they will practice being a team. For a few weeks before we fill the stands, they will practice and they will fail. They will fail a lot. They need to, because it is in the failing and getting up and trying again that the plays become second nature, that they become a team.

It is good for us to remember this as we see them clothed in their clean, new uniforms on that opening Friday evening or Saturday afternoon, to remember that for weeks before that they were clothed in sweaty t-shirts and shorts, running plays over and over again in the oppressive heat and humidity of August.

They worked and they failed, and failed again, and again until they began to succeed. Only then were they ready to face the challenge of their opponents on the field. Even then they will fail at times, the plays may not go perfectly or they may be outplayed, a team has to lose after all, but that does not take away from the struggle they went through in those hot and humid days at the end of summer.

It is important for us to remember this

because this is also a struggle we have to face in life as well. We have to face it, and perhaps more vitally, others will have to face this struggle as well. It is in those moments that we show forth the compassion and the empathy which is what it means for us to be Christians.

A year or so ago a friend and I were having a conversation over some coffee and doughnuts and our talk turned towards the struggles we have had in our lives. My friend, who is not a Catholic, talked about a tough time he had and how the people of his church, and his pastor, were so supportive and caring during this rough time, how they kept calling and checking in on him until he was on his feet again.

My friend said it really meant a great deal to him, and he felt he had found a home in which he was loved.

Then, he said, a few years later he had another rough time and the support was not as freely given, there was more frustration and the love was a bit more grudgingly given. He listened as his church members told him that he needed to straighten up and get his life in order.

He concluded his thoughts by saying, "I guess we Christians are pretty good about helping people when they fall, but not so hot when they fall again." I had to agree, the first fall is just life and we accept that, the second is just frustrating and annoying, we wonder why they did not get it all figured out the first time.

But that is not how life works, or how we come together to transform the world. No team gives up on a member just because they took a few times to figure out the plays, no team quits on each other because they did not come together with perfect knowledge and ability from the start. Teams, like life, like churches, need practice, training and patience.

We are going to fall and fail, simply put, but we grow in the compassion and empathy given us by Christ to overcome the natural frustration and anger, to be there for each other, knowing that the day will come when our imperfections are made known to the world.

When that day comes, we pray our brothers and sisters have practiced enough to know how to love, a second time, a third time, or seventy times seven times.



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Youth from across the diocese gathered for Discipleship Camps held at the Broom Tree Youth and Family Camp near Irene in July. The diocesan Youth Evangelization and Discipleship office hosted the three camps which brought young people from all corners of the diocese for faith, fellowship and fun. (Photo courtesy, Eric Gallagher, director, Youth Evangelization and Discipleship, Diocese of Sioux Falls)

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# STRIVING TO BE HEALTHY AND HOLY FAMILIES

Among the first things the families you will meet in this story wanted to make clear: they do not consider themselves perfect or even models for others. But they are willing to share some of what makes their families who they are, what works for them and why faith is such a key aspect of healthy family life today.

“The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church,” wrote Pope Francis in the opening line of his apostolic exhortation “The Joy of Love in the Family”, which was published after recent synods focused on the situation of families today around the world.

We hope to show, not perfect families, but some ways that bring to life what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society.” ~CCC2207

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hile Sioux Falls native Dusty Coleman's goal of playing major league baseball remained when he got married and started a family, it did change him.

"Getting married and having children has changed the game for me," Coleman said. "Being part of a family is a major factor in becoming a better person. Life has become less about me and more about making the best decisions for the four of us as a whole.

"As Christians, we are called to put others first. Family means unconditional love and support- Sarah (his wife), Noah and Quinn (his children) make me want to be a better version of myself each day," said Coleman, now playing AAA ball with the El Paso Chihuahuas, part of the big league San Diego Padres organization.

"In this baseball lifestyle, one of the things that makes our family life special or different is the amount of travel," Coleman said.

"We are forced to move to different places away from other family so Sarah and I greatly depend on each other. Also, having to go on road trips often, I have to be away from my wife and kids for 4-8 days at a time. This makes the time we are together more precious."

He credits the strong faith in the family of origin for both he and Sarah, who is Methodist, as helping their family dynamic.

His parents, Brad and Julie Coleman are members of Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls, and themselves come from families committed to their faith.

"We grew up on a farm in a predominantly Catholic community in Hartington, Nebraska," said Julie. "Daily prayers, the rosary, values, hard work and faith was instilled by our parents and grandparents at a very early age and continued to be an important part of family life. We attended Holy Trinity Church and School and Cedar Catholic also played a part of our community faith process," she said.

"I grew up in a Lutheran family when I lived in Colorado and Wyoming and although we practiced our faith in a little different way than Catholics, our faith in God was very important to our family," Brad said. "Fortunately, for me there are a lot of similarities between the Lutheran and Catholic faiths, so my learning curve was not that steep, although I need to continue that development every day. It wasn't until shortly before we got married nearly 34 years ago, that I became Catholic and continued my faith journey as Catholic."

The Diocese of Sioux Falls is made up of about 36,000 families, spread across the more than 35,000 square miles of eastern South Dakota and belonging to one of the 119 parishes. The roots of some families go back to origins of the state and diocese.

Jane and Jeremy Wiebersick live in Montrose and are members of St. Patrick. Their children represent the next generation of faithful members of that parish.

"We both grew up here, had grandparents that grew up here, between the two of us, we have seven siblings living in Montrose as well as many cousins, aunts and uncles," said Jane Wiebersick.

Jeremy Wiebersick's mom, Mary Lou said, "Our family is blessed to have Jeremy and Jane's family as the 5th and 6th generation to belong to St. Patrick Catholic Church."

"It makes me smile to see their children recognize cousins and other relatives as they join in the celebration of the Mass. Prayers for the faithful departed following the grace before our Sunday dinners as well as hugs with three pats for "I love you", or "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" exemplifies the trickle down affect to that 6th generation as they live their faith," said Mary Lou.

"God is present in the kid's conversations often as explanations of the world around them and speaking of heaven, prayer and angels is common," she said.

*...Do you pray together from time to time as a family? After all, prayer seems to be something personal and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace... Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God... all of us! And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength!*

~POPE FRANCIS\*



A common theme shared by these families is the necessity and the power of prayer.

“My parents taught me and my eight siblings that ‘a family who prays together stays together’, said Jane Wiebersick’s mom, Audrey Cleveland.

“We have followed their teaching by beginning all of our milestone birthday celebrations by going to Mass together. The last family Mass held in May had 85 family members present from four generations,” she said.

“Not only are the sacraments readily available for us, the votive candles we can light for special needs are a lasting example for the younger members of our family,” Cleveland said.

“For generations, lighting votive candles has been a comforting sign of our faith. Quite often we receive phone calls or text messages from our children, nieces, nephews, or grandchildren asking for prayers and a candle be lit when prayers are needed. Lighting a blessed candle in our home during a storm or an anxious time always brings a calming effect.”

*How do we keep our faith as a family? Christian families are missionary families. ... They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.*

~POPE FRANCIS\*

For a good number of families in this diocese, farming and ranching is the way of life, and it truly is a special way to raise a family.

“Our life is farm life,” said Mike Kieffer, who along with wife Tina, belong to St. Peter, White Lake. The family consists of son Ross and his wife Brooklyn, who grew up in Kimball, son Todd, and daughter Molly and her husband Leo who live in Dickinson, ND.

“I wasn’t so sure until we had kids just what farm life could or would do to influence their life,” Kieffer said. “Be assured the children raised around livestock learn at an early age about birth, life and death. It’s a life only some can even experience.”

Kieffer believes that generations of solid family life makes a big difference.

“No doubt a strong family life helps you to live your faith well,” he said. “I notice when a family is all headed in the same direction concerning their faith it seems they have a much better chance of keeping that family together.”

“The one thing we have always promoted is to tell the truth among us,” Kieffer said. “The kids don’t always like what we tell them but they get our thoughts straight and true. They know we are telling them as it is.”

Tina Kieffer said the drought this year is a challenge. “You have to stick together through the ups and downs. We’ve been through tough times but for the younger ones it is a test,” she said.

Being active in parish life is part of their faith, carried on by the next generation. Daughter Molly serves on her parish council in Dickinson and along with her husband is active in the Search retreat program.

There are special moments when the strength and meaning of family come together with parish and faith life.

“In April our son Ben and my niece, Ella, were both 2nd graders at St Patrick (Montrose),” said Jeremy Wiebersick. “My family and my sister, Sarah’s, family were able to join Father Bob (Krantz) at the altar to receive communion and a special blessing together as a family. It was pretty special to be able to be present at the altar and share in the special moment.

“Jane and I are both communion ministers at St. Patrick and have been since we were seniors in high school,” he said. “Jane is part of the altar society, and I am a Knight. We feel it is important that our kids see us volunteering and making a commitment to help our parish family.”

Added Jane Wiebersick, “It dawned on me last month while on our family vacation what an impact prayer can have even on little ones. Trying to keep our two year old entertained on the car ride, we sang songs. One of her requests was ‘Hail Mary’. So I started saying a Hail Mary with her.

“The other kids all joined in and afterwards were very curious what we just prayed for. I told them Taya must have had a



Dusty Coleman with his wife, Sarah, children, Noah and Quinn, and parents, Julie and Brad.

feeling that our family needed a prayer right then to keep us safe on our vacation.

“We often tell our kids to listen to the little voice in your head because that could be God telling you what to do. When I am crabby, our two-year-old will give me a hug and say ‘smile Mommy’, I think God may be a voice in two-year-old heads too,” she said.

Shared memories like these are surely also part of what makes families strong.

Brad and Julie Coleman, in addition to son Dusty, also have daughters Sonia (and husband Brad) and Tabitha (and husband Sean), and five total grandchildren, with another on the way in November.

“I think family life gets more important the older you get,” said Julie Coleman. “One thing is to appreciate each other and the

memories you have the opportunity to create. It can be difficult at times with work and coordinating all the activities and life in general,” she said.

“But I love my father’s saying which is to ‘make memories’ - even if it is a simple act or silly or momentous. Now as grandparents, I think it is even more important for us, our children and grandbabies. It is my hope that Brad and I will create memories with them that they will cherish forever,” she said.

“Sarah and I both believe that God should be at the center of our family unit,” said Dusty Coleman.

“Trust in God and His plan for us is a major factor, especially in the baseball lifestyle. Sometimes we think we will go one place and the day before leaving will find out we’re heading somewhere completely different.





Front row (left to right) Brooklynn Kieffer, Ross Kieffer, Mike Kieffer; back row (left to right) Tina Kieffer, Todd Kieffer, Mollie Huber, Leo Huber

“With our children in tow, we are heading to an unfamiliar city, unsure of exactly where we will live. But the Lord always takes care of us. We have to remind ourselves often that God is in control,” he said.

“Faith is a funny thing...You think you have a lot of it and then boom, something happens and you question your faith in yourself and in God,” said Brad Coleman.

“He challenges me every day to ‘keep the faith’ and never question his plan. It sounds really easy, but as you know, it can be the hardest thing we have to do each day.

“Also very important in my family and faith life is keeping a proper balanced between my work and family life. This is a very important part of my overall balance. When my work life gets overwhelming, stressful or takes more time than I would like, I have to take a step back and ask myself what is really important in my life and here is where my trust in God is most needed.

“I’ve learned more about faith from Julie and my children and their faith lives than I ever taught them,” Brad said.



The Colemans said following their son's journey in baseball has been amazing and humbling.

"Every mother and father wants their children to succeed at whatever they choose to pursue, no matter what it is. Because Dusty's chosen field is a little more public than other careers, professional baseball, it's been very humbling, exciting and special to follow him as he continues his journey and the pursuit of his dreams in baseball," they said.



The Wiebersick family (right) at the celebration of their son Ben's First Holy Communion at St. Patrick Parish in Montrose.

"People outside of any professional game don't really understand the commitment and sacrifice these athletes have to make in order to 'maybe' get the chance of playing on the biggest stage. Without question, Dusty's faith in God and his plan for him has kept him in this very difficult game for many years. His demeanor, commitment and attitude never seem to change, whether he goes 4-4 or 0-4.

"His faith has kept him very grounded and a very good person both on and off the field. Also very important in his faith and his journey is his wife Sarah's faith in God, her support of him and what they are trying to accomplish as a family. As a former Division I athlete herself, she understand the commitment, drive and sacrifices that need to be made to make it to the top. It's 'Team Coleman' at their household and it will remain that way until the good Lord decides to push him/them in a different direction."

And that sense of remaining faithful through the ups and downs may be the other most common theme among these families and perhaps, yours, summed up by Dusty Coleman:

"We have gone through some difficult times, ups and downs, during our years in professional baseball. The Lord is faithful. The Lord hears our prayers. It is by His grace, mercy and love that we make it through each day and we are so thankful for his unending blessings," he said.

*How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all.*

~POPE FRANCIS\*

*\*These edited excerpts are taken from a homily given by Pope Francis during the Holy Mass for the Family Day on the Occasion of the Year of Faith in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, October 27, 2013.*

## *B.J. and Brandei Schaeffbauer: We are called to be missionary disciples*

**W**e were honored and humbled to be invited by Bishop Paul Swain to be part of the delegation from the Diocese of Sioux Falls that would journey to Orlando, Florida in early July for the *Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America*.

Along with Bishop Swain, we were joined by Dr. Chris Burgwald, Director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization; Eric Gallagher, Director of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship and Deacon Chet and Colleen Cordell. We had a great group and enjoyed getting to know one another during the four days of the Convocation.

The Convocation, convened by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was a gathering of key leaders from dioceses and Catholic organizations from all across the United States to respond to Pope Francis's call in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) to be missionary disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This was an amazing event. It gave us an opportunity to witness first-hand the diversity of the Catholic Church in the United States. The convocation consisted of plenary sessions each with a keynote speaker or speakers, followed by a large number of small group sessions. We heard from some great Catholic leaders, speakers and authors like: Cardinal Timothy Dolan; Cardinal Sean O'Malley; Bishop Robert E. Barron; Carl Anderson (supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus); and Patrick Lencioni (author and business consultant).

While the cardinals, archbishops, bishops and other keynote speakers played leading roles, it was obvious to us early on that they were there to listen to the over 3,500 delegates through the small group sessions. After each plenary session, there were 22 small group sessions each having a specific topic. Delegates got to choose which session we thought was best to attend.

The small groups were led by a panel of four or five individuals that would speak for a short time to "set up" additional discussion. The small group sessions then allowed time for us to discuss opportunities and challenges (related to the specific topic for that session) facing the Church and to



Brandei Schaeffbauer, B.J. Schaeffbauer, Eric Gallagher, Deacon Chet Cordell, Colleen Cordell, Dr. Chris Burgwald and Bishop Paul J. Swain. (Photo courtesy, B.J. and Brandei Schaeffbauer)

share ideas and opinions about how to address them.

It was an incredible opportunity to collaborate with individuals from all over the United States. Our brains still hurt from all the things we tried to soak up from these discussions.

Here are some examples of the small group sessions that were available:

- The Rise of the "Nones" and Understanding Inactive and Disconnected Catholics
  - Who's on the Peripheries in Our Local Parishes and Communities?
  - Addressing and Understanding the "Throw Away Culture"
  - The State of Catholic Education and Catechesis in the United States
  - Racism and Exclusion in America
  - Honoring Our Wisdom Figures: The Role of the Elderly and the Gift of Life at All Stages
  - The State of the Family and Human Sexuality: Struggles and Opportunities
  - Missionary Discipleship and Business Leadership
  - Faith in Action: Advocacy and Organizing with Poor and Marginalized Communities
- In addition to the plenary and small group sessions, there was time for prayer and

worship. Confession times were made available and we celebrated Mass every day.

One session of prayer that sticks out in my mind was at the end of the first day when we took part in an evening Marian Devotion at which we prayed the rosary. The rosary was led by several people each taking their turn leading a decade in a different language. It was incredible to witness this. It was a shining example as to how diverse the Catholic Church is in the United States. Being able to see and hear the Church's diversity was truly an inspiring experience. It certainly helped to provide a better understanding of the idea of the Church as one family.

We left the Convocation feeling inspired and energized. We had the opportunity to spend time with Bishop Swain and the other delegates from our diocese and to meet and collaborate with fellow Catholics from all over the United States.

The message to us as we walked away was that no matter our race, culture or life situation, we are one Church; we are ALL called to be missionary disciples; and now is the time for a renewed sense of evangelization in our diverse Catholic Church here in the United States. We ALL need to reach out to the peripheries in our diocese and in our parishes to spread "The Joy of the Gospel!"

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## DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW PRINCIPALS FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



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Prior to his new role at MMC, Rutten served for five years as director of faith formation at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls. He served the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools as the director of the Institute of Religious Studies for seven years and taught ethics and theology at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls for 10 years. He has also served for the past five years as executive director of the Catholic Men's Business Fraternity, a position he will continue to hold.



Joe Rutten

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## Local CHURCH

Bishop's golf event drawing close; teams and golfers can still participate



The Bishop's Cup will be played this year at Minnehaha Country Club in Sioux Falls. The event will be slated for Monday, August 28 and there is still time to register and participate. The Bishop's Scramble is a four-person scramble with prizes awarded to the top two teams in each flight. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score. The Bishop's Challenge is a four-person team. Each golfer plays their own ball, with the two best balls scored hole by hole. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score. All of the proceeds from this charity event go to benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. For more information contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3725, toll free at 1-888-246-3386 or online at [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org). (Photo courtesy, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

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## TOTUS TUUS TEAMS REACH YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE DIOCESE

## Local CHURCH



Totus Tuus teams fanned out across the diocese this summer including a week-long stop at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante and St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner. During that stop (at left, top), the junior high and senior high school youth of the parishes enjoyed presentations with small group discussions with the highlight being a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of reconciliation.



The final evening saw them enjoying game time and fellowship with a bonfire. Young people from grades 1-6 of the parishes (at left, bottom) also enjoyed a fun filled week of summer catechetical formation by the Totus Tuus team. (Photos courtesy, Norma and Mike Beeson, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante)

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### Serra Clubs help fund visit to religious order



The Serra Clubs of Eastern South Dakota recently helped fund Maria Braga-Henebry's discernment visit to the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Gower, MO. Braga-Henebry of St. Thomas More, Brookings, called it an unforgettable week and fruitful visit. (Photo courtesy, Serra Clubs of Eastern South Dakota)

## Mount Marty Colleges recognizes alumni



Mount Marty College honored its 2017 Alumni Award winners during the recent MMC/ All Schools Alumni Reunion. From left to right, Bob Kappel '79, recipient of the Service to Church and Community Award; Daniel Filsinger '13, recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award; S. Madonna Schmitt, '59 and MMHS Class of 1945, recipient of the Service to Mount Marty College Award; and Dan Wagner '77, one of two recipients of the Professional Achievement Award. Not pictured, Amy (Brady) Lein, '91, recipient of Mount Marty's Professional Achievement Award. (Photo courtesy, Mount Marty College, Yankton)

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## Knights of Columbus in Bon Homme recognized for length of service and welcome new members

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The Bon Homme Knights of Columbus Council #4002 recently had its first degree team recognized at the state convention for being the longest serving degree team. Pictured are (above, left, left to right): John Cihak, district deputy, team members Joe Kostal, Fran Koster, Ed Kniffen, George Jaeger, Hubert Zimmerman, Jim Kniffen and Thad Liebig, immediate past state deputy; the Bon Homme Knights of Columbus Council #4002 also held a first degree ceremony welcoming new members; Pictured are (above, right, left to right): Father Joe Forcelle, pastor, St. Leo Parish, Tyndall and council chaplain; Kade Hellmann, candidate; Ben Hellmann, Kade's father; Mitchell McLaughlin, candidate/seminarian intern and grand knight Robert Rennolet. (Photos courtesy, Bill Minow, Bon Homme Knights of Columbus, St. Leo Parish, Tyndall)

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Austin Jerke, son of Dave and Jackie Jerke of St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, was awarded the Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor held at St. Benedict Catholic Church.

The Eagle Scout rank is Boy Scouting's highest rank.

Austin's Eagle project consisted of replacing an existing deck attached to the south side of the Chapel of St. Joseph at the House of Mary Shrine, west of Yankton.



Austin Jerke

The deck was in dire need of replacement. Some boards on the deck showed signs of deterioration and some boards were not level with the surface.

In addition, steps leading up to the deck were also repaired or replaced.

The project was done in memory of Austin's uncle, David J. Van Goor, who always supported his nephew's scouting endeavors.



Holy Rosary Parish, Kranzburg, celebrated and honored the parish's graduating 2017 senior class. Pictured with the class is Father Ken Koster, pastor. (Photo courtesy, Holy Rosary Parish, Kranzburg)

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**ABERDEEN** – Dennis and Sharon Goebel will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 2 children. 3 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**ABERDEEN** – Joel and Sheri Weig celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 13. They have 1 child and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**ALEXANDRIA** – James and Karen Geppert will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 25. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary of Mercy Parish.



**BERESFORD** – Gerald and Geraldine Fitzgerald will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



**BROOKINGS** – John and Joan Rychtarik will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 13. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



**CHAMBERLAIN** – Clinton and Karla Herman will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 6. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. James Parish.



**DELL RAPIDS** – Bill and Marie Skelly will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 5. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**GARRETSON** – Michael and Amy Andersen will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aug. 8. They have 2 children and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



**HOVEN** – Ron and Linda Kaup will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 26. They have 5 children, 15 grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



**HOVEN** – Gary and Judi Lowinske will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 2. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



**HOVEN** – Jerry and Vicki Rausch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 9. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish.



**HOWARD** – Tom and Nancy Feldhaus will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 21. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Agatha Parish.



**LENNOX** – Douglas and Laurie Wernke will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Aug. 14. They have 4 children and are members of St. Magdalen Parish.



**MILBANK** – Richard and Helaine Fonder will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aug. 22. They have 6 children and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



**MILLER** – John and Anita Beaner will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Ann Parish.



**MITCHELL** – Alfred and Celesta (Sally) Hohn will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Aug. 11. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



**PARKSTON** – William and Lisa Sprecher will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 2. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**PARKSTON** – Brian and Melody Hohn will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aug. 22. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 1 grandchild and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**PIERRE** – Ronald and Karen Tedrow will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



**PIERRE** – Sebastian and Carol Axtman will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 24. They have 6 children (2 deceased), 10 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.

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## Committed in CHRIST



ROSCOE – Cliff and Brenda Anderson will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 5. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



ROSCOE – Bob and Diane Allbee will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 2. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



SCOTLAND – Bob and Sandy Rennolet will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 20. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Gene and Rose Marie Tornow will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 10. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bob and Sharon Reilly will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 15. They have 5 children, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Joe and Nancy Becker will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 25. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 21 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Mike and Sandy Keeley will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 4. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – David and Patricia Bonacker will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 12. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Terry and Patricia Jorgensen will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 13. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Clark and Kris Kelley will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



TEA – Delmer and Shirley Wetering will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 24. They have 3 children, 13 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



WATERTOWN – Jerald and Nelda Popham will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 17. They have 6 children, 16 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Dan and Patty Walker will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Aug. 7. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WEBSTER – Leo and Myrene Gaikowski will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 12. They have 6 children, 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



WHITE – Dirk and Tammy Byers will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aug. 29. They have 2 children and are members of St. Paul Parish.



WOONSOCKET – Robert and April Larson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 12. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Wilfrid Parish.



YANKTON – James and Karen Starr will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 26. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

### Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, by August 15 for inclusion in the September edition to:  
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## Sister Brigid Carey

Sister Brigid Carey, a sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen, died on July 6. She was 86.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 8 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Sarah Lee Carey was born May 22, 1931 in Isabel to Brigid Isabel (Morrison) and Glen C. Carey. She graduated high school in Mobridge and entered Presentation Convent November 1, 1950 and made her first profession of vows August 10, 1953 and received her religious name of Sister Brigid.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1967 from Northern State University, a Master of Arts in Religious Education in 1974 from Notre Dame University,



Sister Brigid Carey, PBVM

South Bend, IN, and a Master of Arts in Spirituality from Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA in 1984.

Sister Brigid taught fourth through seventh grades for 30 years in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Humbolt and Huron SD and Anoka and Wilmar, MN. She was quoted saying these were "Heavenly years of teaching darling angels."

She taught methods of religious education on U.S. Army posts in Thailand and Germany.

Sister Brigid did retreat work and spiritual direction at the Immaculate Heart Retreat House in Spokane, WA.

After becoming certified in Pastoral Clinical Education, Sister Brigid became the Hospice Chaplain at Providence Medical Center in Portland, OR for 22 years. She cherished the "privilege of ministering" to the sick and dying with joy and compassion.

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Sister Brigid is survived by her community family of Presentation sisters; her niece Grace Griffin and nephew Michael Griffin.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters: Grace Carey and Elizabeth Griffin and a niece, Mary Griffin Oliverius.

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## Public Rosary

The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place in The Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls on the following days:

**Wednesday, August 2, 6:00 p.m.**

*Feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard*

**Tuesday, August 22, 6:00 p.m.**

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## **Epicenter for opioid addiction a mission field for Catholics Philadelphia, PA (CNS)**

Philadelphia's ongoing struggle with opioid addiction has found an epicenter in the Kensington section of the city, where open-air heroin sales, drug usage and overdoses have become commonplace. In response to public outcry, city officials and law enforcement have intensified patrols of "heroin hotspots" in the area. As a result, many of those who are addicted and homeless have sought shelter in other parts of the neighborhood. According to Father Liam Murphy of Mother of Mercy House in Kensington, several people recently took refuge in the former Ascension of Our Lord Church building. After the parish closed in 2012 due to low membership, the church was relegated to nonreligious use by canonical decree and put up for sale. The property was sold to a real estate investor in 2014 for \$800,000 even though it had a market value of \$3.5 million -- yet it needed at least \$3 million in repairs, according to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The sale was one indicator of how far the church, which at one time was one of the largest in the city, had declined.

## **Ohio artist restores religious statues, stirs memories Lakewood, OH (CNS)**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary stands tall, the bread in her right hand, a gift to the poor, looks like it may have just come from the oven. The roses at her waist, visible from an opening in her cloak, are a symbol of God's protection. The saint as depicted by a 19th-century sculptor has plenty of other companions. There is St. Christopher carrying the child Jesus, St. Stanislaus, the martyred bishop of Poland, and St. Sebastian with arrows piercing his body, seemingly just recently. The statues are among dozens that have been carefully restored by Lou McClung, a professional artist, who has made it his vocation -- and avocation -- to preserve artifacts from closed churches in Northeast Ohio and elsewhere. He displays them in what is now a 7-year-old venture called the Museum of Divine Statues. The museum is housed in the former St. Hedwig Church, which served Poles in this west side, inner-ring suburb of Cleveland. McClung opened the museum six years ago with a small number of statues and artifacts. It has burgeoned to a thoughtfully designed exhibition space with more than 200 artifacts that include reliquaries, crucifixes, a monstrance from Germany and stained-glass windows. McClung told Catholic News Service he is driven by the desire to keep some of the artifacts from closed parishes from being forgotten or sold to far-off churches. Along the way he hopes visitors can enjoy and learn from them.

## **Giving Voice network connects women religious Washington, DC (CNS)**

Giving Voice, a network for women religious under 50, encourages participants to form a community and share their gifts with the whole network and society at large. Geared toward peer interaction and leadership development, their programming includes a national conference, a vigil at the border between the United States and Mexico and an annual retreat. "We're rare in religious life, and we're different from many of our peers," Benedictine Sister Belinda Monahan told Catholic News Service in a phone interview. Their conference, the 2017 Giving Voice National Gathering, took place at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York. With participants from about 22 countries and simultaneous translation into Spanish available, the conference delved into the themes of building bridges, healing divisions and leading effectively in contemporary culture.

## **Bishop hops aboard a Harley adorned with Vatican flag Erie, PA (CNS)**

American flags flew from the back of many of the more than 1,000 motorcycles participating in Erie's recent Roar on the Shore Bike Parade. But the Harley-Davidson carrying Bishop Lawrence T. Persico of Erie was the only one that also featured a Vatican flag. Bishop Persico agreed to take part in the ride late last winter, when two parishioners extended the invitation. "All for a good cause," he said, before hopping on board the Tri Glide piloted by Lori Follett of Holy Rosary Parish in Erie. Some of the proceeds from the 11th annual bike rally, a summertime staple in Erie, will benefit the Mercy Center for Women, an outreach of the Sisters of Mercy that provides safe and supportive transitional housing, education and counseling for homeless women in the region.

## **Bishop denounces hateful words, militarization of border Washington, DC (CNS)**

Denouncing the "demonization of migrants," hateful rhetoric, the militarization of the border and a system that divides families, Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, called on Catholics to heed the church's teachings to welcome the migrant. In a pastoral letter "Sorrow and Mourning Flee Away," on migration and addressed to the "People of God in the Diocese of El Paso," Bishop Seitz, who serves a border community near Mexico, said the country's security cannot be used as a "pretext to build walls and shut the door to migrants and refugees. God did not create a world lacking room for all at the banquet of life," he wrote. He said that while some might question his reflections, "I am not substituting politics for the teaching of the church," but as a pastor, his "duty is to the Gospel of Jesus Christ," he wrote. And the Gospel in the Old Testament is clear, he said: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you." Bishop Seitz also criticized a system that "permits some to detain human beings for profit," while eroding the country's "historic commitment to the refugee and asylum seeker."

## **Holy Land festival unites Muslims, Christians in hope Washington, DC (CNS)**

Along the western banks of the Jordan River, the place of Christ's baptism and today known as Qasr al-Yahud, numerous churches and monasteries of different religions sit vacant and silenced due to the dangerous landmines that lie beneath them. For almost 50 years, Qasr al-Yahud has been empty due to the landmines installed during the 1967 Six Day war between the Arabs and the Israeli people. Halo Trust, a nonprofit organization, has worked to remove the landmines in the Qasr al-Yahud area since 2012. The group is dedicated to providing safe environments for those living in areas surrounded by landmines through landmine removal, as well as assisting in local community rebuilding in the aftermath of war. Their work has brought together various religious denominations in efforts to preserve the sacred churches, such as the Coptic church, the Franciscan church and the Syrian church, that all sit on the site of Qasr al-Yahud. "We've got agreements with the eight churches, we've got agreements with the Israeli government, and we've got agreements with the Palestinian authorities," said Adam Jasinski, executive director of Halo Trust, in an interview with Catholic News Service.



## Parish Dinners/Socials

Aug. 13/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante, will host its Harvest Festival on Sunday; serving begins at 4 p.m.; adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5; the meal will include broasted chicken with homemade kolaches and desserts; bingo, a raffle and games will also be available.

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, cheese 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/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/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. 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.

**Parish and shrine hosting Fatima events Sunday, Aug. 13 and every month through October** - This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Mary at Fatima. Since St. Mary of Mercy Parish is home to the Mid-America Fatima Family Shrine in Alexandria, the parish and shrine will have a series of evening events to mark the occasion. 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.

**Golf tournament for St. Mary, Dell Rapids Saturday, August 12** - The 13th Annual Dell Rapids St. Mary Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday at Rocky Run Golf Course, Dell Rapids, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration fee is \$280 per team which includes 18

holes, cart and meal. You can sign up at the golf course or call Lee Saude at 605-595-4946.

**Rite of Consecration set for Cathedral Tuesday, August 22** - On Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Miss Patricia Cordell of St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls will be consecrated to the life of virginity for women living in the world. All are invited.

**St. Benedict Parish hosts Deacon Poyo September 9-12** - 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.

## Catholic Family Services

Aug. 1 and Sept. 5/Living with Chronic Illness group, a free educational support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls. For details call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Aug. 1 - Sept. 5/Grieving the Loss of a Spouse is a six week program held Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational. Cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

## Mother of God Monastery

Journey into Spiritual Growth/The Sisters of Mother of God Monastery offer an eight-month program called "Journey into Spiritual Growth" which starts at the end of August. The program begins with a six-day retreat and continues with guided prayer. The Journey program is an invitation to come to know God and the person of Jesus in a most personal way through the exercises of St. Ignatius. A brochure with details can be found on the monastery website, [www.watertownbenedictines.org](http://www.watertownbenedictines.org). Contact Sister Emily Meisel at 605-886-4181 ext. 1 if you have questions or would like to register.

## Diocesan EVENTS

### Broom Tree Retreat Center

Day of Recollection Schedule  
Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and consist of conferences, time for Adoration, Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is also served, you are asked to please register. A prayerful donation is requested.

August 22 - Peace and Freedom: Goals of the Interior Life; directed by Father Kristopher Cowles.

### Sacred Heart Monastery

Aug. 6/Eucharistic Adoration is offered on the first Sunday of the month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton.

Contemplative Morning/ The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the Aug. 19 session, contact Sister Doris Oberemba at [doberemba@mtmc.edu](mailto:doberemba@mtmc.edu) or call 605-668-6292.

Silent Retreats/Schedule your private retreat time at the Benedictine Peace Center. Come for the number of days that fit your schedule. Request a spiritual director and pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the Sisters. Contact [benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu) or 605-668-6292 or visit [www.yanktonbenedictines.org/](http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org/) center.

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

Fall Scripture Series/The Benedictine Peace Center is hosting two Scripture Studies, using the Little Rock Scripture Study created by the Catholic Diocese in Arkansas. The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians will be facilitated by Sister Doris Oberemba, meeting Wednesdays at 10:00-11:45 a.m. Women of the Old Testament, facilitated by Sister Mary Jo Polak, will meet 7:00-8:30 on Wednesday evenings. Both groups begin Sept. 20 and go for 9 weeks. Registration deadline is Sept. 8. For information on the study, costs, and registration, go to <http://yanktonbenedictines.org/center/> and then click on the Scripture Study page, or call 605-668-6292.



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