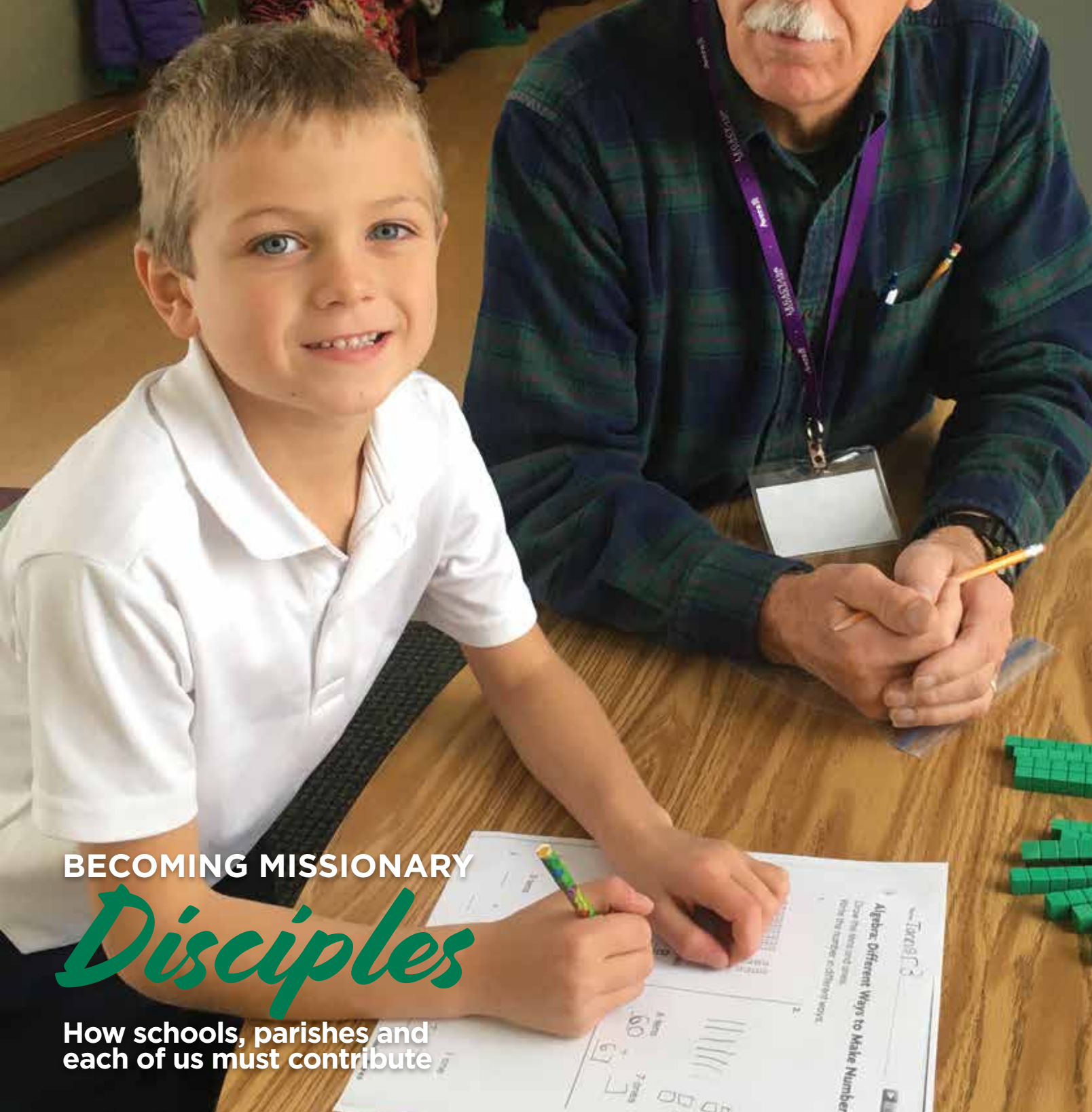




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BECOMING MISSIONARY

Disciples

How schools, parishes and
each of us must contribute

They have witnessed the faith in our state for 100 years

A few weeks ago it was our pleasure for our diocese to host the national convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Over 1,200 dedicated Catholic women from all over the country attended. The theme for the convention was 'Serve the Lord with Gladness.' I was privileged to pray the Welcoming Mass. Below is an edited version of my homily on that wonderful occasion.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to South Dakota and the Diocese of Sioux Falls. I pray that your stay with us is one of joy, spiritual enrichment and fun. The beauty of the falls, the enormity of the wide open spaces, the legacy of Native Americans and immigrants who built and sustained South Dakota and the Church over the years is inspiring. It is a testimony to faith lived well, tenacity in providing for family and parish, and perseverance through the natural and man-made challenges over the years. South Dakota is testimony to the truth of our psalm response this morning: The Lord will not abandon his people.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Bishop Paul Swain. I am an adult convert to the Church, having been received into the Church at age 39 after practicing as a lawyer including as legal counsel to a governor of Wisconsin. I continue to do penance for that time in my life. I was an intelligence officer in the Air Force and am a Vietnam War veteran, which experience changed my life. I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Madison in Wisconsin at 44. Certainly I never imagined that I would be named a bishop with my sketchy background. I tell you this to assure you that our Lord never abandons his wandering sheep.

I had never been to South Dakota until I was named bishop 12 years ago. It is now my home both physically but also in my heart, so strong is the prairie spirit. I should note that a rating came out only last week identifying South Dakota is the best state for retirement. All of you are welcome to stay here.

The church in South Dakota began with the missionary Martin Marty, a Benedictine priest who came here from Switzerland by way of St. Meinrad Abbey in Indiana to bring the

Good News of Jesus Christ to the Lakota Sioux in the 1850s. He became the territorial bishop of the Dakotas and with the admission of the states of North and South Dakota into the union in 1889 he became its first bishop.

Our diocese compared to many from which you come may seem recent, only 129 years in existence and small in population with some 125,000 Catholics. It is however large in geography, 35,000 square miles, so I spend much time in the car.

I am so grateful to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in our state and diocese who contribute in so many beautiful ways in parishes, in outreach ministries, and especially in witness of faith in a world that is so in need of the unity and charity which is the mission of Catholic Daughters. The gospel reading reminds us is that no one knows the Father except through Christ. Your lived commitment to Christ can foster that unity and charity so needed in our day.

The Catholic Daughters in our state have now witnessed this faith for 100 years. My episcopal motto is "Give Praise to the Lord". On behalf of the Catholic faithful in both the Dioceses of Sioux Falls and Rapid City and all who benefit from the works of justice and mercy that the Catholic Daughters have offered for a century I do Give Praise to the Lord.

It is important to celebrate anniversaries for at least three purposes: to remember and honor those who went before, to ponder their history and learn from it, and having remembered and learned, now look to the future with hope. How you might ask in these turbulent and dangerous times might we look to the future with hope. I suggest the following:

First, let us individually and humbly more deeply recognize God's love, ponder his word with openness of heart and allow Him to draw us more closely to Himself.

Second, let us deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ and become more joyful disciples every day of the week even on the tough days. We will be able to do so if we deepen our prayer life.

We can be like the little boy who was asked by his grandmother, "Did you say bedtime prayers?" "Yes, grandma." "Did you say your morning prayers?" "No, grandma." "Why not?" "Well, I'm not afraid in the daylight." Morning inevitably turns to night but morning does come again.



Saint Mother Theresa once recommended that we pray by imagining that Jesus is staring right at us. Just the thought of it is a little unnerving, Jesus staring at me. She wrote: "Have you seen with the eyes of your soul how he looks at you? Not only does he love you, but he longs for you." If we are honest with ourselves we long for God: our souls are restless until they rest in thee, St. Augustine reminded us. Make the most of today's opportunity to feel his love through prayer.

Third, let us reaffirm the truth that God is the creator of life at conception and the protector of life until natural death. Therefore respect for the life and dignity of all persons as children of God, those unborn who are more than body parts, the frail elderly who deserve honor not disposal, those who suffer in so many ways who deserve care not casual isolation or elimination, and those immigrants, refugees, the poor and needy whatever their age or position who deserve to be recognized as children of God, our brothers and sisters.

Fourth, let us recognize that the stability of society is grounded in marriage as created by God and in healthy family life based on appropriate sexual and personal relationships and then to be good role models ourselves, especially to the youth.

Fifth, let us become people of reconciliation and forgiveness to others, rejecting agendized categorization of others into impersonal groups and especially forgiving those closest to us and to seek God's forgiveness for ourselves.

Sixth, let us courageously defend religious liberty and freedom of conscience in whatever forum is necessary. Religious freedom is not

an act of government; it is a gift from God written in our hearts.

And finally let us ask the Blessed Mother, model of Christian discipleship and fidelity, to pray for and guide us. She always leads us to her Son.

A doctor attended an elderly Vietnamese woman in the hospital. She did not speak English. While checking her pulse he noticed a piece of jewelry laced around her wrist. He recognized it as a rosary bracelet. He smiled and showed her the crucifix he wore around his neck. She nodded. Later he returned with some medicine tablets in a mini paper cup. She closed her eyes for a few seconds, made the sign of the cross - in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - and then took the pills with a reverence that moved the doctor deeply. He wrote: "I realized I was witnessing a holy moment. She sacramentalized the routine of swallowing pills." (Sacred Stories, CHI)

When we sacramentalize the routines of our day, referencing all we do to God, we can cope with the realities of our day with hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever. With the same faith, tenacity and perseverance of those who built and have sustained the Church on the prairie, wherever we live, we can serve the Lord with gladness every day simply by how we live, serve and love one another in Christ.

May God continue to bless you in your mission to bring unity and charity and may St. Joseph the patron of our diocese watch over you and those you love.

SCHEDULE

August

- 1 4:30 Avera Addiction Care Center Blessing, Sioux Falls
- 4 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 5 1:30 Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception, St. Mary, Aberdeen
- 9 11:45 Opening prayer, Faith and Business Conference, Convention Center, Sioux Falls
- 10 5:00 Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Summer Potluck, Sioux Falls
- 11 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 12 1:30 Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 14 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 15 12:00 Mass, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 16 Clergy Workshop and Picnic, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 18 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 23-25 Region VIII Bishops Summer Conference, Sioux Falls
- 25 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 6:00 Legacy: A Tasting Experience, Ramkota, Sioux Falls
- 26 11:00 Installation Mass for Father Shaun Haggerty and RCIA Confirmation, St. Lambert, Sioux Falls
- 27 Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, Sioux Falls
- 28 12:00 Diocesan Investment Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 29 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls

September

- 1 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 2 9:00 State Fair Mass, Women's Building, State Fairgrounds, Huron
- 8 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 9 9:30 Installation of Father John Rutten as Pastor, St. John Paul II Parish, Harrisburg
- 11 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood

Safe environment commitment of the Diocese of Sioux Falls...

...in order to be effective in fulfilling the Church's mission to evangelize and to remain true to Christ's calling for us all, believes its ministries and institutions must be safe places for children and adults. The Diocese, therefore, pledges to preserve safe environments in all of its facilities and catechetical programs. Those clergy, religious, diocesan, parish and school employees, and volunteers who collectively carry out the Church's ministries, remain dedicated to fulfilling its pledge to protect those children entrusted to her for formation in the Catholic faith.

Aware that some who have ministered in the name of the Church have caused harm, the Diocese of Sioux Falls also pledges to assist any who may have been harmed. As a diocese, we desire to help individuals heal from injury that has been caused to them. If you or someone you know has been abused, regardless of who caused the harm, please contact us. We pledge to cooperate with civil authorities in any investigation and we pledge to do our best to help facilitate a process for healing. Whether the need is for counseling, an opportunity to tell your story or something else, as a diocese, we stand ready to assist.

Our chancellor or victim assistance coordinator can be reached toll free at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-334-9861. We will do our best to help.



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For the longest time I had a bit of a tradition of taking some time off every year to head to Omaha to watch a few games of the NCAA College World Series.

I took a few years off because the College World Series invariably fell on the time when I would be at annual training with the SD Army National Guard. This year, the dates were clear so a friend of mine and I drove to Omaha.

It was as fantastic as I remembered.

There is something almost magical about the College World Series, watching college students who are so young, earnest, unpaid and talented, and it is a pleasure to join with 20,000 plus fellow fans to cheer them on.

The last game I went to was between Mississippi State and Oregon State. We sat behind third base in the hot and humid afternoon sunshine of Omaha, and I was watching a young man named Jacob Billingsley who was pitching for Mississippi State.

Now, every pitcher, and batter for that matter, has a series of mannerisms they go through before they throw a pitch, or step into the batter's box. Mr. Billingsley was no different in this regard. His mannerisms were fairly common.

If there was no runner on first, he would grab the rosin bag and then tug on his belt, he would grab his jersey from the front and pull it out a bit, he would work his glove, he would then lean in, gazing prophetically at the catcher to receive the sign.

Then he would do something rather uncommon. He would turn slightly to the right and point to the second baseman, the short stop and the third baseman.

This was a simple act, just making sure that his teammates behind him were ready, before he would turn, pause, look down to the pitcher's mound and sigh a deep, quick breath. After this, standing straight again, he threw his pitch.

I have seen this particular sigh from pitchers many, many times before, it is that last moment, that last blowing of breath, that particular instant when a young man is all alone on the mound and prepares to throw. Perhaps it was the particular attention Mr. Billingsley took in

reading the catcher's sign and the way he turned slightly to acknowledge his teammates behind him that made this last moment, this last heaved breath so meaningful to me.

There was the slight turn to his right to check on his teammates, reminding him that he was a part of a team; then there was the downward glance and heaving breath which was the simple acknowledgment that he was on his own in this moment, just a young man with a ball in his hand.

Then he threw the pitch.

Those twin moments are the meaning of the Christian journey, and the totality of our lives as well. The importance of community is not to be denied. We are Christians together, we grow and pray and mourn and celebrate together. This gift is given by the Lord to remind us that we are never truly alone.

Whenever we gather together to pray or to celebrate the Sacrament of our faith, we are united. We pause, acknowledge the gift and find strength in it. In our trials, we find hope; in our joys, we find deeper meaning. We have received the gift of faith from this community, and to the community we pass it on.

Yet, there is also the other moment, the heaving sigh, the reality that what we do with the faith poured over us in baptism is ours, and ours alone. We are responsible, alone, for how we live this faith. No one, no matter how well intentioned, can make it a reality for us, live it for us or get us into heaven.

We are called to love, to forgive, to be a person of mercy, to be a peace-maker, to embrace the challenge and the glory of the Gospel, each of us, as individuals, who are a part of a community made stronger by our lives.

A young man, a small moment of remembering his teammates, and then the realization that what happens next is all about what he does; alone on the mound, his teammates watching with eager anticipation.

Surrounded by our brothers and sisters, saints and sinners alike, we remember them, then pause to remember what we do, what we alone do, matters for the world.

Then, the wind up; then, the pitch.

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The Catholic Daughters of the Americas held their National Convention in Sioux Falls in July. The convention theme was "Serve the Lord with gladness." Over 1,300 members of the Catholic Daughters from North and South America and Kenya attended the biennial meeting. The event coincided with the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the South Dakota state court. Registered members attended the celebration of Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, workshops and business sessions, and enjoyed visiting many South Dakota sights. (Photo by Marty DeWitt, Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

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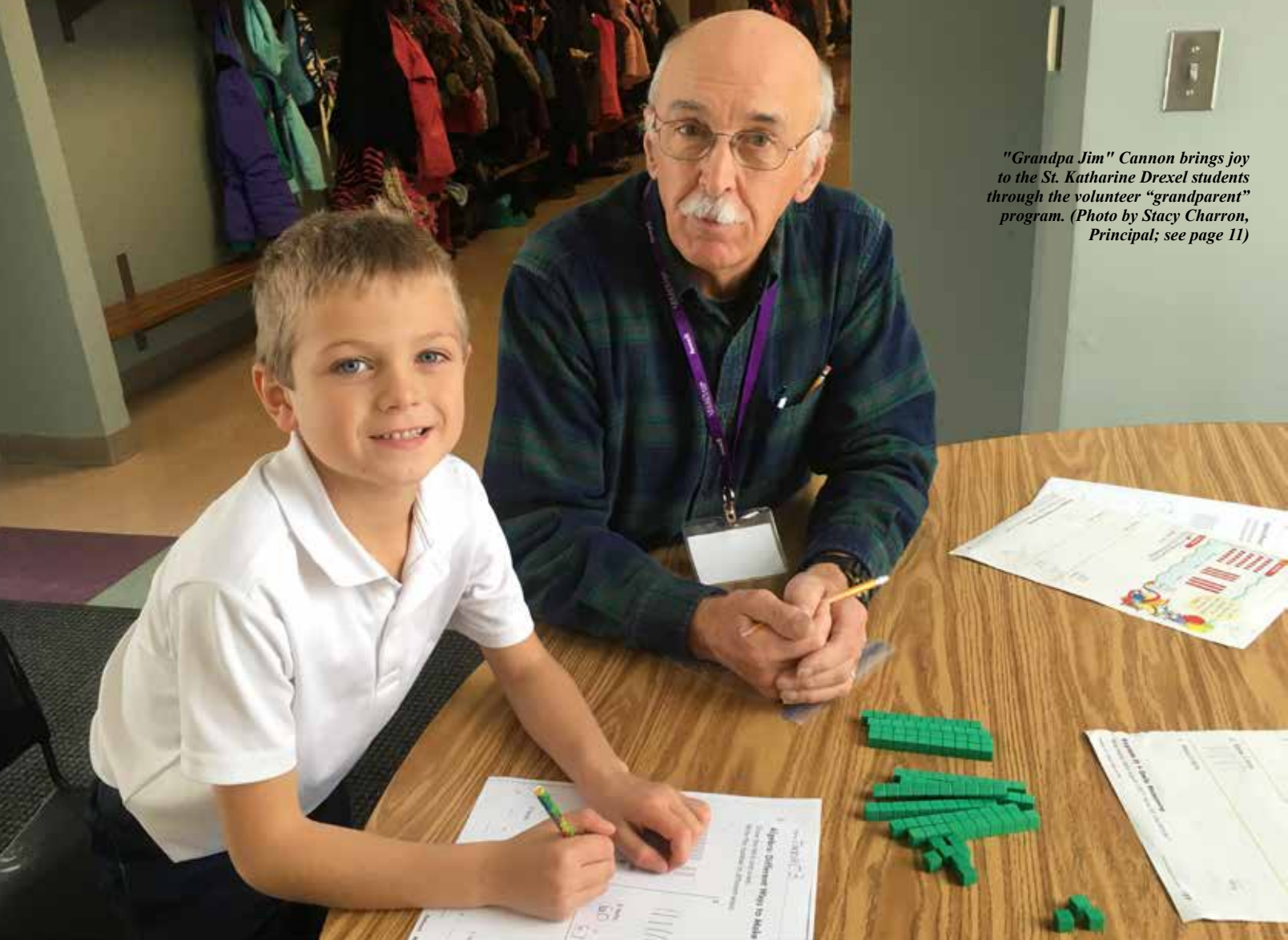
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"Grandpa Jim" Cannon brings joy to the St. Katharine Drexel students through the volunteer "grandparent" program. (Photo by Stacy Charron, Principal; see page 11)

BECOMING MISSIONARY *Disciples*

How schools, parishes and each of us must contribute

"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest,'"

Matthew 9, 36-38

It is not hard to see crowds and individuals today who are troubled and abandoned. They are our family, our friends and neighbors.

What might be hard to see is that it is the role of the baptized, in other words, all of us, to be moved with pity. We are the laborers for the harvest – the missionary disciples – to those around us. Our mission field is the rapidly increasing crowd who are leaving or not practicing faith, or who are professing no belief.

This call to be missionary disciples does not sit easily with most of us. We look for others to do it, sometimes because we feel inadequate, sometimes because of fear or even laziness, and sometimes because we just don't understand it.

That is why this issue as well as the September issue of The Bishop's Bulletin will be focusing on becoming missionary disciples. How do we understand it? How do we equip ourselves to live it? Who am I a disciple of, and to whom am I a missionary? How do our parishes, schools and other institutions help us?

This month we will focus on our call to be missionary disciples, and we will consider how this is happening, particularly in educational settings.

THE CALL OF THE BAPTIZED TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

In the post Vatican Council II world, Blessed Paul VI brought forward evangelization and the responsibility of the baptized for it in his 1975 Apostolic Exhortation on evangelization, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. It opened with these words:

“There is no doubt that the effort to proclaim the Gospel to the people of today, who are buoyed up by hope but at the same time often oppressed by fear and distress, is a service rendered to the Christian community and also to the whole of humanity.”

The clarity of the Gospel in regard to baptism as the basis for our call to be missionary disciples has been particularly echoed by each pope since then.

For example, Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, said it this way:

“In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples” (120).

The scripture is rich with images that help us understand this work.

Joe Rutten, director of the Benedictine Leadership Institute at Mount Mary College cites the Great Commission Christ gave the Apostles in Matthew’s Gospel following his resurrection.

““Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations”- for me this is the essence of missionary discipleship,” Rutten said.

“That passage could be called the ‘mission statement’ of Christianity and it’s a command by Christ to the Church to go on mission to the world, preach the Gospel, and invite all people to follow him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). To be a follower of someone is to be their disciple, hence, missionary disciples. We are followers of Jesus on mission to the world to tell the world all that Christ has revealed to us,” he said.



2018 O’Gorman graduates Morgan Polak, Taylor Houston, Shannon Fiegen, and Kylie Kolsrud (left to right) plan to attend Mount Marty College in the fall. (Photo by Joe Rutten)

Dr. Chris Burgwald, director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls said the earliest Christians on through today are meant to follow Jesus in an intentional and personal way.

“So even if we are born and baptized into the faith, we all have an obligation to make that faith our own as Catholics. Sometimes people think that discipleship is something that’s for converts, or for scholars, but not for them as a cradle Catholic,” he said.

Pope Francis writes in *Evangelii Gaudium* that “All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization.” This year I offered confessions every Wednesday at O’Gorman Junior High. After a week or two, I noticed that the students who had first come were bringing their friends! It’s not only religion teachers who are missionary disciples. Students themselves have a mission to share Christ’s love with their peers. Those at O’Gorman Junior High did this, among other ways, when they invited classmates to encounter His mercy.

Fr. Joseph Scholten

Chaplain, O’Gorman Junior High

"I hear this especially from Catholics who don't have a dramatic conversion story; they have always been faithful in prayer, Mass attendance, etc., and they wonder if they are called to discipleship as well. Of course they are, and in many instances, they have already been living it! They simply didn't refer to it in this manner," said Burgwald.

Eric Gallagher, director of Youth Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, said missionary discipleship at its core is following what Jesus did with his disciples.

"Using Jesus' method, we are able to reach the masses by 'investing in a few'," he said.

"If we strive to really assist those following Jesus to follow Him more deeply, the fruit of discipleship will be what brings others back into or more deeply into the life of the Church.

"The invitation into discipleship is often perceived as simply 'doing more' or 'getting more involved in the church'. But the invitation is really about allowing God to fulfill the deeper unfulfilled desires of your heart. As you begin to hand over these desires to God, he will call you closer to Him. As we respond to His 'Come!' we live more freely and become 'missionary' to those around us. God sends us in unique ways," Gallagher said.

TAUGHT OR CAUGHT?

To some degree, whether we acknowledge it or not, we are all life-long learners. By the same thought, we are also life-long teachers. Sometimes we teach by our inactivity. If being a missionary disciple begins at baptism, most Christians are learning and teaching all their lives.

"I think that young children can understand that because Jesus loves each of us, it's our blessing to be able to invite others to know about Him and His Church," said Kathy Engeman, who teaches religion to junior and senior high students at St. Mary, Dell Rapids.

"The rediscovery of the value of one's own baptism is at the root of every Christian's missionary commitment, because as we see in the gospel, those who allow themselves to be fascinated by Christ cannot fail to witness to the joy of following in his footsteps ..."

Pope Benedict XVI

**Angelus, Oct. 29, 2006, from the book
The Joy of Knowing Christ**

"Students of all ages whether in public or Catholic schools have friends, relatives, neighbors who are unchurched, and often vulnerable. To brainstorm the positive outcomes of inviting a friend to dinner where the family prays before meals or to a sleepover where bedtime prayers are said before lights out shows that even the smallest actions can plant seeds," she said.

"Inviting someone to Mass isn't all that different from inviting a friend to experience a play, concert or sporting event that is new to them. If God is calling them, the Holy Spirit can be counted on to take the next steps," said Engeman, who also works with young people through her parish, St. Michael, Sioux Falls.

Daryl Thuringer, director of Parish and School Services for the Dioceses of Sioux Falls, said missionary discipleship is fundamental to all Catholic schools.

"Catholic pre-schools, elementary, junior high and high schools as well as Catholic universities are called to bring their Catholic identity alive through discipleship efforts. Helping students encounter Jesus Christ and supporting them as they spread the word of God is what sets us apart. Being a missionary disciple is not just something we do, it is a calling, a way of life," he said.

Sara Vetch serves as campus minister for Roncalli in Aberdeen and said schools are fertile ground for missionary discipleship.

"Inviting Christ into all we do is appropriate at any age and stage of development. God is love, and that simple, powerful truth can be told to anyone," she said.

"...It is all about meeting people, especially students where they are. Each day I have the honor of being with students as they navigate academic, social and spiritual challenges. I celebrate their victories and help them in their struggles, praying with them, affirming them, loving them for Christ," she said.

"Students are bombarded by a culture that is neither loving nor life giving. They are faced with messages from social media that constantly have them comparing themselves to others. The struggle for a lot of them is seeing everyone else's highlight reel being posted and wondering why their life isn't as easy, glamorous, exciting, etc.

"It is especially powerful to be able to pray with a student that is struggling. There may be no easy answers to what they are going through. There may be no short term or quick fix, but by inviting Christ into the situation, the students know that they are loved, not just by me, but by their Lord and Savior and that is transformative," Vetch said.

Brenda Mitzel, director of Instruction/Programs for the Sioux



*Sara Vetch serves as campus minister for Roncalli in Aberdeen.
(Photo by John Davis, Aberdeen American News)*

Falls Catholic School System said, “Missionary discipleship is a way of life. We call students to a relationship with Jesus through the ordinary, everyday events such as study, attending Mass, praying for each other and the world as well as community service. Through these events, one can joyfully experience and witness to the love of Jesus Christ.”

Rutten, who has taught at the high school level as well as adult classes through parishes, believes Catholic higher education (in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, Presentation College and Mount Marty, where he now teaches), is great for missionary discipleship, “because the entire life of the student is now embedded into the college community where they begin to form more mature and adult relationships with faculty and staff that are more bent toward a relationship that mentors and walks with the students in their life, not just in the class during the week.”

“If the institution takes its mission seriously in relationship to the mission of the Great Commission, then a Catholic college or university can be a perfect place for students to encounter Jesus Christ and learn to be his follower,” he said.

Martin Albl, a professor of religious studies at Presentation College recognizes the missionary aspect to his work.

“I am introducing students to a Christian worldview and values. Many of the students have grown up with no formal Christian education, or at most a very superficial one,” he said.

“One of our major goals is to help students to see that there is no contradiction between religious belief and using their intellect. Religion is not simply a matter of emotion or wishful, naïve thinking. The Catholic tradition has a long history of combining faith and reason, and it’s beneficial for students to know this tradition,” Albl said.

Each of the diocesan Newman Centers is alive with missionary discipleship activities, which Fr. Jordan Samson, who directs St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Northern State University in Aberdeen, said is essential.

“For many students at the college level, this is the first time they’ve really exercised their freedom. It’s a vital point in their lives, and I think a great opportunity to engage this new found freedom with

the proposal of Christianity and the true freedom it provides,” Fr. Samson said.

Engeman said students get constant reminders that they live in a world that rejects much of the moral law.

“There is a longing for unconditional love and acceptance that I think they diagnose as a desire for independence and notoriety,” she said.

“I want each of them to know that following Christ can transform their thinking, relationships and goals-and that God has bigger plans for their life than they do. To learn that Jesus suffers with them in the struggles that come from divorce, death, sickness, mental illness, high school drama, etc. and also that He loves them immeasurably just as they are is a message that many teens are desperate to hear,” Engeman said.



St. Mary students surprise their religion teacher Kathy Engeman (center) with a chalkboard plaque and brunch for her 50th birthday. They wore black in honor of her recently deceased mother.

Fr. Samson agrees. “There is a great loneliness and isolation that is rampant amongst young people,” he said.

“I think our biggest successes come when we get out on campus and meet students face to face, develop authentic friendships and make the personal invitation to something more. Nothing can really replace that personal encounter. Yes, we use social media and other technologies to get the word out there, but at the end of the day it is that personal connection that all of us really hunger for and need,” he said.

Burgwald said schools and other church institutions clearly have a role to play in fostering missionary discipleship.

“While conversion -- turning towards God, as we are called to do throughout our lives -- is a very personal thing that cannot be orchestrated or programmed, it is possible to cultivate a rich soil which will foster that conversion and the missionary discipleship

which flows from it,” he said.

“Because of our tendency to look to programs, there's often a temptation to make discipleship into a program, perhaps centered on small groups, one-on-one mentoring, or any other format. But because discipleship is more basic or fundamental than a program, we need instead to evaluate how the programs that we are currently offering are deepening our missionary discipleship, and adjust course as needed. Certainly there is discipleship happening in our parishes and at the diocesan level, and in a variety of ways. The key is to always keep our eye on the goal and ensure that our programs are bearing that fruit,” Burgwald said.

SAMPLES OF WHAT MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP LOOKS LIKE IN SCHOOL SETTINGS

“I’m constantly reminded again and again that Christ is attractive. By this I mean students are hungering for something more and when we as Catholics live fully alive in Christ and present the simplicity of the Gospel message, students do respond,” said Fr. Samson.

“We’ve had a handful of non-baptized students take an interest in what is going on at the Newman Center. Their fresh perspective has reminded us as a staff that there really is something outside ourselves at work and that if we live out the fullness of the Gospel people are changed.

“It isn’t a formula, or a program, or the right pre-scripted conversation that reaches people, but a truly human encounter with Christ and an introduction to a way of life that is attractive” he said.

At Mount Marty, Rutten uses a range of tools in his teaching.

“I have them read the introduction of St. Augustine’s confession – it appeals to their own restless feeling as he speaks about what is in his heart. This is a real experience and internal movement that they can relate to. Then I simply invite them to discover the elixir to the restlessness in the same place that St. Augustine did, in a relationship to Jesus through the Word and Tradition of the Church,” Rutten said.

“I try to appeal to them through deeper questions about meaning and purpose in the world. I invite them to reflect upon their own experiences in life, their daily comings and goings, and help them reflect upon what they mean and how they add up to something worth living for. We all want to live for something! We all want to be loved and to love; we all want to be of value.

“The world isn’t meeting their needs and even if they don’t know



Father Jordan Samson with the Northern State University FOCUS Missionaries (left to right) Joe Culligan, Robert Cargill, Carrie Anders and Marissa DeWispelare.

it yet, I hope to plant seeds in them that bear fruit when the time is right, that offers them the proposal of Jesus Christ as the answer to all their needs and desires. This isn't some magic pill, but is born of an encounter with the person of Christ in a meaningful way that changes the direction of how we live our lives," he said.

Vetch said she is grateful for the opportunity her campus ministry provides Roncalli students.

"Having a place for students to come and grab a cup of coffee is a great way to form relationships that support intentional discipleship. It fills a niche that the teachers in the classroom aren't able to. I don't grade them, I don't give assignments, I just love them for Christ," she said.

Vetch said the stresses young people feel today simply because of social media complicates their lives.

"We have students with dual accounts: one for their friends, family and parents to see and a second one to 'let loose' and share things they probably wouldn't otherwise. That is why I am so passionate about sharing the good, true, powerful ways Christ has impacted my life with my students.

"We are all created with a desire for truth and beauty, we just need to find effective means to show students what that really means. Being intentionally present to them each day is one small way to show them how precious they are," she said.

Mitzel provided a lengthy list of ways Sioux Falls Catholic schools at all age levels seek to infuse into students the sense of discipleship. On the list, a "senior prom" students put on for the elderly, student support for a teacher with cancer, valentines for shut-ins, support of several charities and a volunteer "grandparent" program at St. Katharine Drexel.

"The impact that the grandparents have reaches beyond the classroom walls; when the students see our grandparents, whether it's in the hallway, lunchroom, church on the weekends, or even shopping at HyVee, their eyes light up. The positive influence these grandparents provide will last for years to come and we are grateful for that," she said.

"Grandpa Jim (Jim Cannon), one of our most dedicated volunteers, brings joy to the St. Katharine Drexel students through his presence on a regular basis. Typically he can be found working one-on-one or in a small group with our K-1 students, completing a project with students in preschool plus, playing tag on the playground, or serving lunch with a smile. He is also always willing to jump in and assist when we have building needs and/or custodial work.

"Not only does Grandpa Jim serve as 'jack of all trades', but he is a missionary disciple," Mitzel said.

"I have watched the students' faith grow from the simple little prayers to the bigger understanding of who Jesus is in their life. The students are living lives of the virtues that they are taught," said Cannon.

"Some of God's greatest gifts are the smiles and laughter of children," he said.

Next Month

That sense of joy is a critical aspect of missionary discipleship and it will be among the key topics at this year's Discipleship Day – September 21-22.

To Do Your Will is My Delight is the theme.

More on that event, and a deeper exploration of our personal call to be missionary disciples, and examples of how it is being lived out around the diocese in the September edition.

Visit sfcatholic.org/discipleshipday for more information and to register.

On a Saturday morning more than 34 years ago, we stood before God, a priest friend, family and friends to receive and enter into the sacrament of matrimony.

It was the start of what became and still is a blessed and celebrated road for us.

The road of our marriage and life together has not been like a magic act nor like flipping a light switch where at the conclusion of the nuptial Mass we immediately had all the answers to all the questions and all the crossroads we would encounter.

Instead, it has been a slow but steady journey of progress, growth, experience and sharing...again, a blessed and celebrated road for us.

Our careers led us to many stops along the way but the love we share and the blessing of the sacrament and our faith have always helped us grow, enjoy and relish the blessing we have been given.

The last 22 plus years we have called the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls home and our lives here have really strengthened our love and marriage.

We are not perfect and recognizing that, we faithfully work together to get past any potholes or hurdles, growing in the process, learning from the challenge and becoming stronger in our love and marriage as a result.

That, too, is a blessing to us and for us... to be able to keep things in perspective and get back on the smoother road of goodness and celebration where we thrive and more fully appreciate all we have and have been given.

Each day, we recognize the blessings we have received and we are always sure to reflect that appreciation in our daily prayer.

Nine years ago this month, we stood together with many other married couples inside the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for one of the diocese's two anniversary Masses on the occasion of our 25th wedding anniversary.

Our attendance at that Mass was an invitation we were exuberant and thankful to accept as we stood before God, Bishop Paul J. Swain and the many other married couples to reaffirm the blessing of the sacrament of matrimony that we had enjoyed for the quarter century up to that point.

In the course of the liturgy, we warmly accepted the bishop's blessing on our marriage (and that of every couple in attendance). We also marveled at the bishop's mention in his homily of how many hundreds of years of marriage were being celebrated that day in the presence of so many couples married 25, 50, 60, 65 or more years.

We did take a moment to look around the Cathedral when bishop shared that total to see how many others in attendance were there to celebrate with us and to celebrate much longer blessed relationships. It was amazing to us and worth marveling at as we looked around and took it all in that day.

Along the road, we have encountered many couples married longer than us and still going strong. When we visit with those couples, we usually tap their wisdom and knowledge. We try to learn things that we could add to our married life that will more easily keep us on the right path for each other and to bring us even closer to God.

We have celebrated nine more anniversaries since that anniversary Mass celebration at Cathedral, each of them special in their own right. Some years, we attend and are part of our parish's Cana liturgy or we celebrate on our own at weekly Mass or in prayer at our own home.

For us, the constant that is part of each and every wedding anniversary is we take time that day or even the days leading up to our anniversary to reflect on how blessed we have been. We also include that wonder, appreciation and recognition in our prayers.

Long ago, we recognized and agreed on a foundational point (for us all really) of just how everything each of us has including, in our case, our marriage is a true blessing from God.

We have often shared and discussed how



Gene and Sarah Young are members of St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls and Gene is the managing editor of The Bishop's Bulletin.

amazed we are that we found each other and have been together so relatively long and then quickly turn the discussion to God's benevolence, blessing and love for us by bringing us together and helping us grow as husband and wife.

We still do not have all the answers or all of the insights into our marriage or life for that matter. However, we keep working at our marriage and our relationship and we continue to seek the wisdom and knowledge that have led us to view our life together as the blessed and celebrated road that it is.

On Sunday, Aug. 5 and Sunday Aug. 12, couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, and 65 plus years of marriage will join in a celebration of marriage at one of the two diocesan anniversary Masses. The Aug. 5 Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Parish, Aberdeen and the Aug. 12 Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls.

Suicide prevention awareness efforts getting a boost at a critical time

Local
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While we are still in the midst of summer, there is a annual effort about to get underway to address the issue of suicide.

There have recently been a number of high profile suicides and too many others choosing to end their lives.

Justin Falon, LPC-MH, LAC, QMHP, a counselor with Catholic Family Services, Sioux Falls, points out that September is Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

“Suicide rates are up nationwide by 30% since 1999,” Falon said during a recent interview on Catholic Views. “We don’t pretend to know what is going on in the lives of other people or what makes them choose to end their lives by suicide, but I want you to know that it’s going to be okay.”

More than 800,000 people com-

mit suicide annually around the world.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for those persons aged 15-29 globally.

At Catholic Family Services, the counselors, including Falon, often focus on helping people who can identify that something is going on in their lives and they need help with those feelings.

“The most difficult part once they have that feeling is that they be able to connect with a resource,” said Falon. “That means making a phone call or telling a relative or a family member. Don’t keep that a secret.”

Falon went on to add that it requires the person to have the openness of mind to receive some feedback on the issue or feeling.



Justin Falon, LPC-MH, LAC, QMHP

Catholic Family Services has a great range of counseling services to offer those in need and a number of group setting to help people in need.

Catholic Family Services and its counselors and staff are there for those in need and work with people to find the avenue

that can help them in the best and most comprehensive and beneficial way.

If you or someone that you know is contemplating suicide, there is help available.

Catholic Family Services has a certified staff to teach a method of suicide prevention called QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer). It’s an effective approach to helping someone that you may be concerned about. QPR can be taught to individuals and to organizations. Anyone can learn how.

Falon is working with some schools and parishes already and is open to helping others

For more information, call Catholic Family Services. Services are confidential. The number is 605-988-3775.



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Discipleship camps draw hundreds to Broom Tree Youth and Family Camp



Youth from across the diocese gathered in mid-summer for several Discipleship Camps held at the Broom Tree Youth and Family Camp near Irene. Hundreds of young people from all corners of the diocese attended one of the D-camps where they deepened their faith, found fellowship and had good fun. (Photo by Bill Sealey, Diocese of Sioux Falls)

Camp Sydney brings help to children dealing with grief



Ten families...15 children and youth...and over 20 volunteers made Catholic Family Services' first Camp Sydney – A Grief Camp for Children, Youth and their Families, a success. Camp Sydney was held at the Youth and Family Camp at Broom Tree. Participants were able to receive education, connect with others who “get it” and leave with a better understanding of the grief process. The camp was directed by Mary Weber, counselor, LPC, with Catholic Family Services. (Photo Courtesy, Catholic Family Services)

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August 21: Proclaiming Jesus Christ
- directed by Fr. Tom Anderson

September 11: Three States of the Church: Militant, Penitent & Triumphant
- directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer

October 23: What Do People Say Today About Angels?
- directed by Msgr. Richard Mahowald

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Bishop's Cup and Legacy: A Tasting Experience events set for this month



The Bishop's Cup is set to be played this year at the Minnehaha Country Club and the Country Club of Sioux Falls. The event is slated for Monday, August 27 and there is still time to register and participate. The Bishop's Cup is one of the areas premier golf tournaments. You can choose to play in either the Bishop's Scramble which is a four-person scramble with prizes awarded to the top two teams in each flight or the Bishop's Challenge which is a four-person team. Also ahead is Legacy: A Tasting Experience set for Saturday, August 25. Legacy is one of the area's most interesting tasting events where attendees can enjoy tasting a wide selection of coffee, beer, wine, cheese, and other great foods. With a selection of items from more than 40 different providers, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Attendees will also receive a commemorative glass. All proceeds from these events go to benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. For more information on either opportunity or both, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3725, toll free at 1-888-246-3386 or online at www.ccfesd.org. (Photos courtesy, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

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BENEDICTINE AWARENESS WEEK OBSERVED AT SACRED HEART MONASTERY



Sacred Heart Monastery and the sisters in residence there recently celebrated Benedictine Awareness Week. Pictured are employees and sisters enjoying an Italian dinner together. (Photo courtesy, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton)

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FOCUS missionaries finish summer training

Pictured are the current Fellowship of Catholic University Students or FOCUS missionaries who are alumni of South Dakota State University, the University of South Dakota and Northern State University Newman Centers. The FOCUS missionaries just finished summer training at The University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. In addition, there are also about 15-20 others who have served in missionary capacity after graduation but have now moved on to other ventures. (Photo courtesy, Father Andrew Dickinson, Director, Pius XII Newman Center, Brookings)



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Correction

In the July edition of The Bishop's Bulletin, we incorrectly identified the school in the background of the Mitchell Catholic Community photo and story. The school is actually John Paul II School and not the school name we listed. We regret the error.

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Deacon John Steffen

Deacon John Steffen, a deacon of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, died at his home in Rapid City on June 26. He was 70.



Deacon John Steffen

John Steffen was born Jan. 31, 1948 in Ord, Nebraska to Erwin and Thelma (Burton) Steffen.

After graduation from high school, Steffen joined the Navy and was stationed in Idaho where he continued his education and graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in Animal Science.

His agribusiness career path took him to Sioux Falls where he was united in marriage with Rose on Aug. 1, 1992.

Steffen retired in 2007 and was ordained a Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls on May 24, 2012.

Deacon John served at Risen Savior Parish in Brandon and St. Therese Parish in Rapid City until the time of his death.

Deacon Steffen is survived by his wife, Rose, and his chil-

dren, Ryan (Kristen) and Adam, Seattle, WA and his stepchildren, John (Corrine), Tucson, AZ, Chris and David (Heather) Lane, Houston, TX, as well as his sister, Sandy (Bill) Elton, Omaha, NE, and his grandson and step-grandchildren.

Deacon Steffen was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 2 at St Therese Catholic Church, Rapid City. Burial followed at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Sister Madonna Pierret

Sister Madonna Pierret, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died July 8 at Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen. She was 85.

The Mass of Christian Burial was July 14 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery at a later date.

Madonna Pierret was born December 22, 1932 in Sherman, SD to Martha (Dubbelde) and Leo Pierret.

She graduated from Garretson Public High School in 1951. Madonna entered Presentation Convent in 1951 and professed her vows August 10, 1954.

She received her BS in Math Education, Northern State College in 1969 and her MA in Math Education, University of



Sister Madonna Pierret, PBVM California in 1973.

Sister Madonna taught grades 3-5 and later High School Math and Computer Science in Humboldt, Dell Rapids, Miles City, MT and Anoka, MN from 1954 to 1997. She also ministered in various positions at Presentation Convent, St. Luke Hospital, Aberdeen and Presentation Children's Home, Sioux Falls.

Sister Madonna moved to the Presentation Convent in 1997 and devoted much of her time to her passion for social justice issues.

Sister Madonna is survived by her community family of Presentation Sisters; one sister, Marlene (Don) Fiegen, LaCrescent MN; one brother Donald (Linda) Garretson; nephews, nieces, and many cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers: Arnold (Jeannie) and Kenneth (Mary Ellen).

Sister Amanda Wolf

Sister Amanda Wolf, a Benedictine sister of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown, died June 29 at Estelline Nursing Care Center, Estelline where she was a resident.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 6 at the Mother of God Monastery in Watertown. Burial followed at the Mother of God Monastery Cemetery, Watertown.

Born Clara Wolf, Sister Amanda was the eighth of 13 children

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Sister Amanda Wolf, OSB

born to Mathias and Theresia Wolf of Zeeland, ND.

Upon completing her primary education at Logan Consolidated School near her family's farm by Raymond, SD, Sister Amanda left home to attend Mount Marty High School in Yankton.

Inspired by the "spirit of the Sisters" who taught her, she entered the community as a postulant in 1954 and made vows June 29, 1956.

After graduating from Mount Marty College, Sister Amanda began teaching at Polo, and later at Zell, SD.

In 1961, she returned to school and obtained a degree in Business Administration from Northern College, Aberdeen, and worked as hospital controller and later the community treasurer.

In 1967, Sister Amanda moved with the community to Watertown where they began building Mother of God Monastery.

Sister Amanda is survived by her siblings George (Virginia d.), Anton (Louise d.), Elmer (Loretta), Frances Diaz (Bob d.), Sister Teresa Ann (nee Monica), Rose (Jim) Miller, and Maxine (Joe) McPherson; by numerous nieces and nephews and by her Sisters of Mother of God Monastery.



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ABERDEEN – Francis and Gladys Church will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 20. They have 9 children (2 deceased), 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Terry and Deanna Helms will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 30. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BERESFORD – DeLane and Nancy Fickbohm will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 31. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



BRIDGEWATER – Bernie and Rosalie Weber will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sept. 3. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Stephen Parish.



GROTON – Bob and Ranae Schroeder will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Aug. 14. They have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and are members of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.



HUNTIMER – Chuck and Beth Buchheim will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 12. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph the Workman Parish.



HUNTIMER – Darrold and Dianne Williams will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 7. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph the Workman Parish.



HUNTIMER – Steve and Katy O'Hara will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 10. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Joseph the Workman Parish.



LAKE ANDES – Terry and Nora Svatos will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Aug. 20. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Mark Parish.



MITCHELL – Greg and LeaJoy Geppert will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 3 children and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



MITCHELL – Dave and Brenda Bechen will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aug. 27. They have 7 children and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



PARKER – LeRoy and Marcia Marsh will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 10. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren and are members of St. Christina Parish.



PARKSTON – Fran and Celine Fergen will celebrate their 70th anniversary on Aug. 31. They have 6 children (1 deceased) 16 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 35 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



PIERRE – Thad and Caroline Uecker will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 26. They have 1 child and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



RAMONA – Dennis and Donna Rensch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 3. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. William of Vercelli Parish.



REDFIELD – Jerry and Sheila Mason will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 16. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Thomas and Char Tobin will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 16. They have 3 children, 14 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Monty and Cindy Miller will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 12. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – William and Marian Tucker will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Aug. 9. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tim and Colette Giese will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.

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SIOUX FALLS – Ronald and Nancy Versaevell will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 17. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bill and Denise Ladwig will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 26. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Spike and Robyn Bruggeman will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aug. 21. They have 7 children and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ron and Shar Lamberty will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aug. 23. They have 7 children, 17 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Verlyn and Pat Johnson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 23. They have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and Pat is a member of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Teresa Koch will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Aug. 6. They have 4 children and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Wayne and Phyllis Arends will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 17. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SISSETON – Stanley and Carol Schade will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 10. They are members of St. Peter Parish.



SISSETON – Joe and Evelyn Schuch will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Aug. 18. They have 8 children, 16 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



TABOR – Don and Kathy Kortan will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 24. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



TURTON – Joe and Betty Barrie celebrated their 60th anniversary on July 4. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



WATERTOWN – Mark and Denise Merrigan will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 19. They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Chuck and Linda Jenkins will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Aug. 8. They have 4 children and are members of the Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Jerry and Kathy Elshere will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 10. They have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WESTPORT – Herb and Kathy Schaanman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 31. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – Dan and Sandy Rupiper will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 10. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – Douglas and Mary Sall will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 17. They have 2 children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grand child and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

SELBY – Anthony and Sandy Weinzi will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Aug. 25. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony Parish.

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by August 15 for inclusion in the September 2018 edition to:

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523 North Duluth Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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Bishops join to support migrants, highlight church teaching
Washington, DC (CNS) - During a time when immigrants around the country have come under attack, the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, and representatives from other dioceses in Texas and nearby New Mexico are joining a variety of faith groups in a show of support and solidarity for migrants in their communities. "Be a light in the times of darkness," said El Paso Bishop Mark J. Seitz in a YouTube video posted announcing an interfaith procession in El Paso. A vigil following the procession featured testimony from separated families. The second day, which focused on the church's teaching on migrants, began with a Mass celebrated by the bishops in attendance and included a keynote speech by a Vatican representative, a social justice drama by the youth of the diocese, as well as suggestions for how to offer hospitality to migrants.

'Playing on God's Team' is theme for deaf community
Green Bay, WI (CNS) - Faith and football were the focus of a daylong event for the Diocese of Green Bay's Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. The day began at Lambeau Field, where 40 people from five states participated in a tour of the Green Bay Packers facility. Following the tour and lunch in a Lambeau Field luxury box, the group traveled to St. John the Evangelist Church, home of the diocese's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry, where Father Christopher Klusman, a deaf priest from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, led a presentation on the theme, "Playing on God's Team." Father Klusman, one of 11 deaf priests in the United States, visits Green Bay twice a year, during Advent and Lent, to offer the sacrament of reconciliation and signed Mass to members of the diocese's Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Parish hosts Bishop's Bike Ride as cycling send-off for event across Iowa
Iowa City, IA (CNS) - They arrived outside St. Mary Parish rectory practically incognito: 13 smiling clergy and laypeople wearing sun glasses and bike helmets and ready for the Bishop's Bike Ride. Their bright T-shirts, jerseys, shorts and some spandex looked perfect for bicycling, but nothing you'd typically see at the chancery or in the parish. The ride served as a cycling send-off for Davenport Bishop Thomas R. Zinkula, spiritual director of the "Pedaling to the Peripheries" team for the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. Best known as RAGBRAI, the event started July 22 in Onawa and ended July 28 in Davenport.

Young musicians serve as "bridge of dialogue" in Jerusalem
Washington, DC (CNS) - Eleven young musicians from Jerusalem and the West Bank had the opportunity to show U.S. audiences that music can be a bridge across cultural divides during a brief tour of the Washington-Baltimore area. Performing in such distinguished venues as the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore and the main church of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, the group represented the Franciscan-run Mag-nificat Institute Jerusalem. One of the students, violinist Majd Nasrawi, 16, welcomed the opportunity to be part of the group when her teacher invited her to make the U.S. trip -- after checking with her parents first.

Shroud of Turin expert criticizes new study
Vatican City (CNS) - A leading expert on the cloth believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus dismissed a new study claiming that blood patterns on the shroud are not consistent with those left by a crucified person. In an interview with Vatican News, Emanuela Marinelli, an expert on the Shroud of Turin, said "there was nothing scientific" about the experiments conducted by Matteo Borrini, an Italian forensic scientist, and Luigi Garlaschelli, an Italian chemist. "Does it seem like a scientific criterion to take a mannequin -- like the ones used to display clothes in a store window -- and a sponge soaked in fake blood attached to a piece of wood that is pressed on the right side of a dummy to see where the streams of blood fall?" Marinelli asked. "If this is considered science, I guess I'll just have to take my degree in natural sciences and throw it away," she said. The study, which was conducted in 2014 and published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences, claimed the blood patterns on the hands are "only consistent with a standing subject with arms at a 45 degree angle" while the blood stains emanating from the right side of the chest -- believed to be from the lance that pierced Christ -- "are totally unrealistic."

Costa Rica, Nicaragua preparing to receive World Youth Day pilgrims
San Francisco, CA (CNS) - Panama isn't the only country that will host World Youth Day pilgrims in January. Dioceses in Nicaragua and Costa Rica -- the closest neighbor to Panama City, the site of World Youth Day, Jan. 22-27 -- are preparing to receive up to 30,000 young people as part of the traditional Days in the Dioceses leading to the main event. Father Miguel Adrian Rivera, executive secretary of youth ministry for the Costa Rican bishops' conference, said parishes are planning to welcome pilgrims for catechetical and cultural events. "In Panama, as a small country, they considered the eight dioceses of Costa Rica and the eight dioceses of Nicaragua" stops that the young pilgrims can join in preparation for World Youth Day, Father Rivera said. The eight dioceses of Panama also are participating in Days in the Dioceses. Each diocese has a priest overseeing activities that include finding host families, introducing guests to the community and providing information about tourist attractions pilgrims can enjoy.

Learn from the past before looking to future, pope tells young people
Vatican City (CNS) - The future cannot be understood without reflecting on the past and on the history and traditions passed on to young people from parents and grandparents, Pope Francis said. "It's from your roots that you will get the strength to continue. None of us -- neither you nor me -- were manufactured in a laboratory; we have a history, we have roots. And everything we do, the results we achieve, the beauty we create in the future, all comes from those roots," the pope said in a video message released by the Vatican. The pope's message was sent to young people of the Caribbean attending the July 10-23 youth assembly sponsored by the Antilles bishops' conference. The conference's theme was focused on transforming the family in the Caribbean in accordance with "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), the pope's apostolic exhortation on marriage and family.

Parish Dinners/Socials

Aug. 12/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante, annual Harvest Festival fund raiser on Sunday; serving will begin at 4 p.m.; menu includes a broasted chicken meal with homemade rollicky, kolaches and desserts; prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under; bingo, a raffle, and games for all ages will also be available.

Sept. 9/Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown, fall festival dinner is Sunday; featuring a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and homemade pies; serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; cost is \$10 each or \$25 per family; take-out meals are \$10 each; raffle prizes include cash give away of \$1,000.

Sept. 9/St. George Parish, Scotland, annual fall supper; serving 4-7 p.m. with broasted chicken, baked ham, cheesy potatoes, salads and pie; a raffle will be held at 7 p.m.

Sept. 16/St. Mary Parish, Dell Rapids, turkey dinner and bazaar; serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; cost is \$10 for adults; \$6 for ages 7-12. \$3 for ages 3-6 with 2 and under free; carry outs are \$12.

Sept. 16/St. Mary Parish, Aberdeen, fall festival and dinner; at Roncalli High School, midway games and silent auction from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; roast beef dinner served 3-6:30 p.m.

Sept. 30/St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner, will hold its annual parish dinner and bazaar; there will be turkey, pork loin and all the trimmings; serving will be from 4-7 p.m. in the church basement; there will be games for all ages in the CCD center.

Recitation of the rosary planned

Thursday, Aug. 2 and Wednesday, Aug. 22 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls.

Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated in Salem

Saturday, Aug. 4 - Archbishop Thomas E. Gullickson, Papal Nuncio to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, and a native son of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, will offer a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite on First Saturday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church, West Vermont Avenue in Salem; all are invited; for more information, call 605-425-2600 or go to www.salem-catholic.org.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form is offered every Sunday at noon and every Holy Day of Obligation at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Salem.

Mitchell parish hosts raffle to fund new organ

Sunday, Aug. 5 - A quilt raffle for a queen sized authentic Harley Davidson t-shirt quilt is being held by the Knights of Columbus (Maher Council 1079) to raise money for a new organ for Holy Family Church, Mitchell; tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20; raffle drawing will be held on Sunday following the 11:30 a.m. Mass; need not be present to win; contact Holy Family Parish office at 605-996-3639 or Vince Boddicker at 605-996-6500 for tickets.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement hosting summer conference

Aug. 10-11 - "Living in The Supernatural" is the title of the Yahweh Shalom Conference in Yankton Aug. 10-11; Dr Mary Healy is the speaker for the conference which begins Friday at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. For more information, www.ajoyfulshout.com or call Jane Barz at 605-940-4101 or email at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net.

SEARCH retreat planned in Sioux Falls

Aug. 10-12 - A SEARCH retreat will be held August 10-12 at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls; all students going into 10th grade and older wanting to participate in the weekend are welcome; registrations online at siouxfallssearch.org. Please call Amy at 371-1478 if you are able to help.

National Rosary Novena an Rally planned

Wednesday, Aug. 15 through Sunday, Oct. 7 - Catholics are invited to participate in a 54-day rosary novena entitled "Novena for Our Nation" including the intentions: "respect for life at all stages of development; the sanctity of marriage and families; upholding constitutionally protected religious freedom; and the return of our nation to God and Holiness." The novena begins Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption and concludes with "The Rosary Coast to Coast" gathering on Sunday, Oct. 7, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (usually the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary).

Notre Dame School Reunion planned in Mitchell

Saturday, Sept. 15 - A Notre Dame Catholic School, "All School Reunion" is being held in Mitchell Saturday, September 15. For more information or to register, contact Nicole Fuhrer at 605-999-9127 or nfuhrer@ccfesd.org.

Hartford parish hosting SDRTL Convention

Saturday, Sept. 22 - St. George Parish, Hartford, is hosting the 2018 South Dakota Right to Life Convention on Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; registration, vendors and a continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m.; Speakers include Dr. Pat Castle, Life Runners International; Leslie Unruh, founder of the Alpha Center; and Sue Thayer, founder of the Cornerstone for Life; convention questions, call Lisa at 605-351-8778; registration forms available at SDRighttoLife.org.

Diocesan EVENTS

Catholic Family Services

Aug. 7 and Sept. 4/Catholic Family Services invites you to join our 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 care givers. The group meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls. For details please call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Sept. 9/Surviving Divorce- begins in Watertown at Immaculate Conception Parish; sessions are on Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; cost of \$45 per person includes refreshments and all materials for six weeks; for information or to register contact Sheila Grabow at sheilagrabow@gmail.com. Scholarships are available.

Sept. 10/Surviving Divorce fall session begins Monday in Sioux Falls; sessions are held 6-8 p.m.; cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for six weeks; for information or to register contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 cfs@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

Sept. 18-Oct. 23/Grieving the Loss of a parent or sibling; a six week program directed by Dr. Marcie Moran held every Tuesday evening from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Service, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls; to register or with questions call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Sept. 8/Now taking inquiries for a new program for spiritual growth which will meet the second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon, September to May; contact benedictinepeacectr@mimc.edu or (605) 668-6292 for more information.

Sept. 21/Two day overnight retreats/Praying the Scriptures with Mary, Sept. 21-23; Prayer of the Heart, Nov. 7-9; For more information, go to <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/two-day-retreats/> or (605) 668-6292.

Sept. 26/Fall Scripture Studies: the morning series, The Book of Revelation, is facilitated by Sister Doris Oberembt, meeting Wednesdays at 10-11:45 a.m. for eight weeks; The Parables, Part I, facilitated by Sister Mary Jo Polak, meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays for six weeks. For more information go to <http://yanktonbenedictines.org/center/>



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