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# THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN



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BISHOP SWAIN TO RETIRE | BISHOP-ELECT DEGROOD TO BE ORDAINED

# It's been a profound and humbling privilege to be bishop



**T**his will be my last column in The Bishop's Bulletin after nearly 14 years. It will not, however, be the last you hear from me as I assume the role of bishop emeritus. I will do so in a way that is supportive of our new bishop, Donald DeGrood, the ninth bishop of Sioux Falls, whom we all welcome with great joy.

It has been a profound privilege and a humbling one to be your bishop over these years. They have been years of great pleasure particularly supporting our seminarians, priests, deacons and consecrated, ordaining over 40 priests and permanent deacons, enhancing the role of the laity in our local church, especially youth and young adults, and to just be out and about with all of you who are essential to a spiritually strong local church.

One highlight was our celebration of the 125th anniversary of our diocese, acknowledging the legacy those who went before with faith and sacrifice bequeathed to us. May we pass it on with integrity and appreciation.

I am especially appreciative of our diocesan staff who minister mostly in ways that are unknown. The two principles I have continued to remind them of are family first and parish friendly. We are more than a bureaucracy but rather a continuation of the mission and ministry of Christ both personally and as children of God together.

We have had our challenges over these years. Certainly the child abuse scandal has shaken us all; the changing demographics and reductions in the number of priests which have resulted in the merging of many rural parishes and revealed honest grieving; the numerous personnel matters which in justice require confidentiality that have been among the hardest decisions I have made, though always after prayer. I thank you all for your understanding, patience and resilience of faith.

Sometimes we may wonder why our Lord instituted the Church in the way that he

did. Wonderment is a form of prayer. I certainly wondered when I was informed that I was to be your bishop without ever having been to South Dakota. Over these years however, I appreciate more fully that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit guide it all and what the Trinity leads us to do and be is always what is best for us, though we, especially me, wish we had early notification and greater explanation.

While I had never been to South Dakota before I was named bishop, over these years I have become a South Dakotan and have chosen to spend my retirement years here even though most of my life was lived elsewhere. I was born and raised through high school in western New York state, went to undergraduate college in Ohio, earned graduate and law degrees in Wisconsin, served in the military including in Vietnam as an Air Force intelligence officer, had the privilege of being the legal counsel to a governor of Wisconsin, and then was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Madison. As I look back it has been quite a ride. I have been blessed in so many ways. It seems that I have experienced a call over the years to go west which ends here on the prairie with you, my spiritual family.

A priority for me must now be to prepare myself for judgment day in hopes that salvation will be mine with the mercy of God.

When we restored the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, I commissioned a sculpture of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper which is above the cathedra, the bishop's chair.

"As I have done so you should do," our Lord told the first Apostles. Bishops are successors of the Apostles. In my time with you I have sought to follow His example as a servant leader. For those times I have been able to do so, I Give Praise to the Lord; for those times I have come up short I ask for God's and your forgiveness.

Among the powerful moments in the ministry of Christ, two from the cross touch me deeply. To John, "there is your

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# BISHOP'S SCHEDULE

## February

### Bishop Swain

- 1 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 2 10:30 Confirmation, St. Benedict, Yankton
- 1:00 Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Yankton
- 8 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 9 11:00 Confirmation, St. Mary, Sioux Falls
- 1:30 Confirmation, St. Michael (Clark), Blessed Sacrament (Florence), St. Henry (Henry), St. Teresa (Dakota Dunes), St. Joseph (Elk Point) and St. Therese (Sioux Falls) at Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 12 5:00 Pre-ordination Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 13 2:00 Episcopal Ordination Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph

### Bishop DeGrood

- 12 5:00 Pre-ordination Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 13 2:00 Episcopal Ordination Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 4:30 Public reception, Sioux Falls Convention Center (All are welcome)
- 14 12:00 Mass of Thanksgiving, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, reception following
- 15 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 16 2:00 Mass of Thanksgiving, Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 19 6:00 Mass, Sacred Heart, Yankton, reception following
- 20 5:30 Mass, Holy Family, Mitchell, reception following
- 21 5:30 Mass, St. Ann, Miller, reception following
- 22 5:00 Confirmation, St. Paul, White
- 23 11:00 Confirmation, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 3:00 Confirmation, SS Peter and Paul (Dimock) and Sacred Heart in Parkston
- 26 12:00 Ash Wednesday Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 29 5:30 Confirmation, St. George, Hartford

## March

- 1 11:00 Confirmation, St. Katharine Drexel, Sioux Falls
- 1:30 Rite of Election, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 3 5:30 Mass, Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown, reception following
- 4 5:30 Mass, Sacred Heart, Aberdeen, reception following

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Mother"; and to the repentant thief, "today you will be with me in paradise."

A loving Mother and a promise of mercy; everything else shrinks in importance to those two gifts and assurances.

As I move on to whatever God asks of me in this next chapter in my life, I am grateful for the many blessings

with which He has gifted me, especially allowing me to be your bishop these many years. Thank you for your support, patience and kindnesses.

Please pray for and support Bishop DeGrood and our diocese. May Saint Joseph our patron watch over him and each of you.

And always, Give Praise to the Lord.

## Officials



**The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, in his appointed capacity of Apostolic Administrator has decreed the following changes to priest assignments effective on February 5, 2020:**

**Reverend Timothy Cone**, from parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls, to parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish, Mitchell.

**Reverend David Krogman**, while remaining as chaplain to the Avera facilities in Sioux Falls, from pastor of Risen Savior Parish, Brandon, to priest-in-residence at St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls.

**Reverend Jeffrey Norfolk**, while remaining as chaplain to the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, from pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Garretson, and St. Joseph the Workman Parish, Huntimer, to parish administrator of Risen Savior Parish, Brandon.

**Reverend Barry Reuwsaat**, from parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish, Mitchell, to parish administrator of St. Joseph the Workman Parish, Huntimer, and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Garretson.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff  
Chancellor

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*"Give Praise to the Lord!"*

- Bishop Swain's Episcopal Motto

## Best wishes as our eighth bishop retires

By Renae Kranz

When Bishop Paul Swain first arrived in eastern South Dakota more than 13 years ago to begin his tenure as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, he had no idea what he was in for. He knew the landscape would be different from his home state of Wisconsin, but traversing the more than 35,000 square miles of his new diocese over the years opened his eyes to some things he didn't expect.

"I must admit when I arrived here for the first time, I was taken aback by the wide open spaces," Bishop Swain said. "In my over 13 years of car time as bishop here, I have grown to appreciate the prairies and the plains, the vistas and the sky to the extent that when I now return to Wisconsin, I feel closed in. This unique part of God's creation is a treasure to be savored and preserved."

But the landscape wasn't the only thing he grew to love and appreciate. He learned to enjoy and respect the people of South Dakota over the years for their work ethic and deep faith grounded in hope.

"Those core values are deeply ingrained here, not only in the rural areas but in our cities and villages as well, and therefore in our parishes and our people," Bishop Swain said.



Top photo: Bishop Paul Swain greets a mother and baby at the Women's Conference. Above photo: Bishop Swain gives Bishop-elect Donald DeGrood a blessing during his first visit to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls.

For him, ministering to the people he has come to love here was a great joy, but the bigger joy was how they ministered to him through the years. It was something he said he really needed.

In mid-February, Bishop Swain will hand over the reins of the diocese to Bishop-elect Donald DeGrood. He leaves behind a legacy as a gentle, calm presence in an often manic world, leading the diocese in his care to offer more to the communities within it, and making Christ more present to those who live inside its borders.

Father Charles Cimpl, pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls and vicar general of the diocese, said when he first met Bishop Swain it was obvious to him that the then newly elected bishop was a man of prayer. He remembered the bishop saying at his opening press conference that he wasn't worried about the difficult task of being a bishop that lay ahead of him because he had been told the Diocese of Sioux Falls was "a gem of a diocese."

As Father Cimpl worked with him over the years, he learned Bishop Swain was keenly aware of the gifts and efforts of those around him.

"He always felt that any of the accomplishments that were made during his time as our bishop were done through the cooperative spirit of the priests, deacons, religious, the diocesan staff and the laity," Father Cimpl said.

Bishop Swain's leadership and careful, prudent decision making produced many beautiful fruits for the benefit of the entire diocese. Two of the more visible decisions the bishop made were to restore the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and to bring to fruition the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. Both were huge needs in the diocese and both have been unexpected gifts.

The vision of Bishop Thomas O'Gorman to build the Cathedral of Saint Joseph early in the history of the diocese is quite extraordinary according to Bishop Swain. It was a leap of faith to build it and another leap of faith to ask the people of the diocese to fund the restoration. But he knew it needed to be done, especially after seeing the cathedral in Madison, Wisconsin, where he was rector, burn down.

"I've learned over time the importance of sacred art and how it can move people as a teaching device, but also just lift our spirits," Bishop Swain said. "It's wonderful to see people come in there and just kind of be overwhelmed with what they encounter. And the people were very generous and supportive all over the diocese. There's only one cathedral and it belongs to everybody and it's also a community landmark. It was a leap of faith."



The needs answered by the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House were much different but critical to answering the call to serve those in dire need in our diocese. Bishop Swain said at first they didn't know quite how to meet the needs of the homeless, but when a building became available, God provided the opportunity. The entire community pitched in and got the project done. It serves a population that was crying out for help.



"A good number of those who use that, either as an overnight shelter or for other services, come to Sioux Falls from other places in the diocese and around the area. It really is one of those things that brings us together as a family, and as a family we need to take care of each other," Bishop Swain said.

That constant care for the other was something Father James Morgan, rector at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, has appreciated about Bishop Swain.

"What has impressed me most working with Bishop Swain is his concern for the other—especially the poor, the down-trodden, the immigrant," Father Morgan said. "The creation of the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House is a testament to that, of course, but to see him in the parish hall at the Cathedral, personally greeting the homeless at the Christmas at the Cathedral rehearsal, for example, is beyond touching. You see the bishop/priest/man for who he really is."

With all of the bishop's travels around the state over the years, many of us have seen or met him at charity events, confirmations, Catholic school Masses, or while praying at Planned Parenthood. He initiated the



building of the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery for the Adoration Sisters and continued development of affordable housing through St. Joseph Catholic housing. He also moved the Sunday TV Mass recording into the cathedral after its restoration.

Bishop Swain's time as our shepherd hasn't been without its challenges. He often sees himself as the successor of the Apostle Thomas because he doubted.

"Every time I begin to doubt what's going on I say, 'Oh, there Thomas is coming out of me again.' But he eventually said, 'My Lord and my God.' And that's where we need to end up," Bishop Swain said.

Dan Fritz, diocesan attorney over the course of several years, worked side-by-side with Bishop Swain through many of the challenging times. During those years, a friendship grew along with a profound respect for the bishop's character.

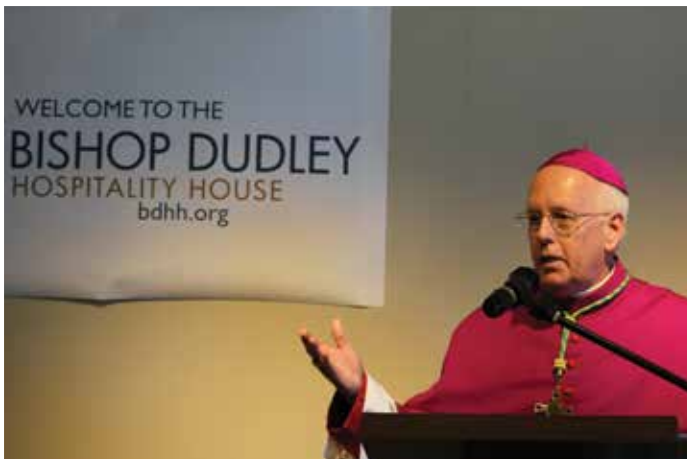
"Bishop Swain's strong faith, his love of God, and his dedication to prayer are evident in his approach to all aspects of his work," Fritz said. "As a result, Bishop Swain consistently approached very difficult situations with a perspective that always placed his own self-interests aside in order to further the best interests of the diocese and other individuals involved. I witnessed the best form of leadership from Bishop Swain that will likely never be fully known or appreciated by most."

Fritz said Bishop Swain's selfless leadership, high degree of intellect, and common sense helped him make the best decisions to benefit our diocese even in difficult circumstances. Beyond all that seriousness, a bit of humor often peaked through to lighten the mood.



Photos from top to bottom: Bishop Swain addresses a group of students about to be confirmed. A graduate receives the Holy Eucharist during Mass. Bishop Swain's excitement during the Cathedral of Saint Joseph renovations was evident. Area Catholics join the bishop in praying the rosary outside Planned Parenthood. Bishop Swain visits a classroom of Catholic elementary school students.





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- Dan Fritz

“Bishop Swain’s most endearing quality may be his very understated but entertaining sense of humor,” Fritz said. “He won’t be the loud center of attention in a social group, but I have experienced several times his ability to slip a very subtle but extremely funny line in that puts a smile on everyone’s face to lighten what might otherwise be a very heavy conversation.”

There are plenty of heavy things to shoulder as a bishop. From Fritz’s vantage point, Bishop Swain guided the diocese through all the twists and turns and left us in very good shape.

“That doesn’t happen by chance. It happens through leadership—the quiet, thoughtful, prayerful leadership that Bishop Swain blessed us with over his years as our bishop,” Fritz said.

The joys have always outweighed the challenges, especially when it involved bringing the Sacraments and the love of Jesus Christ to all he encountered. Bishop Swain said he never tired of confirmations and ordinations. He ordained over 30 priests and confirmed over 20,000 teens and those joining the Church through RCIA.

“I get letters from the kids thanking me for confirming them. It’s just a wonderful experience,” the bishop said.

Now that his time here is coming to an end, he has decided to stay in South Dakota in retirement. Even though he lived in Wisconsin for 40 years, this is now home to him. He will certainly miss his work, but he knows many good shepherds will come after him.

The Bishop’s House next to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph houses in one room the portraits of all of the diocese’s bishops over the years. More than once, Bishop Swain has told the story of explaining who those men are in those portraits because many people don’t know them. They are his predecessors—Bishops Marty, O’Gorman, Mahoney, Brady, Hoch, Dudley and Carlson.

“I realized that someday my portrait would be there and someone would have to explain who I was. Bishops come and go; the Church remains,” he said.

The time has come for someone to explain who you were Bishop Swain. You were a good and faithful servant to our diocese. Enjoy your retirement.

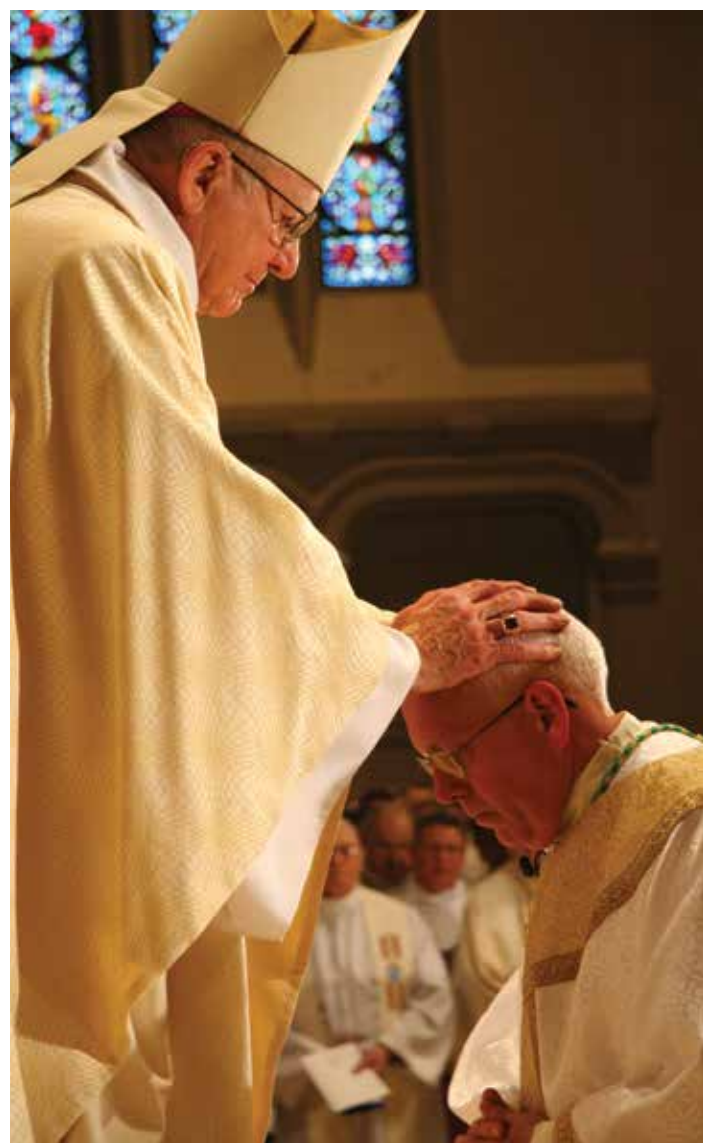
Photos facing page, clockwise starting top left: Bishop Swain blesses those who attended the 125th Centennial Mass. The Cathedral of Saint Joseph during renovation. Bishop Swain ordaining one of over 30 priests during his time as bishop. The bishop dedicating the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

Photo right: Consecrating the adoration chapel altar at Mater Ecclesiae Monastery. Photo below: Area Catholics joined the bishop for Fortnight for Freedom in front of the Cathedral.



Photo above middle: Bishop Swain met with Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI after his ordination. Photo above: The bishop talks with a couple during a farewell reception at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph recently. Photo left: Bishop William H. Bullock lays hands on Bishop Swain during his ordination as bishop.

**To view more photos from Bishop Paul Swain's nearly 14 years as bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, visit [sfcatholic.org/swain](http://sfcatholic.org/swain)**





# Ordination of new bishop will be accessible to all

The Diocese of Sioux Falls will see its ninth bishop ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. The Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood will be ordained February 13 at 2:00 p.m. by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul/Minneapolis.

Bishop Paul J. Swain and Auxiliary Bishop Andrew Cozzens of St. Paul/Minneapolis will be co-ordinating bishops. The Apostolic Nuncio of the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, will also be present for the celebration.

Due to limited space in the cathedral, the ordination will be a ticketed event. Each parish in the diocese will be represented at the ordination.

Bishop-elect Fr. DeGrood was born in rural Faribault, Minnesota, February 14, 1965, and raised on the family farm nearby. He attended Catholic school in Faribault, graduating in 1983. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy in 1987. While there, he felt a strong pull to a priestly vocation.

He worked for several years in the business world and during this time continued to be drawn to the idea of a priestly vocation. He entered the St. Paul Seminary in 1993, earned a Master of Divinity, and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Harry J. Flynn May 31, 1997.

Bishop-elect DeGrood served first as parochial vicar at All Saints Church in



Bishop-elect Donald DeGrood prays at the altar rail during his first visit to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. (Photo by Kevin Fitzgibbons)

Lakeville, Minnesota, then as a formator and spiritual director at St. John Vianney Seminary. After four years at the seminary, he was assigned as pastor of St. Peter in Forest Lake.

In 2013, Bishop-elect DeGrood was named Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and at the same time, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in St. Paul, and since 2017 until last month, served as pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Savage, Minnesota.

## How to watch live

- MyUTV – broadcast and cable
- youtube.com/sfdiocese
- sfcatholic.org
- keloland.com live stream

## Opportunities to pray with and meet the new bishop

- Mass of Thanksgiving, **Cathedral of St. Joseph**, Friday, Feb. 14, noon, reception to follow
- Stational Mass, **Cathedral of St. Joseph**, Saturday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m. which airs as the **Sunday TV Mass** Feb. 16, 10 a.m. on Keloland
- Sacred Heart Parish, **Yankton**, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6 p.m., reception to follow
- Holy Family Parish, **Mitchell**, Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m., reception to follow
- St. Ann Parish, **Miller**, Friday, Feb. 21, 5:30 p.m., reception to follow
- Holy Name of Jesus Parish, **Watertown**, Tuesday, Mar. 3, 5:30 p.m., reception to follow
- Sacred Heart Parish, **Aberdeen**, Wednesday, Mar. 4, 5:30 p.m., reception to follow

## What happens during an Episcopal Ordination?

If you plan to watch the Episcopal Ordination Mass online or on television, here is a brief explanation of what you'll see in the order it will happen. Mass begins as it normally does. After the Gospel is read, the Rite of Ordination begins.

- Veni, Creator Spiritus: The "Come, Holy Spirit" prayer is chanted.
- Presentation of the Elect: The bishop-elect is presented to the principal ordaining bishop by two assisting priests.
- Reading of the Apostolic Letter: The apostolic letter from Pope Francis is read aloud by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.
- Promises of the Elect: The bishop-elect is asked nine questions about his resolve to fulfill the responsibilities of his new ministry as bishop.
- Litany of the Saints: Those present pray the Litany of the Saints while the bishop-elect prostrates himself.
- Laying on of Hands: The principal ordaining bishop lays his hands on the bishop-elect's head. The other bishops present do the same in turn.
- Prayer of Ordination: The principal ordaining bishop places the Book of the Gospels over the head of the bishop-elect and says the Prayer of Consecration. This ancient rite reminds the bishop-elect one of his chief responsibilities is to preach the message of Christ.
- Anointing and Investiture: The principal ordaining bishop anoints the new bishop's head with Sacred Chrism and hands him the Book of the Gospels. He is presented with the bishop's ring symbolizing his fidelity to the Bride of Christ, the Church. The miter is placed on his head, symbolizing resolve to pursue holiness. He is presented with the crozier (bishop's staff) signifying the duty of guiding and governing the Church entrusted to him.
- Seating of the New Bishop: The new bishop is invited to take his place on the cathedra (chair), which represents the bishop's authority through apostolic succession and is the symbol of his role as chief teacher and pastor of the local church.
- The Fraternal Kiss: The new bishop receives the fraternal kiss from the ordaining bishop and from the bishops present.

The Mass continues as usual, marking the completion of the Rite of Ordination.



# Pausing before entering the intersection

**F**or several months this past summer and early autumn, the road along our parking lot, Kline Street, was torn up to replace some sewer lines and for other routine maintenance. For those months I had the chance to watch the workers as they labored their long hours, rolling in as I unlocked the church and still working as I locked up.

I appreciated their hard work; however, while the work was stunningly efficient, it did cause some minor inconvenience getting into and out of the church complex. It did not take too long for the staff and parishioners to figure out how to make it work, and we certainly appreciated the work being done because it was necessary.

It was not until a few weeks into the project that I discovered one happy benefit: it eased up the intersection of Kline and Railroad Avenue just a block south of the railroad tracks. Every city has a few intersections that seem to be a bit more problematic than others, and a person tries to navigate them safely, or avoid them all together.

What makes this particular intersection so interesting is that it really should not be an issue at all. Railroad Avenue has a stop sign and Kline is a through street. That should be simple enough. There is not a great deal of traffic at this intersection, but the traffic that is there is, unique.

Every time I drive down Kline on my way home, as I approach this intersection, I am a bit nervous because every close call I have had recently has been on this corner. There must be some psychic convergence that occurs there because it seems every driver pulling up to that corner sees the stop sign as an affront on their personal dignity.

I have watched drivers stare right at me as I am driving north on Kline and just barely slow down as they barrel through the intersection right in front of me. I have watched drivers stare straight ahead and simply ignore me as they barrel through the intersection right in front of me. Now, I am not saying that I am the perfect driver

by any means, but these experiences have made me more cautious approaching this intersection.

We should be cautious when approaching any intersection, because it is the nature of intersections to be inherently dangerous. In anthropology, intersections are symbolic of “liminal space,” spaces that are in between. Liminal spaces represent the middle place between where we have been and where we are going.

People in the ancient world considered these spaces so dangerous many of their religions had a “god of the crossroads” to whom travelers and pilgrims would offer sacrifice as they moved through the space, asking for protection and wisdom. They recognized and ritualized the danger every intersection holds.

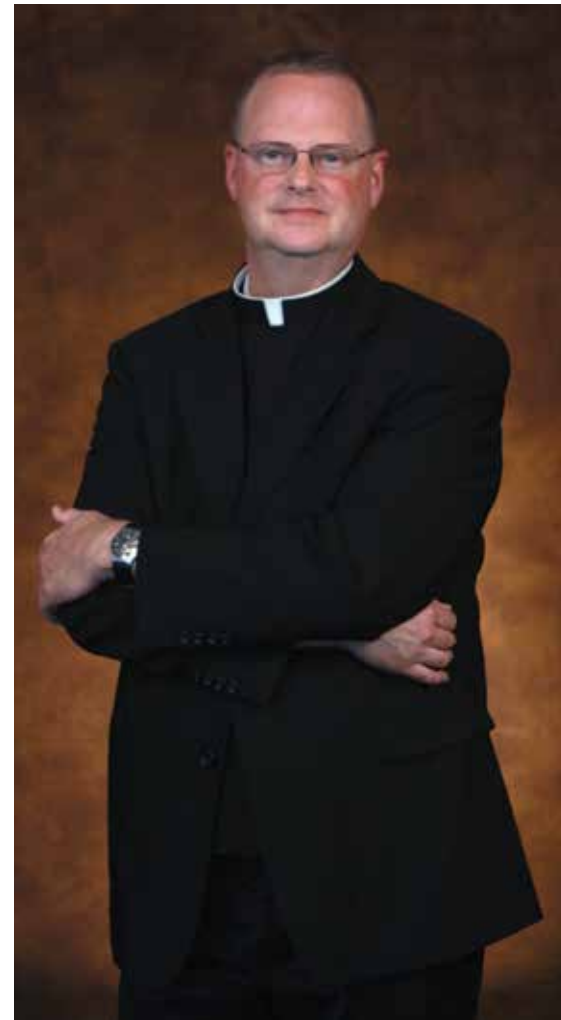
They understood that liminal spaces demand that choices be made, and choices are always dangerous. They understood that the choices they made, at that moment, at the crossroads, would forever change who they would become.

There is a wisdom in this understanding that our more modern minds might miss. Throughout our lives we are given opportunities to be transformed, and the choices we make at those moments have a profound impact on who we will become as we journey through life, and how we journey.

Sometimes we are blessed at an intersection with a stop sign to slow us down, make us pause and think before we move through the crossroads. In a few weeks we will be given the opportunity once again to pause before we enter into a liminal space in the life of the Church.

On Ash Wednesday, we step forward to be marked with ashes and to be reminded of the truth of our lives. This is a stop sign; now the problem is most of us do not like stop signs. We can be annoyed with those moments that demand we halt our journey, that get in the way of our need to get somewhere.

Yet, stop signs are important on the road and in life. We are given a moment to



halt, to pause, to ponder for just a moment the direction we are traveling. We pause before we enter into that dangerous intersection, that liminal space that is Lent, the space between where we have been and where we are going.

We are invited to use this time to reflect on the journey we are making, the direction we are going, and if we are on the road that will take us where we want to go. It is dangerous because we may have to change direction, or simply change. It is in taking that risk that we find ourselves living life with awareness, and embracing the truth of who are called to be.

This is dangerous, but always better than just staring straight ahead and barreling on through.



# Sharing our gifts makes a difference

By Renae Kranz

No parish is an island. No Catholic is on their own in their faith journey. But sometimes parishes and the Catholics in them might feel like the challenge to grow the community of God is too big and the resources are too few.

I'm just one person. What can I really do?

As Catholic adults, we can have a massive impact on the people around us, especially young people. Adult faith formation in our parishes is the linchpin that supports all the other programs and makes them more effective.

These programs are an essential part of growing the family of God. And you are a critical part of helping to provide your parish and all parishes in the diocese with the tools they need to help make a difference in their people's lives.

## Adult education: the trickle down effect

Adult faith formation programs provided by the diocese and supported by the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal are meant to support parishes and individuals so you don't have to figure it all out on your own. These programs help to build community and strong spirituality in parishes.

Father Paul Rutten, pastor at St. Mary Parish in Sioux Falls, says we need to invest in the lives of the adults in our parishes because that investment trickles down to impact everything else. Faith formation helps us understand our faith better so we can say yes to God's will in our lives. When others see our burning desire to serve God, it moves them to follow suit.

A perfect example of the trickle down impact is Dylan and Marissa Kessler, parishioners at Sacred Heart Parish in Aberdeen. Dylan's strong faith was formed early on by the adults in his life, beginning at home. He attended diocesan programs, including youth rallies and Discipleship Camps, and experienced a World Youth Day pilgrimage. Those programs and the adults who led them provided a firm foundation and put him on a path of missionary discipleship as an adult which gives him a way to share his burgeoning faith with others.

"Most of us are called to live our missionary calling in our daily lives, spreading the Gospel to those we work with, the person behind us in line at the grocery store, and, especially, those in the pews with us at Mass," Dylan says. "Our world is desperate for genuine human connection and authentic relationships. We're fortunate that our diocese is able to offer so many resources and opportunities to support us in these everyday endeavors."



*Dylan and Marissa Kessler family*





*Father Paul Rutten, pastor at St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls*

Marissa, a convert to Catholicism, finds comfort in the support and sense of community at the diocesan level. Chaperoning a March for Life trip early on after her conversion helped her make connections with other adults and build friendships in her new faith community.

“I was so struck by the universality of the Church, and the fact that our diocese is a small but important part of a much larger church,” Marissa says. “The coordination and resources that go into planning and executing a trip like that are significant and the impact is incredible.”

Many adults, especially parents, are concerned about their children holding on to their faith as they go off to college and become adults themselves. Missy Baumberger, adult faith formation director at Immaculate Conception Parish in Watertown, has seen how vital parents and other adults can be in acting as examples for those kids to look to.

After hearing a statistic that 90 percent of kids who have gone through religious education can lose their faith when they go to college if their parents are not committed to their own faith, Baumberger decided she didn’t want that to happen at her parish under her watch.

“I feel very strongly that God was leading me in a direction that we needed to offer something for our adults,” she says, “because we’re just big kids trying to learn too. But we need to know what’s out there. And it’s humbling to ask because our kids look to us like we should know.”

With the help of the Adult Discipleship and Evangelization office of the diocese, Baumberger has been able to create several programs, host events and offer resources to the adults at Immaculate Conception and surrounding parishes. Since parents are so busy, she wanted to find ways to help support them and fit faith education into their hectic lives.

“Now our adults are getting excited because they’re seeing who they are in a new way,” Baumberger says. “They’re seeing their gifts and their talents and they want to be involved. And then the kids buy in and are excited and it sticks for them.”

Dylan has a deep appreciation for the ways the Church focuses on and provides resources for all members, regardless of age or the extent of their current faith life.

“The model, inspiration, support, and even vulnerability that we can give to those around us pays off many times over in the ripple effects it has on strengthening our families, our parishes, our diocese, and the entire Church,” Dylan says. “That’s why it’s so important that we are continually filling our own cups from the font of opportunities offered by the diocese.”

## Diocesan programs create opportunity

Father Rutten has used most of the resources the diocese offers to help his parishioners fill their cups. He regularly reaches out to Dr. Chris Burgwald, director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization, to give talks and assist with creating programs for the adults. He also makes good use of the office of Youth Discipleship and Evangelization, the Marriage Tribunal, the Information Technology office and Catholic Family Services.

“One of the things that I’ve seen is there’s so many facets of parish life that you would like to be able to build upon,” Father Rutten says. “There are so many needs each parish has that you just can’t afford to hire people for all of those things. So with the diocesan offices, we have at our fingertips people who desire to share what they have, not just with one group, but with the entire diocese.”

He believes adult formation is the biggest need in most parishes. While he was pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Watertown, he reached out to Dr. Burgwald and his staff to help him train and provide resources to Baumberger as she got the adult faith formation program started in the parish. That assistance has been invaluable as the program has been developed.

This wasn’t Baumberger’s first experience with the diocesan offices. She has worked with them to start a Theology on Tap program, an apologetics program and marriage programs that have enhanced the faith lives of those who take advantage of them. She figured out pretty quickly that the people at the diocese weren’t just doing office work. What they do is outreach to those in the field.

“As adults we love our Catholic faith, and we desire to share our faith,” Baumberger says. “But sometimes we don’t know how to do that. We need the right tools, and Dr. Burgwald has been a great asset to not only myself but to those in our parish to accomplish that.”



*Darin and Missy Baumberger family*



*Dr. Chris Burgwald speaks at an event at Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown.*

For Father Rutten, whenever he faces a challenge he needs help with, he knows where to turn first. He looks to the diocesan office and asks if something can be done and if they can help. He says he almost always gets a “yes, we’ll be there.”

“It’s an untapped resource. I think it’s our best kept secret that shouldn’t be a secret,” he says, “that we have all of these people who have all kinds of talents and they’re just waiting to be asked.”

Emily Leedom, director of Marriage, Family and Respect Life for the diocese, is one of those people waiting to be asked to help parishes. She finds it profoundly encouraging when she gets those calls from parishes wanting to take the initiative to do new things.

“They’re often reaching out to me because they have an idea or vision and are looking for help or resources to make that happen. It’s a great joy to brainstorm ideas, connect them with other people or resources and fan the flames burning steady in the hearts of the faithful across the diocese,” Leedom says.

Dr. Burgwald agrees, saying the reason his job exists is to help parishes deepen the faith of their adults. He stands ready to help.

“Whether it’s by coming to offer a workshop, a retreat or a mission, or by offering any guidance or recommendations that I might have to offer, I am more than happy to help,” he says. “I want to do whatever I can to help people grow in their knowledge and love of God and to experience the difference that makes in their lives.”

The real differences adult faith formation makes are profound and felt by more than just the adults involved. That formation benefits the whole church.

## **Fruitful outpourings of adult formation**

Remember the trickle down impact mentioned earlier? Father Rutten has seen it firsthand in the kids of his parishes. When the adults step up and really commit to learning about their faith, the kids respond because they realize nobody makes the adults come. They come because they want something more.

“Now the parents are living this faith and they share with their children what it is that’s important, not just intellectually, but in the way they live their life,” Father Rutten says. “The children can look up and see their parents are going to things and are part

of things and they’re asking questions and getting answers, and they really are just learning that this is something that’s important.”

Baumberger saw the same thing. Those kids wanted more from their faith as they became adults. Many of them became involved in Newman Centers at their college campuses. If they stayed in their hometown or returned after college, they asked to become involved with faith formation in their parishes.

When both the adults and youth are growing in their relationship to the Lord in a parish, Father Rutten says you’ll begin to see real changes occur. The parish becomes a community, a family.

“The biggest thing I saw in the six years I was at Immaculate Conception was a real vibrancy in the understanding of what it means to have Catholic faith, how it’s lived, how it’s nurtured, how it’s shared,” he said.

Baumberger has learned it takes time and work to grow in our Catholic faith. She takes advantage of several programs personally, including the Equip program lead by Dr. Burgwald. Equip is a three-year program focused on creating evangelists for the Church. It’s made a huge difference in Baumberger’s faith life and pushes her to do more for her church as a whole.

“It’s why I need to give more of my time and my energy. Because I see Christ alive. I feel Him in a new way through the Equip program, through the friendships that I’ve made at the diocese, through the programs that I’ve been able to offer. They’re life changing,” Baumberger says.

“It never has interested me to just put a program together for no reason. And I know that with the support through the diocese, they’re not just programs. They’re not just events. They’re life changing. And I’ve experienced that firsthand.”

These programs don’t only change those who attend them. They have enormous impact on those who create them and assist in making them happen.

“My work is an outpouring of what God is doing in my life,” Leedom says. “I’ve encountered something deeply profound that has illuminated every aspect of my life and has enhanced my vision of the world, myself, my marriage and my family.”

“I know the difference that a deep relationship with God can make from my own experience and from the experience of countless other Catholics across our diocese,” Dr. Burgwald says, “and it’s a joy for me to be able to help others experience the transformation that comes from a life lived in communion with our Lord.”

*“The work we do is our battle cry in the fight for souls for the kingdom of heaven, and CFSA is a sword in the hands of many individuals who are rising up.”*

*-Emily Leedom*





*Women across the diocese gathered together for the "Beloved" Catholic Women's Conference. (Photo by Kevin Fitzgibbons)*

### **Sharing our gifts makes a difference**

All of us have gifts to be shared. Father Rutten says we often fail to recognize our own gifts and therefore never share them. Maybe our gift comes so naturally to us we don't consider it anything special at all. But God gave something to each of us with the expectation we will use our gift to grow His kingdom.

Father Rutten has seen when people share their gifts they see them in a different way and want to share them over and over. But how do we know for sure we're doing what God wants us to do? Father Rutten says we must ask.

"Just ask the Lord 'What do you want?' I've found the average person doesn't believe that if they really sit down and say, 'Lord what do you want from me?' that there'll be a response back," Father Rutten says. "But what I've discovered is when people do it, when people really take me seriously and ask the question, something is placed upon their heart.

"And in that moment they have to make a choice. They have to choose to trust that whatever it was that was placed on their heart really came from the one that created them, the one that knows them, and the one that understands them."

He says the answer placed on our hearts in that moment often will challenge us and pull us into a place where we have to trust Him. It might not be about giving more money. It might be to answer a call to help with a program.

"Sometimes it's the willingness to call your pastor and say, you keep asking for someone to help with this program. And I think it's me. Can I help you?"

The gifts we're given by God are really His gifts. We act as stewards of those gifts which means we have to trust Him enough to be willing to give them to others because, as Baumberger says, our faith was never meant to be done alone. She has seen how God multiplies our gifts and uses them to create community. God asks us to give our very best for Him.

"He wasn't asking that because He needed them. He knew that we were the ones who needed it," Baumberger says. "We need to

give our best to Him because that's when He can fill us with the most grace. When you become a part of the CFSA sharing, it's us giving back to God and His Church. And His Church is not a building; it's people."

Dylan and Marissa love knowing that their financial gifts to Catholic Family Sharing Appeal, no matter how large or small, impact so many others in the diocese. But they also know the gifts of time and spiritual support are important as well. They have been offering their time by helping with a pilot of a new marriage preparation program for the diocese.

"A true gift is not given without some form of sacrifice, whether it's financial or emotional, through your time or within your prayers," says Marissa.

Dr. Burgwald says giving to CFSA is a tangible way to help evangelize in today's world.

"God has called all of us to be His own beloved sons and daughters, and He also asks us to share that powerful, beautiful truth with others. Through the generosity of the people of the diocese to CFSA, we have been able to both spread that good news and help other Catholics share that news with others."



*Emily Leedom speaking at a women's retreat and brunch at St. Therese Parish, Sioux Falls.*

## Even small gifts have huge impact

Father Rutten is grateful for every contribution to CFSA, whether it's prayers or financial support large and small. He wants us to understand the impact we have.

"The thing I love and hold so dear isn't easily transmitted, and yet through so many of the resources, through so many people, through so many different things, I've seen it transmitted," he says. "Not because I did it, but because I was able to put people in touch with other people. I just hope people can see it, that they can see a life changed, a faith that's been deepened, a renewed hope in a church that really is about hope."

Baumberger knows sometimes the gift hurts, and she feels like thank you isn't enough to say to the giver.

"I know it changes lives. I've experienced it firsthand," she says. "I've seen it in those I've worked with from the youth all the way to the adults. I've been able to see families get stronger and to see people believe in themselves more. It's not just money. It's an opportunity for growth. And so when I say thank you, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Dylan reminds us that the amount isn't the important thing. It's the impact that matters.

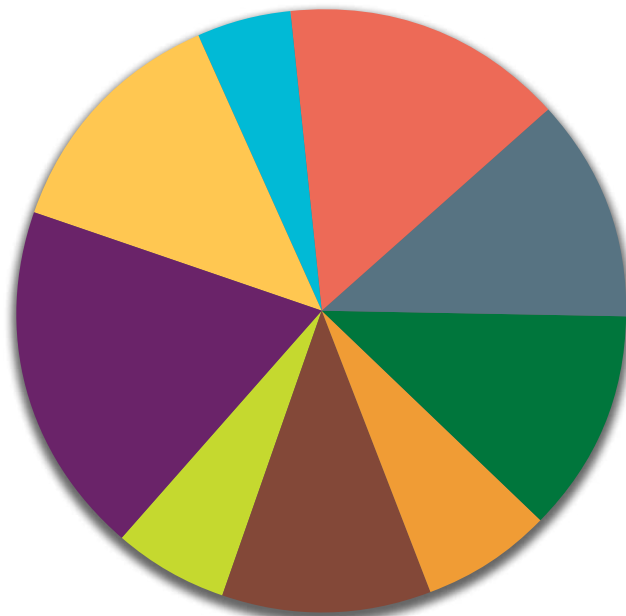
"We're not judged by the amount we give, but there are very few times when our gifts are able to do so much good for so many in our own communities," he says.

And those who toil behind the scenes probably see it best. These gifts are critical help in an age when help is desperately needed.

"In a time of many trials in the Church, Bishop Robert Barron recently challenged us to 'stay and fight,' Leedom says. "The work we do is our battle cry in the fight for souls for the kingdom of heaven, and CFSA is a sword in the hands of many individuals who are rising up. For me, it has been a tool to think bigger, fight harder, trust deeper and rejoice louder in what God is doing in this diocese."

Take Father Rutten's words to heart. Ask the Lord, "What do you want from me?" Wait for His answer and then take action. Your prayers and your gifts continue to bless our diocese in ways you can't even imagine.

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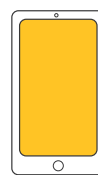
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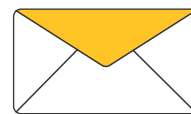
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Arlington	St. John Parish	\$8,400
Armour	St. Paul the Apostle Parish	\$24,400
Artesian	St. Charles Parish	\$3,700
Beresford	St. Teresa of Avila Parish	\$22,800
Big Bend	St. Catherine Parish	\$200
Big Stone City	St. Charles Parish	\$12,400
Bowdle	St. Augustine Parish	\$13,000
Brandon	Risen Savior Parish	\$97,400
Bridgewater	St. Stephen Parish	\$12,400
Britton	St. John de Britto Parish	\$17,500
Brookings	St. Thomas More Parish	\$134,000
Bryant	St. Mary Parish	\$6,700
Canton	St. Dominic Parish	\$21,000
Castlewood	St. John Parish	\$11,700
Centerville	Good Shepherd Parish	\$9,000
Chamberlain	St. James Parish	\$31,200
Clark	St. Michael Parish	\$15,200
Clear Lake	St. Mary	\$17,700
Colman	St. Peter Parish	\$17,300
Dakota Dunes	St. Teresa of Calcutta	\$31,800
Dante	Assumption Parish	\$14,800
Dell Rapids	St. Mary Parish	\$66,000
DeSmet	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	\$15,600
Dimock	SS Peter & Paul Parish	\$19,800
Eden	Sacred Heart Parish	\$17,500
Elk Point	St. Joseph Parish	\$30,700
Elkton	Our Lady of Good Counsel	\$21,700
Emery	St. Martin Parish	\$15,000
Epiphany	Parish of the Epiphany	\$13,000
Estelline	St. Francis de Sales Parish	\$8,500
Eureka	St. Joseph Parish	\$7,800
Faulkton	St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	\$31,000
Flandreau	SS Simon & Jude Parish	\$30,000
Florence	Blessed Sacrament Parish	\$11,500
Fort Thompson	St. Joseph Parish	\$700
Garretson	St. Rose of Lima Parish	\$22,300
Gary	St. Peter Parish	\$7,300
Geddes	St. Ann Parish	\$11,300
Gettysburg	Sacred Heart Parish	\$31,800
Grenville	St. Joseph Parish	\$9,100
Groton	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	\$24,200
Harrisburg	St. John Paul II	\$20,000
Hartford	St. George Parish	\$56,600
Henry	St. Henry Parish	\$9,550
Herreid	St. Michael Parish	\$14,000
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Hoven	St. Anthony Parish	\$30,000
Howard	St. Agatha Parish	\$21,000
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▼ CITY	PARISH	PLEDGE
Lennox	St. Magdalen Parish	\$17,000
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Parkston	Sacred Heart Parish	\$45,000
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Platte	St. Peter Parish	\$17,800
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Ramona	St. William Parish	\$10,300
Redfield	St. Bernard Parish	\$46,000
Reville	Annunciation Parish	\$6,000
Roscoe	St. Thomas Parish	\$12,500
Rosholt	St. John the Baptist Parish	\$15,100
Salem	St. Mary Parish	\$40,700
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Selby	St. Anthony Parish	\$10,000
Sioux Falls	Cathedral of St. Joseph	\$110,000
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Sioux Falls	St. Mary Parish	\$150,000
Sioux Falls	St. Therese Parish	\$50,500
Sioux Falls - OLG	Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$9,000
Sisseton	St. Peter Parish	\$32,600
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Springfield	St. Vincent Parish	\$9,000
Stephan	Immaculate Conception Parish	\$1,200
Stickney	St. Mary Parish	\$7,500
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Turton	St. Joseph Parish	\$14,500
Tyndall	St. Leo Parish	\$29,000
Vermillion	St. Agnes Parish	\$52,000
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Watertown	Holy Name Parish	\$101,500
Watertown	Immaculate Conception Parish	\$95,000
Waubay	Immaculate Conception Parish	\$10,350
Webster	Christ the King Parish	\$34,000
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White Lake	St. Peter Parish	\$17,500
Woonsocket	St. Wilfrid Church	\$15,000
Yankton	Sacred Heart Parish	\$108,000
Yankton	St. Benedict Parish	\$82,700

# Advent Baby Shower donations help fill needs



Donations for Advent Baby Shower poured in from parishes and Catholic schools across the diocese. All kinds of baby items are collected during Advent each year and distributed throughout the year to families who need them through parishes, Birthright, Avera, the Teddy Bear Den, the 211 Hotline, and to walk-ins at the Chancery. Above: Volunteers from Risen Savior Parish, Brandon, drop off donations. Left: A volunteer prepares bundles to be delivered to Birthright. (Photos by Renae Kranz)



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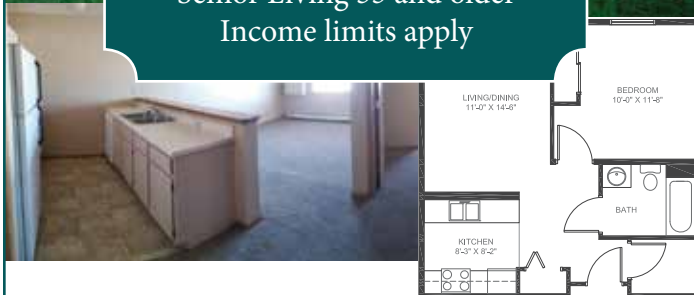
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The concert was headlined by tenor Scott Piper and soprano Jackie Stressman (pictured right), and conducted by Dan Goeller. The Christmas at the Cathedral Orchestra and Choir accompanied the performance.

The Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota, who sponsors the concert each year, hosted a dinner and special concert the day before the regular performances for nearly 300 guests of the BDHH, St. Francis House, The Banquet, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, immigrant families, and families from Harmony, South Dakota. That concert was followed by a cookie reception. (Photos by Ellen Keena, Catholic Community Foundation of Eastern South Dakota)



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*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, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested.*

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**March 17: St. Cardinal Newman and  
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# Around the diocese




Above: Seminarians from our diocese (Deacons Anthony Klein, center, and Michael Kapperman, right) meet Pope Francis during the Ad Limina visit in Rome as Bishop-elect Donald DeGrood watches from behind. (Photo from Vatican Media) Right: Young people were moved by the music during the RESTART event. Keynote speaker was Fr. Larry Richards and Sonar Worship and Silver Valley performed for over 700 attendees.



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**ABERDEEN** – Ron and Jo Ann Hinman will celebrate their 30th anniversary on February 10. They have 12 children (3 deceased), 25 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**ABERDEEN** – Roger and Cathy Feickert will celebrate their 45th anniversary on February 22. They have 2 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**CHAMBERLAIN** – Greg and Diane Miller will celebrate their 50th anniversary on February 21. They have 3 children, 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. James Parish.



**DELL RAPIDS** – Tim and Sharon Schoepp will celebrate their 25th anniversary on February 11. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**GRENVILLE** – Gerald and Darlene Lesnar will celebrate their 50th anniversary on February 7. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



**GROTON** – Lee and Jennifer Thompson will celebrate their 25th anniversary on February 24. They have 2 children and are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.



**MADISON** – Roger and Sharon Husman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on February 7. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



**MITCHELL** – Fred and Lucille Geisler celebrated their 70th anniversary on January 10. They have 6 children, 23 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 53 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Holy Family Parish.



**PARKSTON** – Roy and JoAnn Weisz will celebrate their 50th anniversary on February 9. They have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Milton and Helen Ellis will celebrate their 60th anniversary on February 20. They have 6 children (2 deceased), 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.

## ANNIVERSARY SUBMISSIONS

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**SIOUX FALLS** – Bob and Mary Thoen celebrated their 50th anniversary on January 23. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**TYNDALL** – Wayne and Arlo Schuurmans will celebrate their 68th anniversary on February 25. They have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Leo the Great Parish.



**VERMILLION** – John and Barbara Bernard will celebrate their 70th anniversary on February 14. They have 5 children, 7 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild and are members of St. Agnes Parish.



**WAGNER** – Leo and Betty Soukup will celebrate their 55th anniversary on February 6. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.

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# Fr. Paul Pathiyamoola dies

Father Paul Pathiyamoola, 79, died January 16 at his native home in Pallippuram, Kerala state (India).

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated January 18 in Pallippuram, and a memorial Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swain Feb. 5 at noon at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls.

Father Pathiyamoola attended seminary at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur, and was ordained in 1970, for the Diocese of Jabalpur. His first 23 years of priesthood were served in the missions. While on sabbatical in New York in 1993, Father Paul found relief from allergies and a love for Americans.

With the permission of his local bishop, he fulfilled assignments in the Dioceses of Brooklyn (NY) and Rapid City. In 1995, he was assigned by Bishop Carlson to the

Diocese of Sioux Falls. Father Pathiyamoola would later become an incardinated priest of the diocese.



From 1995 until his retirement from assigned ministry in 2013, Father Pathiyamoola served at St. Paul Parish (Armour), Immaculate Conception Parish (Watertown), Sacred Heart Parish (Eden), St. Joseph Parish (Lakeville), St. Joseph Parish (Grenville), St. Michael Parish (Herried), St. Joseph Parish (Eureka), St. Anthony Parish (Selby), St. Michael Parish (Sioux Falls), St. Dominic Parish (Canton), St. Edward Parish (Worthing), and St. Magdalene Parish (Lennox). Upon retiring, he resided at St. Martin Parish (Emery) until his move back to India in August 2019.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Addiction/overdose grief program

Catholic Family Services is introducing a new grief program to help families dealing with the death of a loved one from addiction and overdose. It's meant to be a safe place where families can explore and share their feelings about this painful loss.

Grief counselor Janell Christenson created the program because she saw a need in the community since no program like this exists in the area. She says society is just beginning to understand more about mental illness, but addiction and overdose are still poorly understood, and a significant bias exists about those who are addicted.

"How people die is very significant to how their families grieve," Christenson says. "We can talk about our loved one who dies of cancer or Alzheimer's, but when it's some of these deaths that society has biases about, it's more difficult for loved ones to work through their grief."

It can also become difficult because there is much anger and guilt. Family members may have had an argument with the loved one just before they died, or they may feel guilty for not forcing them into treatment. They may also be angry at each other and therefore have no one to turn to.

"I don't want people to get stuck in their grief, because that can happen, especially when society has a bias about it. It's more of a journey to get through that, and I want people to get through it with good information," she says.

This program starts February 25. See more details in the Diocesan Events on page 23.



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**Recitation of the rosary planned**

**Friday, Feb. 7** - The rosary is recited for the faithful departed on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

**Koinonia Retreat set**

**Feb. 21-23** - Holy Cross Parish, Ipswich, will host their annual Koinonia Retreat. If you are interested in attending or want more information, contact Cheryl Vogel at 605-426-6309.

**Seminar series at St. Therese Parish**

**Thursday, Feb. 27** - St. Therese Parish, Sioux Falls, is hosting a seminar series, "Created in His Image and Likeness: Living the Christian Life in the 21st Century," to discuss how we can care for the least of our brothers. February's seminar will be "The challenges of transition from homelessness to hope" led by Julie Becker, executive director of St. Francis House, beginning at 7 p.m. at St. Therese Parish, 901 N. Tahoe, Sioux Falls. Free admission.

**Trivia Night at St. Michael, Sioux Falls**

**Saturday, Feb. 29** - Trivia Night to raise funds for mission trips to Guatemala. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at parish office. Contact Rhonda at 605-361-1600 with questions.

**Day of centering prayer planned**

**Saturday, Feb. 29** - Centering Prayer...Meeting God Within Me. If you have a hunger for God and are looking for new ways to discover God's love for you, this day may be helpful. Held at St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. No previous experience needed. Facilitated by Deacon Dennis Davis and Irene Chang. To register, call Sylvia at 605-362-8398. Donation.

**Search for Christian Maturity retreat set**

**Mar. 6-8** - Held at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, the retreat is a student led program featuring talks, skits, music, opportunities for confession, and celebration of Mass. A priest serves as spiritual director for the weekend. High school and college age students and adults are welcome. Contact 605-371-1478, SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com or [www.siouxfallssearch.org](http://www.siouxfallssearch.org) for information.

**Mother of God Monastery****Upcoming Events**

**"God in My Paintbrush"** March 7, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. No experience necessary.

**"Spring Retreat: New Life in the Paschal Mystery"** March 13, 7-8:30 p.m. and March 14, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Cost of \$75 includes room and board.

**"Call of the Soul"** March 27, 7-8:30 p.m. and March 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost of \$75 includes room and board. To register, contact Sr. Emily Meisel at 605-886-4181 or visit [watertownbenedictines.org](http://watertownbenedictines.org).

**Parish Dinners/Socials**

**Feb. 23:** St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, dinner and bazaar, Sunday serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy broasted chicken, mac and cheese, potatoes, corn, salad and desserts. Raffle, kids games and bingo. Cost is \$11 for 6th grade-adult, \$5 for preschool-5th grade, and children 3 and under are free.

**March 8:** Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany, will host its annual sausage supper in the parish hall. Serving whole hog sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, kraut, baked beans, salad and cake from 3-7 p.m. Ages 12 and older are \$10. Ages 6-11 are \$5. Preschool and younger are free.

**April 19:** St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls, will host a turkey dinner Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Take-out meals available from 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids 4-11. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time for \$8 at the church office after weekend Masses on March 28 and 29 and April 4 and 5, and after the Saturday, 4 p.m. Mass on April 18. Call Judy for extra tickets at 339-1035.

**Sacred Heart Monastery**

**Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center,** Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the Feb. 15 session, contact S. Doris Oberemba at [doberemba@mtmc.edu](mailto:doberemba@mtmc.edu) or call 605-668-6292.

**Lenten Retreat/**Feb. 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon. You are invited to a morning of reflection on God's merciful invitations during this sacred season.

**Lenten Scripture study series/begins** March 4, Wednesday morning on the Beatitudes and evening (topic TBA). More information to come.

**Spiritual Direction Ministry Formation** Benedictine Peace Center offers formation for those discerning a call to be a spiritual director. Guided independent study complemented by two-day residencies permits flexibility with your schedule. E-mail us at [benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org), or call (605) 668-6292.

**Catholic Family Services**

**Feb. 29/Rachel's Vineyard** one day retreat. Strictly confidential. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to men, women, mothers, fathers, or grandparents who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services. For more information, call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org).

**Feb. 25-Mar. 31/Grieving the loss of a child** program. Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This program is for adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. The program is designed to be educational and will offer positive suggestions to help people to survive and learn to live fully again. Non-denominational. Cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

**Feb. 25-Mar. 31/New Program:** Grieving a loss from overdose and addiction program. A six-week program directed by Janell Christenson held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 at Catholic Family Service, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. A program for families who have lost a loved one from overdose and addiction. The suddenness of death, the complexities of addiction, the confusion and the painful reactions are significant topics of the program. This is a time when professional support is needed. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

**April 4/Grieving the loss of a loved one.** One day non-denominational retreat for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. Saturday at the Catholic Family Services office at 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran and staff. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org) for more information or to register. Registrations limited.

**Presentation Sisters**

**Feb. 22/Women's Lenten Retreat.** Saturday at St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Presenter is Nicole Phillips from Aberdeen. Brunch is included. Registration fee is \$15 and scholarships are available. Contact Barb Grosz at 605-229-8391 or [bgrosz@presentationsisters.org](mailto:bgrosz@presentationsisters.org) for more information or to register.



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