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# THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN



## OPENING THE GATE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



*After the Magi had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise and take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him. (Mt 2:13)*

**As we enter a new calendar year with a new Congress, President and State Legislature the issues of immigration, refugees and victims of persecution will be prominently discussed.**

This is in part because of the failure of the current federal immigration laws and regulations to halt illegal immigration and the resulting economic, social and fiscal impact this has had on so many individuals and governments. Also of concern is the violence along our nation's borders that has been perpetrated by criminals who respect neither law nor persons.

Especially worrisome is the horror of human trafficking which destroys the lives of so many children. In addition are the civil wars, religious persecutions and poverty seemingly all over the world which lead so many innocent persons to despair. Likely between the time I write this and you read it more human induced destruction of persons and property will have happened. God rest the souls of those caught in the middle of such evil.

These issues are complex because of the often conflicting moral, economic, social, cultural, regulatory, law enforcement and humanitarian factors. Therefore they should be approached carefully, thoughtfully and in realistic contexts. The Church seeks to offer helpful assistance to governments and a moral voice for the vulnerable in response to this political and personal chaos. An example is National Migration Week from January 8-14. For information visit [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org).

It is inviting to discuss these issues in generalities and impersonally. The fact however is that every immigrant or refugee or victim of persecution is a person gifted by God with life and deserving of being treated with dignity. Further, every

immigrant, refugee and victim is born of a family whose bonds stretch across borders and citizenships.

The histories of our state and diocese are filled with heroic stories of those who came from many countries often refugees from religious persecution or as the result of lack of economic opportunities. Many endured significant sacrifice and hardship, but with faith in God and by living Gospel values, they persevered, raised families and helped build the American economy, especially in agriculture, health care and education. We are the beneficiaries of their faith filled efforts.

We also recall that Catholics emigrating from other countries were not always welcomed including here in South Dakota. "No Catholics" was a common sign displayed. That history should make us even more sensitive to the impact of our words and actions and those of our government at all levels who speak in our name.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded us of that history when he visited the United States several years ago. He encouraged us "to continue to welcome the immigrants who join your ranks today, to share their joys and hopes, to support them in sorrow and trials, and to help them flourish in their new home. This, indeed, is what your fellow countrymen have done for generations. From the beginning, they have opened their doors to the tired, the poor, the 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' These are the people whom America has made her own."

Most people would agree with that intention. Most would also agree that the current immigration system, both the laws that guide who and under what circumstances one can enter the country, and the enforcement of those laws, are not working well enough and in many ways are discriminatory. Comprehensive change is necessary.

The Catholic Bishops in the United States have identified five principles by which to assess public policy and proposals in this complex area. They include:

- People ought to be able to live in safety and provide for themselves and their families in their homeland; widespread poverty and violence too often make this



not possible and should be addressed;

- People have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families when they are unable to find work and therefore are unable to support their families at home or are subject to risk of life from the violent subculture;

- Countries have the right and duty to protect and control their borders for the common good;

- Legitimate refugees and asylum seekers escaping violence and persecution should be afforded protection and assistance;

- The human rights and the dignity of all persons including undocumented immigrants, refugees and victims should be respected.

Archbishop Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, Vice President of the US Bishops Conference, when he chaired the Bishops Committee on Migration testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. He said in part:

“The U.S. Bishops accept the legitimate role of the U.S. government in intercepting unauthorized migrants who attempt to travel in the United States. The U.S. Bishops also believe that by increas-

ing lawful means for migrants to enter, live and work in the United States, law enforcement will be better able to focus upon those who threaten public safety: drug and human traffickers, smugglers, and would-be terrorists. It is our view that comprehensive immigration reform would help restore the rule of law by replacing unauthorized migration flows with meaningful and adequate legal avenues for migration, compatible with both our future labor needs and our ongoing prioritization of family reunification.”

Saint John Paul II reminded us: “The fact that he is a citizen of a particular state does not deprive him of membership to the human family, nor of citizenship in the universal society, the common world-wide fellowship of men.”

I am confident that together as one family under God, we can address with charity and justice the complex issues of immigration, refugees and victims of persecution in ways that protect the rights of all persons and assure the security of our country.

May St. Joseph, who protected our Lord when he as a refugee, an immigrant and a subject of persecution intercede for our country, our leaders, our families and all who are vulnerable.

## Prayer for the Diocese of Sioux Falls

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

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

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

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

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

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

We pray this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## SCHEDULE

### January

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|------|-------|--|
| 1    | 11:00 | Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls                                       |
| 5    | 5:00  | Shepherd's Voice LIVE, LAMB Catholic Radio, Sioux Falls  |
| 6    |       | Chancery Staff Christmas Party; Catholic Pastoral Center closed for afternoon  |
| 7-13 |       | Retreat, Bishops of Region VIII Province, Florida  |
| 14   | 4:00  | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls   |
| 15   | 1:30  | Confirmation, Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls  |
| 17   | 12:00 | Pray at Planned Parenthood   |
| 21   | 4:00  | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls   |
| 22   | 1:30  | Confirmation, REACH, Christ the King Parish, St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 25   | 12:00 | Diocesan Investment Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls   |
|      | 12:50 | Bless buses going to the March for Life in DC, Cathedral of Saint Joseph parking lot, Sioux Falls                          |
| 28   | 4:00  | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls   |
| 29   | 1:30  | Confirmation, St. Michael Parish at Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls   |

Jan 29–Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week

### February

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| 1 | 1:30  | Mass, Aberdeen Catholic Schools  |
| 2 | 5:00  | Shepherd's Voice LIVE, LAMB Catholic Radio, Sioux Falls                |
| 3 | 10:00 | Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Mass, Augustana Elmen Center, Sioux Falls |
|   | 1:45  | St. Mary School Mass, Dell Rapids                                      |
| 4 | 4:00  | Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls                 |
| 5 | 11:00 | Confirmation, St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls                             |



## It is your life, and no one else's...

**F**or the last four months, I have been reflecting on the five regrets often felt by those who are dying as they have been identified by hospice nurses.

The first regret is: "I wish I had let myself be happier."

The second is: "I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends."

The third is: "I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings."

The fourth is: "I wish I hadn't worked so hard."

And the fifth regret is: "I wish I had the courage to live my life, instead of the one others expected of me."

I know that as children our parents worked hard and long to help us develop the skills needed to be productive and honorable members of society; we are taught how to behave and how to interact with others, we are taught how to follow the rules and to control our emotions.

All of this is good and necessary. Yet, at some point, we go beyond that; we begin to internalize the behavior. We accept the rewards of behaving as we are expected and fear the punishment for not behaving that way. We begin to allow the expectations of others to determine how we live.

This is not always a bad thing, but it sure can become one quickly. People expect us to behave in a certain way, and we feel obligated to do so, regardless of how we feel or what we are experiencing.

We fit in, but somehow lose ourselves in doing so.

The pressures of the society around us begins to mold and form our understanding of how we are supposed to behave in order to be a man, or a woman, in the world. If we diverge from the norm, we learn to hide it, repress it, and love ourselves in doing so.

My closest friends know something about me that most people are usually shocked to hear when I tell them. On the personality scale, I register as an extreme introvert. When I tell people this, and they are surprised, I remind them that being an introvert is more than just being "shy," it is about what I need in order to reenergize and renew. That involves alone time, and quiet time.

A while ago I read a book about being an introvert and it had a section concerning the

guilt that an introvert feels. Most introverts enjoy social gatherings, to a degree, but we all find them exhausting, and sometimes we just don't have the energy needed to "be social." Even though we may wish to politely decline an invitation, expectations prevent us from being honest.

We feel guilty not meeting the expectation of others, and so we accept the invitation, often to the detriment of our emotional health.

Meeting the expectations of others also becomes the source of our endless busy-ness, our running from one thing to another. If we don't have the time to stop every so often and spend time with the Lord in prayer, if we don't have the time to get to Mass on Sunday because there are too many needs and demands on our time and attention, then we need to stop and ask whose life we are living anyway?

Those who are in hospice, who have a short time left to live their lives, have a powerful insight into what really matters. They have a lesson to teach. Of the five regrets we have been reflecting upon these last months, I find this one the saddest.

Yes, sometimes people will be disappointed if their expectations are not met, and sometimes people who barely know us will be upset because we do not always act as they presume someone in our occupation or vocation should act. That is the price we will sometimes have to pay to be true to ourselves, the benefit is freedom to be and to live.

This matters, of course, because the life we have been given is a gift, and a singular gift at that. It is your life, no one else's, given by the God who loves you. It was given that you might bring the gift and blessing of that life to the world. Therefore it is for us to embrace and live that life.

To do that takes time, and awareness, and courage. The time needed to stop and reflect and be open to the life God gives; the awareness of what we are feeling, what our needs and desires may be, what bring us joy and meaning; and then the courage to live it.

If we do this, we may find that people will appreciate our honesty, respect the gift of our diversity and love us even more, at least we will be more open to receiving and reciprocating that love honestly. We will also find our very lives give glory to God who sent His Son for a beautiful purpose, to set us free.

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10: 9-10)



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**Bishop Paul J. Swain (center, on the left) during the celebration of Mass and institution of the diocesan candidates for the permanent diaconate as lectors at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Dr. Glenn Ridder, kneels before the bishop during the liturgy. Other candidates in the current class are Thane Barnier, Maurice Barrett, Todd Cloos and Timothy Dicks. (Photo courtesy, Deacon Roger Heidt, Diocese of Sioux Falls)**



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# OPENING THE GATE

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A precious baby being held by parents and godparents is the sweet image which most likely comes to mind when you think about baptism.

But the true image of baptism is much more radical than that; it is our rebirth as Christians and it opens the gate to all the other sacraments and to faith itself.

Since most Christians are baptized as babies, we tend not to think all that much about this profound reality.

“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: ‘Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.’” Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213

“Perhaps because baptism today is such a relatively common thing, we’ve lost sight of how truly remarkable and powerful it really is,” said Dr. Christopher Burgwald, Adult Discipleship and Evangelization director for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

“When someone is baptized - whether as a little baby or an eighty-year old adult or somewhere in between - they truly become a son or daughter of Almighty God. That’s not just an image or a metaphor, that’s the reality. Yes, it may be hidden from our physical eyes, but the truth is, we come to share in God’s own life at the moment of baptism.”

“We truly - truly! - are part of God’s own family at that moment,” he said.

The Catechism further describes the radical nature and action of baptism: “This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek *baptizein*) means to “plunge” or “immerse”; the “plunge” into the water symbolizes the catechumen’s burial into Christ’s death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as “a new creature.” CCC 1214



*Pope Francis makes the Sign of the Cross after praying as he visits Bethany Beyond the Jordan, believed to be where Jesus was baptized, southwest of Amman. (CNS photo/Paul Haring) (May 24, 2014)*

Baptism played a central role in the preaching and teaching of John the Baptist, Jesus frequently referenced baptism in his ministry and from the day of Pentecost, the Church has celebrated and administered baptism.

To become a Christian, baptism is a requirement. But it is open to anyone who has not already been baptized. Even Christ submitted himself to baptism, which we celebrate in the liturgical calendar this year on January 9.

The catechism explains why Jesus' baptism was important:

“All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his

apostles: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

“Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to “fulfill all righteousness.” Jesus’ gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his “beloved Son.”

“In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a “Baptism” with which he had to be baptized. The blood and water that



flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life. From then on, it is possible “to be born of water and the Spirit” in order to enter the Kingdom of God. CCC 1223-1225

The emphasis on the power and need for baptism becomes evident when approaching and preparing for any other sacrament. Almost always the first question is to verify that indeed a person has been baptized.

Perhaps knowing of our forgetfulness about our baptism, there are a variety of ways the Church seeks to remind us. For example, every time we enter a church or chapel or even our home, and dip our hand in to the holy water font and then make the sign of the cross, we do so to remember our baptism.

“Because while baptism happens once (and only once) in our lives, we are called to continually live it out and to grow in it: to mature as sons and daughters of the Father and siblings of His Son, Jesus; to grow in love of God and neighbor; to grow in our knowledge, living and sharing of His truths,” said Burgwald. “All of these things flow from our baptism, both the powers and responsibilities which it gave, and hence we need to be reminded of both on occasion.”

Back to the image of the sweet baby: we see the precious child and with faith we know that this powerful action of God is happening in the sacrament even though we can’t see it. That’s why, as with any sacrament, the symbols (the matter) used are important.

“Like the rest of the sacraments, baptism uses sensible things – words and objects - to not only symbolize invisible realities, but to actually give those realities - God’s own divine life and power - to us,” Burgwald said.

“This is a deeply biblical principle: as we read in the very first book of the Bible, God created everything, and when He created it, it was all good. The Original Sin of Adam and Eve has marred that goodness, but sin did not and cannot completely remove the goodness

*Writing this story about baptism and Dr. Burgwald’s reference to our interconnectedness reminded me of a privileged baptism story I experienced a couple of years ago.*

*I’m blessed to have several generations of ancestors buried in cemeteries in northwest Iowa and southeastern South Dakota, including my great grandparents, Boniface and Magdalena Gebhart. They are buried at St. Mary Cemetery, Dell Rapids and my siblings and I grew up helping tend to their graves, especially around Memorial Day each year. In the years since my mom’s passing I’ve often placed something at their graves and prayed for them.*

*In the fall of 2014, my wife Jean, my sister JoAnn and her husband Jim and I embarked on what I called the family heritage tour – which took us to a variety of places where ancestors originated, including Silberhausen, Germany.*



*Boniface Gebhart and Magdalena Ziegenfuss were both born there and the photo you see is the baptismal font where they were baptized, Boniface in 1848 and Magdalena in 1853. Their families both came to the United States where they met and married in 1874.*



of creation. So God uses created things to not only help us understand Him and His teachings, but also to save us as well.”

“And because each sacrament includes an element of symbolism, the sensible, created part of it does in fact symbolize what happens. So with baptism, the central ‘thing’ that is used is water, which in ordinary life is both a means of cleansing (when we wash) but also of death (drowning). Thus, it helps teach us the reality of what baptism does: we are cleansed from sin and the old, sinful part of ourselves dies,” said Burgwald, further noting that same is true of the rest of the sacraments as well.

Of course not only is Burgwald a theologian who is able to study and explain these things, he is also a father of five who, along with wife Germaine, has presented each child to be

*There was something powerful about seeing that font in St. Cosmas and Damien Catholic Church in Silberhausen and connecting it to those graves we had been tending to since childhood. In a sense it helps create a faith family tree – tracing it back to the baptism of these particular ancestors.*

*From that font and their baptisms, faith has flowed through multiple generations. In South Dakota alone there are hundreds of descendants living the faith in their parishes, not to mention those who have scattered to all parts of the country and beyond.*

*Now when I visit Boniface and Magdalena’s graves, in addition to praying for them, I offer a prayer of thanks for the gift of their baptism, which indeed has been a gateway, not just to the other sacraments for them, but for all of us down through the generations.*

*Jerry Klein  
Delegate for Communications and  
Social Ministries*



## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

baptized. Does he find himself thinking more theologically than others during the baptism of his children?

"I'll be honest: during the actual event of each of our children's baptisms, my mind was probably more focused on trying to make sure that everyone was where they needed to be, that the older siblings were behaving, and that the one being baptized didn't completely lose it during the baptism," he said.

"But after the fact, I've marveled at the wonder of what happened as the water was being poured and the words said: our little baby, already a great and beautiful gift simply as a child, has become something far more: truly and actually a child of God."

"Who am I that I get to participate in such an awe-inspiring reality? Since then, I've felt both the responsibility but also the gift of participating in the process of each of our children's growth as disciples of Jesus Christ and sons or daughters of His Father," Burgwald said.

In addition to the joy of participating in the baptisms of our own immediate family, being baptized makes us part of the family of Christ.

"Another way to understand baptism is to see that in it, we are joined -- in a mystical but real way -- to Jesus, and as such, to everything He came to be and do," Burgwald said.

"Among many other things, Jesus is the fulfillment of the roles of priest, prophet and king, and because we are joined to Him, we share in those roles ourselves. So, it is because of our baptism that we can offer spiritual sacrifices to God, whether that be our sufferings or simply a prayer of intention for someone. And it's because of our baptism that we can speak truth in love to others, whether to support and encourage them or to help them turn away from a poor decision. And finally, it's because of our baptism that we can truly be servant leaders for those in our lives, according to whatever plan God has for us," he said.

In other words, everyone in our family ancestry who was baptized (*see sidebar story on pg. 9*) and really, anyone ever baptized is part of our

family in Christ.

"Because we are each joined to Him, we are also joined to one another in and through Him. This is the idea of the Mystical Body of Christ: because we are all joined to Jesus, we are all thereby also joined to one another. And that's not just those that are alive on earth, but all those who are alive in Christ as well, whether they be in purgatory or in heaven," said Burgwald.

Of course not everyone is baptized as an infant. In the early days of the Church, because the proclamation of the Gospel was still new, most were baptized as adults. What is now called the catechumenate prepares adults who have not been baptized to be ready.

Today, adult baptisms would most often be those joining the church from either no faith or who are converting from something other than Christianity.

From time to time in the liturgy of the Church we are asked to renew our baptismal commitment -- an especially important moment for those baptized as babies because we are no longer relying on others to speak for us; we can now give our yes.

*Chris and Germaine Burgwald celebrate the sacrament of baptism at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls in 2004.*





*Deacon Bill Kappler had the unique opportunity to work with an adult at Holy Trinity Parish, Huron, who was seeking baptism and whose background had limited exposure to Christianity. Here Deacon Kappler shares the story.*

**B**lay Htoo lived in Burma until the age of six when he, along with his Koran parents fled to Thailand. He studied Buddhism but it was in Thailand that he was first introduced to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

At the age of 20 Blay Htoo came to the United States, leaving behind his parents and four sisters. In New York while taking a course in English, he was introduced to Christianity again when he became friends with a Catholic who invited him to attend a Catholic Church.

Two years later he moved to Huron. He met See See Lyar, a practicing Catholic who would become his wife. After taking marriage classes under the guidance of then pastor Fr. Terry Anderson, they celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Holy Trinity in 2014.

A year later, after the baptism of his daughter Juspna Bay, Blay Htoo began his journey into the Church.

He started RCIA classes and at the suggestion of Fr. Anderson, I began to meet with him and an interpreter, May Ler Paw in April 2016. I looked forward to meeting him each week to study the faith, to pray together and to build a friendship.

I sensed his sincere desire to study the teachings of the Catholic Church. His goal was to learn more about the Bible and Jesus Christ, to be freed from sin, to be holy, and to be able to go to church as a family with his wife and daughter.

While some drift away from the faith after baptism and confirmation, Blay Htoo was freely choosing Christ and his Church. He made a personal commitment on his own to come into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation.

On November 20, 2016, Blay Htoo received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Holy Communion.



When asked what he remembered or what struck him the most the day he became a member of God's family he said, "joy and peace".

I was struck by the reverence and respect in which he received the sacraments. I felt he received them with a childlike trust. Although his parents and sisters remain in Thailand, he now has a much larger family – the Catholic Church.

*Deacon Bill Kappler (top left), See See Lyar, Juspna Bay, Blay Htoo and Father Michael Schneider following Htoo's baptism on November 20, 2016 at Holy Trinity Parish, Huron.*

**W**ith Pope Francis and the recent Synod of Bishops attempting to place marriage and the family at the heart of evangelization, it is an excellent time to consider the ways in which we can strengthen and protect our marriages against the stresses, misunderstandings and conflicts that tend to break them apart. Our diocese facilitates a program called Retrouvaille to assist couples in healing and renewing their marriages and I am blessed to work with that program.

The word Retrouvaille is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program.

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

It is not a retreat, marriage counseling, or a sensitivity group. There are neither group dynamics nor group discussions on the weekend. It is not a time for hurting; it is a time for healing. It is for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those

who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. These latter couples often consider the Retrouvaille program their final option.

During the weekend phase, a team of three couples and a priest give a series of presentations. The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a marriage encounter or marriage seminar although it does have characteristics of each of these and much more. You will, however, be encouraged to put the past behind you and start rediscovering each other.

The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. The team does not provide marriage advice. The team provides practical tools for improving your marriage. They will share how they were able to benefit from these techniques themselves. After each presentation you will have a chance to reflect on it by yourself, then discuss it in complete privacy with your spouse.

The weekend is not a 'miracle cure'; therefore, the post-weekend sessions have been designed to continue the marriage renewal begun on the weekend. The post-weekend phase is as crucial, maybe more critical, to the healing of marriage problems. During the post-weekend sessions, the technique learned on the weekend is further developed and is used to explore additional areas of the marriage relationship.

The next Sioux Falls Retrouvaille will be March 31-April 2. The post-weekend sessions take place on Saturdays. For cases where travel distance is a hardship online post sessions may be an option.



**Deacon Tim Tracy**  
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Respect Life

Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin. Couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome and encouraged to attend. The program is not designed to promote a specific religion. Atheists, agnostics and those of various religions are respected for their beliefs and encouraged to attend for the benefit of their marriage. No attempt is made to convert anyone to a religion. Saving a marriage is our focus. The ultimate goal of Retrouvaille is solely to help save marriages.

The program operates on donations to help cover the cost of the program. This one donation covers all the expenses of the weekend and the post-weekend sessions. Weekend lodging, meals and materials are all covered by this single donation. A registration fee is required when you register for the program to confirm your accommodations. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged. No couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because of lack of funds.

Do you know someone that might benefit? Call the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at (605)988-3755 or [www.retrouvaille.org/contactus.php](http://www.retrouvaille.org/contactus.php). All contacts are held in the strictest confidence.



# Retrouvaille



# 20th Annual "Christmas at the Cathedral" concerts set tone for the season

Local  
CHURCH



Tenor Scott Piper and soprano Marni Raab perform during the 2016 Christmas at the Cathedral Concerts at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Above right, the Christmas at the Cathedral Choir sings at this year's concerts. This year's theme was "Re-Imagine Christmas." Proceeds will benefit the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House ongoing care and maintenance endowments. (Photos by Brian Cooper, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)



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### Pallium Mass for archbishop includes Diocese of Sioux Falls connection



Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda (on the left), of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis stands with Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, during the Pallium Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul as the banner from the Diocese of Sioux Falls is carried in to the cathedral. The pallium is a small vestment used only by archbishops and was conferred upon Archbishop Hebda by Archbishop Pierre during the Mass. The pallium signifies an archbishop's special relationship with the pope and the archbishop's authority over the archdiocese where he serves and the connection to the broader geographical province that includes the states of Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota and dioceses in those states. (Photo by Dave Hrbacek, The Catholic Spirit, St. Paul)

### Pizza with the Priests tour stops at St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls



Sioux Falls Serra Club members Sam Nastase, Tom Marchetti, Joe Kuchta and Kristi Gulbranson recently hosted a luncheon for St. Lambert altar servers, providing them some recreational time with their pastor, Father John Rutten, and a chance to learn more about religious vocation discernment. (Photo courtesy, John Michels, Sioux Falls Serra Club President, Sioux Falls)

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# March for Life pilgrimage seeks to encourage a culture of life and spiritually deepen those traveling from the diocese

## Local CHURCH

The 44th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. is set for January 27 and the Diocese of Sioux Falls will have a group of pilgrims in the nation's capital making a statement in support of the culture of life.

Emily Hoffmann and Eric Gallagher of the Office of Discipleship and Evangelization are working to put together the contingent from east river South Dakota that will attend.

This is the fifth year the diocese has coordinated a trip to the March for Life. People interested going along should act soon to be part of the pilgrimage.

The group will depart from the diocese January 25 following Bishop Paul J. Swain's blessing of the group and their buses.

The group will return to the diocese on Sunday, January 29.

Additional information or signing up can be accomplished by contacting the office of Discipleship and Evangelization at 605-988-3766 or [discipleship@sf-catholic.org](mailto:discipleship@sf-catholic.org), or through parishes.

The bus trip and participation in the march is open to adults and young people. Middle school aged young people can attend as long as a parent attends with them.

The pilgrimage will include participation in the March on January 27 as well as participation in the Catholic Youth Rally and some free time to visit the sites of the nation's capital.

The March is usually held January 22 on the anniversary of the Roe V. Wade decision, but is delayed this year because of the Presidential inauguration on Jan. 20.



Pilgrims who traveled from the Diocese of Sioux Falls to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in past years share that it was a profound experience for them. Another group of pilgrims will travel to the march this month. (2015 file photo courtesy, Office of Discipleship and Evangelization)



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# Catholic Schools Week 2017 provides schools across the diocese the chance to celebrate

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Sioux Falls will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week, January 29-February 4.

Since 1974, Catholic Schools across the United States celebrate the idea of "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." This year, the schools in the Diocese of Sioux Falls emphasize a theme much needed in today's world, "Catholic schools teach peace."

In Luke 1: 77-79, we hear in poetic words "The daybreak from on high (Jesus) will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Director of Catholic Schools for the diocese, Katie Mellor, says, "The purpose of Catholic schools is to impact the entire community with the salvation message of Jesus Christ and to help them reach their potential and fulfill their calling in the kingdom of God. There is no better way to experience God's peace than to know God and serve him to the best of your

ability."

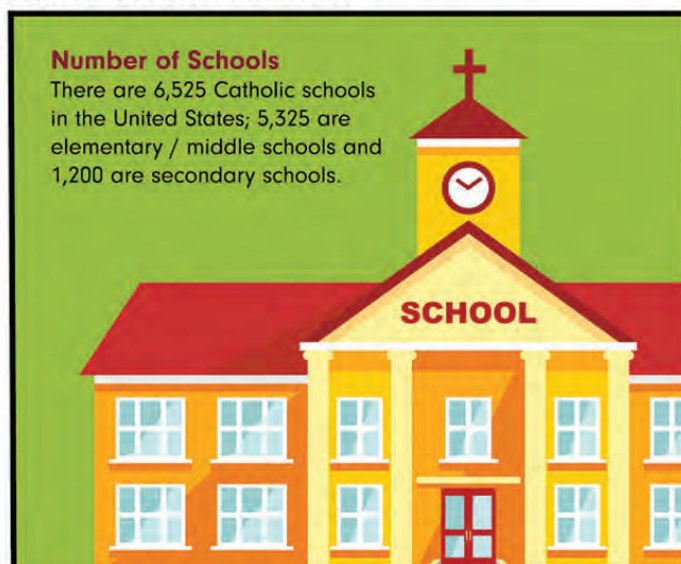
Schools usually celebrate with daily themes. They celebrate the local community with service activities. Special attention is given to recognizing the contributions of faculty, staff and volunteers, the commitment of their parish, the call to discern vocations, the dedication of their families and of course, the students themselves. Mellor remarks, "It's usually a very busy, fun week."

Catholic Schools Week Mass takes on special significance in several communities in the Diocese. In Yankton, Dell Rapids, Aberdeen and Sioux Falls all the Catholic schools in the system join together for Catholic Schools Week Mass.

The largest gathering of schools is in Sioux Falls on February 3, 2017 at the Elmen Center at 10:00 a.m. St Agnes School joins the eight SFCS along with family and friends. You are welcome to worship and rejoice with us by contacting your area Catholic school for Mass times.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2015-2016: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

**23 schools in the Diocese of Sioux Falls**

**18 elementary schools**

**5 junior high schools**

**3 high schools**

## Diocesan Catholic schools raising money through raffle

Students at some of schools in the Diocese of Sioux Falls will soon be selling raffle tickets as part of the Catholic Schools Raffle.

The raffle raises funds for the schools that participate and gives ticket buyers the opportunity to win \$40,000 in prizes, including a 2017 vehicle or cash, vacation packages, cool gadgets and more.

Ten Catholic schools from the diocese and another 81 participating schools from Minnesota and North Dakota keep 100 percent of every ticket sold thanks to raffle sponsor Catholic United Financial.

Participating from the Diocese of Sioux Falls are the Aberdeen Catholic Schools, Aberdeen; St. Lawrence School, Milbank; John Paul II School, Mitchell; Christ the King School, Sioux Falls; St. Lambert School, Sioux Falls; St. Agnes School, Vermillion; Immaculate Conception School, Watertown; and Sacred Heart School, Yankton,

More than 15,500 students from over 80 participating schools in the region are selling tickets through February 26.

The official drawing will be held March 9 at Catholic United Financial's home office in St. Paul, MN.

Last year, participating schools raised a combined total of more than \$1 million in just six weeks.

The money raised has allowed these schools to provide tuition assistance, improve technology and pay for special learning opportunities.

Since 2009, the Catholic Schools Raffle has raised more than \$5 million for Catholic education in the Upper Midwest.



Several of the Catholic schools across the diocese are taking part in the Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle this year. (File photo, courtesy, Catholic United Financial, St. Paul, MN)



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## Students pitch in to help those in need

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Students at St. Katharine Drexel School, Sioux Falls, listened and learned from a story their principal shared with them. After hearing the story of a boy who gave his own toys to another child who had nothing for Christmas, the students at St. Katharine Drexel School wanted to help others and launched a spur-of-the-moment toy drive. The students brought their very gently used toys (some new) to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army and their parish outreach program for families in need. The response and effort overwhelmed the principal. The toys were packaged up and delivered to the aid ministries for distribution before Christmas. (Photo courtesy, St. Katharine Drexel School, Sioux Falls)



## Benedictine sisters host guests during annual holiday fair



The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, recently welcomed and assisted shoppers with their selections of holiday gifts at the Holiday Fair at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. The money from the sale of the food items goes to support the International Sisters' Education Fund. There were dozens of towns in South Dakota represented and people came from Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota to attend. (Photo courtesy, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton)



## Local CHURCH

### ST. MARGARET'S FELLOWSHIP STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON DURING PROGRAM



Third through sixth graders sing as part of the St. Margaret's Fellowship Christmas program. The performance was held at Risen Savior Parish in Brandon. Catherine Billion (bottom, center) and Katelin Stanek (not pictured) lead the music portion of the educational cooperative. The event also featured art and science projects from fellowship students. The St. Margaret's Fellowship group is a Catholic home school group serving families. St. Margaret's Fellowship exists to support the efforts and protect the rights of those providing home education to children according to the magisterial teachings of the Catholic faith. (Photo by Tim Stanek, Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls)

## Pastors gather for Watertown deanery meeting in Clark



St. Michael Parish in Clark recently hosted the Watertown deanery priest gathering. Lunch was provided by parishioners for the meeting. Pictured are (left to right): Father Jerome Ranek; Father Brian Simon; Father Gary DeRouchey; Father Paul Rutten; Father Michael Wensing; and Father Dan Smith. (Photo by Father Melvin Kuhn)

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## BISHOP DUDLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE GETS HOLIDAY BOOST FROM O'GORMAN STUDENTS



The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House received a big boost recently from students at O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls. The students and staff of O'Gorman High School have been gathering items to stuff hundreds of individual stockings for the guests of the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, filling them with basic essentials like shampoo, conditioner, soaps, razors, toothbrushes and paste, wash cloths and sox, hats, gloves, scarves, toys for the kids and small gifts for the teens who call the homeless shelter "home". The students also filled more than 40 large boxes with food and many of the necessary items that the Bishop Dudley House needs to take care of their residents, including kitchen supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, bedding, towels and more. A group of teachers and their families also decorated the homeless shelter for the holidays. To make a donation, volunteer or to learn more about the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, go to [bdhh.org](http://bdhh.org). (Photo courtesy, Sioux Falls Catholic Schools, Sioux Falls)



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### Mount Marty College celebrates the season with Vespers



The 34th annual Christmas Vespers at Mount Marty College were recently celebrated at the Bishop Martin Marty Chapel at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton. This year there were three performances. Dr. Kenneth Tice and the Mount Marty College Music Department performed the vespers. This year the college and its music department teamed up with Samaritan's Feet and the Yankton Homeless Shelter to help make a difference in the lives of the underserved in the area. (Photo courtesy, Mount Marty College, Yankton)

### Bishop blesses new chapel at St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls



Bishop Paul J. Swain recently blessed and dedicated the committal chapel at St. Michael Cemetery, Sioux Falls. While there, the bishop also dedicated a new statue of St. John Paul II. (Photo by, courtesy of Dan Johnson, St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, Sioux Falls)



## Committed in CHRIST



**ABERDEEN** – Randy and Angeline Crawford will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Jan. 8. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**ARMOUR** – Larry and Clairce Kelly will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Jan. 28. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Paul Parish.



**BERESFORD** – Fay and Millie Hendricks celebrated their 67th anniversary on Nov. 19. They have 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



**BERESFORD** – Bruce and Mary Moore will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan. 21. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



**BRANDON** – Roger and Monica Schroeder will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Jan. 11. They have 4 children and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



**MILBANK** – Arlo and Paulette Levisen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan. 27. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



**MITCHELL** – Greg and JoAnn Kappenman will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Jan. 23. They have 1 child, 1 grandchild and are members of Holy Family Parish.



**MITCHELL** – Melvin and Arlene Simek celebrated their 60th anniversary on Dec. 26. They have 1 child, 3 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



**MOBRIDGE** – Kenneth and Virginia Holzer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan. 21. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



**MONTROSE** – Dan and Anita Kappenman celebrated their 40th anniversary on Nov. 20. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Patrick Parish.



**MONTROSE** – Ken and Rita Krouse will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan. 8. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Patrick Parish.



**PIERRE** – Ted and Carol Uecker will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Jan. 23. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



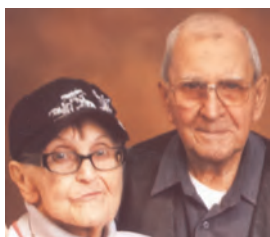
**PLANKINTON** – Larry and Dori Maas will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Jan. 11. They have 3 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. John Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Robert and Donna Bray will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Jan. 15. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



**WATERTOWN** – Jim and Bonnie Morgans celebrated their 55th anniversary on Dec. 31. They have 3 children, 15 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



**WAUBAY** – Donald and Marcella Kotzea will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Jan. 2. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.

### Anniversary submissions

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### Correction

In the December edition of  
The Bishop's Bulletin, we incorrectly  
listed in the bishop's calendar that  
the diocesan candidates for the  
Permanent Diaconate were scheduled to take part  
in the Rite of Election.  
They were, in fact, instituted as Lectors  
during that liturgy.  
We regret the error.



## Sister Ann Fasbender

Sister Ann Fasbender, OSB, died Dec. 15. She was 86.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 19, in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel.

Burial followed in the monastery cemetery.



Sister Ann Fasbender, OSB

Gertrude Ann was born November 6, 1930 at Hendricks, MN to Ben and Florence (Davis) Fasbender.

She was the third of five children.

She attended country school near their farm at White, South Dakota for eight years, and attended Good Counsel Academy, Mankato, MN and Mount Marty High School, Yankton.

In 1966, she graduated from Mount Marty College, Yankton, and earned a Master's degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion in 1969.

In 1973, she studied in the Religious Education Graduate Program at Mundelein College in Chicago, IL.

Ann entered Sacred Heart Monastery August 1948 and became a novice June 1949. She made first vows in June 1950 and in June 1953 she made her final profession to monastic life.

Sister Ann began her elementary education ministry at Sacred Heart School, Yankton in 1950.

She also taught at Ipswich, Aberdeen, and Sioux Falls. While in Vermillion, she was the principal as well as a teacher.

In 1974, she became the supervisor of the Mount Marty College Day Care Center and she continued this work until May 1995.

Her next eight years were spent in ministry to the Native Americans in Yankton and in 2002 and subsequent years she was a pastoral minister in Trenton, North Dakota and McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Sister Ann met life with her dry sense of humor and she appreciated the simple things of life. She found God's beauty in the children she taught and cared for, and enjoyed sharing the wisdom that comes naturally from the mouths of pre-school children. She enjoyed traveling and camping under the stars with her sisters and baking bread when time permitted.

Sister Ann is survived by her Benedictine community, her sister Veronica Reilly, her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters, Sister Bennett, OSB and Sister Veronica, OSB; and her brother James.

Committed in  
**CHRIST**

## HUNTIMER STUDENTS DAZZLE IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Kindergarten through 6th grade students from St. Joseph the Workman Parish, Huntimer dazzled parents, family members and the congregation with their Christmas program "The Christmas Story of the Birth of Jesus" on December 18th. (Photo courtesy, St. Joseph the Workman Parish, Huntimer)

## Traditional Latin Mass celebrated in Salem

The Traditional Latin Mass, also known as "The Extraordinary Form" is offered every Sunday at noon and on each Holy Day of Obligation at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 240 W. Vermont Avenue, Salem, SD 57058. You can find out more by calling 605-425-2600 or going on line at [www.salem catholic.org](http://www.salem catholic.org). All are welcome to attend.

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## USCCB forms working group to monitor needs of migrants, refugees

**Washington, D.C. (CNS)** - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is establishing a working group charged with developing spiritual, pastoral and policy advocacy support for immigrants and refugees. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, has named members of the working group, with the mandate of closely following developments related to immigrants and refugees in the United States. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB vice president, will chair the group. The groundwork for the working group was set during the bishops' annual fall general assembly in Baltimore when several bishops suggested the conference closely monitor actions by the federal government that affect immigrants and refugees.

## Activists, merchants use fair trade to bring change to fashion industry

**Davenport, IA (CNS)** - Three to 12 weeks after models strut down the catwalk during New York Fashion Week, sporting the latest trends from top designers, clothing inspired by these designs begin appearing in fashion retail outlets across the country for a fraction of the cost. Americans are buying more clothing than ever before, thanks to marketing and low price tags. Elizabeth Cline, author of "Overdressed: The Shockingly High Cost of Fast Fashion," reports that Americans buy an average of 70 clothing items each year, as opposed to 25 items in 1960. "Somehow, we've been programmed to think we need all this clothing," said Alicia Greenwood, a board member for the Ten Thousand Villages fair trade store in Iowa City. But consumers haven't been conditioned to think about where their clothing comes from. About 98 percent of apparel sold in American stores is made in countries such as Bangladesh, India and China, which offer low prices on manufacturing because of low national minimum wage requirements and worker regulations.

## California priest appointed to Native American Affairs office

**Washington, D.C. (CNS)** - Father Michael Carson's West Coast roots are apparent as soon as you walk into his office. Photos of Yosemite National Park and many Western landscapes hang on the wall, as well as spiritual decor inspired by American Indian cultures. Father Carson, in April, became Assistant Director for Native American Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, leaving a lifetime in California. He had just finished wrapping up a master's degree at Santa Clara University in California when he saw the posting for the job. For the past eight summers, he has helped out a parish in Shiprock, on the tribal land of the Dine, also known as Navajo Nation, in New Mexico. "I really enjoyed the spirituality," he said. "I fell in love with the people and the place." Because he had enjoyed the experience so much, the job looked enticing, even though he was happy serving at St. Cyprian Catholic Church in Sunnyvale, California. "I said, 'This might be fun,'" he told Catholic News Service. The job, in part, coordinates Catholic missions, churches and schools. But it also involves education and public speaking. It gives him the opportunity to talk to others about Native Americans, a personal topic since one of his grandfathers was Choctaw, he said.

## Vietnam veteran uses 'second chance' to help others

**Edinburg, TX (CNS)** - Throughout his life, in times of triumph and happiness and in times of suffering, pain and fear, decorated war hero Francisco Barrientes has given witness to his faith. After graduating from Edinburg High School, Barrientes was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968 and deployed to Vietnam. "When I first arrived in Vietnam, I saw all these people dying, I saw killings," said Barrientes, who recently celebrated his 69th birthday. He turned to prayer in those days. Prayer, especially praying the rosary, was ingrained in him as a student at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Edinburg and reinforced at home by his father. The family often prayed the rosary together and during the months of May, which is the month of Mary, and October, the month of the rosary, they prayed it "every day without fail. When I got to Vietnam, I started praying the rosary by myself every day," Barrientes told The Valley Catholic, newspaper of the Diocese of Brownsville. "I didn't want to invite the men in the company to pray with me personally, because they were all different religions. I sat down in front of everybody and started praying the Rosary by myself and before I knew it, I had 20-25 soldiers praying with me."

## Stop those profiting from human trafficking, Vatican diplomat says

**Vatican City (CNS)** - Eradicating the "heinous crime" of human trafficking requires cracking down on those who profit from it, said a Vatican diplomat. The Vatican urged nations "to recognize trafficking in human beings as one of the most heinous crimes" and to recognize "their moral duty to address it properly and indeed eradicate it," said Msgr. Janusz Urbanczyk, the Vatican's permanent representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. He made his comments during a meeting of OSCE in Vienna. OSCE includes 57 countries in Europe, Central Asia and North America. In his talk, Msgr. Urbanczyk said greater attention should be given to eradicating the trafficking and enslavement of children. Children can be ensnared by traffickers when they are "enslaved and fall prey to exploitation as child laborers or soldiers, fall into the criminal network of drug trafficking or into the mire of pornography," he said.

## Martyrs from Southeast Asia regimes beatified in Laos

**Oxford, England (CNS)** - Catholic martyrs from various nationalities have been beatified in Laos, in the first such gesture toward communist regime victims in Southeast Asia. "The Catholic Church in Laos is very small, humble, almost hidden; its story is not well-known," Oblate Father Roland Jacques, vice postulator of the martyrs' cause, said in a commentary for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, to which six martyrs belonged. "Planted with the sweat and blood of three generations of missionaries, it can rely today only on its own forces, supported by a handful of priests from Vietnam or Thailand. That goes to show how much this event was unique, unheard of for this small country and very young church." The French priest was describing the beatification Mass in Vientiane's Sacred Heart Cathedral, attended on the pope's behalf by Philippine Cardinal Orlando Quevedo as well as 15 bishops and 150 priests, mostly from neighboring countries, and 6,000 laypeople.



## Parish Dinners/Socials

Jan. 21/St. Margaret Parish, Kimball, will host the annual Winterfest on Saturday evening. A Polka Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. with the Polka Czechs as choir. There will follow a meal consisting of pork loin sandwiches and choice of salads and desserts for a free will donation. Bingo, a cake walk and a variety of games will fill the evening.

Jan. 29/St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, will hold its annual Western Roundup dinner and bazaar from 11-2. The menu includes broasted chicken, homemade mac and cheese, potatoes, corn, salad, and desserts. Tickets will be sold at the door. Event also includes a bake sale and games; Cost is \$10 for sixth graders to adult; \$5 for preschoolers through fifth graders with children three and under eating free; pre-sale tickets may be purchased prior to Friday, Jan. 27; pre-sale tickets may be purchased at the parish office or after Masses two weeks prior to the bazaar; there will be games from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and bingo from 12-2 p.m.

**Sioux Falls parish offering special event Friday, Jan. 6** - Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls has an event for junior high, high school, college students and for families called "Intermission", which is three hours of high energy glory for Christ and will be held at O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls from 7-10:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Experience God in whole new way. Physical tickets are available at the parish or tickets can be purchased at <http://www.partnership-foryouth.org>. There is also a preview video of the event: <https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritsf/videos/1449326211746106/>

**Hour of reflection to be held in Pierre Sunday, Jan. 22** - The 44th Hour of Reflection will be held at the State Capitol on Sunday at 2 p.m. There will be a life-walk from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. prior to the program. The keynote speaker will be Lee Schoenbeck, Esq., of Watertown. Father Joseph Holzhauser, pastor, Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Pierre will also be one of the speaker. Music will be provided by the Immaculate Conception School Choir of Watertown.

## Broom Tree Retreat Center

Tuesday, Feb. 21/"Gifting Yourself to God: A Lenten Preparation" will be offered; directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer with Father Ken Lulf; in preparation for the Lenten season, Dr. Kemmer will help those attending to reflect on how they can lift themselves to God; Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. A prayerful donation is requested as is registration.

## Catholic Family Services

Jan. 3 and Feb. 7/Catholic Family Services invites you to join the Living with Chronic Illness group, a free educational support group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls. For details please call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Jan. 7/St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison will host a workshop Saturday, Jan. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. entitled "Grieving The Loss of a Loved One," presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, open to the public and free of charge. To register or for more information, please feel free to contact the parish office at (605) 256-2304 or Catholic Family Services at 800-700-7867.

Jan. 10-Feb. 14/Grieving the loss of a spouse will be offered on six Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jan. 10-Feb. 14 at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, the program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. The program offers assistance in coping with changes and making healthy readjustments. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Jan. 11/The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide Winter Session begins Wednesday at St. Mary School, 2001 S. 5th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Sessions are held on Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 [mculhane@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mculhane@sfcatholic.org). Scholarships are available.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat -January 13-15-strictly confidential; a safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents who have been affected by abortion. The weekend is non-denominational. For registration materials and more information, call Margi at 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or e-mail [mculhane@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mculhane@sfcatholic.org). Deadline for registration is Jan. 5.

## Diocesan EVENTS

### Sacred Heart Monastery

Jan. 8/Eucharistic Adoration is offered on the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. in the upper chapel of Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton.

Spiritual direction and personal retreats are offered at the Benedictine Peace Center year round by arrangement. Contact us at [benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu) or 605-668-6292, or visit us at [www.yanktonbenedictines.org/Center](http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org/Center).

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

### Mother of God Monastery

Jan. 6-7/Call of the Soul: The Spirituality of Soul Work - Mother of God Monastery in Watertown is offering a spiritual development retreat at Harmony Hill Hall on Friday 7-8:30 p.m. through Saturday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There are significant turning points in our spiritual development that remain uncharted. This workshop is part informational and part experiential of our relationship with God. Prayer, mandala art, silence and sharing will be used in this retreat. The facilitator is Sister Jan LaPlante, OSB. The suggested donation is \$70 (includes room and board), commuters \$40. Please call Sister Emily if you are interested at 605-886-4181 ext. 1.

Jan. 21/"God in My Paintbrush: Experiencing God in Artistic Expression" will be offered Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Harmony Hill Hall on the grounds of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown. Suggested donation is \$35 and it includes lunch. Creativity can open us to surprising ways of experiencing God. No artistic talent is required for this workshop. Just come with an open desire to let Scripture and water coloring speak to your inner being. All materials will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please call Sister Emily at 605-886-4181 ext 1.

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