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# The Bishop's Bulletin

## The Common Good

Bishop Paul
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# In the new year, see Jesus in everyone

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her... And in response, they went away one by one..." John 8:7

The start of a new year is an opportunity for reflecting on the year past and making resolutions for amendment. I am not sure many of us do so in part because owning up to the past can be painful and even well-intended amendments are difficult to keep.

Among the new year's resolutions I pray for is a restoration of civility in all areas of life for the common good.

As we begin this new calendar year, having looked back and looking forward, I would encourage us all to make a greater commitment to be respectful to one another even those with whom we may disagree. Civility has been described as "polite, reasonable and respectful behavior". (English Language Learning Dictionary) Being civil with one another does not require compromise of principles or restriction on defending the truth. It does set the scene for constructive dialogue and forthright thoughtful discussion based on substance and not personal animus.

Famed writer of another era Ralph Waldo Emerson suggested that "There can be no civility without a deep morality." The lack of civility in government, in the Church, in families and other personal relationships is a byproduct of the collapse of moral and ethical rooting grounded in the teachings of Christ. The second great commandment is to love our neighbor as ourselves. That is not the romantic and surface love so much of the media and political and spiritual commentary portray. It is living the core teaching of the faith to respect life from conception to natural death and all those years in between. Those years in between can be the hardest to live given our diversity in family, experience and expectations.

The benefit of the new technologies for communication is instant access to information and opinions on the issues and prominent personalities of the day. However the down side is some of the blogs and the recording of comments, mostly anonymous, which are often angry and often uninformed.

I recently read of the not so funny joke: "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, everyone was on their phones." We need to speak with one another directly and learn from one another in personal conversation. Technology cannot replace the value of personal interchange.

Before I became a priest I was a lawyer and served as legal counsel to a governor of Wisconsin. I remember one meeting with legislators and the governor. One opposite party leader declared that the rule which the legislators followed was "gotcha" politics, placing an opponent in a position hard to defend politically. That is a rule that is based on political advantage rather than what is best for all, the common good.

We recently enjoyed the Christmas at the Cathedral concerts. How beautiful were the stirring sounds of the concert orchestra. Such ensembles include many different instruments which their players with great discipline practiced individually. Then they come together and jointly raise spirits with sounds in harmony without compromising their unique instruments.

Imagine what the sound would be if the string section was not respectful of the horn section or the harp player refused to respect the piano player. What it would be like in choirs if the sopranos were in conflict with the tenors or the altos with the basses. Because they respect one another and appreciate the other's gifts something beautiful results.

The motto of the United States is "e pluribus unum", from many one. The many do not sacrifice their unique identity but blend it with the uniqueness of the others and respect their dignity for the good of all.

The story is told of a bishop who was to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation for handicapped children who were institutionalized. The chaplain suggested to the bishop that he not speak for more than two or three minutes because of the students limited capacity to follow and understand.

The bishop said to them: "Dear children, your mom and dad and brothers and sisters all love you. That's why they gently stroke your head and your hair and your cheeks. And that's what happens when you are confirmed. The Good Lord gently strokes you because he loves you so much. So when I make the sign of the cross on your forehead with the holy

oil, our dear Father is stroking and caressing you."

When the bishop touched a boy afflicted with cerebral palsy, the boy grimaced but with great difficulty said the word "stroke". His mother with tears wiped away the saliva flowing from his mouth. The boy had understood the message that God was stroking him with love.

The bishop later remarked, "You know, I don't know what others might think about that theology, but basically this is what God does. God stroked the people of Israel. The father stroked the Prodigal Son. Jesus stroked the children, stroked and caressed the lepers, laid his hand on the eyelids and heads and ears of those who were handicapped and afflicted." (Bausch)

None of us is without sin. As I have aged and now I look back on my 75 years, the truth is painfully apparent. Yet I also look to the future with hope because God "strokes" us all with His love and mercy despite our frailties.

May we in the new year and the years ahead, especially in the Church, take the advice of Saint Mother Teresa to "see Jesus in everyone."

As anonymous reminds us: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it ill behooves any of us, to find fault with the rest of us."

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone."

## Officials

Since publication of the December 2018 Bishop's Bulletin, Most Reverend Paul J. Swain has assigned Monsignor Charles M. Mangan to complete a Marianum Doctoral Degree during the Spring Semester at the Pontifical Theological Faculty in Rome.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor

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

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

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

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# Schedule

Janaury

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| 1 | 11:00 | Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 2-8 | | Spiritual Retreat, Bishops of the United States, Mundelein Seminary |
| 13 | 1:30 | Confirmation, St. Dominic, Canton; St. John Paul II, Harrisburg and St. Magdalen, Lennox at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 15 | 12:00 | Pray at Planned Parenthood |
| 16 | 12:50 | Bless Pilgrims departing for March for Life in Washington, D.C. |
| 19 | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 20 | 10:00 | Confirmation, St. Mary, Dell Rapids |
| | 2:00 | Confirmation, St. Michael, Sioux Falls |
| 26 | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 27 | 1:30 | Confirmation, Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls |
| Jan. 27–Feb 2 | | Catholic Schools Week |
| 29 | 12:00 | Investment Committee Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls |
| 30 | 1:30 | All Schools Mass, Aberdeen Catholic Schools at Roncalli High School |

February

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| 1 | 10:00 | All Schools Mass, SFCS at the Augustana Elmen Center, Sioux Falls |
| | 1:45 | All School Mass, St. Mary Catholic School, Dell Rapids |
| 2 | 4:00 | Stational Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 3 | 11:00 | Confirmation, St. Mary, Sioux Falls |
| | 2:00 | Confirmation, St. Katharine Drexel, Sioux Falls |
| 9 | 5:30 | Confirmation, St. George, Hartford |
| 10 | 1:30 | Confirmation, Christ the King, St. Lambert and St. Therese, Sioux Falls at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls |
| 12 | 12:00 | Pray at Planned Parenthood |

Fr. Michael
GRIFFIN

# New Year's Day, random as it is, does have meaning

We are a people who live by the calendar. We use the calendar to mark the passing of seasons, to mark anniversaries and birthdays and liturgical feast days, and we use them to mark holidays.

A few weeks ago, we put our parish calendars out at the entrances of the church. As I was organizing them, the sheer randomness of calendars struck me.

Much of what we celebrate as holidays are arbitrary days on the calendar, simply chosen and then printed in the little boxes for any given month. So, Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November, Memorial Day is the last Monday in May, Labor Day is the first Monday in September, and a new year always begins on the first day of the month of January.

We have an ambitious Roman dictator-for-life, and a frustrated Roman pontiff, to thank for that one.

A year is 365.2422 days (according to NASA), the amount of time it takes our planet to make one orbit around the star at the center of our planetary system. We round the number down to 365 days, adding a leap day for slightly less than a quarter of all years to keep things in balance.

Now, technically, since a year marks an orbit and not a specific solar event, we could pick any one of those 365 days to be the beginning of a new year. The calendar in the Roman Republic was a mess when Julius Caesar decided to realign the calendar to the seasons; that it helped to consolidate Roman dominance over a newly won empire was more than a happy benefit.

He established the first day of January as the beginning of the year because it was the day the Roman consuls took office, and it was a month dedicated to Janus, their god with two faces, looking forward and back.

Of course, the empire fell and with it a central authority to keep the calendars aligned. As happens, the dates and the seasons slowly fell out of balance and with them, the date of Easter (the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox) kept slipping forward on the calendar.

In 1582, a frustrated Pope Gregory XIII promulgated the bull *Inter gravissimas* which established the calendar we know and love today; but to correct the misalignment and have everything in balance when the new calendar took effect, Pope Gregory did away with 10 days. In 1582, when you went to bed on October 4, you woke up on October 15, just like that. With his new calendar, the Holy Father re-established January 1 as the beginning of the year.

All of this is a reminder that the first of January really is an arbitrary date, chosen simply because one had to be chosen; yet, we tend to have a lot of expectations about this date, we call them resolutions, and they tend to fall to the wayside pretty quickly.

I suspect it is because January 1 is an arbitrary date and can not necessarily bear the weight of so much expectation. The Church has times that can bear such weight. We began our new year, as always, on the first Sunday of Advent, looking forwards and back. If you are looking to be transformed and to bring your resolutions to life, the Lenten Season is designed for just that purpose.

Does the first day of January have anything to offer us spiritually? I am not sure one should put too much significance on a date that a civil calendar uses to change from one year to the next, but perhaps it is the event signified that can teach us.

This beautiful little rock upon which exists every living thing, every man, woman and child who is living (excluding 6 astronauts currently on the international space station), or has ever lived, has made one orbit around her star. The beginning of a new orbit challenges us to embrace a global truth.

We truly are fellow passengers on this beautiful little rock hurling through the dark vastness of space. Perhaps this reminder, as we begin a new orbit together, might help us to be more gentle and kind with one another, to remember what it means for us to be one human race whose survival is bound to the command our Lord still gives us, "Love one another."

This world.

This is the world that God still loves so much that He gave us His only Son, born so long ago onto this beautiful little rock and whose Spirit still moves upon its face as we sail through the stars.

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**Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop of Sioux Falls, prays for the seven candidates for the permanent diaconate during the Candidacy Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. The candidates are (pictured left to right): Lewis Gaiani, St. Peter Parish, Jefferson; Jonathan Eckrich, St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls; Jeff Swank, Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen; Douglas Schueller, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Pierre; Bradley Palmer, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Pierre; Peter Sexton, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Beresford and Dan Sherban, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison. (Photo by Gene Young)**

# The Common Good

The term “the common good” is used so often that perhaps we are certain we know what it means.

Until we stop and think about it and try to say what it means. Then most of us are stumped.

A recent survey about Catholics' awareness of Catholic social teaching concludes that “Common good, the second most resonating term we’ve researched, is among the least well understood terms we’ve researched.

“Only about 10% of Catholics and 5% Non-Catholics correctly identify the definition of Common Good. Notice that 85% of Catholics are convinced that they know what this term means, yet 75% of them get the answer wrong.”
*Faithful Measure: Gauging Awareness of the Catholic Church’s Social Doctrine, Andreas Widmer and Catherine Pakaluk*

While the term originated in Catholic social teaching, it has been “borrowed” for all types of uses and purposes – some of which actually end up muddling the real meaning.

So what is the definition of the common good?

“By common good is to be understood ‘the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.’ The common good concerns the life of all. It calls for prudence from each and even more from those who exercise the office of authority.”
Catechism of the Catholic Church 1906

And lest you think somehow that definition gets you off the hook – that it is someone else’s responsibility – the catechism also says this, “the dignity of the human person requires the pursuit of the common good. Everyone should be concerned to create and support institutions that improve the conditions of human life.”
CCC 1926

"Too often we think that responsibility for the good of the community -- whether it be our parish, our neighborhood, our town, etc. – lies only with those who are 'in charge': our pastor, our political leaders, and so on," said Dr. Chris Burgwald, director of adult discipleship and evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

"The reality is that each one of us is called to do our part to care for the common good of our various communities, according to the role that we play. Simply as members of a community we have a responsibility to enhance and deepen the good of that community," Burgwald said.

Chris Motz, executive director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference cites St. Thomas Aquinas, saying it is desirable that the common good be "willed and intended."

"…in other words, we have to want it and work for it," Motz said.

"Oftentimes, it's easier to desire and work for the good of ourselves and our immediate families; i.e., I take seriously my responsibility to provide for the needs of my family and the formation of my kids. This is great. But it doesn't stop there. As citizens, 'We the People,' we are the only ones responsible for the ordering of our life together. The common good is the goal of this ordering," he said.

"It sounds basic, but that's the reason we expect our elected leaders serve the good of the citizens, not themselves. They serve everyone, not their own personal interests. Our leaders have the authority to do so because we've delegated it to them. However, responsibility always remains ours," said Motz.

The common good doesn't stand alone, but rather is among the factors that leads to a healthy human community.

"The principle of rights and responsibilities must be reflected on in light of the common good," said Joe Rutten, Mount Marty College Benedictine Leadership Institute director.

"What responsibilities do individuals and communities have toward providing for the rights of others and the achievement of the common good in society? I think by nature of our brokenness we are quick to point to someone else to do the work of providing for others. We are selfish people and consideration of the common good for others usually requires that selfishness to be set aside.

"This is why Christian charity is so important. It literally takes God's divine action of charity within our lives to empower us to overcome ourselves to serve our fellow brothers and

***Chris Motz, Executive Director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference, gave a talk last month on physician-assisted suicide at Central Church in Sioux Falls, at the invitation of the Family Heritage Alliance.***

sisters. There is certainly a role for government agencies at all levels to make sure that the common good of communities are being addressed, but I believe that the primary place that that responsibility lives is within the minds and hearts of us as individuals and those we live in close proximity with," he said.

"I think the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House is a perfect example of this. It wasn't the result of the city or the state or the federal government. It was the result of men and women of faith, coming together to meet the needs of those in our community that are looking for some very basic conditions to be met so that they could have an opportunity to find success and to flourish in their lives," Rutten said.

The truth is that while we may not offer a definition or even understand how it relates to our actions, most of us act towards the promoting the common good on a regular basis in our families, parishes, communities and other organized aspects of our lives.

We seek ways to help others reach their fulfillment.

We act so that others can achieve their goals.

We give to allow some aspect of one of these communities to thrive.

Each of these contributes to the common good – enhancing the social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.

"To get concrete regarding the common good, ask yourself the question, 'What is good for us?' or maybe, 'What is good for us

*Joe Rutten speaks at the monthly Virtuous Business Leader Formation gathering of the Catholic Men's Business Fraternity. (Photo by Brian Cooper)*

right now?' and then act on it," Burgwald said.

"If we take a neighborhood as an example, what is good for it at the moment might be a block party that deepens relationships among neighbors. At another moment what's good for the neighborhood might be to mow the lawn or shovel the snow for an ailing neighbor.

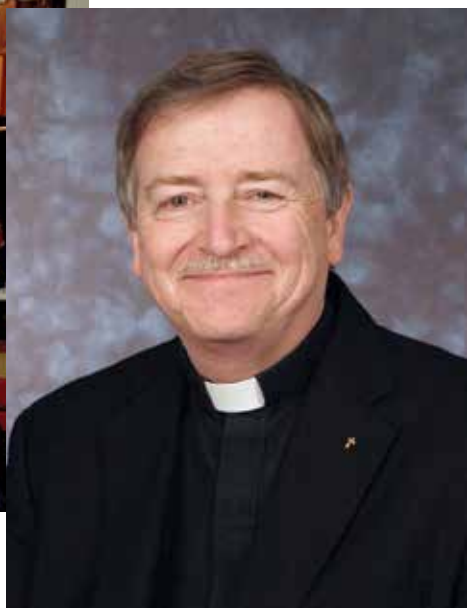
"In the case of a family, today it might be an afternoon hike or an evening of card games, while tomorrow it might be a visit to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. There are innumerable possible answers to that simple question... the key is to ask and then answer it," Burgwald said.

Parishes all over the diocese actually thrive because of this. Through events, sacramental celebrations, and responses in times of need, people are living out the Gospel and promoting the common good.

"In my five plus years as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Dell Rapids, I have witnessed many acts of generosity, many of them are directed to the needs of our parish and school, and many of them are directed toward individuals in need," said Fr. John Lantsberger.

"Whenever someone loses a loved one, so many people reach out with food, take part in helping at the funeral luncheon, make visits to the family, and attend the wake and funeral. In times of tragedy and loss, people have been wonderful in reaching out to those in trouble.

"Some of our retired parishioners continue to give so much of themselves - including a group affectionately known as our 'grandpa crew'. Whenever a project or some need arises, they are there to help," he said.



*St. Mary Parish in Dell Rapids annual spring carnival raises $300,000 a year in support of the school. (Photo courtesy Fr. John Lantsberger (right))*

"For many years, St. Mary Parish has held both a fall festival for the needs of the parish, and a spring carnival for the support of the school. People give so much of themselves to these events, and the common good of the parish is blessed by them.

"The carnival auction is an amazing event, with people paying many thousands of dollars for a grain shovel - all to support the needs of the school. This collective effort has enabled this carnival to raise over $300,000 each year!

"In truth, all of these good people may not actively think of themselves as supporting the 'common good,' but they are. Many are blessed by their efforts, and their willingness to give of themselves for the good of others," said Fr. Lantsberger.

Burgwald suggests that this attitude relates to the two great commandments, to love God and to love our neighbor as our self.

"We aren't supposed to simply be out for number one, that is, for ourselves: we are supposed to be attentive to the needs of others. This is simply another way of expressing the second great commandment that we are called to love our neighbor," he said.

Motz provides the following common good example from his personal experience.

"In a rural parish (in another diocese) I used to live in, the parish was very small, and there had never been a Catholic school. Some families really wanted their kids' education to be fundamentally Catholic – with a view towards the formation of the whole person, intellectual and moral, etc. – so some homeschooling moms banded together to cooperate in teaching," he said.

"Some had special gifts in music, or math, or theology, for example, so it made sense to work together towards their shared vision. As years went on, more families joined in the project and it became a magnetic engine of community life.

"It's now been integrated into the parish life, essentially as a parish school (though with a novel financial and administrative arrangement), and it's become a source of vibrancy for what had been, frankly, a ho-hum experience for the average parishioner. And it all started with a small group of people that had a vision for a Catholic education for their kids," said Motz.

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## Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching comprises a body of doctrine, which is articulated as the Church interprets events in the course of history, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, in the light of the whole of what has been revealed by Jesus Christ... The Church's social teaching proposes principles for reflection; it provides criteria for judgment; it gives guidelines for action.

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***Dr. Chris Burgwald spoke to attendees of this year's Discipleship Day conference.***

Rutten suggests looking at our families and communities will give each of us plenty of examples of working toward the flourishing of all.

"I've seen great examples of the common good lived out in my marriage and in my parish," he said.

"A year and a half ago I took a new job at Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD. As my wife and I prayed and talked about taking the job one of the key factors had to do with where we would live. Move to Yankton, stay in Sioux Falls or split the difference by living in a community like Beresford perhaps. The common good of our family was at the heart of the reflection and the final decision.

"We chose to remain in Sioux Falls and that I would commute to work. There were many positives to all the options but the principle that we used to think about the decision with was the common good. Simply said, what is best for the whole family, not simply what is best for me, or even me and my wife Laura, but what is best for all of us, including our kids," said Rutten.

"At my parish, the Cathedral of St. Joseph, I see the common good expressed in the way our parish meets the needs of the many immigrant communities that call it home. You can find the melting pot of the world sitting in the pews of the Cathedral.

"What we lack in physical wealth we make up for in culture! The expression of the common good is about reaching human potential in this life and the next. Certainly the parish provides a home and a family of faith for Catholic immigrants from around the world that arrive in Sioux Falls. But we don't just provide them a community of friendship we provide them with the spiritual tools they next to arrive at their eternal home," he said

Rutten formerly worked as Faith Formation director at the Cathedral.

"It was common to have large groups of immigrants receiving the sacraments. One time we baptized, gave first communion and confirmed a huge group of our African brothers and sisters. It was amazing as we celebrated the desire for the faith and heaven, our common home and the eternal good we seek.

"The Cathedral parish and immigrant communities express the common good of the Cathedral parish by providing for the spiritual conditions that allow the immigrant communities to reach their fullest potential not just in this life but most importantly in the next," he said.

That emphasis on the next life is a critical piece of the common good.

"God is the ultimate end of his creatures and for no reason may the common good be deprived of its transcendent dimension…" according to Pope Saint John Paul II in his social teaching encyclical letter, *Centesimus Annus*. In other words, the common good is not an end in itself, but rather has value in that it helps us achieve eternal life.

Burgwald suggests this approach to understanding that.

"A helpful way to make sense of the idea of the common good is to consider two questions: 'What's good for me?' and then, 'What's good for us?' Both questions are important and necessary, and while they do overlap, there is a distinction between them that we sense when we ask them one after the other.

"Now, to the point about the transcendent dimension of the common good, we can likewise give a simple answer: 'What is good for us? God!' That is, God is good for us! He is not only good for me as an individual human being, but He is good for

us as a community. Note: that's not just the community of faith or the community of believers, i.e. the Church. In other words, recognizing and acknowledging God is good for each and every human being as well as for each and every human community," he said.

"It's common for married Catholics to say that their task is to get their spouse to heaven. In other words, in the community of the couple, their common good includes their heavenly destiny. And when that community operates in that manner, it thrives and flourishes. The same is true in any human community, whether we acknowledge it or not: our task is to help one another get to heaven. Thus, the transcendent dimension of the common good," Burgwald said.

Motz notes that humans have often gotten this wrong, but that it is a key element of the common good.

"Our Lord was clear when he said, 'My kingdom is not of this world.' Scripture tells us, 'Justice shall flourish in His time,' not ours. Vladimir Lenin completely misunderstood St. Thomas More's famous book, Utopia, and in admiration erected a statue of the saint in Moscow. No disciple of Christ, certainly not the great St. Thomas More, looks for a secular messiah, believing that we humans are sufficient for our own flourishing – if only we order our affairs just so. God took on flesh to be with us. He's given us a call in this world. Matter matters," Motz said.

"At an 1884 meeting in Baltimore, Archbishop John Ireland, the Civil War veteran and childhood friend of Bishop Thomas O'Gorman, exhorted his fellow bishops: 'the most valued aid given to the Republic by the Church ... [are] her powerful labors in the cause of religion, of purity, of honesty, of all the heavenly virtues that build up the Christian man and the Christian family.'

"God is our creator and our destiny. This is true not just for the community of believers, but is a universal truth for all human beings. Our vision of the common good must see our families, our parishes, even our political communities, as incubators of 'heavenly virtue,' as Archbishop Ireland put it.

"The common good is not good if it excludes God," said Motz.

Rutten agrees, noting that the challenge for various government agencies leading the charge for the common good is that "they simply can't take into account the fullness of the human person and eternal good for which we are oriented."

And that is why the common good is the responsibility of us all.


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# *Catholic Schools want to hear from you*

Catholic Schools in the diocese of Sioux Falls serve approximately 5,000 students each year. These students and their families come from a wide range of backgrounds and communities scattered across the diocese, but they all have one thing in common: a desire for a Catholic education.

Why these families choose a Catholic education varies as well as their expectation of Catholic schools. To better understand why families send their students to a Catholic school and why families choose not to enroll their students with a Catholic school, the Diocese of Sioux Falls is initiating a short survey. The results of this survey will help all Catholic schools better meet the needs and expectations of families.

Please take a moment and answer these questions and offer your honest opinion. Catholic schools need to hear from everyone. This survey is also available online at SFCatholic.org/catholic-schools/.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete the following questions. Please answer them honestly. Your insights are important to us and your answers are anonymous.

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__ Aberdeen Catholic Schools, Aberdeen
__ St. Thomas More, Brookings
__ St. Mary, Dell Rapids
__ Holy Trinity, Huron
__ St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison
__ St. Lawrence, Milbank
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__ St. Joseph, Pierre
__ St. Mary, Salem
__ Sioux Falls Catholic Schools, Sioux Falls
__ St. Agnes, Vermillion
__ Immaculate Conception, Watertown
__ Sacred Heart, Yankton
__ None

1. Please check your affiliation with the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Sioux Falls (check all that apply).
__ Parent of a Catholic school student
__ Parent of a Catholic school alumnus
__ Alumnus of a Catholic school
__ Parishioner of supporting parish
__ Financial supporter

2. On a scale of 1-10, how likely are you to send your child(ren) to Catholic school or recommend a Catholic school to a friend, family member, colleague or fellow parishioner (1 being not at all likely and 10 being extremely likely)?
__ 10 __ 9 __ 8 __ 7 __ 6 __ 5 __ 4 __ 3 __ 2 __ 1

2a. If you provided a score of 9-10, what is the number one reason you send your child(ren) to Catholic school or promote Catholic schools?
__ Catholic teaching and mandated religious instruction
__ Curriculum and instruction
__ Class sizes/individual attention
__ Family-like atmosphere/sense of community
__ Inclusive and welcoming to all
__ Safe environment
__ Extracurricular activities including athletics
__ Cost of tuition and fees
__ Facilities
__ Other _____

2b. If you provided a score of 1-8, what are two areas Catholic schools can improve to increase the likelihood you would send your child(ren) to a Catholic school or promote a Catholic school (choose two)?
__ Catholic teaching and mandated religious instruction
__ Curriculum and instruction
__ Class sizes/individual attention
__ Family-like atmosphere/sense of community
__ Inclusive and welcoming to all
__ Safe environment
__ Extracurricular activities including athletics
__ Cost of tuition and fees
__ Teacher salaries
__ Facilities
__ Distance
__ Other _____

3. Catholic schools seek to do an excellent job of teaching the Catholic faith and establishing a Catholic identity and culture.
__ Strongly agree __ Agree __ Neutral __Disagree __ Strongly disagree
__ Don't know

4. Catholic school administrators, faculty and staff are professional, competent and serve as role models of faith and service to students.
__ Strongly agree __ Agree __ Neutral __ Disagree __ Strongly disagree
__ Don't know

5. Catholic schools provide high quality education, marked by excellent instruction and rigorous curriculum.
__ Strongly agree __ Agree __ Neutral __ Disagree __ Strongly disagree
__ Don't know

6. Catholic schools consistently share a financial report with the school community.
__ Strongly agree __ Agree __Neutral __Disagree __Strongly disagree
__ Don't know

7. Do you have any suggestions or comments about your hopes for the future of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sioux Falls?

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# Christmas at the Cathedral sells out all perforamces and feeds the community on multiple levels

The 22nd "Christmas at the Cathedral" concerts were presented Dec. 13-16 with the theme "Unto Us." The concerts featured tenor Mike Eldred, soprano Shelley Jennings (above, left) and orchestral musicians, conducted by Dan Goeller, choirs and community children. This year's proceeds benefited the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and building endowment and the ongoing care and maintenance endowment for the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. All six performances sold out. Guests of the The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, St. Francis House and The Banquet were fed a dinner and saw (above, right) the Wednesday dress rehearsal. (Photos by Kevin Fitzgibbons, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish celebrates feast Day Mass and has new elevator Blessed by the bishop

Bishop Paul J. Swain blesses the new parish elevator for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sioux Falls, as part of the celebration of Mass at the parish on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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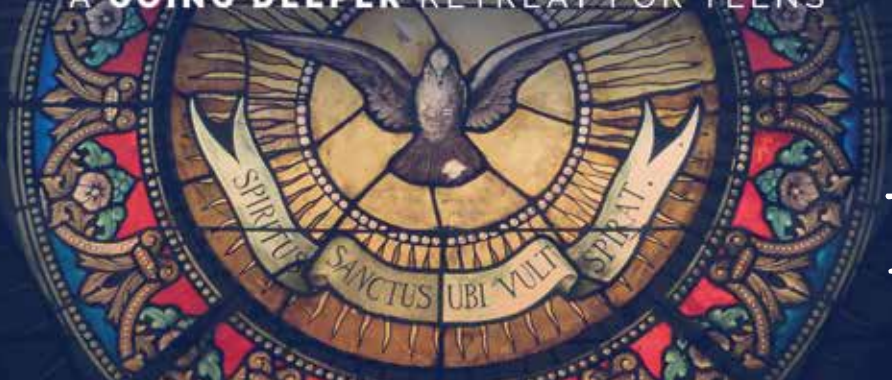


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## Several Diocesan Catholic schools taking part in Catholic Schools Raffle

Eight Catholic schools in the diocese will be participating in the 2019 Catholic Schools Raffle, sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Tickets will be on sale Jan. 11 through Feb. 24. The fund raiser differs from other school fund raisers in that participating schools get to keep every penny of every ticket sold. In the past nine years, the raffle has raised over $600,000 for participating schools in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Participating schools in the diocese include Aberdeen Catholic Schools; Holy Trinity Catholic School, Huron; St. Lawrence School, Milbank; John Paul II School, Mitchell; Christ the King School, Sioux Falls; St. Lambert School, Sioux Falls; St. Agnes School, Vermillion and Immaculate Conception School, Watertown. (File photo courtesy, Catholic United Financial, St. Paul, MN)

## Catholic Schools Week on the way for students, teachers amd parents

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Sioux Falls will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week, January 27-February 2.

Since 1974, Catholic Schools Week has been sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to celebrate Catholic education in the United States.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members.

Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

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.

2016 All City School Mass, Sioux Falls. (Photo courtesy, Sioux Falls Catholic Schools)

**The Diocese of Rapid City, SD, has an opening for a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

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Complete job description is available on the diocesan website at: **http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/chancellor/employment/**

# Diocese sending pilgrimage group to nation's capital for 2019 March for Life

Pilgrims from the Diocese of Sioux Falls will boarding busses again soon to travel from the diocese to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. In past years pilgrims from the diocese have shared that it was an amazing and profound experience for them. (2018 Photo by Gene Young)

The 46th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. is set for Friday, January 18 on the National Mall and the Diocese of Sioux Falls will have a group of pilgrims in the nation's capital to make a statement in support of the culture of life.

The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life worked to put together the contingent. This is the seventh year the diocese has coordinated a trip to the March for Life.

The group will depart from the diocese January 16 following Bishop Paul J. Swain's blessing of the group and their buses.

The pilgrimage will include participation in the March on January 18 as well as participation in the Catholic Youth Rally and some free time to visit the sites of the nation's capital.

The March marks the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Roe V. Wade case which authorized abortion on demand across the nation.

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Local
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## Students help those in need with their Hoodies and Footies effort

Students at Holy Spirit School, Sioux Falls, were busy in December generating help for The Banquet's "Hoodies and Footies" effort to provide guests at The Banquet with new hooded sweatshirts and new socks. The students at Holy Spirit collected over 1600 pairs of socks and 250 sweatshirts for the effort. (Photo courtesy, Holy Spirit School, Sioux Falls)

## Students return to Prince of Peace in Sioux Falls to sing and entertain

Once a month, students from Holy Spirit School, Sioux Falls, visit the residents of the Prince of Peace Retirement Community, Sioux Falls. During their visit, the students usually share a special activity. The latest monthly visit included students performing some special music for the residents. The concert for the seniors at Prince of Peace was great preparation for the students' future music programs and was a wonderful coming together of two generations for fun, enjoyment and bonding. (Photo courtesy, Holy Spirit School, Sioux Falls)


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# O'Gorman students help out Bishop Dudley Hospitality House guests

O'Gorman High School students in Sioux Falls offered a hand to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and its guests. Students and staff set about gathering items to stuff hundreds of individual stockings for the guests. They filled the stockings with basic essentials for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House guests. (Photo courtesy, Sioux Falls Catholic Schools, Sioux Falls)

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Hoven, hosts "Christmas on the Prairie" concert

The Christmas on the Prairie concert was performed at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Hoven on December 2. This year's theme was "Love's Pure Light." The concert featured John Moore and Michelle Monroe and Tom Roberts as the narrator. It also featrued members of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, the Northern State University Chamber Singers and the All-Faiths Festival Choir. (Photo courtesy, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Hoven)

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DELL RAPIDS – Mike and Kathy Geraets will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan. 25. They have 9 children, 28 grandchildren (2 deceased) and are members of St. Mary Parish.

GETTYSBURG – Stuart and Tammy Simon will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Jan. 8. They have 3 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

GETTYSBURG – Pat and Carrie Glodt will celebrate their 70th anniversary on Jan. 26. They have 5 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

LAKE ANDES – Raymond and Lois Barkley will celebrate their 70th anniversary on Jan. 31. They have 8 children, 36 grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and are members of St. Mark Parish.

PIERRE – Don and Joan Podhradsky will celebrate their 63rd anniversary on Jan. 2. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.

ROSHOLT – Tom and Corliss Vergeldt will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan. 24. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist.

SIOUX FALLS – Bob and Pam Buchanan will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Jan. 19. They have 2 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.

SIOUX FALLS – John and Cathy McGuire will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Jan. 12. They have 1 child and are members of St. Michael Parish.

TEA – Doug and Mary Andersen will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Jan. 13. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.

WEBSTER – Gerald and Geraldine Pesall will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Jan. 19. They have 4 children (2 deceased), 5 grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.

WHITE LAKE – Wallace and Lucille Mohnen will celebrate their 67th anniversary on Jan. 21. They have 12 children, 27 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.

## Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by January 15 for inclusion in the February 2019 edition to:
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## Sister Julianne Josten

Sr. Julianne Josten, OP

Sister Julianne Josten, OP, a Sinsinawa Dominican. died Dec. 10 at St. Dominic Villa, Sinsinawa, WI.

Her religious name was Sister Mary Leonard.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Dominican motherhouse, Sinsinawa, WI, on Dec. 14. Burial followed in the Motherhouse Cemetery.

Sister Julianne was born Nov. 21, 1926, in Sioux Falls, the daughter of Nicholas and Marie (Marx) Josten.

Sister Julianne made her first religious profession as a Sinsinawa Dominican Aug. 5, 1946, and her perpetual profession Aug. 5, 1949.

She taught for 30 years and served as principal for five years.

Sister Julianne served as activities director for three years, as convent administrator for three years, and assistant in the General Finance Office for 15 years.

She served in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, California, Minnesota and Washington.

Sister Julianne was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Catherine Josten, Sister Helen Josten, OP, Rose Norman, and Madonna Willard; and five brothers, William Josten, Joseph Josten, Nick Josten, Bernard Josten, and Frank Josten.

Sister Julianne is survived by nieces, nephews, and her Dominican Sisters with whom she shared 72 years of religious life.

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# Students and Knights of Columbus team up to feed parishioners in Tyndall

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## Bishop Hoch scholarship applications available

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To obtain an application, contact your pastor, the Financial Aid Office at Mount Marty College or Presentation College. Applications are due March 15. Applications must be returned to the Office of Catholic Schools, 523 North Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2714.

### Traditional Latin Mass celebrated Sundays in Salem

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# News Briefs

## Catholic groups raise concerns that climate rulebook not ambitious enough

**Warsaw, Poland (CNS) -** Catholic participants and observers criticized a "lack of ambition" by government negotiators at a U.N. conference on climate change with agreement on a rulebook to implement the 2015 Paris climate accord. The final document that emerged from the 24th U.N. Conference of Parties, or COP24, in Katowice, Poland, outlines a careful balance among the needs and concerns of the most developed nations, emerging nations and poor countries whose inhabitants already are experiencing the effects of climate change. "Many people expected a complete derailment of this conference, so the fact that countries were able to agree on a rulebook shows there's still some spirit of commitment," Rebecca Elliott, communications director at the Global Catholic Climate Movement, told Catholic News Service.

## Iraqi priest rebuilds church in war-torn Mosul, hopes faithful follow

**Mosul, Iraq (CNS) -** Christians are cautiously returning to Mosul, the once-bustling Iraqi city that for three years was the capital of the caliphate established by the Islamic State (ISIS). They just aren't spending the night. "There are almost no Christians in Mosul at night. During the day, there may by 60 or 70 Christians who come here to work, along with up to a thousand Christian students at the University of Mosul, but they go back to safer towns at night," Father Amanuel Adel Kloo told Catholic News Service. Father Kloo, a Syriac Catholic, was the last priest to leave Mosul after it was seized by Islamic State in 2014. He remained for a month after the takeover, but eventually left, fleeing to Irbil. "At the beginning they tried to show people they were good, that they would simply control the area and things would be normal. But then they showed their true face," he said. In Irbil, he ran a camp for hundreds of displaced Christian families, but soon after Mosul was liberated by Iraqi forces in 2017, he began returning to the war-ravaged city.

## Death penalty is fruit of laws lacking humanity, mercy, pope says

**Vatican City (CNS) -** The death penalty is an inhumane form of punishment that ignores the primacy of mercy in the name of justice, Pope Francis said. Meeting a delegation from the International Commission against the Death Penalty, the pope set aside his prepared remarks and spoke off the cuff, the Vatican said. In his prepared text, which was handed to the delegation, the pope said his recent revision of the Catechism of the Catholic Church's teaching against capital punishment was an important step in recognizing that the death penalty was "a consequence of a mentality of the time, more legalistic than Christian, that sanctified the value of laws lacking in humanity and mercy. The church could not remain in a neutral position in the face of today's demands to reaffirm personal dignity," the pope said. Pope Francis ordered a revision of the catechism's paragraph on capital punishment, 2267, in August to assert that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person" and to commit the church to working toward its abolition worldwide.

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## Parish Dinners/Socials

Jan. 26/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; a meal consisting of pork loin sandwiches and choice of salad and pie for a free will donation will follow; bingo, a cake walk and a variety of games will fill the evening.

Jan. 26/St. Nicholas Parish, Tea, will host a chili cook-off and auction; the cook-off is at 6 p.m. and the auction follows at approximately 6:30 p.m.; donations are needed for the auction.

Feb. 24/St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, will host a church bazaar with dinner, raffle, games, bingo and a bake sale; Sunday from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; the meal will include broasted chicken, potatoes, mac and cheese, corn, salads and desserts; cost is $10 for adults; $5 for kids (preschool-5th grade) and free for kids under 3.

**"Restart" event planned by Sioux Falls parish**
**Friday, Jan. 4 -** Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls. is hosting "ReStart" at the Lorang Theatre at O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls. The event is for youth, adults and families. "Restart" is an event full of worship music, Father Leo Patalinghug and Adoration; the event runs from 7-10:30 p.m.; tickets are available on line at eventbrite.com or at the Holy Spirit Parish office and are $20.

**S.F. parish hosting adult education**
**Tuesday, Jan. 8 -** Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, will have adult education on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The presenter will be Father Doug Binsfeld, pastor, Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, Flandreau, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton and St. Peter Parish, Colman. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Davis at 371-2320.

**Woman's morning of renewal set**
**Saturday, Jan. 12 -** Come be refreshed at the woman's morning of renewal, Saturday at 9:15 a.m. at St. Lambert Parish in the youth room. The morning will feature refreshments, praise and worship and a talk on finding your gifts and charisms.

**Sacred Arts Series event ahead**
**Jan. 12 -** The Sacred Arts Series returns Saturday Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. with the South Dakota Chorale; tickets are $20/$5; the Grammy-nominated South Dakota Chorale returns to the Cathedral for a performance of a beloved sacred masterwork: the Rachmaninoff Vespers.

**"Woman of the Eucharist" event planned**
**Saturday, Jan. 12 -** The Office of the Marian Apostolate will sponsor a presentation by Annie Fulkerson entitled, "The Woman of the Eucharist" on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls. Fulkerson is a wife, mother, scientist and Catholic media specialist. Admission is free.

**Sioux Falls parish hosting parish mission**
**Feb. 25-28 -** Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, is hosting Father Larry Richards from Pittsburgh, PA Feb. 25-28 from 7-8 p.m. each night.

**Search for Christian Maturity Retreat set**
**Mar. 1-3 -** Located at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls, the retreat is a program featuring talks, skits, music, opportunities for confession and celebration of Mass; a priest serves as spiritual director on the weekend. It is open to all high school and college age students and adults. Contact 605-371-1478, SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com or www.siouxfallssearch.org.

## Sacred Heart Monastery

Jan. 19/Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer. For more information or to register for the Jan. 19 session, contact Sister Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

Silent Retreats at the Benedictine Peace Center/Come for the number of days that fit your schedule. Retreatants may request a spiritual director and are welcome to join the monastic community for Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist. Contact benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or 605-668-6292 or visit us at www.yanktonbenedictines.org/Center.

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

## Mother of God Monastery

Jan. 2 and 16/Conversation and Coffee provides a time for meaningful conversation and sharing; scheduled from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Jan. 12/Centering prayer: "Meeting God within Me" is a day to experience the quiet of contemplative prayer; there will be input, practice of centering prayer and sharing; scheduled from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for more information, contact Sister Emily at 605.886.4181 or sisteremily@hotmail.com.

## Catholic Family Services

Jan. 8 and Feb. 5/Catholic Family Services is hosting a Living with Chronic Illness group. This is a free educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. The group meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls. For details please call Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Jan. 8-Feb. 12/Grieving the loss of a spouse; six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, this program is for adults trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. Role change and loneliness are secondary losses, which can complicate the grieving process. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational; cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Jan. 19/Dr. Marcie Moran and Catholic Family Services staff will be presenting a "Coping with Stress and Anxiety" Retreat Day in Redfield on Saturday at St. Bernard Parish from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This retreat is designed to help identify and understand the effects of stress on an individual and give them tools to keep them productive, energetic, happy and hopeful even with the many challenges we face. Call the parish office at 605-472-1482 to register or for more information.

Feb. 26-Apr. 2/Grieving the loss of a child; six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 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; call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register; the program is non-denominational; cost is a donation.

## Broom Tree Retreat Center

Jan. 15/ "The Litany of Trust" Day of Reollection directed by Father Jeff Norfolk; beginning at 10 a.m.; please register in advance.

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