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The gift of my faith-filled farming parents



Little did I know as a kid the gift of the impact of my faith-filled farming parents. I suspect like many of us it is easy to take things for granted or to not really see the full value of something until many years later in life. As I grow older, it seems I grow ever more grateful for the faith and farming background of my parents, and how their witness has left a lasting and crucially important impact upon me.

My mother's parents were not able to financially provide for busing for my mom to go to a Catholic high school, but a Catholic education was so very important to them. So my mother lived with a family in town during her high school years and helped the family with household tasks and worked in their business to enable her to attend Bethlehem Academy Catholic High School in Faribault.

My dad's sisters were also blessed to be able to go to that same high school, but Dad (since he was the second oldest) was needed back on the farm due to my grandfather's health. Because of that family duty, he went through only eighth grade of country school. However, it was incredibly important for both of my parents that passing on our Catholic faith be their top priority for us five boys, and so my brothers and I were able to attend Catholic grade schools, junior high and high school in Faribault. This required that we not take vacations when we were really young as my parents couldn't afford it, and we needed to tend to the farming duties.

Faith was number one, not just when we went to school but at home. Each night when we were young, Mom and/or Dad would kneel beside one of our beds, and we would pray together: "God bless Mom, Dad, grandpas, grandmas, Dave, Joe, Pete, Don and Pat," and then finish with the Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be and Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep.

When we would travel to take pigs or cows to market, Dad would pull out his "army rosary," which was a string rosary, and we would pray the rosary on the way to the market place and sometimes on the return as well.

I never remember a time when we missed going to Sunday Mass. It was not an option unless we were really sick. Faith was daily lived, and it was the daily-lived faith of my mom and dad that helped us five boys understand faith is a daily way of life, not something to merely check off the list. I thank God today that the daily life of faith was so strong in my family's lifestyle that it set me up for a daily faith life.

With parents as the first teachers of the faith and living on a farm where faith was so tangible, whether earnestly praying for rain, protection from severe storms or in gratitude for rain, the sun to get the hay up and other things, I thank God for the simple, humble lifestyle of our Catholic farm life which was a daily reality and brought me so much joy, peace and desire for godly things in my life.

When I think of the Beatitude of our Lord, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3), I think of the life and witness of my parents, and I praise God for them.

With these blessings, I humbly ask and pray that God will bless each of the families in our diocese with the desire and striving for a daily Catholic faith life so all of us can be healthy, happy and holy as beloved adopted sons and daughters. May we help each other to live the fullness of our capacity each day by intentionally and dynamically living our Catholic faith as I witnessed in the humble but fervent witness of my parents so we all can be fervent in our faith, sharing it with each other, especially kids, youth, young adults and young families.

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24 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

25 2:00 Installation Mass of Father Paul King, St. Ann Parish, Humboldt

31 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

August

1 1:30 Anniversary Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph

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Bishop's Fishing Tournament raises money for seminarian education



The Bishop's Fishing Tournament wrapped up in mid-June, raising over \$155,000 for seminarian education in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Sponsored by the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota, the event saw more than 450 people take part in various fishing competitions, a Eucharistic procession, Mass with Bishop DeGrood and a prime rib dinner. Visit ccfesd.org for more photos from the event.



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Memo to managers: Bring your Catholic values to work

By Dana Hess

Being a manager in a business and a Catholic may seem like two vocations at odds. Mixing the two may seem awkward at best and, at worst, the fast lane to alienating employees. However, bringing Catholic virtues to the workplace doesn't mean preaching so much as using Christ's lessons to set a good example.

"There's opportunities that present themselves where you have an opportunity to

witness to people," says Jo Vitek, former chief of police in Watertown. "Most of the time, it doesn't even have to be verbally. It can just be by your actions, your integrity, how you handle things."

In law enforcement for 36 years, Jo didn't shrink from sharing her faith in the workplace. Police officers need to be grounded in faith, she says, because of the nature of their work. Upon taking the chief's job in Watertown in 2005, Jo implemented a chaplain program for the department.

"The stuff that you encounter in law enforcement is going to rock your boat," Jo says. "If you don't have a connection, and if you're not grounded in your faith, you're going to go sideways and that's not a good thing."

A sexual abuse survivor, Jo says she would share that story, as well as her faith, with the officers who worked for her.

"I'm not preaching at them or anything like that," Jo says. "You can't be in law enforcement and see things that police officers see without having some faith."

Faith-based leadership

Keith Borchers expects a certain amount of preaching in his work leading Evangelium Consulting Group, a California-based firm dealing in organizational health and leadership for religious organizations. A former director of religious education for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, Keith was back in South Dakota recently working with Bishop DeGrood's leadership team.

Keith teaches leadership from a basis of spirituality. "As good Catholic leaders, when in the public forum or private or church, you've got to have a personal prayer life."

Catholic leaders have to trust themselves enough to allow others to see they are vulnerable and flawed. "A lot of leaders think, 'I can't let people see me sweat. I've got to hold it all together. I've got to be the guy or the gal and not let them see me squirm,'" Keith says. "The reality is, people know your foibles and vulnerabilities even before you do sometimes."

Keith cautions not to confuse vulnerability with incompetence. It takes honesty and courage, he says, for a leader to make statements like, "Hey, I'm sorry about what I said yesterday. You're better at this than I am. Can you help me with this project?"



Jo Vitek with Bishop DeGrood and friend Tanya Weiland.

Bringing Catholic attributes like charity and love to the workplace can help leaders with conflict resolution, Keith says, noting that Catholics often smile, nod and stay quiet when they don't agree with what has been said.

"We really don't know how to say it without offending them or saying it in the wrong way," says Keith. "Conflict without trust is politics, and that's one thing that we have to help people eliminate."

The hard things need to be said with charity. "That's what good leaders do. They say the hard things, but in love."

Relationship building

Keith's lesson for leaders isn't new or particularly groundbreaking. "At the heart of what we do is teaching people how to be human with each other, how to be real."

Jo, the former police chief, has a similar philosophy. "In my estimation, relationships in life are everything. I say that because we are relational to the core because we are made in the image of the triune God."

Jo has a unique way of bringing her faith into relationships. While in law enforcement, she also taught at the university level. When she retired as police chief in Watertown in 2013, Jo created and then taught in the law enforcement program at Lake Area Technical College.

With her classroom filled with budding investigators, Jo knew they would find out what they could about her online. That realization inspired her to join Facebook as a means of sharing her faith.

"I knew that the students, naturally, want to be friends with you," Jo says. "Every morning I post something that is spiritual—scripture, something that would be inspirational."

She does this, knowing the students are looking at her posts. "I know that they're going to read everything I write," Jo says. "So the Lord can use that."

Taking advice from Intel

Keith says Catholic managers in the workplace would do well to heed this advice from computer chip maker Intel: disagree and commit. Keith explains that at Intel, leaders pledge that even if they don't agree with a decision, they will commit to making it a success.

"Even if the decision goes against their opinion, they can still commit and be helpful," Keith says. "That is huge."

The paradox of any kind of job is that human frailty means no matter how hard they work, there will always be failures. "We are not perfect. The workplace is fraught with that imperfect human frailty," Keith says.

Catholics are familiar with accepting the paradoxes of the virgin birth and Christ's death to bring new life. "Our faith is filled with paradox," Keith says. "A faith-filled person will recognize that, even if you work in the secular world."

Keith notes that the best leaders are willing to accept and acknowledge their failures. "Strong leaders have to be transparent and vulnerable. That's how a lot of organizations get into trouble is they try not to do those things."

The Catholic path includes a degree of self-awareness. Keith says the best leaders develop a greater sense of self-knowledge. He takes advice from St. Gregory the Great who said the greatest obstacle to ministry or effective work is the lack of self-knowledge.

"As people become more self-aware as a leader, then they can start to improve themselves," Keith says. "Fundamentally, you have to understand what it is you are and what your mission is and how to improve that."

Catholic leaders can enhance Bishop's vision

Leaders who bring their Catholic faith into the workplace will help fulfill the Bishop's vision of *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love*.

"As Catholics, we are all charged with the great commission from Jesus in Matthew 28: 'Make disciples of all the world, all nations,'" Keith says. "You don't have to be a priest or religious to do that."

Keith says, as missionary disciples, Catholic leaders in the workplace should strive to engage and transform the culture to a more Christ-like vision.

"It doesn't mean you go into the workplace and try to disciple everybody and convert everybody that you're working with," Keith explains. "I think, at a basic level, it

means bringing the tenets of our faith to the workplace to make it more Christ-like—the transforming of it in a way that is more charitable and loving."

The last three words that describe the Bishop's vision—through God's love—are



Keith Borchers working with a leadership team to help them use faith principles in their work.

key. "What's the prescription for a hurting world or business?" Keith asks. "It's love. We're bringing God's love to the world by the witness of our life, but also by our actions and words, too."

Don't be afraid to share God's love

Jo looks back on a long career in law enforcement where those who knew her knew she wore her Catholic faith as proudly and boldly as she wore her badge.

"Maybe some people look at me differently," Jo says. "But you know, I just know how much the Lord loves me and loves them. I don't worry about what people think or say. I just try to do what I believe I'm supposed to do."

Catholic leaders who live their faith in the workplace will set a good example for others.

"It doesn't mean you have to be a door-to-door, let me tell you about this Jesus, person," Keith says. "But first and foremost, your actions are so compelling that people ask, 'What's the secret of your joy and your happiness? I want to know more about that.'"

At that point, Keith says, it's time to share the good news. "That's when we tell them, 'It's my love for Jesus. He changed me.'"



The Unified Life

BRINGING YOUR FAITH TO WORK

by Renae Kranz

Photo by Lance Nielsen

In today's world, bringing faith into the workplace seems like a terrifying prospect. Very few of us want to approach a co-worker to talk about religion, and fewer would even know how to do that.

Let me relieve your anxiety.

Bringing faith to work doesn't have to mean overtly talking about your beliefs about divine realities. It's more about revealing your entire self to the people around you and living the virtues of your Catholic faith in all areas of life.

It's about living an integrated, whole life with God always at the center of the things we do and say. And it's easier than you might think.

Meaning in work

Joe Rutten, parishioner at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, has noticed most people tend to separate what they do on Sunday from everything else in their lives, especially when they head to work on Monday. He sees that separation, that divided life, as a primary obstacle to uniting our faith and our work. And the cause, he says, is sometimes sin but can also be a lack of understanding.

"I think it's a primary obstacle for humanity. It's easy for us to compartmentalize our faith to church and what we do on Sunday," Joe says. "I don't know that we've always done a good job of catechizing people to understand that work is noble and holy, and it is a participation in the creative work of God."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) supports this idea by also linking work to God's creative power and to the gifts he gives us.

“Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ. (CCC 2427)

That fragmented life Joe is referring to puts many of us on a path of working just to get to retirement. He says that's an incomplete picture of work, and we should see our work as having value and lifting us up.

"The objective is to take Sunday into Monday, to live integrated lives where faith principles impact business practices, so that we have business practices which are guided by the compass of our faith," Joe says. "And so when we can understand that we're co-creators because of our creation, we were created in the image of God, and we exercise that through our work."

As assistant professor of theology and director of the Benedictine Leadership Institute at Mount Marty University, Joe has had plenty of opportunity to dive into meshing faith with work. He suggests using Catholic social teaching and our faith principles to "impact how we organize and exercise human societies, including institutions and organizations of work." By that he means putting people first in our work so they aren't "cogs in a wheel but are agents of impact that accomplish good and help society flourish."

Two places to start in making sure your work upholds your faith principles is to first look at whether you uplift and value the dignity of people, says Joe, and second to ask yourself whether the goods or services you're providing are good.

After you answer those questions, Joe says to then ask yourself, "What's my purpose?" When we understand our purpose and fill that purpose, he says we will feel fulfilled, and our community will be fulfilled by our work.

But how do we figure out what our purpose is? Look to the gifts God gave you.

For Joe, his gifts are in promotion and marketing. He knows if someone put him in charge of a budget, the company would be in serious trouble because that is not his gift, and he wouldn't be able to fulfill his purpose. When our work aligns with our gifts, we flourish and our community will also flourish.

"So this idea that we're created for work, isn't just, 'Oh, just plug me in.' It's to assess, 'All right, well, what do I have? What gifts were I given that might be a sign that God has created me for a certain type of work?'" Joe says. "It's important that we're taking time to step back and reflect upon what it is we're doing professionally, because it's not a given that what we're doing contributes to human flourishing or community flourishing."

In order to put an end to that divided life Joe talks about and after we've answered these questions, now we must find ways to bring our Catholic faith to every part of our lives.

Unity of faith and business

One way we can meld faith principles with business practices, as Joe already mentioned, is by using Catholic social teaching. This universal body of teaching consists of the best ways to organize communities and shows us how to live together in order to flourish. Joe says it's something the Church unified and gave us, but it's universal in nature so all people of any religion, or no religion, can adhere to it and grow as a human person.

Joe says we can focus on integrating four primary social justice principles into our work lives: dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity



Joe Rutten, director of the Benedictine Leadership Institute at Mount Marty University
Photo by Lance Nielsen

and the common good. Dignity means we uphold a person as a child of God who has worth from that fact alone. Joe describes solidarity as similar to teamwork in that "we are interrelated in our brothers and sisters and are in need of one another."

Subsidiarity is placing responsibility for a goal to be accomplished at the most local level possible, which keeps authority for it local as well. It seems a bit difficult to grasp, but Joe puts it in work terms that are easily understood.

"It simply states that the person that is responsible for the work ought to be the one that is permitted, given the tools and the freedom, to do the work. A higher level of society, a higher level of management, should only get involved if that level of work can't accomplish the goal," Joe says. "So the easiest way to think about subsidiarity is its violation in the office is micromanagement. So when leaders or people above mess around in responsibilities and tasks below them that are the work of somebody else in the organization, that's a violation of subsidiarity."

Common good can be applied in this case to a company's purpose. Here, he says we should ask ourselves what's the greater good of our work, of the company's work. "The common good is this big picture benefit that society gains through the work that you do," he says.

To expand on these, Joe says you can look at a good health benefits package as honoring dignity, or helping a team member in need is part of solidarity or even the common good. It's about seeing this all as a family working as one.

"Fundamentally at the heart of the vision or proposal is that we are all a part of the same family, and that anybody of faith could consider universal principles that apply to everybody that can help main street flourish," Joe says.

As you can see already, bringing your faith to work isn't necessarily about displaying a crucifix or a Bible. It's about taking your deeply held principles, developed from your faith, and applying them to work.

Faith permeates life

Sandy Lown, executive director of the Teddy Bear Den in Sioux Falls, has spent a lifetime growing in her faith. Even through very difficult times when she was tempted to walk away from God, her faith has developed to a level where it bubbles out of everything she does, both at home and in her work.

“It’s how you treat others. It’s how you respect the choices that they make. It’s how you embrace them when they are going through a difficult time and you listen to what they have to say and you help them solve their problem,” Sandy says. “I don’t know that I necessarily think to myself, ‘how am I going to bring God into my job every single day?’ I think it’s just something that I do naturally.”

People often tell her they can see her exhibit her faith in the way she talks and acts. It’s so deeply ingrained it can’t help but permeate every part of her life. But that didn’t happen overnight. She was raised in a good Catholic home, raised her own children in Catholic schools, and she and husband, John, have tried to teach their children how to lead a Catholic life. Even their regular circle of friends are all good Catholic families.

“I think when you combine all of that together, my family, my friends, my church, my faith, it just comes out in who I am,” Sandy says. “I might not be as strong of a Catholic as I am if I didn’t have all these people that are intertwined in my life to make me the person that I am.”

Because she surrounds herself with faithful people, living her faith at work is a natural extension. “I don’t feel like I have to hide anything that I believe. I don’t hide any of it. It’s just accept me, that this is the person I am.”

Faith principles at work

Dan Specht and Rob Stephenson gather with other men at a Catholic men’s group in Yankton to help them grow in their faith and as leaders in their business roles. They’ve seen over and over how important these ideas of bringing faith into their work helps them and those around them succeed in a more integrated way.

Dan and his wife Deb, parishioners at Sacred Heart Parish in Yankton, own a small real estate company and do their best to bring faith principles to work. Dan does display a cross and



Dan with wife Deb and daughter Cameryn.



Sandy with family: husband John, sons Josh and Dan, and daughter Abby.

picture of Christ in his office, but that is just the beginning. He says they try to do the right thing whenever they can and help their clients with even small things like finding a moving truck. And when things aren’t yet quite where he’d like them, they work on that, too. He says as a group they’re working on being more charitable in their language. Negative words sneak in easily and they try to reroute the discussion to a more positive direction.

Dan tries to live his faith at work by instilling in his real estate team that they don’t always know another person’s circumstances and should be sensitive to them. Reasons for selling or buying a house vary and can be stressful times in people’s lives.

“We need to be respectful of that and try and watch out for those key signals that they may be sending us to step back and find a way to help them,” Dan says. “Just taking care of people and trying to meet them where they’re at in service to them.”

They also try not to work on Sunday as much as possible, which is not always easy in a business where your next phone call could be your next paycheck. Along with that, almsgiving is heavily encouraged. For Dan, trying to incorporate his faith into his work has changed him as a person.

“For me personally, just being more thoughtful and...more open to what my employees are going through personally and recognizing that and helping them where we can and asking for help as well,” Dan says of his transformation.

Rob, president and chief operating officer at First Dakota National Bank in Yankton and parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish, has seen a transformation as well. He’s always been grateful for his ability to work hard and apply himself, which he says is easy for him rather than difficult and stressful as it might be for others. He also keeps expectations in check, instead believing that faith and hard work are followed by the gift of good things. He has faith that God will bless his work with abundant graces.

“I’ve been able to look at it differently and abundant, abundant blessings have come in opportunities and in people I’ve met, in the communities and all the work I’ve done,” Rob says. “It’s helped me continue to develop and develop new friendships with people like Dan that helped me continue to grow.”



Rob with family: Rob, wife Lori, daughter Halle and sons Nate and Charlie.

Rob and the bank he works for have set priorities in their work that include being courageous, even when it isn't necessarily the best thing for the bank, and taking care of their employees and customers, especially in tough times. They focus on helping their communities and doing the right thing whenever they can, reflecting those values of solidarity and the common good.

Personally, Rob, husband and father of three, says he's matured into a leader who has realized it's good to be a person of faith in the world of work. He encourages other Catholics he works with to live their faith more openly, not just on Sunday.

"I'm changing in that I continue to be more comfortable to live out my faith and realize that it's a good thing and it's a positive thing to bring that to work, too," Rob says. "It isn't something that should be separated, and I should be helping others to do it as well."

Bring Sunday into Monday

One of the best ways to learn how to bring your faith into your work is to find a group that supports these principles. The Catholic Men's Business Fraternity in Sioux Falls, a small group such as the one in Yankton, and a women's group coming together soon in Sioux Falls are just a few options. Check with your local parish to find out if a group like this exists in your area or start your own (the Discipleship and Evangelization Office at the diocese is also a good place to find assistance). These types of groups offer opportunities to dig deep into your faith and work on it as you would your own job.

Sandy recommends surrounding yourself with people of strong faith and those who share your values. Dan suggests dedicating yourself to a holy hour once a week and looking for opportunities to talk to people about their faith. And Rob suggests to be brave enough to talk to others when the opportunity arises.

"I think those doors are really wide open and we don't recognize or we're scared to walk in them when they're there," Dan says. "I think nine out of 10 people I would say are hungry for that conversation because they can't have it anywhere else."

Live faith principles of dignity and noble work. Let your faith show in your words and actions. The rest will happen all by itself.

Looking for a way to explore more ways to bring your faith to work? The Faith and Business Conference in Sioux Falls is an event where you can expect a dynamic platform of speakers and time with other business leaders from around the region.

The August 19 event is organized by the Catholic Men's Business Fraternity and is for all people of faith, men and women, who are interested in incorporating faith principles into their business practices.

"It's a really entertaining, dynamic, reflective, thoughtful opportunity to step back and look at the big picture about how it is that our faith and the principles of our faith can help us to become better teams," Joe says. It's an opportunity "to come and have a place where we can think, pray and talk about faith principles and business practices and how we can create businesses that flourish."

This year's lineup of speakers includes Super Bowl champion Matt Birk, Andreas Widmer of the Catholic University of America, and a panel with a team from Sioux Falls business Click Rain. For more information, visit:

cmbfsf.org/faith-and-business-conference



CATHOLIC MEN'S BUSINESS FRATERNITY

— CALLED TO BE HEROES —

Why does it matter if I'm Catholic?



In your April column, you talked about the importance of asking “why” with regard to our faith. Can you explain more about what you mean by that? And relatedly, in light of your recent columns, I’d like to know how you answer the question, “Why be Catholic?”



Wow! Two great questions in the same question! I’d be happy to try to answer them. Let’s start with the first.

As I say all the time, one of my favorite questions with regard to our Catholic faith is one often found on the lips of little children, including my own kids, and that’s the one we’re talking about here: “Why?” As in, “Why do we believe what we believe?” or “Why do we do what we do?”

Sometimes our answer to these questions is, “well, that’s just the way we do things as Catholics,” but at other times, we want more, we need more. We ask this tiny question: “Why?” In fact, and as I indicated in April’s column, I think this is one of the most important questions we can ask, and asking it is often a good thing because it indicates a desire on our part to better understand our faith, and that is a very good thing.

With that in mind, let’s look to the second question: “Why be Catholic?” There are a number of possible answers, but I’d like to focus on one in particular: because it’s true. When someone asks us why we are Catholic, perhaps the best answer is that Catholicism is true. But what does that mean? As Pontius Pilate famously asked Jesus, “What is truth?” (John 18:38)

Simply put, to say that something is true means to say that “that’s the way things are.” To put it more philosophically, to say that something is true means to say that it corresponds to reality. And here is where things can get tricky, especially for Americans when it comes to religion.

One of the dominant views of matters of religion among Americans is the one which sees religion like pizza toppings: pick the one you like the best, and remember that your opinion is your own! We tend to see religion not as a matter of truth—of the way things are—but

of opinion: you have yours and I have mine. But this view is, simply put, off-base...it doesn’t correspond to reality itself... it isn’t true!

Take perhaps the most basic religious question: Does God exist? Either he does or he doesn’t; this is not a matter of opinion, but of fact, of reality. To say that God exists for you but not for me doesn’t make sense. It’s like saying that 2+2 is 4 for you but not for me. The Catholic Church claims, then, not only that her teachings come from Jesus (as we saw last month) but that her teachings are true, that they are the way things are, as a matter of fact, not of opinion.

If the answer to the question “why be Catholic?” is “because it’s true,” the appropriate response is our favorite question, “why?” or perhaps more colloquially, “sez who?”

If we understand that the Church is asserting not merely an opinion, but is making a truth-claim, then we must be able to back it up, to explain why Catholicism is true. The branch of theology which is concerned with explaining and defending the teachings of the Church is known as apologetics, which doesn’t mean that we apologize for being Catholic, but rather that we explain what the Church teaches.

As we saw in February, 1 Peter 3:15 tells us, “Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.” We are called to be able to explain why we believe what we believe, to be able to back up our claim to the fullness of truth. And as we saw in that column, the great news is that we are able to use our human



reason to answer this “why.” In other words, to explain how we know our faith is true doesn’t require that you already believe: we are able to make the case for faith on the basis of reason alone.

Before we wrap up, there’s one final question I think is important to consider as well: “so what?” In other words, even if our faith is true, what does it matter to my life? And the short answer—one that we might elaborate on in future columns—is: everything.

The truths of our Catholic faith have the ability to transform our lives in ways we often don’t even consider. Again, though, more on that in a future column.

In the meantime, I’d encourage you to pray that God might awaken your own sense of wonder and curiosity about our faith, that you, too, might ask “why?” and explore the reasonable basis for our faith by checking out the Additional Resources at the link below.

Be sure to check out the additional resources at sfcatholic.org/answer.

If you have a question you need an answer to, email rkrantz@sfcatholic.org.

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Photo above: St. Lawrence Parish in Milbank celebrated Memorial Day Mass at the St. Lawrence Cemetery. The celebration included a procession while praying the Litany of the Saints. Photo courtesy of Darby Helms.



Photo left: Father Jim Friedrich and parishioners from St. John the Baptist (Wagner) and Assumption (Dante) gathered June 11 to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary as part of the global rosary relay to pray for the health and sanctification of priests. They lit candles and said additional prayers for Bishop DeGrood and Bishop Emeritus Swain as well as our most recently ordained priests and priests of the Wagner and Dante parishes. Photo courtesy of Theresa Koupal.



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Keeping faith in college looks different for everyone

By Kassondra Gooley

Jeremiah 29:11 reads, “For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future,” yet sometimes the struggles of college can cause one to question if this is truly God’s plan. College brings late nights and tough classes, and causes you to question your choices and beliefs. Failures and fears often leave college students wondering if God equipped them.

Sometimes it is difficult to remember that God’s definition of success, his definition of prosperity, can be different than our definition. What do you do when God laughs at your plans? That is one of the questions college students must discover the answer to.

When I started college, I didn’t think I would add a theology minor or make the friends I did. There are many things I never thought I’d do, perhaps because I wasn’t open to the idea that these things were part of God’s idea of prosperity and hope for my life. I never thought I’d make the friends I made either, but it was these people who provided me with trust and hope in God’s word when I found myself wondering if God truly planned for me to flourish.

Keeping the faith in college is difficult mostly because of time and friendships. College students are strapped for time with activities, homework, exams, work and other tasks that lend to forgetting God patiently waits for our hearts to quell their chaotic shouting long enough to rest in his arms.

This is why I felt overwhelmed at first; I forgot that God was always waiting to hold me like a little girl, hugging me, saying, “It will be alright. Just breathe and then we can talk.” I felt like I had to do it all and the girl I spent most of my time with felt the same way. It was easy to forget God amid a world that fails to acknowledge his presence, and in company of someone who has yet to meet him.



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So, I stressed over tests, prayed semi-regularly, and served at Mass. I was doing enough, right? The answer was no.

My second semester, I realized my life needed to change. I switched roommates, created a prayer routine, and shed friendships that were not leading me to Christ. Once I did, I realized my stress was only partly college; part of my stress was coming from a lack of faith. I was missing a relationship with God. However, that soon began to change.

I began to grow in fellowship with people who were strong in their faith, and we all began to discuss Christ in our lives.

Whether talking with my prayer partner, Sister Jacqueline, or to friends, I began to be aware of God in my life. The more I stopped to notice him, the less stressed and out of control I felt.

This realization led me to join Professor Jason Heron’s new group, part of the Catholic movement Communion and Liberation, during my freshman year. Studying God from an intellectual perspective and in a fellowship setting forced me to think critically about God. Is he real and, if so, what does this mean in my life? How does this shape the way I interact with others and the way I use my mind and imagination? Pursuing these answers with friends helped me to renew my relationship with God. Praying together, my friends and I discussed our questions, fears and doubts and sought council of those wiser than us when we could not find an answer on our own.

This pursuit of truth, beauty, justice and love as signs of God’s hands weaving the fabric of my life remains with me today. In fact, this is how I commune with God during my time as a college student. Because of this group, I realized I am currently not called to hours of prayer every day, and that most people never will be. I realized I am not called to grand, public displays of holiness.

It is through these groups and my studies that I realized most people are called to build a toolbox for holiness in their everyday experiences. Each ordinary moment creates habits that will define us in the pivotal moments of our life here on earth because these tools will be what we grab to fight spiritual battles.

In essence, there is no one way to keep your faith in college and keeping the faith looks different for everyone. The common elements for faith preservation are in my story and are even more prevalent in the lives of the saints: fellowship and relationship with our all-loving God. If you do this, your faith shall never extinguish, even if the flame blows in the winds of life.



2021 ORDINATIONS



PRIESTHOOD

Three men were ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Sioux Falls on May 28 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Bishop Donald DeGrood was the ordaining bishop.

Rev. Jacob Doty,
Rev. Scott Miller and
Rev. Jeffrey Schulte.

DIACONATE

Three men were ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Diocese of Sioux Falls on May 27 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Bishop Donald DeGrood was the ordaining bishop.

Rev. Mr. Nicholas Haiar,
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Putting vocation ahead of occupation keeps life directed toward God

By Mikaela Pannell

The words “vocation” and “occupation” are sometimes used interchangeably, particularly in the world of work. For example, technical colleges are often called vocational schools. When used in a Catholic setting, however, we find they actually mean very different things.

An occupation is another word for a job or career. Whether it’s spending your summer as a nanny or a lifeguard between semesters or in a career as a doctor or a lawyer, your occupation is what you do for work. A vocation, on the other hand, is your calling from God to the priesthood, religious life or marriage.

In today’s world, it can be easy to fall into the habit of allowing our occupation to overshadow our vocation. In reality, our vocation is the umbrella overarching all other aspects of our lives, including our careers, and is how we are called to best live out our lives as saints in the making.

One woman familiar with this is Sara Hofflander, wife and mother of five. Even at a young age, she recalls watching her own parents putting their vocation first. When Sara was about 8 years old, her mother became a stay-at-home mom, a change that she says “had a big impact”

on her. Growing up and discerning what her path in life would be, Sara says God made it very clear she was supposed to be a high school theology teacher.

As it turns out, her occupation choice was actually a step in her vocation journey toward marriage. Sara and her husband, Nathan, met while both teaching at O’Gorman. Starting out as colleagues and then as friends, they started walking along the path of faith together. Sara even became Nathan’s RCIA sponsor. As we were “falling in love with the Church,” she explains, “our paths converged more.”

Eventually, Sara and Nathan’s paths became one in their shared vocation of marriage. For a time, they both continued to teach, but their desire for her to stay home with their children was on their hearts. It required lots of trust in God and asking, “Lord, if this is what you want, then show us how to do it.” And show them he did.

Although they were sad to leave O’Gorman and had to navigate the challenges of adjusting finances and career changes, the Hofflanders have been blessed by their steps in faith and putting their vocation first. Even while being a stay-at-home mom, Sara is a mentor

teacher online. This helps to fulfill her love of educating others, and fits well within her role as a wife and mother.

Keeping life directed toward God isn’t easy, but one thing she has realized is that “God is most honored in our trust... He can offer us grace as we go down the path he is calling us to. He will provide everything we need.”

Sara explains that she and her husband are continuing to discern what putting their vocation first looks like for them. Right now, it means she stays home with their kids and participates in teaching avenues other than a full-time position. Down the road, Sara may be back in the classroom setting. Ultimately, the Hofflanders are putting their trust and their future in God’s hands.

Married persons have the unique challenge of prioritizing their relationship with their spouse over other things in their lives. If both members of a marriage have a job, it can be easy to go an entire day (or even longer) without touching base with their spouse, much less giving them a hug or kiss. Couples should establish firm habits that prioritize their relationship with each other and with

God. It might be a simple kiss goodbye whenever one leaves the house, or setting aside a weekend every month to get away together. Attending Mass as a couple and afterward discussing moments that stood out is one way to grow in faith together.

Your spouse is also a built-in accountability partner; if you or your spouse's time and energy is getting consumed by their job, the other person is there to bring them back. Pursuing relationships with like-minded couples is a huge blessing for marriages, as well.

What if you aren't married or haven't entered the priesthood or religious life? How can you prioritize a vocation when you aren't even sure what it is yet?

Brady Martinez is a current Lumen Christi missionary for the Diocese of Sioux Falls and just finished up his first year of college at the University of Nebraska. A lifelong Catholic and member of St. Agnes Parish in Vermillion, Brady was always open to the call to the priesthood; however, it wasn't until this past year he really felt the pull to discern more intently.

As a full-time college student, it was challenging to balance faith life with everything else happening on a college campus.



Brady Martinez, Lumen Christi missionary for the diocese.

With classes, a new routine, and all sorts of extracurricular activities, Brady says "it was hard to get a daily prayer routine going...lots of things were grabbing my attention."

After his first semester, he went on retreat at Broom Tree Retreat Center and con-

structed a more firm routine that prioritized his faith and prayer life. In particular, he made sure to establish a daily holy hour that Brady "treated like a class" he wouldn't miss. The discernment process is ongoing, but he is planning to enter the seminary this fall.

Prioritizing your vocation requires a conscious effort. Success in the world's eyes typically involves making lots of money or finding fame of some kind. This means our jobs tend to get more attention in our daily lives, and our schedules often revolve around them. Many people also find it difficult to completely separate themselves from their careers once they clock out for the day. There always seems to be emails to catch up on, projects with deadlines approaching, and never-ending threads of gossip and workplace drama to take up space in our minds.

It's very important to be aware of this, and to form habits to keep our priorities aligned with the Lord's. Brady recommends forming a schedule that has set times for prayer and growing in faith, which he has found allows him to more clearly see how God is working in his life. With so many things competing for his attention, prioritizing his vocation helps him "avoid just doing things to check off the boxes." This is important for everyone, regardless of which vocation you find yourself in.

The high school and college years of life are good ones to form habits of putting your vocation ahead of your occupation. "Pray every day, weigh the thoughts, feelings, and desires on your heart," Brady says.

God knows what is best for each of us, and wants us to be joyful and free. It can be hard at times, but in "saying yes to God in every moment...He truly does make me more happy than I could ever make myself."

It is quite challenging to live a life centered around the Lord. Being surrounded by others who strive for holiness is a great blessing, and seeking out those relationships is a key part of keeping your vocation a top priority. Having support from



The Hofflander family from left to right: Lucia, Clare, Evelyn, Nathan, Franklin, Isabel and Sara. (Photo by Yellowbug Photography)

like-minded friends and family has been crucial for Brady, and it was especially needed during his time of forming his daily habits.

Members of your parish youth group or college Newman Center are wonderful supports to walk along with you in your pursuit of sainthood. For individuals like Brady who are living out the vocation of single life but are discerning a call to the priesthood, religious life or marriage, extra care is needed to prioritize the discernment process. Diocesan Vocations Director Father Jordan Samson can help you navigate that journey.

Taking the time to properly discern and form solid faith habits like attending Mass, reading scripture, and cultivating a healthy prayer life are things you will be able to carry over into whichever vocation you are called to. Oftentimes, maintaining the proper order of priorities in life means having to say no to things, and that's okay. Picking up an extra shift at work or staying at the library late to study for an exam might seem harmless, but they can easily weigh you down and pull you away from what you're really called to.

"Healthy boundaries are the way to lead a truly happy life," Brady says.

Trust in the Lord and willingness to say "yes" to him are essential in living the best life possible. Your vocation sets the path for everything else in life and dictates how you live out your faith. If you set your vocation at the top of your priorities, all the others will fall into place.

Lumen Christi spreads joyful missionary spirit

Lumen Christi missionaries have been traveling around the diocese this summer, bringing the love of God to young and old alike. Twenty-two missionaries broken into teams have been using outreach events, small group discipleship and participation in community and life of the Church to help form *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Disciples Through God's Love*.

Formerly Totus Tuus, Lumen Christi is a diocesan missionary formation program that forms young men and women to be effective evangelists, sharing the love of Christ they have experienced in their own lives.

Father Andy Thuringer spent time training the missionaries this year, which he says has been a real blessing.

"This year we focused on the creation story in Genesis. Our missionaries are excited to share how understanding the beginning of God's story changes our relationship with the rest of the Bible," Father Thuringer said.

Father Michael Kapperman, parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Aberdeen, spent time with Lumen Christi when they were in the area. He felt blessed to get to encourage them in their work.

"It was amazing to get to walk with the team as a spiritual father," Father Kapperman said. "The missionaries of Lumen Christi are on what is probably one of their most intense summers spiritually. They are on a team with three other people learning what it means to share Christian love."



Photo far right top: The Lumen Christi missionaries for 2021.

Photos far right middle and bottom: The missionaries spent time in the Aberdeen area teaching kids about their faith and having some fun in the sun (Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen).

Photo near right: The missionaries spent time with girls at St. Lambert Parish in Sioux Falls for a night of canvas painting.



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Three diocesan priests celebrate anniversaries

50th Anniversaries



Father Albert Cizewski

Father Albert Cizewski was born in Poland in 1945. He was ordained June 6, 1971. After ordination, he studied for five years at the University in Warsaw majoring in marriage and family. In 1985, he left for Alberta, Canada and in 1990 came to the U.S. He served at parishes in Zell, Groton, Florence, Henry, Grover, Armour, Eden, Lake City and Britton. He is semi-retired at St. John de Britto Parish in Britton.



Father Robert Vinslauskis

Father Robert Vinslauskis was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on September 2, 1945. The family moved to Huron where he attended elementary and high school. He attended St. Paul Major Seminary and was ordained a priest on May 29, 1971. He served seven years as associate pastor and then was appointed pastor, serving 43 years in nine parishes. He retired in 2016, still substituting in many parishes.

25th Anniversary



Father Brian Simon

Father Brian Simon was raised in Hoven, attended St. Anthony Grade School and graduated from Hoven High School in 1981. He was ordained a priest June 28, 1996, on his 33rd birthday, the age Jesus Christ died on the Cross. He served as a hospital chaplain and parish priest with a passion for pro-life activism. He recently has been assigned to parishes in Gettysburg and Onida.

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God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart.

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ABERDEEN – David and Sara Vetch will celebrate their 30th anniversary on July 12. They have 4 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Jim and Darlene Johnson will celebrate their 55th anniversary on July 3. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BRANDON – Dave and Jane Mutschelknaus will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 18. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



BROOKINGS – Roger and Char Bottelberghe will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 31. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



DUNCAN – Jerry and Ardith Knippling will celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 25. They have 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Placidus Parish.



FLANDREAU – Randy and Susan Gross will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 16. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Simon and Jude Parish.



GARRETSON – Dick and Sharal Akin will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 17. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



GARRETSON – Donald and Linda Pierret will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 17. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



GETTYSBURG – Gerald and Eileen Krom will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 3. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



HARRISBURG – Dan and Cheryl Pitzl celebrated their 30th anniversary on June 29. They have 4 children and are members of St. John Paul II Parish.



HARTFORD – Gilbert and Rosemary Mohrhauser will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 16. They have 6 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



HUNTIMER – Bob and Diane Reiff will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 3. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph the Workman Parish.



HURON – Frank and Teri Podraza will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 5. They have 6 children, 24 grandchildren and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



MILLER – Todd and DeAnn Beckett will celebrate their 35th anniversary on July 26. They have 4 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



MITCHELL – Lou and Carol Sebert will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 8. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 17 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



PIERRE – Mary and David Voeltz celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 20. They have 2 children and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



RAMONA – Rodney and Donna Jatón will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 30. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. William of Vercelli Parish.



RAMONA – Doug and Marcia Riedel will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 9. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. William of Vercelli Parish.



SELBY – Dick and Phylliss Pudwill celebrated their 65th anniversary on June 28. They have 2 children (1 deceased) and are members of St. Anthony Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Mike and Mary Kay Bannwarth will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 11. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Julie and Jeff Stroup will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 17. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Robert and Nancy Arend celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 25. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Don and Janet Fischer will celebrate their 35th anniversary on July 12. They have 6 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Terry and Patricia Comstock will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 31. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SISSETON – Roy and Veronica Kuehn will celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 24. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



STICKNEY – Larry and Polly Olsen will celebrate their 35th anniversary on July 11. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



TEA – Bruce and Connie Ferrie will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 25. They have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



TYNDALL – Ernie and Deb Bures will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 31. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Leo the Great Parish.



WATERTOWN – Jerry and Leona Corey celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 12. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Dale and Diane Christensen celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 29. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.

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WATERTOWN – Tom and Kaylene Gonnely celebrated their 35th anniversary on June 21. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 1 grandchild and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Victor and Linda Mitzel will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 24. They have 9 children, 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Raphael and Jane Mack will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 10. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WESSINGTON SPRINGS – Mike and Terri Mebius celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 4. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



YANKTON – Tim and Jane Goeden will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 17. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – John and Barb Schneider will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 3. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

Monsignor James Doyle passes away at 89

Monsignor James Doyle, 89, a retired priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, died May 24, 2021, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 3 at St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls. Burial was at St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

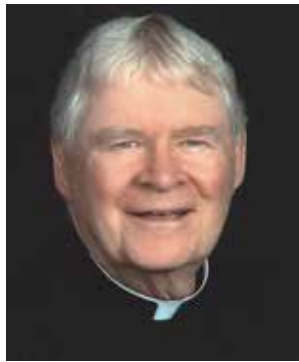
James Michael Doyle was born June 14, 1931, in Lake Benton, Minnesota, the first of two children born to John and Irene (née O'Connor) Doyle. After grammar school, as his family moved to Lennox, he attended St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota. After graduation, he entered minor seminary at Nazareth Hall Preparatory Seminary and later attended major seminary at St. Paul Seminary, both in St. Paul.

On June 2, 1957, he was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls by the Most Reverend Lambert A. Hoch. For his first assignment, Father Doyle served as associate pastor at Holy Family Parish, Mitchell, and as chaplain to the South Dakota Na-

tional Guard. In 1964, he served as administrator at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Centerville, and St. Columba Parish, Mayfield.

In 1968, Father Doyle began his ministry at the University Newman Center at the University of South Dakota (USD). While serving at the Newman Center, he completed graduate studies in theology through the University of San Francisco, taught courses in religious studies as a faculty member at USD, and served as chair of the religious studies department for the university.

In 1979, Bishop Paul Dudley asked Father Doyle to serve as the founding pastor of St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls. He



Monsignor James Doyle

later served at St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings, from 1989-1995 and St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls, from 1995-1999. On July 1, 1999, he retired from assigned ministry.

In 1995, Father Doyle was appointed by Pope John Paul II as a chaplain of His Holiness and given the title of monsignor.

Monsignor Doyle was active in establishing and carrying out ministries of social outreach. He co-founded The Banquet, a ministry that provides prepared food to those in need and was instrumental in starting St. Francis House and directly involved in its operations for many years.

Monsignor Doyle was also very involved with ecumenical ministries and a frequent contributor to local publications. In 2011, he published an autobiography entitled "Amazed By Grace: A Personal History." He also served as a chaplain to law enforcement.

Monsignor Doyle was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sister Margretta Doyle, OSB.



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Friday, July 30th


5:00pm - Registration and Check-In
6:00pm - Mass
9:30pm - Evening Concludes

Saturday, July 31st

9:00am - Registration
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Please contact Jane Barz with any questions: 605-940-4101
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Gather in August for two Bishop's charity events

Two of the summer's best events are coming up in August: The Bishop's Cup golf tournament and Taste the Goodness. The Bishop's Cup, played at both Minnehaha Country Club and The Country Club of Sioux Falls, will benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, and Taste the Goodness benefits the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Endowment.

Taste the Goodness – Saturday, August 14

The Taste the Goodness charity event for 2021 will again be held in downtown Sioux Falls outdoors at the Avera IT building at 212 E. 11th Street.

The event runs from 5-9 p.m. Stroll from tent to tent and enjoy a variety of food, beer, wine and other beverages while listening to great music.

There will also be an auction, games and activities throughout the evening.

This summer event offers a chance for fellowship and giving. All proceeds go to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Endowment to help the homeless in our community.

The entrance fee for Taste the Goodness is \$45 for a wristband that gets you unlimited access to food, beverages, games and more. Must be 21 to attend.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to ccfesd.org/events/taste-the-goodness.

Bishop's Cup – Monday, August 23

Two formats are available for golfers this year:

Play the Bishop's Scramble

This format is a four-person scramble with prizes awarded to the top two teams in each flight. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score.

Play the Bishop's Challenge

This format consists of a four-person team. Each golfer plays their own ball, with the two best balls scored hole by hole. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To find out more about those opportunities or to register, go to www.ccfesd.org or call (605) 988-3765.



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Recitation of the rosary planned

Friday, July 2 - The rosary is recited for the faithful departed on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Rosary for rain planned in Mother's Garden

Tuesday, July 6 - The rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. in the Mothers' Garden near the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls to thank God for the lessening of COVID-19 and to ask for rain.

St. Lambert Parish Rummage Sale

July 16-18 - St. Lambert Parish will hold a rummage and book sale at East 16th St. and Bahnson Ave. Hours for the sale will be Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Shop for clothing, books, kitchen items, furniture, holiday decor, children's toys, man cave, games and more.

School of Healing in Yankton

July 30-31 - The Yahweh Shalom Prayer Group is hosting the School of Healing from Encounter Ministries at St. Benedict Parish, Yankton, beginning July 30 at 6:30 p.m. and ending July 31 at 10 p.m. Presenters will include Fr. Brian Gross and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau. For more information, visit www.encounterministries.us/events/soh-yankton.

Rural Catholic DRE Conference

August 18 - The 2nd Annual Rural Catholic DRE Conference will be held at All Saints Parish in Mellette. All priests and DRE/PCL's in parishes are invited. The event begins with supper at 5:30 p.m. and speaker Fr. John Short at 6 p.m. Conversation and discussion will follow at 6:30 p.m. Join at any point in the evening that is convenient. Please RSVP if you will join for the meal. Email Laura Melius at mellettedre@sfcatholic.org or call/text 605-228-3945.

Pray at Planned Parenthood with Jericho's Wall group

Tuesday's - In Joshua 1:14 fighting-age men are called to go to Jericho's wall to fight for the women and children. Today we are called to step out for our faith. Men are meeting on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at our wall of Planned Parenthood to pray the rosary for our women and children. We are asking for men to join us. If you have questions, call Paul at 605-201-5428. Women are welcome.

Mission S.O.S. open for prayers for life

Tuesday's/Thursday's - Mission S.O.S. (Saving Others Spiritually) is for anyone interested in praying for the life of the unborn child and their mother. We are open

for prayer Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at an apartment/chapel with a balcony overlooking Planned Parenthood. To set up a time to come and pray, or for more information, contact Sara at 605-421-8378 or Darlene at 605-254-0951 or visit missionsos.weadorehim.com.

Help for parents who have lost a newborn or pre-born child

If you've lost a child due to miscarriage, still birth or shortly after birth, The Angel Lee Cronen Memorial Fund is available to assist you in dealing with your loss by helping you secure a proper burial for your child. Most parents don't know what to do when faced with this situation and are often unable to pay for the services involved. This fund exists to help during this difficult time. For more information, contact Deacon Bill Radio at 605-336-7390 or dcnwilliamradio@sfcatholic.org.

Traditional Latin Mass available

The Traditional Latin Mass, or the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, is offered every Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Dominic Parish in Canton. The Latin Mass is also offered on most holy days of obligation and principal feasts of the Church Year at 7:30 p.m. St. Dominic Church is located at 800 E. Walnut Street. For more information, please call 605-764-5640 or email Father Lawrence at frmartinlawrence@sfcatholic.org.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Silent personal retreats - We are currently accepting fully vaccinated residential retreatants at the Peace Center on a very limited basis. You are welcome to contact us for reservations at 605-668-6292.

July 9 - Online Lectio Divina, Fridays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30 10-10:45 a.m. Meet online for Lectio Divina, a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader, S. Penny Bingham OSB at pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org/605-668-6023. Include your email address.

Spiritual direction - Share your experience of God with an experienced companion-guide and intensify your spiritual journey. Scheduling is flexible, typically meeting once a month. Contact us to visit about online or in-person options at benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org or 605-668-6292.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit available

Would you like the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit to come to your parish? This display is from the Vatican and provides concrete evidence of the miracle of the Real Presence. To learn more, contact Earl Markley at 605-214-1620 or earl.markley@hotmail.com.

Help display the Immaculate Heart of Mary image

St. Christina Court of the Catholic Daughters in Tea is spreading the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary around the diocese via billboards. If you'd like to support this effort to bring Mary to others or donate in memory of a loved one, contact Earl Markley at 605-214-1620.

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Are you dealing with difficult events in your life? We have professional, caring counselors who are available to provide individual, marriage, and family counseling. Please call us 605-988-3775 to schedule an appointment.

Grief series - Catholic Family Services will be offering a Summer Grief Series. This will be a four-week series beginning Tuesday, July 6. Call us at 605-988-3775 for any questions or if you would like to register.

Surviving Divorce Program - This six-week program begins September 14 in Sioux Falls. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Cost of \$45 per person includes a Personal Survival Guide, refreshments and all materials for six weeks. For information or to register, contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 or cfs@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

GriefShare - Catholic Family Services is honored to host and facilitate the Cathedral of Saint Joseph's GriefShare program. GriefShare is a worldwide Christian grief program for adults. It blends faith, educational videos, a personal workbook and group discussion. The video series is watched as a large group followed by small group discussions according to the participant's particular loss (loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling etc.). The program will run for 11 weeks with 13 different topics surrounding grief being covered. GriefShare will begin again on September 14 from 6-8 p.m. Cost of the workbook is \$15 (scholarships available) and there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering to help cover the additional costs. For more information about GriefShare or to register, please contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

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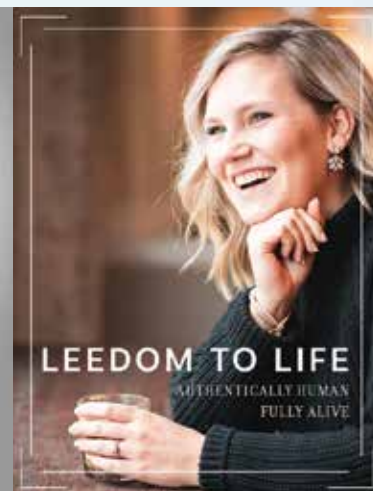
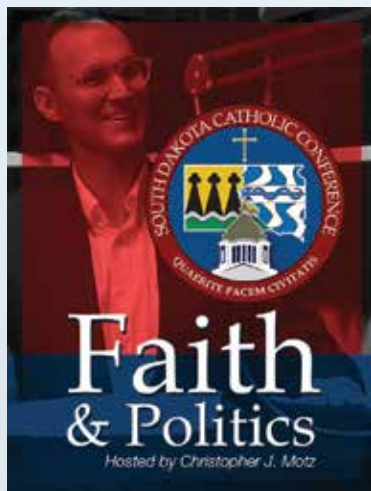
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