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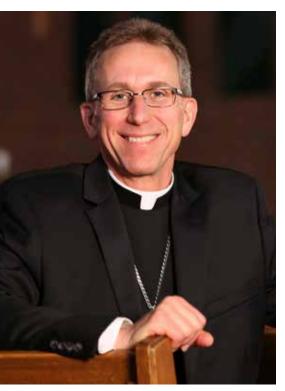
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Let us be transformed by the Eucharist



Bishop Donald E. DeGroodNinth Bishop of the Diocese
of Sioux Falls

t my first holy Communion in second grade and as a kid, I had belief in the real presence of Jesus in the holy Eucharist. I had what might be called "experiential knowledge" that the real presence of Jesus was objectively true.

Belief is easy for those whose minds, hearts and wills are disposed to God's spiritual gifts of faith, hope, charity and all the other spiritual helps God provides through grace. As I grew older and my human mind began to learn, doubts in the Real Presence began to creep in because before and after the eucharistic bread becomes the real presence of Jesus, it still looked, tasted and felt the same.

The dilemma became one of questioning, "How can that be the real presence of Jesus after the ordinary bread and wine are transformed by the grace of God into the actual eucharistic body of Jesus?"

Through high school and college, I wavered and at times fell prey to the temptations of doubting the real presence of Jesus in the holy Eucharist. I earnestly tried to understand by studying philosophy and theology, which could take me only so far because some things are only experientially known to be objectively true through faith, which is a pure spiritual gift from God. In other words, only God can give us the supernatural virtue of faith.

I recall very clearly moments related back to the time when I was a kid and through young adult years when there were serious temptations of doubting. Only in time was I able to recognize this was not mere human questioning, which is normal, but literally temptations from the devil.

Looking back, I can see how I was targeted, and I have wondered why the temptations were so strong against me. As I learned more about how the devil works on every one of us and what he

is aware of, I realized that from about third or fourth grade I had a sense I was called to be a priest. I was called to be an instrument of God's love, of being "in the person of Christ the head" (that is, Christ working in and through me) to change the bread and wine into the real presence of Jesus in the holy Eucharist through the power of the Holy Spirit.

One day as a young adult when I was plagued by the devil's temptations, I was awakened to the sense that he was duping me to doubt that it objectively *is* the real presence of Jesus, even though I have had experiential knowledge since my first holy Communion. Once I identified it was the evil spirit working on me, I firmly renounced the temptation, and the plaguing and naging temptations lifted and faith resettled into my heart, soul, mind and will.

As we celebrate this Easter season and begin the national Eucharist Revival this summer, may the flame of God's love stir deeply in our minds, hearts, souls and wills to humbly ask God to provide or renew the gift of faith in the Real Presence. May that flame of love and gift of faith help people throughout the diocese and beyond be able to see the deceptions of the devil that keep people from believing what God has revealed through Jesus: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:53-54).

May this Easter season inspire all Catholics to draw close to the Lord through participation in weekly Sunday Mass so we all can be protected from the temptations of the evil one, strengthened in faith, and transformed ever more fully to be *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Disciples Through God's Love*.

BISHOP'S SCHEDULE

May

- 1 2:00 Confirmation, St. Boniface, Idylwilde, St. George, Scotland, St. John the Baptist, Lesterville, St. Wenceslaus, Tabor, St. Leo the Great, Tyndall, St. Vincent de Paul, Springfield, in Tabor
- 2 6:00 BBQ and social with Sioux Falls college students at Christ the King Parish
- 4 6:00 Confirmation, St. Peter, Colman, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton, Ss. Simon and Jude, Flandreau, in Flandreau
- 7 9:00 Presentation College Commencement Mass and ceremony
 - 5:00 Installation of Father Andrew Dickinson at Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen
- 8 8:30 Installation of Father Andrew Dickinson at St. Mary Parish, Aberdeen
- 13 4:00 Mount Marty University
 Baccalaureate Mass, Yankton
- 14 10:00 Confirmation, Sacred Heart,
 Aberdeen, Sacred Heart,
 Westport, and St. Mary,
 Aberdeen, at St. Mary, Aberdeen
 - 4:00 Confirmation, St. Anthony, Selby, St. Joseph, Eureka, St. Joseph, Mobridge, and St. Michael, Herreid, in Eureka
- 15 10:30 Confirmation, St. Charles, Artesian, St. Joseph, Wessington Springs, St. Wilfrid, Woonsocket, at Wessington Springs
 - 2:30 Confirmation, Holy Trinity, Huron, St. John, Arlington, St. Mary, Bryant, St. Thomas Aquinas, DeSmet, at Huron
- 18 6:30 Confirmation, All Saints,
 Mellette, St. Bernard, Redfield,
 St. Liborius, Polo, St. Thomas the
 Apostle, Faulkton, at Redfield
- 21 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
 - 7:00 O'Gorman High School Commencement, Sioux Falls Arena
- 27 11:00 Ordination to the Priesthood, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 28 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

June

- 5 9:30 Mass with Aberdeen Catholic community, Barnett Center
 - 10:30 One Vine/Many Branches Celebration, Barnett Center
 - 5:00 Mass at St. Charles, Big Stone
- 6 Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament, Big Stone City
 - *Broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via sfcatholic.org



The youth of St. John the Baptist Parish in Wagner want to "Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus!" The shirts were a generous donation by a parishioner. They tell the 61 CCD students that they are: 1) valued members of the parish family and 2) lifelong Catholic missionary disciples, doing their part to live out the diocesan mission. The parish's confirmation and preschool students also received the shirts. (Photo courtesy of Stacy Holzbauer)



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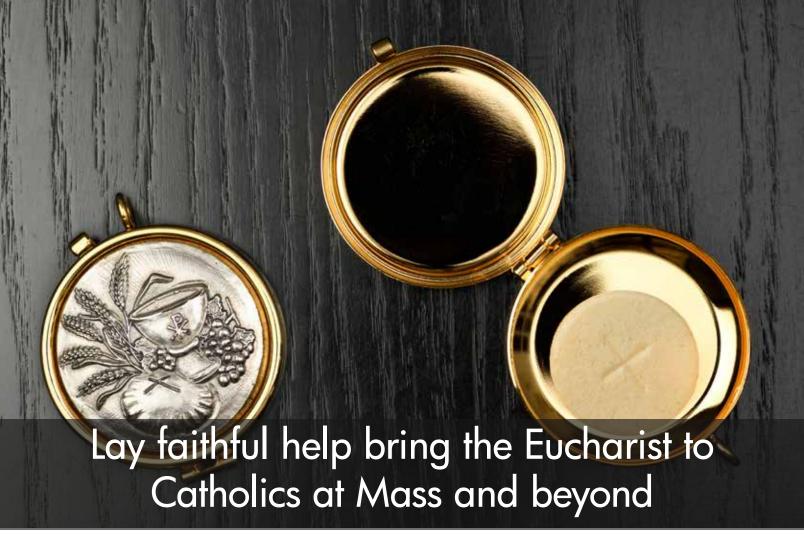
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By Mikaela Pannell

ommunion ministry (or eucharistic ministry, as many call it) is an important calling for laity within the Church, one that should not be taken lightly. It offers the lay faithful the opportunity to bring Christ to others in the most compelling form available to us—his body, blood, soul and divinity present in the consecrated host.

The joy and mission experienced by many extraordinary ministers of holy Communion often spills over into their family life and strengthens their faith. For two men in our diocese, this ministry has done just that.

Bringing Christ to the homebound

Rory King is a parishioner from Sacred Heart Parish in Aberdeen. He and his wife have six children, 18 grandchildren and a busy life. He is a lifelong Catholic but only recently has been able to start giving his time as a Communion minister, specifically to the homebound. It is a ministry that had been on his heart for much of his life, and now that circumstances have allowed him to serve in this capacity, he has made it a priority in his life.

Rory has had six communicants over the past couple of years, one of whom is his aunt. He brings them Communion every Sunday after attending Mass with his wife, and then spends much of the afternoon visiting with them. He draws on his own love for

the Eucharist as his reason for being a Communion minister.

"I know how important it is to me, and I know it's important to other people, too, who can't get to Mass," Rory said. "I just felt that that would be a great ministry."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully states that "the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." Rory takes that truth to heart. "It's the center of my life."

For Catholics who aren't able to be present for Mass, fellow parishioners who bring the Eucharist to them are quite literally being the hands and feet of Christ. Homebound parishioners are equally called to have the Eucharist be the source and summit of their lives, and Communion ministers bridge the physical gap between them and holy Communion.

"They're part of a body of Christ," Rory points out, "and I'm their connection to it when I'm bringing Communion to them."

Communion ministry has a way of impacting the ministers themselves, often through the individuals they are visiting. One communicant in particular who had an impact on Rory is a woman who had MS. She was homebound and largely confined to her couch, but her hope and joy touched him, recalling how it was "inspiring for me to see her...witness her faith and her hope. She lives for the life to come, which is what the Eucharist is all about."

Filling in the gaps

Observing others' depth of faith is very influential in growing the faith of people who accompany them in this life. Rory definitely has noticed how giving of himself in this ministry has given him incredible blessings in return.

"It's strengthened my faith in the Eucharist so much...I have over the years really grown in my love of the Eucharist," he said. "Many many things have been part of that, but this has been a big part of it."

With a worldwide priest shortage, Communion ministers have been a necessary presence in providing accessibility to the faithful who might otherwise go weeks without receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. This is especially true in rural communities, where priests have multiple parishes spread out over a large geographical footprint.

Rory points out that the Aberdeen area priests in particular have done a wonderful job of taking care of their flock, regularly visiting with their homebound parishioners at least once a month. In between those times, however, is when ministers to the homebound are able to make a huge impact in serving their faith community.

Many parishes have only one priest, and they may or may not have a deacon. Since it isn't feasible for just the clergy to distribute Communion at most parishes, lay Communion ministers play an important role in helping the Mass flow smoothly.

Ministering at Mass

Larry Hames has been married for nearly 58 years, and they have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. He and his wife started out together in Yankton, but moved around the country for his job. When retirement came around, they decided to settle down back in Yankton. Though their geographical location has changed throughout the years, his dedication to Communion ministry has remained steady.

Larry's journey to being a Communion minister started in 1974, when the priest at his parish (they were in Colorado at that time) asked Larry and one other parishioner to become Communion ministers. In fact, they were the first ever lay Communion ministers at that parish. He has remained one ever since.

Larry's role as a Communion minister is the more visible side of this ministry, as he ministers at Mass. He has observed that more people choose to receive the gift of the Eucharist, or at least a blessing.

"It used to be that the women and the kids went up...back then it was more selective," Larry said. "Now, what we're seeing is basically everybody in church goes up and either gets a host or a blessing."

Having dedicated nearly 50 years of his life to serving as a Communion minister, Larry has no plans to stop. "I feel I'm helping. I'm contributing to the Mass." He still gets spiritual nourishment and satisfaction from it.

"Even after all these years, when I'm done distributing Communion and get back to the pew, I actually feel...excited," he said. "You can just have a good feeling internally that you've actually done something that's been helpful and you've helped distribute the body of Christ to a number of parishioners. It just feels good."

Impacting others

Larry's example of dedication has had an impact on his family, and their service to the Church. His wife is also a Communion minister.

"She's been a eucharistic minister here in Yankton for over 20 years, and she distributes holy Communion twice a week at the Sister James Nursing Home and once a week at the Sacred Heart Hospital," Larry said. He also has a daughter and two grand-daughters who have been involved in Communion ministry.

Larry has been able to be a Communion minister for family weddings and anniversary Masses, as well as at funerals. One especially memorable experience happened recently when he was able to distribute holy Communion to all of his children and grandchildren at a Mass where they were all gathered together.

"It's just a wonderful experience," he says.

What is Larry's advice to those discerning giving of themselves in this ministry? "Go for it. It's wonderful."

Citing his wife's role ministering to those in nursing homes and the hospital, Larry encourages people interested to explore the different avenues that Communion ministry offers. Every one of them is important to serving the body of Christ.



Have you thought about becoming an extraordinary minister of holy Communion? Take time to pray about it, asking God if this is something he wants from you. If the answer is yes, reach out to your parish priest to learn more.



By Wendy Royston

Last month, while they were in a Minnesota parish, Earl Markley of Tea and Jim Koenig of Tyndall were struck by a man who came up to share his testimony with tears in his eyes after hearing their presentation on the Real Presence Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit.

The day before that exhibit was introduced in his home parish in Breckenridge, Minnesota, Jeff Lemna had left a three-day men's retreat a day early after he was overcome with anxiety and questioned the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

"I think the devil got me there for a little while," Jeff, an otherwise devout Catholic, said. "I was doubting Christ's presence, and it led me to get more anxiety about being around all these strangers until I got an uncontrollable urge to get out of there as quickly as possible. I was not in a good place."

He fled the retreat, ran to his room, packed up and drove home, feeling shameful for having let the feeling of doubt consume him. The following day, Jeff attended Mass with his wife and daughter.

"I'd just gone to confession Saturday, but I really doubted

whether I deserved Communion. I decided to receive, and when I got back [to the pew], I got completely emotional," Jeff said, and immediately shared his experience with his wife.

Following Mass, Earl invited the congregation to visit the exhibit.

"You've got to be kidding me," Jeff recalled thinking before he was compelled to share his story publicly with fellow parishioners at the exhibit during Earl's presentation. "Everything I went through [Saturday] night was the garbage and the doubt to get me to come home and experience the exhibit."

Since that experience, Jeff said he has felt moved to share his experience more broadly, though he is unsure of where and how that might lead him.

Jeff said that weekend was "an amazing few hours of my life that were life-changing" and has led him to better focus during the Mass. "I'm a lot more attentive...on what's actually occurring and on what we're actually doing. I was there before, but I was not as connected."

Perfectly timed miracles

Stories like Jeff's and the miracles themselves are "proof to me that God's plan is perfect," according to Stacy Diaz, who brought the exhibit to Breckenridge after experiencing it twice in South Dakota.

Stacy had been working on the event prior to COVID, but it was put on hold. Then, due to unfortunate scheduling conflicts, the event was not well-publicized, and many parishioners, including Jeff, were unaware it would be happening until that weekend.

"I was really frustrated with how Satan had gotten in there and prevented us from getting some of our publicity out," Stacy said, but turnout ended up being pretty strong, with many parishioners staying in the exhibit at least an hour and some returning with loved ones. And, for Jeff, Stacy said, "The timing was perfect. I don't know if the timing affected anyone else there, but for this man, the timing was perfect. That was the weekend we needed to have that exhibit here."

The experience was a reminder to Earl that the philosophy Jim preaches to him is accurate: "If one person changes their heart, it was worth whatever it took us to do it."

The experience in Breckenridge was notable, according to Earl, but the 160 miracles he and Jim have shared in 11 years of visits to 93 parishes in seven states, spanning more than 40,000 miles, are what change hearts.

"I learned right away that there's nothing I can say that can make people believe in the real presence of the Eucharist," Earl said. "That's got to be between them and the Holy Spirit. So I try to...help them get into the mood that they're thinking that this could be possible" with a presentation before attendees enter into the exhibit. He also shows the crowd a video entitled which depicts what is happening spiritually during the eucharistic prayers of the Mass.

For Mark Hegge, a parishioner at St. Peter Parish in Platte, the experience solidified what he already believed and better equipped him to defend the faith he already trusted.

"It was kind of like a Thomas moment, where I had to see it to believe it," Mark said. "I did believe it was the true presence, and I really [hadn't given] it a lot of thought, as far as validating and proving it. It wasn't anything that really changed my belief [but] it's really great ammunition when others doubt the validity of the faith," because he now has concrete evidence he can share with others who question the tenets of the Catholic Church.

Mark said it still all comes down to faith—choosing to believe—but knowing the stories of the eucharistic miracles is a way he can fuel a desire to learn more in those who don't already have the faith to lean on.

"In John 6, [Jesus] meant what he said, linking [the miracles] to the Last Supper, there's actually proof," Mark said. "It's been proven in many different ways that this is true. It's not just a symbol. I believe it; I guess it's up to the Lord to change your mind.

"At some point in time, you have to take things on faith," but this is indisputable, Mark went on. "But...there's a lot of scientific proof that's [been found] by non-Christian people."

He acknowledged that most who visit the exhibit likely already believe in the Real Presence, but it provides reinforcement.

"It's a wonderful witness."



Miracles beyond imagining "I can't even give you a handful of parishes where we haven't

"I can't even give you a handful of parishes where we haven't seen people crying," Earl said, adding that more than 40 people were in tears at the recent exhibit in Breckenridge. "The Holy Spirit touches them while they're reading, and that's what brings them to tears."

Commonly, individuals leave the exhibit quickly to sit in prayer in the church. Once, a group of people returned to the display three times, and the men approached them to ensure nothing was awry.

"They said, 'We're not Catholic, and if this is what's going on in the Catholic Church, then we're going to become Catholic," Earl recalled.

The exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a teenager from Italy who was "enthralled with the Eucharist," Earl said. A devout Catholic despite being raised by parents "lukewarm" for the faith, Acutis insisted they take him to the 160 sites where eucharistic miracles had been confirmed in southern Europe. He then compiled stories and photographs of the miracles into the posters that Earl received on disc in 2010.

He is known as "the millennial saint," as he is the first millenial to have been beatified. He died of leukemia in 2006, and was beatified 14 years later, when the healing of a child's lifelong pancreatic condition was cured after his mother prayed Acutis's novena, asking for healing.

"When [Acutis] passed away, his parents donated the posters to the Vatican, and the pope wanted everyone in the world to see



Blessed Carlo Acutis was an English-born Italian Catholic youth and amateur computer programmer who is best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them onto a website he created before his death from leukemia.



them, to help them with their unbelief in the Eucharist," Earl explained.

The original collection belongs to the Vatican. Father John Hardon and The Real Presence Association brought the first exhibit to the United States in the early 2000s. At one time, 19 exhibits traversed the country, but Earl said he's been told that several have fallen out of circulation in recent years.

The miracle depicted in the last poster Acutis compiled was confirmed in 2005, and it provides indisputable evidence that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, Earl said.

"The medical field wasn't quite as [advanced] when the older miracles happened," Earl said. "In the 2005 testing, they could actually tell you what part of the heart that the tissue came from—it came from the part of the heart that actually pumps blood, they could tell by the cell structure. We like to compare that miracle to the Lanciano miracle. They took samples from those two miracles, 750 years apart, and world-renowned scientists have all said both of these samples came from the same man. They know it is from a man from the Middle East, and they know he was severely traumatized because there are white corpuscles in the tissue."

Earl said "it is pretty hard to argue" that the miracles are untrue with that kind of evidence. But one other bit of information drives home another major tenet of the faith.

"The DNA is incomplete," Earl said. "They can find the chromosomes for the mother, but there are none for the father."

Earl said three world-renowned scientists have confirmed that incomplete DNA has never before been found. He said he loves to visit the University of South Dakota Medical School to discuss these findings.



Although they haven't added any official posters to Acutis's display, Earl and Jim have incorporated a display about a 1995 occurrence when Pope John Paul II visited Baltimore. Security guards sent human-tracking dogs into a church when the pope said he wanted to pray before the Blessed Sacrament prior to speaking to seminarians, to be sure no one wishing to harm him was hiding inside. The dog barked, signaling that they'd found someone, and when the guards entered the church, they were shocked to find the dog seated, pointing to the tabernacle.

In Breckenridge, Stacy said a similar situation happened when a visiting missionary mistakenly let a former priest's cat into the church, only to find it intently staring at the tabernacle.

Although neither of those instances are confirmed eucharistic miracles, Earl said he believes they happen—or at least are noticed—at a higher pace now than when Acutis was putting together his displays.

"When Jesus was on earth, [he performed] miracles to show them that he was really God," Earl said. "He knew of their unbelief, so he knows of our unbelief. We need miracles to make us believe, too. It just makes sense to me."

Stacy said visitors to the exhibit in Breckenridge questioned why the miracles happen only in Europe, but she pointed out Acutis covered only those that were proximate to him.

"We're not being left out. It just wasn't part of the exhibit," she said. "This stuff happens in the United States, too—it happens all over the world. This is just as far as Blessed Carlo got. These [miracles] happen all the time, but this is as far as he got."

Stacy said those questions give a glimpse into the brokenness and desire for a seemingly unattainable holiness. "Sometimes we're afraid we might not be a part of the chosen people."



How is the manna in the desert like the Eucharist?

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How can I explain the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist when people ask about it?

This is a regular question people ask, and with this month's focus on the Eucharist, it makes sense to address it now. But in order to do the question justice, we're going to take a few columns to respond to this question.

Most of the time this question is posed to Catholics by other Christians who wonder about the basis for our belief that the Eucharist isn't just a symbol of Jesus, which most but not all Protestant Christians believe, but is actually Jesus himself. It's from that perspective that I'll offer a few thoughts in this and subsequent columns.

It's worth starting with a point that might seem obvious to some, but bears mentioning: our belief that the Eucharist literally is Jesus comes from Jesus himself. We see this most clearly in chapter six of John's Gospel and in the Last Supper accounts as found in Matthew, Mark and Luke. We'll look at what we find in those passages in the New Testament in coming months, but first it's important to note that even this teaching from Jesus himself does not exist in a vacuum; it flows from the Old Testament as well. So before looking at the Gospel passages, I want to look at the Old Testament roots of the Eucharist.

What we find in the Old Testament are three threads that will come together in Jesus and his teaching on the Eucharist. Those threads are the Passover sacrifice and meal that began at the time of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt, the miraculous bread (manna) the Israelites ate in the desert when they were journeying from Egypt to the Holy Land, and the bread the priests ate in the tabernacle and later in the temple of King Solomon. We'll begin by looking at the manna in the desert.

What about the manna in the desert? Again, the historical context is the Exodus and its aftermath. We read in Exodus 14 about the crossing of the Red Sea, when God saved the people from the pharaoh and his armies when he came after them. Unfortunately, within a short period of time, the people are complaining about their difficulties and yearning for the

"good old days" in Egypt, as we read in Exodus 16:2-3. When we keep reading, we see the Lord's answer in verses 4-5 and 11-15. God provides them with manna for the entire time they wander in the desert. In other words, God provides this daily miracle to feed the people for 40 years.

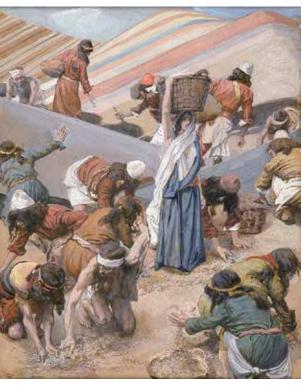
There are several things to highlight about the food God provides for the Israelites. First, this bread is miraculous. The Israelites called it bread from heaven, and no matter how much or how little the Israelites collected,

there was always the same amount, which always lasted no more than a day. Not only that, but the manna appeared every day for 40 years.

Another aspect of the manna worth noting is its double nature: there were actually two miracles, not just one. After God provided manna in the morning, he gave them quail in the evening. The flesh of the quail, as Exodus 16:12 indicates, "at twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread." Not just bread from heaven, but flesh from heaven as well.

A third aspect of the manna that proves interesting is found in Exodus 16:32-33: the Israelites took some of the manna and placed it before the Lord, that is, in the Holy of Holies within the tabernacle, the portable temple in which they worshiped God while they were in the desert. To be concise, the Israelites kept some of the bread in the tabernacle (sound familiar?).

Now, what is the significance of the fact that they placed some of the manna in the tabernacle? Not only was it miraculous, but it was also holy, so holy that it was to be kept in the Holy of Holies within the tabernacle—the most sacred real estate, well, in the world. In fact, Hebrews 9:4 tells us the manna was actually kept inside the Ark of the Covenant, one of the most



holy objects, again, in the world.

Also interesting about this preservation of the manna in the tabernacle is the reason for it: in verse 32 we read that God commanded them to do so, so that they may see the bread! So that they may *see* it!

So in the manna in the desert, God miraculously provided his people with both bread and flesh, which they both ate *and* kept in the tabernacle so they might look upon it. The connection to the Eucharist is clear: it is bread that becomes flesh, which we consume in order to be spiritually nourished, and which we keep in the tabernacles of our churches so that we might adore him.



What did we learn from the Synod Survey?

In the month of February, the Diocese of Sioux Falls invited people across East River to participate in a survey as part of our diocesan efforts for the worldwide Synod on Synodality. The survey was structured around our diocesan vision to form a culture of Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love. It included both "scaled" responses to various statements and questions inviting open ended long-form responses. Nearly 4,000 people participated—a tremendous success.

A few "snapshots" of who responded to the survey:

- 99% of those who took the survey were Catholic
- Two-thirds of respondents were women, one-third were men
- 53% of respondents were age 60 or older, 42% were ages 18-59
- 89% of participants reported attending Mass on a weekly basis or more frequently



The part of the survey that elicited the most "strongly agree" responses was in the section on discipleship. Participants strongly agreed that they are growing in relationship with God, they have had lived experiences of his love, that their faith shapes the way they see and respond to events in the world, that they desire to become a saint, and that their parish is a source of nourishment for their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The section on being "missionary" had the highest disagree/strongly disagree responses. In particular, 61 percent of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement "The Church is making a concerted effort to reach out to inactive Catholics." Similarly, 53 percent reported they have not invited a person who does not normally attend Mass to come to Mass in the last year. Thirty-nine percent disagreed/strongly disagreed with the statement "Catholics I know are aware of their baptismal call to reach out in faith to evangelize in their everyday lives as Jesus did."

These are just a few high-level snapshots of what we learned from the survey. The office of Discipleship and Evangelization will be working over the coming months to provide a more in-depth analysis of the results. The goal of the diocesan steering committee for the Synod is to share as much information as possible in as accessible a form as possible for everyone who is interested.

A full report of the "scaled" responses can be found and downloaded at sfcatholic. org/synod. That is also the place to go in the coming months for the most up-to-date information available as we continue to analyze the results.



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The Eucharist is a personal encounter with Christ



By Meghan Vogel

round this time two years ago, I knelt on the floor in the family room of my parents' house, gazing at the television, watching Bishop DeGrood lift up the Eucharist at Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. The cathedral was completely empty with no laity allowed to attend the Mass due to strong health concerns at that time.

My heart burned with desire to be able to attend Mass in person and receive physical Communion, but I had no idea when that opportunity might come again for me.

Everyone reading this will know that I am describing the experience of watching the Sunday TV Mass during Covid. During this time, many faithful Catholics experienced this same aching desire to return to attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist in person because we had a recognition that watching on TV or watching livestreamed Masses online was simply not the same as attending in person.

If you or anyone you know experienced this longing, did you ever stop to ponder more deeply why you were having this longing?

I remember my first holy Communion in second grade. I had been taught about who was in the Eucharist, and I believed in Jesus' real presence in the elements of bread and wine, but I was very young.

Of course, I was excited for the day because I knew it was important, with all the family that came to help me celebrate the day, but the Eucharist did not really come to mean a lot to me until later in life when I developed a much more personal understanding of and love for Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

The first time I fully appreciated the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist was when I was about 12 years old. I was attending Totus Tuus (a summer Vacation Bible School program for Catholic students grades 1-12 that is now called Lumen Christi), and a night of adoration was held in my home parish of St. Thomas Aguinas in Madison. In adoration, a consecrated host is placed in a beautiful golden vessel called a monstrance. A monstrance has a round glass window right in the middle of it that the consecrated host is placed behind so it is visible. The consecrated host is usually left out in the monstrance for several hours at a time on the main altar in a chapel, and anyone can come into the chapel to pray before the exposed host during that time until a priest or deacon comes to put the host back into the tabernacle.

That night was one of the first times I had experienced adoration, and as I was there, I spoke to Jesus in a personal way for one of the first times ever. Before that point, I had mostly prayed memorized prayers such as the Hail Mary and Our Father, but the moment I understood Jesus as the one true God who knew and loved me personally and spoke to him in that way, my Catholic faith took on a whole new level

of meaning to me. That was when my love for Christ in the Eucharist was born.

After that night, I continued to develop greater knowledge about the Catholic doctrine of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. One resource I found to be most helpful in deepening my understanding of this was a CD recording of a talk called "Seven Secrets of the Eucharist" given by Catholic evangelist Vinny Flynn. I have listened to this talk multiple times, and I would highly recommend it to anyone who wants a better understanding of the Real Presence.

What is most essential to understand about the Eucharist is that once the consecration has occurred at Mass, Christ is fully present, body, blood, soul and divinity, under the appearance of bread and wine.

So, if you or someone you know ached to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist in person during Covid, you likely recognized who it was you were missing, and you longed to receive him in the sacrament that he created as a means for us to receive him.

If you haven't encountered Christ in the Eucharist in a personal way yet, don't be afraid to ask him for this gift. Go before a monstrance or tabernacle where he is present and ask. He will not let you down.



Three men to be ordained to the priesthood

Three men of the Diocese of Sioux Falls will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Donald DeGrood on May 27 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. They are: Nicholas Haiar, Mitchell McLaughlin and Zachary Schaefbauer.

Ordination Mass will begin at 11 a.m. and will be live streamed at sfcatholic.org. Let's get to know a bit more about each of these men.

Deacon Nicholas Haiar

Deacon Haiar is the son of Allen Haiar and Donna Groon. He grew up in Sioux Falls and has a sister and two step brothers (his sister and older step brother still live in Sioux Falls). He has many



Deacon Nicholas Haiar

first cousins, mostly younger than he is, and most of his extended family is from or lives in the Mitchell area.

Deacon Haiar attended St. Mary Elementary School in Sioux Falls and then O'Gorman Junior High and High School. He graduated from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, earning a degree in biology.

During this past year as a transitional deacon, a highlight has been getting to know three young families at Christ the King Parish. "It is rejuvenating to be around a family pursuing God even amidst the chaos," Deacon Haiar said. "Young, faithful families give me hope just as I give hope to others."

After ordination, Deacon Haiar is looking forward to being in the diocese for various events such as the Bishop's Charity Hunt. He is also looking forward to spending time with young families.

Deacon Mitchell McLaughlin

Deacon McLaughlin grew up in Bettendorf, Iowa, which is part of the Quad Cities. He is the son of Pat and Mindy McLaughlin and has one older brother and one younger brother. He attended a Catholic grade school (Our Lady of Lourdes)

and public high school (Pleasant Valley) in Bettendorf.

Deacon McLaughlin came to South Dakota to go to college at the University of South Dakota. He entered the seminary for our diocese three years later.

One of Deacon McLaughlin's highlights during this past year as a transitional deacon was his summer assignment with Father Joe Vogel. He served the parishes in Elk Point, Jefferson and Dakota Dunes. He said he really enjoyed meeting the parishioners and visiting them in their homes.

"The people there are exceptionally hospitable," he said. "I was able to preach regularly throughout the summer to begin developing my preaching skills, and some of the parishioners were able to provide constructive feedback."

He also appreciated assisting during Mass. "Being so near to Christ in his holy body and precious blood is an immense gift. Assisting the priest at the climax of the

eucharistic prayer, the doxology offering the body and blood of Christ to God the Father, has developed my own love for Christ and the meaning of the Mass."



Deacon Mitchell McLaughlin

After ordination, Deacon

McLaughlin is excited to enter into parish life and looks forward to administering the sacraments. "I have loved being near Christ in the sacraments and the community of the Church. Both come together in a beautiful way in parish life.

"Fundamentally, I hope the priesthood will be a momentous step in my relationship with Christ our Lord," Deacon McLaughlin said. "The graces of holy orders will be with me for the rest of my life and a source of meditation."

Deacon Zachary Schaefbauer

Deacon Schaefbauer was born in Aberdeen to BJ and Brandei Schaefbauer and has three younger brothers. Much of

his childhood was spent growing up in Mobridge until he was 14 when the family

moved back to Aberdeen where he attended Roncalli Catholic Schools.

He entered St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota after high school, graduating with a degree



Deacon Zachary Schaefbauer

in philosophy. He was sent to Rome for three years to complete his theological studies, then came back to the U.S. to finish his studies at the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Deacon Schaefbauer has enjoyed participating in the prophetic office of Jesus Christ during his time as a transitional deacon. Highlights during that time include preaching, assisting in the Liturgy of the Mass, and administering the sacrament of baptism.

He most looks forward to administering the sacraments after ordination. "It was altar serving as a little kid in Mobridge that first planted the thought of priesthood in my heart, and it was returning to serve at the altar as a high schooler that revitalized this priestly desire," he said. "And so, it is the liturgical life of the Church that I most look forward to exercising and teaching faithfully for the people of the diocese and for the sake of Holy Mother Church, because this is, ultimately, who a priest is: one who offers sacrifices to God on behalf of the faithful."

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Adoration inspires love for God and for others

By Laura Melius

The sign in front of the local Catholic parish says, "Mass Sundays at 9 a.m., Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays at 6 p.m." We know what the Mass is, but what, exactly, is eucharistic adoration and who should attend?

Eucharistic adoration is, simply, time spent with Jesus in the Eucharist outside of Mass. At Mass, we physically receive Jesus, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. At adoration, the host is displayed on the altar in a vessel, or monstrance, for the faithful to pray in Jesus' presence.

Adoration has been a part of the Catholic faith for centuries, with several saints having a great devotion to praying in this way. St. Teresa of Calcutta believed, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven."

For many young people, they want the very thing St. Teresa is talking about, but they haven't experienced adoration yet. When they do, it is often the catalyst that changes their relationship with their Lord.

Inspired to adore

Anna Mitzel, a student at Roncalli High School in Aberdeen, has a great appreciation for adoration and first began attending this time of prayer with her grandparents.

"I began going to adoration when my grandpa and grandma had



two times that they would go on Wednesdays," Anna said. "I would go because I wanted to deepen my faith and not just go to Sunday Mass. I also found peace in adoration."

Finding this peace led Anna to keep adoration as an important part of her life. "Taking one hour out of my day to go find peace and sit in the loving gaze of our Lord really helps me keep drawing to the Lord," Anna said.

Brandon Hageman, a student at South Dakota State University (SDSU), discovered adoration through SEEK, an annual national conference for Catholic college students. The conference concluded with two hours devoted to eucharistic adoration.

"Having spent the entire day meditating and preparing for that moment, there was a weight to it that I had never experienced before," Brandon recalls. "I finally understood that Jesus was actually there, in that room, inside the monstrance, and I had the privilege to spend time with him."

He now attends adoration regularly four mornings a week at the Pius XII Newman Center on the SDSU campus.

Spend the time well

Typically, one devotes an hour of prayer in adoration. How that time is spent depends upon the individual, and that can change throughout one's life.

"I remember how hard it seemed to fill an entire hour in prayer. I always struggled to keep focused," Brandon recalls of his first experiences in adoration. "Reciting the Rosary, reading Scripture or praying novenas are all good ways to spend some of your time during adoration, but my biggest recommendation is to just be present with the Lord," he suggests.

Anna encourages those attending adoration for the first time not to be intimidated. "It's like you are going to hang out with one of your best friends. You are going to go to the Lord's house, and you can talk to him about everything," she says.

"Allow yourself to be silent with the Lord as well," Brandon suggests. "You may be surprised how much easier it is to hear him in the silence."

Anna agrees. "There's been more than once I have found an overwhelming peace and comfort in the chapel. Just being in his presence brings me the joy and peace that you can't find in worldly things."

Fire of love

Developing a closer relationship with Jesus and a greater appreciation for the Eucharist will make time in adoration even more meaningful. Brandon strengthened his relationship with Jesus by seeking him more each day.

"I slowly developed this relationship by making him a bigger part of my daily life," Brandon said. "The more time I gave to my faith, the more time I realized I had to begin with."

Brandon's love of the Eucharist changed greatly as this relationship and his faith matured. "Once I understood the meaning behind this sacrament and realized that I am receiving the real body and blood of Jesus Christ, my heart was set on fire with love of him."

Anna has found a greater love for the Eucharist as she has come to understand more of what Jesus has done for and given to those who love him.

"He went and died to give us the Eucharist to save us," she said. "Even when we don't deserve the Eucharist and his love after all we have done, he still opens his arms and lets us share in his glory and grace. Even though it's hard to trust him, I can come back to the Eucharist and find him there, like an anchor on a boat."



Love spills over

Both Brandon and Anna have found that a deeper relationship with Jesus and prayer in adoration have strengthened the relationships in their lives as well. In her relationships with friends, Anna has realized that she is able to help point them toward unconditional love.

"I am able to try and show people how you can find true happiness and love," she said. "You don't need to go to worldly things to find it."

Brandon and his fiancé, Hope Osborn, regularly attend Mass and adoration together.

"These have added a fruitfulness to our relationship in which I can be a better future spouse for her, and she for me," Brandon said. "Because she loves God above me, she can offer me a love that is more pure and unconditional."

Anna and Brandon agree that any time spent with Jesus in eucharistic adoration will be blessed.

"It has really done wonders in my life. I have been able to deepen my life with God and trust him more," Anna said.

Brandon finds the gift of adoration to be nothing short of miraculous. "Being in the presence of the Lord through eucharistic adoration never ceases to bring me peace, even when the stress and anxiety of the world is heavy. That itself is a miracle to me."

If you're ready to spend time with Jesus in adoration, visit a parish in your area to spend time in front of the tabernacle, or contact your parish to find out if formal times have been set aside for adoration.

Catholic groups make and deliver beds to Pine Ridge



The Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters and others from the Sioux Falls and Rapid City dioceses have been busy making and delivering beds to those in need on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The project is in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a volunteer run program dedicated to providing beds for families in need. Each bed costs \$300 to make.

In December, 50 beds along with bedding and quilts were delivered to the reservation with future deliveries scheduled for June 23 and 24.



Both photos: Beds, bedding and quilts were delivered to the Pine Ridge Reservation in December, 2021. Members of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters organized the deliveries.

If you are interested in supporting this cause with a donation, please make checks out to Knights of Columbus and annotate "Pine Ridge Project" in the memo. Mail to Knights of Columbus, 1700 8th St. S., Brookings, SD 57006, or contact your local Knights of Columbus council to help. If you have questions, please email pastoral@stmbrookings.org.

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Bishop DeGrood blesses the oils at Chrism Mass



Priests, deacons and lay faithful of the diocese gathered at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for Chrism Mass where Bishop DeGrood blessed and consecrated the oil and chrism for the upcoming year.

Three oils were blessed and consecrated during the Mass: the oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens and holy chrism. These will be used during specific sacraments throughout the year including baptism, confirmation, holy orders and the anointing of the sick. Additionally, holy chrism is used during the dedication of churches and altars.

Bishop DeGrood blesses and consecrates oil and chrism during the Chrism Mass on March 31. (Photo by Brianna Wingen)





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Fr. Andrew Dickinson invites you to celebrate Mass with Bishop Donald E. DeGrood and retired Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, as well as Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Churches, Presentation Sisters, Aberdeen Catholic School System, Avera Health Missions, Presentation College, the NSU Newman Center, and Aberdeen and area faith communities and parishioners. Let's come together as One Body in Christ for this One Vine, Many Branches event.

All are welcome!

ORDER OF EVENTS

8:30 am: Doors open

8:50 am: Event begins, running schedule

Gathering for Kids: Directed by the Lumen Christi team

(Children will join families prior to Mass.) **Keynote Message:** Retired Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

(Gathering for Kids and Keynote Message run concurrently.)

Celebration of Mass: Celebrant Bishop Donald E. DeGrood

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ABERDEEN – Scott and Sharon Goodspeed will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 26. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



BOWDLE – Gary and Judy Weishaar celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 15. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Augustine Parish.



BRYANT – Basil and Rita Englert celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 8. They have 5 children, 16 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



CASTLEWOOD – Tom and Deb McEldowney will celebrate their 35th anniversary on May 16. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. John Parish.



DAKOTA DUNES – Tom and Margaret Holland will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 27. They have 4 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish.



GARRETSON – Paul and Debb Nesheim celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 29. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



GARRETSON – Jim and Eleanor DeBates will celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 26. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



HUMBOLDT – Jack and Sandy Garry will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 20. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



MITCHELL — George and Sherry Morgan celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 8. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Jerry and Nancy Puetz celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 21. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Jay and Janet Fritzemeier will celebrate their 30th anniversary on May 22. They have 2 children and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MONTROSE – Dan and Teri Miles will celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 26. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Patrick Parish.



PARKER – Deane and Phyllis Koller will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 27. They have 3 children and are members of St. Christina Parish.



PARKSTON – Brad and Diane Baumiller celebrated their 35th anniversary on April 25. They have 2 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



SALEM – Myron and Margaret Eich will celebrate their 65th anniversary on May 28. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Brad and Karen Dumdie will celebrate their 25th anniversary on May 31. They have 4 children and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Patrick and Judy Murphy will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 27. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Mark and Sharon Mulder will celebrate their 45th anniversary on May 20. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Patty Meyers will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 26. They have 4 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SISSETON – Joseph and Debra George celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 8. They have 2 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



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Presentation Sister Elaine Goodell dies at 96

Sister Elaine Goodell, 96, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died March 27, 2022, at Avera Mother Joseph, Aberdeen. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 1 at Presentation Place. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Mary Nadine Goodell was born October 24, 1925, in Reeder, North Dakota, to Cecil (Springer) and Harry Goodell. She graduated from high school in Parker, South Dakota, before joining the Presentation Convent on July 26, 1944. She professed her vows on August 10, 1947, and



Sister Elaine Goodell

received her religious name of Sister Elaine.

Sister Elaine received a Bachelor of Music Education from Alverno College in 1960 and Doctorate of Music in 1972 from Catholic University. For over 30 years, she shared her love of music through teaching in schools at Huron, Mitchell and Sioux Falls. She also served as chair of the Presentation College Music Department from 1972-1980.

Sister Elaine's call led to chaplaincy study and work. She began her pastoral care ministry in Seton Medical Center in Austin, Texas, and at (Avera) St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen. At 60, she began a 33year career as a staff chaplain at Healthcare Chaplaincy, Inc. and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She received numerous awards including the Healthcare Chaplaincy's Wholeness of Life Award and American Cancer Society Lane W. Adams Quality of Life Award.

Sister Elaine is survived by her community family of Presentation Sisters; sisters, Helen Collins, Regina "Genie" Potenza, Colleen (Tom) Madsen and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother Frank Goodell; and five sisters, Ramona Reilly, Delores Sudduth, Madonna Boone, Patty Braithwaite, and Imelda Healey.

Oblate Sister Inez Jetty dies at 93

Sister Inez Teresa Jetty, 93, an Oblate Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, died April 17, 2022, at the Lake Andes Senior Living Center in Lake Andes. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 21 at St. Paul Parish and burial was at St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, both in Marty.

Inez Teresa Jetty, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, was born in St. Michael, North Dakota, to Fred and Angeline "Lena" (Morin) Jetty on February 8, 1929. She was the fifth of 10 children. She made her first profession of vows in the Community of the Oblate Sisters on December 8, 1948, and perpetual vows on June 8, 1954.

Sister Inez earned a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1969 and Master of Arts in special reading from the University of South Dakota in 1972. She spent 27 years teaching elementary grades at St. Paul Indian School in Marty.

She served as leader of the Oblate Sisters for two terms from 1976-1984. From 1984 to the time she began her residence on June 13, 2019, at the Health Care Center in Lake Andes, she was involved in pastoral ministry at St. Paul Parish in Marty, St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Rapid City, and a number of parishes on the Cheyenne River Reservation. Sister Inez also taught at Ihanktonwan Community College for a number of years.

Sister Inez is survived by three Oblate Sisters, also Deacon Alfred "Bud" Jetty, Marianne McCulloch, and Julie (Bill) King, a foster sister, Rita Delorem, and foster brother,



Sister Inez Jetty

Roland Johnson, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Fred and Lena Jetty; one brother, Oliver Jetty; six sisters, Eleanor Langstaff, Sarah Hoven, Cecelia Ives, Vivian Borseth, Jean Midget and Bonita Jetty; brothersin-law, Lyle McCulloch, Pat Langstaff, Bud Borseth, Bernie Ives and Al Mudgett; sisters-in-law, Sara Baker Jetty and Frances Laverdure Jetty; and foster brothers, Chris Johnson, Jacob Abraham and Kenneth Abraham.

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The Bishop's Bulletin 523 North Duluth Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or e-mail to: bwingen@sfcatholic.org.

Monsignor Carlton Hermann dies at 95

Monsignor Carlton Hermann, 95, a retired priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, died April 16, 2022, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

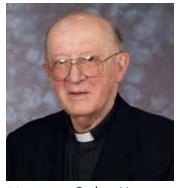
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 22 at Sacred Heart Parish in Yankton. Burial was at St. Mary Cemetery in Roseville, Iowa.

Carlton Peter Hermann was born February 5, 1927, in Rockford, Iowa. One of four children, he was the only son of Carl and Lydia (née Vala) Hermann. He attended the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, beginning with high school seminary and then continuing with college and major seminary.

Originally his seminary studies were sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. However, he was later released to Sioux Falls on account of the need within the diocese and its rural character. On June 7, 1952, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Turibius Chapel at the Josephinum.

Father Hermann served as an associate pastor at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Saint Anthony, Hoven, and Saint Augustine, Bowdle. Beginning in 1959, he served as pastor in a series of parishes: St. John the Baptist, Lesterville, St. Agnes, Sigel, St. Thomas, De Smet, St. Paul, Iroquois, Christ the King, Webster, St. Lawrence, Milbank, and St. Wenceslaus, Tabor. His pastorate at St. Wenceslaus, which included St. John the Baptist, Lesterville in the final two years, would last for 19 years until his retirement from assigned ministry in July of 1997.

On September 17, 1995, Father



Monsignor Carlton Hermann

Carlton Hermann was honored by Pope John Paul II as a prelate of honor and received the title of monsignor.

As a senior (retired) priest, Monsignor Hermann remained active in the Yankton area, presiding at liturgies in the parishes along with providing priestly ministry to the local Marty Council of Knights of Columbus and the local Willard Court of Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Monsignor Hermann also served alongside Father Pius Mardian as the co-vicar for retired priests under Bishop Carlson.

Monsignor frequently offered sacramental ministry at the South Dakota Human Services Center, the Federal Prison Camp in Yankton, the Lewis & Clark Boy Scout Camp, and the House of Mary Shrine. Particularly in his later years, he provided the sacraments to the residents of Avera Majestic Bluffs Senior Living Facility before ultimately joining them as a resident himself.

Monsignor Hermann is preceded in death by his parents and sisters Florence and Beatrice. He is survived by his sister Joan (Martin) Mazourek of Yankton, along with multiple nieces and nephews.

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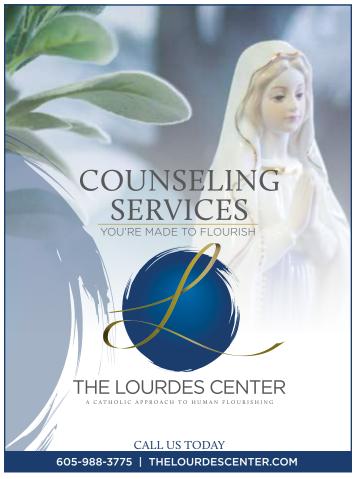


TEA – Rod and Deb Urban will celebrate their 45th anniversary on May 28. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



WESSINGTON SPRINGS – Joe and JoAnn Hettinger will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 22. They have 5 children, 7 grand-children and are members of St. Joseph Parish.





Sister Gayle Volz dies at 83

Sister Gayle Volz, 83, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died April 7, 2022, at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

Mass of Christian Burial was held April 11 in the chapel at Presentation Place in Aberdeen. Burial was at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Gayle Rosemary Volz was born September 23, 1938, in Sioux Falls to Laura (Loomer) and Charles Volz and graduated from Notre Dame, Mitchell, in 1956. She entered Presentation Convent on September 2, 1956, and professed her vows on August 10, 1959. Her religious name was Sister Laura Ann.

Sister Gayle attended Presentation College and earned a bachelor's in education and special education from Northern State College in 1970 and a master's in pastoral education in 1995 from Loyola University, Chicago.

Sister Gayle served in education ministry for 26 years, teaching in Mound and Anoka, Minnesota; Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Milbank, South Dakota, and Miles

City, Montana. Over the next 30 years she served in religious education. home health ministry and pastoral care in South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota

and Wis-



Sister Gayle Volz

consin. She served both the elderly and special needs individuals.

Sister Gayle is survived by her community family of Presentation Sisters; brothers Larry (Eleanora) Volz, Jim (Ann) Volz, Rick (Dee) Volz; sisters Charlene Weidenaar, Jean Mohr, Joyce Harrington, Laurie (Jerry) Mosier.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother Ron (Nella) Volz; sister Mary Lynn Geidel; brothers-in-law Robert Weidenaar and Jerry Mohr.

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Bishop Hoch Scholarships awarded

Bishop Hoch Scholarships have been awarded for the 2022-2023 school year. This program was established to give the Diocese of Sioux Falls the ability to award a scholarship to attend either Mount Marty University in Yankton or Presentation College in Aberdeen to a student from each of its deaneries each year.

This year's scholarship winners are:

Yankton deanery: Emily Dangel, Mount Marty University.

Watertown deanery: Payton Gassman, Mount Marty University.

Mitchell deanery: Dayton Easton, Mount Marty University.

Brookings/Huron deanery: Katie Schoenfelder, Mount Marty University.

Aberdeen/Pierre deanery: Rachel Knapp, Mount Marty University and Belle Lunders, Presentation College.





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Priest Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 15th 2-4 p.m.

This year,

Father Ed Pierce & Father Rod Farke

are celebrating their 50th anniversary as priests. St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings will be hosting an open house reception for them. Everyone is welcome.

Recitation of the rosary

Friday, May 6 - 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.

Anniversary celebration for two priests

May 15 - 50th priest anniversary celebration for Father Ed Pierce and Father Rod Farke will be held at St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings with an open house reception Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Right to Life Fundraiser

May 16 - A Sioux Falls Area Right to Life Fundraiser will be held Monday 5-8 p.m. at Pizza Ranch, 2717 W 41st Street in Sioux Falls. Join us for a meal or call in your order (605-271-8646) and mention Sioux Falls Area Right to Life. Proceeds from the event will help provide pro-life educational materials while helping women and children. For additional information call 605-743-0777.

St. Benedict Yankton rummage sale

June 1-3 - St. Benedict Parish in Yankton is holding its annual rummage sale on Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. Friday will feature items at half price. Cash only. A portion of the proceeds will go to Rivercity Domestic Violence Center of Yankton.

Mass for those who have lost an infant

June 4 - A Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls for those who have lost an infant. We invite those who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, still-birth or infant loss (whether recently or years ago). Come celebrate the Eucharist together. You are not alone in your loss. This will be a time to honor the gift of your child and receive a special blessing of parents who have experienced a loss. After Mass, we will gather for refreshments and conversation.

Marian retreat in Aberdeen

June 11 - Sacred Heart Parish in Aberdeen is hosting a "33-days to Morning Glory" Marian retreat for either renewal of consecration or first-time consecration. The first meeting starts June 11 at 9 a.m. at the parish

hall. The rest of the retreat days are June 12, 19, 26 and July 3 and 10 at 12:45 p.m., with consecration day held July 16 after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Please bring your own book if you are renewing your consecration, or get a free book at our first meeting. Call Chiara at the parish at 605-225-7065 if you have any questions.

Family Camp at Broom Tree

June 24-27 - Join us for an all-inclusive Family Camp experience! This camp, directed by Sean and Jenn Dalton and Father Scott Traynor, offers your family a great opportunity to get away from the busyness and distractions of daily life to grow together in your relationship with each other and with God. The weekend begins June 24 at 5 p.m. and ends June 27 at 1:30 p.m. For information on costs and to register, go to broomtree.org or call 605-263-1040.

Search for Christian Maturity Retreat

July 22-24 - Registration is now open for the March Search for Christian Maturity Retreat held at Holy Spirit Church in Sioux Falls. Search is a student-led, Roman Catholic retreat. The weekend features talks, skits, music and opportunities to encounter Christ in the sacraments. All high school, college-age students and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact us by phone 605-371-1478 or by email Sioux-FallsSearch@gmail.com. Visit the Search website for more information and to register. www.siouxfallssearch.org.

Pray at Planned Parenthood with the Jericho Wall group

Tuesdays - 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.

Sacred Heart Monastery

May 6 - Online Lectio Divina, Fridays, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 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, Sr. Penny Bingham OSB at pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org 605-668-6023. Include your email address.

May 21 - Monthly Contemplative Mornings. Meeting the third Saturday of the month, 9-11:15 a.m. Contact Sr. Doris at doberembt@yanktonbenedictines.org 605-668-6022. yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings.

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

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.

The Lourdes Center

Camp Sydney-(Sold Out) The Lourdes Center will be offering a Grief Camp for youth and their families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, June 10-12. This two-day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The Grief Camp is offered free of charge. Call The Lourdes Center at 605-988-3775 for more information.

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