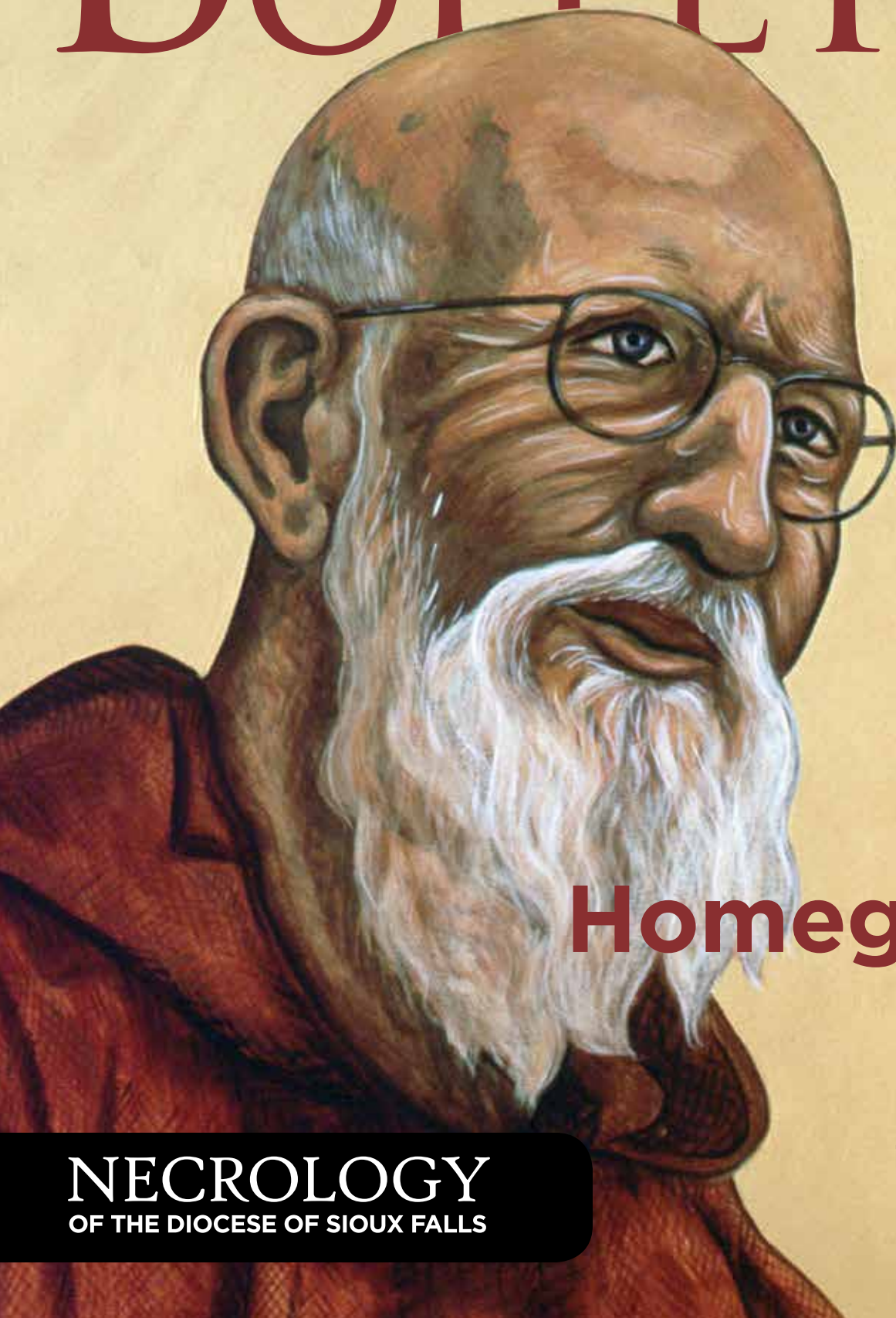




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Homegrown *Saints*

Holy men and
women abound
in America's own
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Be grateful for the blessings we enjoy



As I have grown older, November has become among my favorite months even though it is the entryway into winter. That was not always the case. Tailgating before Wisconsin Badger football games in November was not as much fun as on warmer days. But what November has become for me is a time of recognition of our past and raising up for our reflection those who have gone before in whose legacy we are blessed to live. All Saints and All Souls days begin the month, remembering those known and unknown who have shaped the Church, our diocese and parishes, and our personal lives.

Knowledge of our history allows us to put into perspective the challenges of our own day. One of the founding fathers of our country, Benjamin Franklin, said that “today is yesterday’s pupil.” It is a reminder than if we do not know our past in all its glory and disappointment, we are lesser as a result.

Knowing our history also helps put into perspective the challenges in the Church today, which seems to be so divided. It helps us recognize the importance of time-tested traditions. The English writer and convert G.K. Chesterton wrote that “tradition means giving votes to that most obscure of all classes, our ancestors.”

This Bishop’s Bulletin raises up some of our ancestors, many who are under consideration to be officially declared saints, most of whom we have never heard of and yet are part of our history. As we read about their lives may we take to heart the common features that we all share: faith in Jesus Christ, devotion to the Blessed Mother, and trust in God’s will and God’s way even when we do not fully understand the mystery of today.

As we await the appointment of the ninth bishop of Sioux Falls, I have reflected on those in whose legacy I live. Several years ago I wrote the following in The Bishop’s Bulletin:

“It has been wonderful traveling the countryside of our diocese these past weeks. The fall weather has been magnificent, the colors of the leaves and crops breathtaking, and the sacrificial harvesting of the bounty impressive in machine and personnel. This has only been outdone by the cornucopia of foods temptingly offered at parish pot lucks. There is much to be concerned about in our society, in our economy, in our church and in our personal lives. But how blessed we truly are.

November is a month when on Thanksgiving Day we reflect gratefully as a nation for our blessings, especially our freedom. As church we also remember with gratitude our brothers and sisters in the communion of saints. The solemnity of All Saints and commemoration of All Souls invite us to reflect with gratitude on those well-known and unknown persons who have helped mold and touch our church and our lives.

At Clergy Days every year, the annual gathering of priests and permanent deacons, we set aside one evening prayer to remember by name all the priests and deacons who have served our diocese since its beginning in 1889. We pray that our brothers may enjoy eternal rest. Each name is read one by one, recognition of the sanctity of every human life. As you might imagine, it is quite a long list. Most of the names are unknown to us, yet they are brother clergy in whose legacy we live. Because of their faithfulness, our diocese and parishes have shared in word and sacrament the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the ebbs and flows of prairie life.

When we gathered in early October this year, I was struck by how pensive and prayerful the priests and deacons were as the names were slowly read, especially during the reading of those priests who had served years ago and died long ago. As the names continued to be read there was movement among some, a nod, a smile, a tear in response to a name, a per-

son who was a priest or deacon, known about by story or by personal experience. It was moving, humbling and uplifting.

Not being a priest of the diocese and bishop here only a few years, my recognition was mostly for those who have died recently whose Mass of Christian Burial I was privileged to celebrate. Yet as the names of the bishops were read I was deeply touched, names four years ago I knew not. Now I live in their shadow.

First was Bishop Martin Marty, Benedictine abbot and missionary whose commitment to evangelization to Native Americans has rooted the local church of Sioux Falls in that essential ministry.

There was Bishop Thomas O’Gorman who commissioned St. Joseph Cathedral which has become such a major part of my life.

There was Bishop Bernard Mahoney, who dealt with the impact of the Great Depression (and lasting drought and dust) when our state was changed forever and whose hard decisions, including bankruptcy, encourage us to not avoid hard choices and to be good stewards in all ways.

There was Bishop William Brady, who led during the anxious days of World War II and who was the first bishop to live in what has come to be called the Bishop’s House; it is your house which is my temporary home.

There was Bishop Lambert Hoch, who attended all sessions of the Second Vati-

can Council and brought its life to the diocese.

And there was Bishop Paul Dudley, who some say I look like (both bald) but whose saintly presence, especially to the poor and vulnerable, is a high standard only he could live.

Someday Archbishop Robert Carlson and I will be on that list. Some will have known us, most will have not. Yet we all, bishops, clergy, religious and laity, are tied together by the thread of faith expressed in the local church of Sioux Falls.

I write this only to suggest that these threads of relationship are true in all our families and in all our parishes. During this month of November I encourage you to remember with gratitude the blessings we enjoy today because of those who lived the faith yesterday. May we also commit ourselves to be good stewards of what we have received and good role models for the young who will inherit from us. Perhaps you might give thanks to God for those who went before, for those who touch our lives today, and for those placed in our care with great potlucks.”

Today is yesterday’s pupil. May we be good students.

November culminates when we come together as a nation on Thanksgiving Day. Remembering all saints and all souls, our past and our present opportunities and blessings, may we as my episcopal motto declares: Give Praise to the Lord.

Officials



The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain has decreed the following assignment changes effective October 10, 2019:

At the request of Father Terry Weber, the local pastor, and with the endorsement of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, assigned Deacon Thomas DeRienzo for diaconal ministry to St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor

SCHEDULE

November

- 1 12:00 All Saints Day Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 2 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3 11:00 Installation of Fr. Thomas Hartman as pastor, St. Joseph, Turton and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Groton in Turton
- 7 Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota Fall Board Meeting, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3:00 Mass, Foundation and St. Joseph Legacy Society, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 9 4:00 Mass, Diocesan Youth Conference, Brookings
- 10-14 USCCB Fall Meeting, Baltimore
- 16 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 17 10:00 Confirmation, St. Joseph, Mobridge
- 19 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 23 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 30 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls

December

- 1 6:00 Advent Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 5 11:00 Presbyteral Council, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 7 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 8 6:00 Advent Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 14 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 15 6:00 Advent Vespers, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 17 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood

Growth and change, day by day

A few weeks ago I drove to Brookings for the annual Hobo Day festivities.

This has become something of an annual tradition, and because of that, certain rituals and routines have arisen. I tend to park in the same place, stop in at the Newman Center on my way to the parade, watch the parade from the same spot, walk to Nick's Hamburgers for four hamburgers (mustard and onions only), sit next door to eat them, and then walk to the game, watch the game and then drive home.

As a human being, I find the rituals comforting and a good way to assure a Jacks victory in the game.

Yet, each year as I walk around Brookings and observe Hobo Day around me, the changes become evident. I am holding on to my rituals and routines, but things are changing around me. As I walk through campus, I am amazed at the new buildings and renovated areas. It hardly looks like the campus I graduated from 34 years ago.

Each year, there is something new that catches my attention.

This year it was something I had been warned about, but I presumed, in my arrogance, that I would never notice. Someone had told me once, years ago, about the shocking change and I laughed, but this year—there it was.

I was walking across campus on the way to the stadium when I noticed something, and then, unbidden and undesired, the thought jumped into my mind before I had a chance to quash it. I thought, "When did they start letting little kids go to college?"

There it was.

The college students around me looked so young; they all looked so unbearably young. It is the nature of human beings to deny the inevitable and to ignore the changes that take place, slowly and rather imperceptibly, but they happen nonetheless. That night, having returned home, I was standing at the mirror while getting ready for bed.

I thought about a picture of myself taken when I was a student at SDSU—tall and lanky, long wild hair, thin as a rail—and realized I still thought of myself as that young man. I looked into the mirror and tried to figure out who was looking back at me, that paunchy man with wrinkles around his eyes, his hair and beard filled

with grey, whose back was sore from driving to Brookings and back.

I had thought of myself as still being in my 20s (ok, maybe 30s) for so long that the only way I could get myself to see the truth was to say it out loud. I looked at that man in the mirror and watched my mouth form the words, "You're gonna be 60 years old soon."

There it was.

That may seem like a bad thing, and I have discovered that there are certainly some challenges in getting older. I make those weird grunting sounds when I sit, and visits to the doctor are not as carefree as they once were; my face and body are changing in ways expected and unexpected.

Such is, of course, the nature of life as we each grow older, day by day; the changes are inevitable. Yet, if I was being honest, I would have to say that, while I may miss many aspects of my youth, I wonder if I would go back if I could.

When I think about the experiences I have had, the things I have learned, the expressions of life and love I have received in each passing year, the first wrinkles and the grey hairs, the creaking knees and struggling eyes are but reminders that I continue to change, and to grow.

Because I have experienced more, I am more understanding. It is because I have suffered that I am more compassionate regarding the suffering and failings of others.

It is a good reminder that change means growth, and that is a gift of hope. I often think of the words prayed so often at the Mass of Christian Burial, "Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended." How easily we forget that simple, beautiful truth. We think of death as an ending and a separation, and so we forget that it is a changing, and so a growth.

We are forever becoming what we are, growing into the reality of our lives, day by day, even into death. As with any journey, it is natural to pause on occasion and to look back, perhaps even longingly, and to remember what life was like, but our faith bids us forward into change, into growth and life.

In this month when we honor the souls of the faithful departed, we allow their witness to spur us forward, and in their glorious becoming they remind us, life is changed, and life is change.



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Adoration Sisters open gift shop at monastery



The Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have opened a store at Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Sioux Falls. The store offers religious goods, Mexican handicrafts and books. It's open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Ring the doorbell if the gate is closed.

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Homegrown *Saints*

**Holy men
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By Renae Kranz

Have you ever had a really good friend who was with you through a difficult time?

They comforted your sorrow. They held your hand when you hurt. They prayed with you and prayed for you.

In today's scattered world, we all need these good friends in our lives. Did you know you have thousands of these friends waiting to accompany you through life's challenges? They lived similar lives in many cases. They came from similar places. They felt many of the same sorrows.

All you have to do is call their name. And each name starts with one word: saint.

Fr. Solanus Casey

Saints in our American backyard

This month we celebrate and honor our friends in heaven with All Saints Day on November 1 and all the faithful departed with All Souls Day on November 2. It's easy to look at the many saints and think they have nothing in common with us and can't help us. Most of them came from far-away places and distant centuries.

But don't overlook the growing list of our own homegrown saints who came from cities and small towns right here in America. They share our experiences of life, our concept of freedom, our independent spirit. They could have been any one of us.

You can see easy proof of this in the list of saints and those making their way through the process of beatification and canonization to become saints. We have many great examples to help us through our everyday lives.

Monsignor Charles Mangan loves to share his extensive knowledge of the saints. He believes saints close to home can make a difference for the rest of us.

"As Americans, we love our country. We love our church," Monsignor Mangan says. "We don't see any contradiction between being faithful to our country and faithful to the Church. As a matter of fact, we see them as complementary."

He reminds us that holiness is not a privilege of the few or of a geographic area, but holiness is for everyone. Seeing more saints canonized in the U.S. helps us feel like we can do it, too.

"It's important for us to have people who we can relate to who are not distant

from us in terms of our geography, but who lived the same many aspects, the same kind of lives that we've lived—the same experiences as Americans," Monsignor Mangan says.

Monsignor Mangan says we shouldn't be fooled into thinking that somehow it's different now—that we don't have to seek holiness in modern times. Holiness is a call for all times and places.

Even when our creature comforts seem to consume us, we have to find ways to resist them and choose the narrow path.

"I think the pull of society is so hard, not only for lay people, but also for priests and religious," Monsignor Mangan says. "It's so simple to become addicted to television, traveling, things that are not necessarily evil in themselves, but if they take up too much of our time, we're not available. Our hearts are so fixed on who's in the latest movie or who was in the latest ballgame that we almost are preferring that over our duties."

How can the saints help us? Monsignor Mangan says they're always helping us by praying for us and interceding for us in heaven. They see us struggle with many of the same things they struggled with in their own lives. They can accompany and support us on our own journey to holiness and hopefully sainthood.

"It's important for us to have people who we can relate to who are not distant from us in terms of our geography, but who lived the same kind of lives that we've lived."
- Monsignor Mangan



Monsignor Charles Mangan in front of the Mother Church, the Cathedral of Saint Joseph

He says the key is to always ask, "To what am I called?" And then lean on the saints and the Lord to help you answer that call.

The process of declaring a saint

You'll notice throughout this story several lists of Americans and those who came to America who are now going through the process of being declared an official saint of the Church. It's a complicated process that can take many years. Here's a brief explanation of the steps they have to move through.

Servant of God

The first step begins at the diocesan level after a petitioner from members of the faithful of the diocese presents a request to the bishop for an inquiry, or the bishop can initiate the inquiry himself. If the bishop finds merit in the petition, he then gives permission to open an investigation through the diocese into the life of the individual. Typically, none of this can begin until at least five years after the person's death.

The individual's virtue during their life is examined by looking at their writings, speeches, sermons and eyewitness accounts. Once sufficient evidence of their holiness in life has been collected, the individual is given the title "Servant of God" and the cause is advanced to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints of the Roman Curia (the Congregation).

At this point, permission is given to exhume and examine the body of the Servant of God, and relics are taken and preserved.

Venerable

Now that all the evidence they lived a life of heroic virtue has been collected, the Congregation recommends to the pope that he should proclaim them Venerable. This means the Servant of God displayed to a heroic degree the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity and the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

Once this proclamation happens, the faithful can be encouraged to pray for the next step to occur: a miracle brought about as a sign that God wills this person to be canonized a saint.



Blessed

Beatification, the statement that it is worthy of belief that the person is in heaven, has two possible paths:

- If the Venerable was a martyr, the pope makes a declaration of martyrdom and a miracle is not required to become Blessed.
- If the Venerable is a “confessor,” meaning they bore witness to the faith by their lives, a miracle is required through the intercession of the Venerable. These miracles are most often cures of some sort of disease or illness because they are the easiest to prove.

After the title of Blessed is given, a feast day is assigned. Observance of the feast day is permitted only in the Blessed’s home diocese or locations associated with them.



Saint

To be canonized a saint, a martyr must have interceded in the occurrence of at least two miracles, while a confessor needs just one more miracle since one will have already occurred to be named Blessed.

When the Church canonizes a saint, they are saying that person is certainly in heaven enjoying the Beatific Vision. It is a gift from God alone.

Their feast day can now be celebrated anywhere and the faithful can honor that saint.

Now that we know how someone becomes a saint, let’s take a look at a few Americans on the path to recognized holiness.

Nicholas Black Elk

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk should be a familiar name to many in South Dakota. He was a medicine man from the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) tribe. He fought with his second cousin Chief Crazy Horse to defend their territory at the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876, and he was injured at Wounded Knee. The former Harney Peak in the Black Hills was recently renamed after Black Elk.

His journey to the Catholic Church began after he married Katie War Bonnet and she became Catholic. All three of their children were baptized in the Church. After Katie died, he became Catholic as well in December of 1904 on the feast of St. Nicholas. He later remarried a Catholic widow with two children, and they had three more children together.

Black Elk became a catechist in the Church and collaborated with Jesuit missionaries to evangelize the reservations. Over the 46 years of teaching the faith, he played a key role in the conversion of some 400 people. He died August 19, 1950.

The Diocese of Rapid City opened his case for canonization in 2017. To learn more about Black Elk’s life and his cause, visit rapidcitydiocese.org/black-elk-cause.

Mother Henriette Diaz DeLille

Born in New Orleans in 1813, Venerable Henriette DeLille was a Creole free woman of color. She was drawn to a life of service after teaching in a Catholic school where she cared for and educated the poor.

In 1836, Henriette founded an unrecognized order of nuns who cared for the sick, helped the poor and educated free



Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk



Venerable Mother Henriette Diaz DeLille

and enslaved children and adults. A year later the order was formally recognized and named the Sisters of the Holy Family. They took in elderly who needed more care than only a visit could provide and started the first Catholic home for the elderly in America.

Mother Henriette died during the Civil War in 1862 at 49. Her friends say her death was due to a life of service, poverty and hard work. The order she founded has more than 300 members today and operates schools, nursing homes and retirement homes in several states in the U.S.

She was named Venerable March 27, 2010. Several miracles are currently under medical scrutiny that could elevate her to Blessed. Visit sistersoftheholymfamily.com/henriette-delille to learn more about this courageous woman.

Father Stanley Rother

Blessed Stanley Rother was a priest in various parishes in his home state of Oklahoma during the 1960s. He requested to be assigned to a mission church at Santiago Atitlan in southwest Guatemala in 1968. He learned Spanish and the language of the indigenous people so he could become closer to his congregation.

The people he ministered to were quite fond of him. He founded a small hospital in the area and translated the New Testament into their indigenous language. By 1975 he had become the leader of the mission effort in Guatemala.

During the last year of his life, violence increased in the area. Catechists and parishioners would often disappear and later turn up dead, but he refused to leave his congregation at first.

After he found out his name was on a death list, he returned to Oklahoma for a few months at the beginning of 1981.

Father Rother returned to Guatemala in time to celebrate Easter with his congregation. During the next couple months, he knew he was being watched. On July 28, 1981, gunmen broke into the rectory and shot Father Rother. He was one of 10 priests murdered in Guatemala that year.

In December of 2016, Pope Francis confirmed Rother was killed “in hatred of the faith” and pronounced a martyr. He was beatified September 23, 2017. He is the first martyr from the United States. To learn more about Father Rother, visit archokc.org/stanleyrother.

Sister Thea Bowman

Sister Thea Bowman was born in 1937 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Although she was the granddaughter of slaves, her father was a doctor and her mother was a teacher. Raised a Methodist, she converted to the Catholic Church with her parents’ permission at the young age of 9. She later joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Wisconsin.

Thea helped the Church take major steps in its ministry to African Americans. She was an evangelist among her own people, helped produce an African American hymnal, and helped found the National Black Sisters Conference. Her dynamic personality and amazing singing voice made her a popular speaker and inspiring spiritual leader.

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman died of cancer on March 30, 1990, at 52. Her cause is being investigated by the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi. To learn more about her fascinating life, visit sistertheabowman.com.



Blessed Father Stanley Rother



Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

As you can see, many Americans are making their way along the path to canonization as saints. Their stories are varied and amazing. The lists you see with this story contain great examples of waiting friends that we as fellow Americans can meet and grow close to. Find one who speaks to you and let them accompany you in your journey to join them in heaven.



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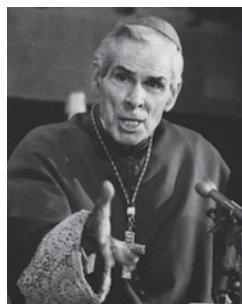
- **Bishop Vincent McCauley:** born in Iowa, missionary to peoples of Asia and Africa, bishop in Uganda.
- **Sister Blandina Segale:** born in Italy, settled with her family in Cincinnati at age 4, worked for many years as missionary in New Mexico.
- **Father Augustus Tolton:** born in Missouri, a former slave, first black Catholic priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 1886.
- **Mother Mary Alphonsa Hawthorne Lathrop:** born in Massachusetts, daughter of author Nathaniel Hawthorne, widow and convert, founded Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne.
- **Father Joseph Kentenich:** born in Germany, because he opposed the Nazis, he was arrested by the Gestapo, and interred at Dachau, parish priest of German speakers in Milwaukee.
- **Father Eusebio Kino:** born in Italy, served in Mexico, Baja, California and present-day Arizona, established 24 missions.



Fr. Augustus Tolton

Venerable

- **Bishop Frederic Baraga:** born in Slovenia, missionary to the United States, ministered to Native Americans in Michigan and Wisconsin.
- **Bishop Alphonse Gallegos:** born in New Mexico, ministered to street gangs, struck by a car and killed.
- **Father Patrick Peyton:** born in Ireland, for many years lived in the U.S., known for the phrase "the family that prays together, stays together."
- **Archbishop Fulton Sheen:** born in Illinois, well-known via books, radio and television, may be beatified before the end of 2019.
- **Pierre Toussaint:** born in Haiti, lived in New York City, a former slave, philanthropist who contributed funds to build St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Abp. Fulton Sheen

Blessed

- **Father Solanus Casey:** born in Wisconsin, Franciscan Capuchin, encouraged thousands who came to him for prayer. (pictured on cover)
- **Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich:** born in New Jersey, religious mystic, died at age 26.

- **Carlos Manuel Cecilio Rodríguez Santiago:** born in Puerto Rico, translated the Sacred Liturgy texts into Spanish, first Caribbean-born layman to be beatified.
- **Father Francis Xavier Seelos:** born in Germany, ordained a priest in Baltimore, contracted yellow fever while ministering to victims of the disease and died at 48.



U.S. Saints

- **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** born in New York, religious sister, founder of Catholic Schools in U.S.
- **St. John Neumann:** born in present day Czech Republic, founded first diocesan Catholic School system in U.S., first American bishop and only male U.S. citizen to be canonized.
- **St. Marianne Cope:** born in Germany, emigrated to America, missionary sister to lepers in Hawaii.
- **St. Katharine Drexel:** born in Philadelphia, wealthy heiress, missionary sister to Native Americans and blacks in U.S. West and school founder.
- **St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai:** born in Belgium, missionary priest to lepers in Hawaii, died from the disease himself in 1889.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



St. Katharine Drexel

- **St. Junipero Serra:** born in Spain, Franciscan priest, founder of Spanish missions in California
- **St. Kateri Tekakwitha:** born in New York, Native American and consecrated virgin, died at 24.
- **St. Mother Theodore Guerin:** born in France, foundress of Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, founded numerous schools in Indiana and Illinois.
- **St. Isaac Jogues:** born in France, missionary priest to the Iroquois, Huron and other Native populations in North America, martyred by the Mohawk.
- **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini:** born in Italy, missionary sister and foundress of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, supported Italian immigrants to the U.S.
- **St. Rose Philippine Duchesne:** born in France, missionary sister to Native Americans on the Western frontier.



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Reality-based discernment helps vocations become clear for all

As the new vocations director for the diocese I've had to think a lot about discernment. People ask me how to discern, what it means to discern, how it's done well, etc. Most of the time it's in the context of knowing how to decide rightly one's vocation; however, we can and should have a discerning heart even about things not connected to the decision for celibacy or for married life.

Discernment also involves deciding about careers, family life, and really, we should have a discerning heart that considers Christ in every decision. This consideration should free us, not stop us in our tracks with anxiety. Let's see how this might be possible.

Discernment can be paralyzing if it isn't connected to reality. If our discernment doesn't take into account all relevant factors, it becomes about begging God to shoot down a lightning bolt of clarity and a paralyzing fear when said lightning bolt doesn't strike.

So, what are all the relevant factors for good discernment?

Prayer is key. There is nothing to discern if we are not at least attempting to pray well. While this is a key component, I also want to move past the trite advice to "just pray more," as if God were simply not convinced of your sincerity and so is hiding his plan from you a little longer.

Here are some other components I've found to be important as well:

First, look at one's own natural gifts. Each of us is given gifts from God to be used for his glory and at the service of his

Kingdom. We should take seriously the natural gifts and abilities gifted to us and see how God is calling us through them. This is helpful for discerning educational choices or career paths. If a student is particularly gifted in math, it would make more sense for them to pursue a career in the sciences than a career in music.

Second, a component that can be helpful for discernment is our circumstances. Not everyone has gifts that are so clear so as to arrive at a certainty about what to do with them, and so our circumstances must be considered as well.

For instance, say that an athlete with Division 1 talent rightfully pursues scholarships and schools he would have otherwise never considered. Imagine then that he loses his ability to walk in a car accident. His circumstances have changed and he must now consider a new path.

This is a rather tragic example, but remember that even when circumstances lead us away from previously desired paths, we must always know that our happiness does not depend on worldly success but on our service to the Kingdom of God. One can give great glory to God frying chicken wings, paving roads or even in a nursing home bed. If circumstance is united to Christ, it is for God's glory.

Finally, it is legitimate to look around and ask, "What does the world need? What does the Church need?" Needs change, and so our responses from one generation to the next can change, too. Where is the need greatest right now? It seems possible



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to me that maybe the need is everywhere. Married life, priesthood and religious life are all in need of men and women united to Christ in radical faithfulness.

Good discernment should take into consideration all of reality. Spiritual lightning bolts aren't guaranteed to us all, and so it is helpful to look at all aspects of one's gifts, circumstances and the needs that surround us.

And finally, if none of this is helpful at all, one last exhortation: do not be afraid. The hymn below from newly sainted John Henry Newman is a beautiful gift.

*Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead me Thou on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step is enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!*

*So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Meantime, along the narrow rugged path,
Thyself hast trod,
Lead, Savior; lead me home in childlike faith,
Home to my God.
To rest forever after earthly strife
In the calm light of everlasting life.*

-Saint John Henry Newman

NECROLOGY

OF THE DIOCESE OF SIOUX FALLS



Aberdeen, Presentation Heights

Sr. Mary Aileen Huettl- Dec. 24;
Sr. Mary Denis Collins- Feb. 25;
Sr. Helen Ripplinger- Jul. 17;
Sr. Mary Jane Gaspar- Sept. 23

Aberdeen, Sacred Heart

Catherine Clinton- Oct. 8; Gregory Welch- Oct. 10; Delbert Aldinger- Oct. 20; Miles J. McNickle- Oct. 29; Frances A. Little- Oct. 30; Alice Rentz- Nov. 13; Terrance Baadte- Dec. 6; Margaret Moffenbier- Dec. 23; Marcella Thomas- Jan. 2; Brian Bauer- Jan. 5; Lyle Chase- Jan. 6; Kathleen Black- Jan. 12; Leonard Sebert- Jan. 18; Robert Swengel- Jan. 22; Bernardette Carroll- Feb. 19; Thomas Fjeldheim- Mar. 12; Jane Hengel- Mar. 17; Eli Dornbusch- Mar. 23; Bette McGarry- Apr. 5; Kathleen Kessler- Apr. 14; Genny Nash- May 24; Harley Allbee- May 26; Lyle Walker- May 28; Cathy Schatz- Jun. 20; Susan Birrenkott- Jul. 28; Donald A. Loebs- Aug. 4; Cliff Nesseim- Aug. 13; Elizabeth Larsen- Aug. 19; Dean Ottenbacher- Sept. 14; Nicholas Fettig- Sept. 16; Christina Mastel- Sept. 18

Aberdeen, St. Mary

Janelle Klapperich- Oct. 10; Marian Kinder- Oct. 21; Christina Schaeffer- Oct. 23; Francis Kallas- Oct. 25; Helen Biegler- Oct. 25; Daniel Northrup- Nov. 18; Dorothy Lipp- Nov. 30; Maxine Martin- Dec. 12; Robert Schilling- Jan. 1; Jessica Cameron- Jan. 2; Pamela White- Jan. 9; Kathleen Light- Jan. 12; Jerry Luce- Jan. 28; Jerome Utecht- Jan. 28; Regina Brick- Feb. 2; Irene Schmidt- Feb. 3; James Bauer- Feb. 9; Pius Waldman- Feb. 17; Yvonne Schile- Mar. 2; Gary Derzab- Mar. 18; Lisa Bokelheide- Mar. 19; Jerry Smith- Apr. 12; Helen Crabtree- Apr. 16; Rita Lenling- May 8; Christina Heinz- May 26; Taylor Mitchell- May 26; Christopher Pond- Jun. 12; Anthony Schwan- Jul. 9; Frank Schwab- Jul. 13; Delores Schwab- Jul. 22; Donna Heintzman- Jul. 29; Donna Mehlhaff- Aug. 4; Ronald Schmidt- Aug. 4; Martin Ronning- Aug. 9; Patricia Heizman- Aug. 23; Sheldon Lenling- Aug. 27; Lawrence Schuck Sr.- Aug. 30; Irene Gese- Sept. 2; Caroline Lacher- Sept. 5; Richard Ochs- Sept. 5; Walburga Nold- Sept. 26

Aberdeen, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center

No deaths recorded

Alexandria, St. Mary of Mercy

Report not submitted

Alexandria, Monastery of Our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph

No deaths recorded

Arlington, St. John

Tom Murphy- Apr. 3; Marguerite Manley- Aug. 11

Armour, St Paul the Apostle

Hunter R. Harrington- May 31;
Catherine G. Grosz- Jun. 26

Artesian, St. Charles

Report not submitted

Beresford, St. Teresa of Avila

Kathryn Hill- Oct. 8; Lewis J. Kribbel- Oct. 19; Francis Walz- Apr. 8; Jerome Birgen- May 6; William P. Dolan- May 8

**Big Bend, St. Catherine**

Darrell Lambie- Feb. 12; Marie
Morgan-Engdahl- Sept. 14

Big Stone City, St. Charles

Wesley Strei- Jul. 7; Francis
Jurgens- Aug. 2

Bowdle/Hosmer, St Augustine

Josephine Heier- Nov. 5; Donald Heilman-
Aug. 17; Mike Mitzel, Sr.- Aug. 23

Brandon, Risen Savior

James Zimmerman- Dec. 7; Donald
Lootens- Dec. 28; Tera Campbell-
Feb. 3; Jeffrey Wieneke- Apr.
29; Lawrence Lambertz- Jul. 16;
Bertha Cohlman- Aug. 27

Bridgewater, St. Stephen

Report not submitted

Britton/Hecla, St. John de Britto

Audrey Rose Drake- Mar. 3; Andrew
Young- Mar. 4; Kathleen Vrchota-
Jun. 1; Howard Stocking- Jul. 21; Phil
Hannasch- Jul. 29; Dorothy Even-
Sept. 1; Theresa Bernard- Sept. 2

**Brookings, Pope Pius XII Newman
Center**

Lois Grommersch- Dec. 19; George
West- Apr. 22; Paul Irwin- Sept. 28

Brookings, St. Thomas More

Bradley Winker- Oct. 12; Charles Short-
Oct. 20; Louis Skubic- Oct. 29; Orpha
Leibel- Nov. 21; Cody Wright- Nov.
30; Stephen Zerfas- Dec. 7; Daniel
Eisenmann- Jan. 29; Michael Maher- Feb.
4; Roger Buhl- Feb. 9; Diedra Gatzke-
Feb. 14; Donald Jasper- Apr. 9; Jean
Liebsch- Apr. 19; George West- Apr.
22; Willis Haider- Apr. 30; Marguerite
Bartscher- May 5; Judith Spiering- May
23; Cindy Pejisa- Aug. 22; Fernando
Carballo-Aug. 25; Beverly Schwing- Sept.
16; Geraldine Anderson- Sept. 23; Eunice
Leary- Sept. 27; Bonney Bork- Sept. 30

Bryant, St. Mary

Phyllis Wolkow- Dec. 11;
Donna Pommer- Jul. 22

Canton, St. Dominic

Janet Hamann- Oct. 22; Dorothy Oakland-
Feb. 5; Jill Olinger- Apr. 23; Nancy
Lyle- Jun. 11; Norris Ekle- Jul. 22

Castlewood, St. John

No deaths recorded

Centerville, Good Shepherd

Yvonne R. Craw- Feb. 20; Ann
Marie Jespersen- Mar. 23

Chamberlain/Pukwana, St. James

Robert L. Gregg- Nov. 25; Jan L.
Giese- Dec. 11; Betty A. Hosek- Jan.
18; Robert E. Ellis- Mar. 15; Julie D.
Gregg- Mar. 19; John J. Verschoor-
Mar. 19; Marie J. Fox- May 25; Cole
F. Hickey- Jul. 28; Shirley A. Hickey-
Sept. 12; Kenneth T. Mines- Sept. 21

Clark, St. Michael

Ronald J. O'Connor- Dec. 25; Clara
Heer- Feb. 3; Betty A. Kranz- Mar. 11;
Charles D. Mack- Mar. 21; Marsha M.
Bakken- Apr. 4; Brian F. Weyh - June 7

Clear Lake, St. Mary

DeAnne Dumke- Dec. 15; Jeanette
Schomaker- Dec. 19; Donald Homan- Dec.
29; Pearl J. Bauman- Jan. 27; Hildegard
M. Ellis- Jun. 11; Dennis D. Hintz- Jun. 23

Colman, St. Peter

Helen J. Moe- Aug. 20

Dakota Dunes, Saint Teresa of Calcutta

John Cook- Nov. 24

Dante, Assumption

Marcine I. Blaha- Dec. 19; Helen
A. Cuka- Jan. 6; Loyola C. Myers-
Feb. 8; Delbert C. Beeson- Feb. 16;
Herbert J. Yost- May 4; Josephine H.
Koupal- May 21; Frank J. Krcil- Aug.
17; Richard D. Kafka- Sept. 24

Dell Rapids, St. Mary

LeRoy J. Welbig- Nov. 3; David Joseph Donahue- Nov. 9; Marie C. Roemen- Nov. 29; Richard Dessen- Dec. 3; Roger L. Nelson- Jan. 16; Gerald C. Heinemann- Jan. 30; Arliss M. Lickteig- Feb. 1; Phyllis A. Ollerich- Feb. 14; Eugene Baumberger- Feb. 26; Rene DeWitte- Mar. 7; Gerald Schreier- Mar. 13; Floyd Heinemann- Apr. 8; Bonnie Sorsen- Apr. 18; Regina Evans- May 13; Clarence Fiegen- May 16; Leonard Allen- Jun. 2; Richard Fitzgerald- Jun. 2; James K. Brown- Jun. 17; Robert Sorsen- Jun. 28; Nancy Hauglid- Aug. 16

DeSmet/Iroquois, St. Thomas Aquinas

Dorothy Henkel- Nov. 21; Candace Rosdahl- Jan. 3; Brooke P. Muhlenkort- Apr. 5; Richard Halverson- May 23; Delores Gross- Jul. 27; Carol Fonder- Sept. 27; Coletta Brandner- Sept. 30

Dimock/Ethan, SS. Peter & Paul

Report not submitted

Eden, Sacred Heart

Connie Geist- Oct. 1; Stanley Kvidera- Oct. 22; Jacquelyn Knebel- Dec. 30; Dennis D. Nordquist- Feb. 5; Roger E. Buhl- Feb. 9; Alvina Opitz- Apr. 12; Lambert Knebel- May 19; Marcella Schlekewy- Sept. 10

Elk Point, St. Joseph

Joseph L. Guimond- Jan. 13; Norma K. Schuh- Mar. 20; Louie E. DeSmet- Apr. 17; Jean J. Curry- Apr. 23; Venita M. Suing- May 15; Ronald W. Hoffman- May 21; Bernard L. Hall- Jun. 5

Elkton/Aurora, Our Lady of Good Help

Jean G. Knuth- Oct. 2; JoAnn M. Heesch- Nov. 22; Robert C. Rochel- Jun. 24; Maxine M. Lynn- Jul. 17; Emmett Coughlin- Aug. 17

Emery, St. Martin

Report not submitted

Epiphany/Spencer/Farmer, Church of Epiphany

Leanne Loudenburg- Jan. 14; Marguerite Bartscher- May 5; Zina Scheuren- Jun. 19; Nancy Mentele- Aug. 16

Estelline, St. Francis de Sales

Alvin, Anderson- Jan. 1; Timothy J. Linneman- Sept. 24

Eureka, St. Joseph

Gaylene M. Strandbakke- Oct. 22; Susan Schock- May 28

Faulton/Seneca/Orient, St. Thomas

Terry Huss- Nov. 29; Marie Jones- Jan. 26; Kathryn Edgar- Apr. 8; Lorraine Huss- Sept. 13

Flandreau, SS. Simon & Jude

Louis G. Kramer- Oct. 22; Fred J. Smith- Nov. 21; Mary E. Myers- Nov. 21; Toby N. Taylor- Mar. 27; Della I. Bechen- Apr. 28; Carol A. Parsley- Aug. 5; Larry J. Hanson- Aug. 11; John D. Evans- Aug. 27; Pauline M. McGlone- Sept. 20

Florence, Blessed Sacrament

Lynell D. Popham- Jul. 2

Fort Thompson, St. Joseph

Myron Sitting Crow- Oct. 2; Dawn Drappeaux- Nov. 19; Ester Brown-Ross- Jan. 5; Genevieve Hunter- Jan. 16; Valerie Medicine Ceder- Feb. 26; Sheila Miller- Mar. 8; Ariana Obago- Apr. 26; Lloyd Ross- Apr. 30; Perry Middleton- Aug. 6; Sheldon St. John- Aug. 21

Garretson, St. Rose of Lima

Raphael Schreurs- Jun. 4; Dorothy DeSchepper- Jul. 13; Elizabeth Holzapfel- Jul. 26

Gary, St. Peter

Bernadine S. Pieper- Nov. 12; Rita A. Theisen- Aug. 6

Geddes, St. Ann

Harlen Hysell- Oct. 13; Frank Schulte- Dec. 18; Gertrude J. Steffens- Aug. 8; Raymond Oberbroekling- Aug. 29

Gettysburg, Sacred Heart

Elaine Thomas- Oct. 17; Jeannette Anderson- Nov. 8; Theresa Frost- Nov. 18; Harold Glodt- May 11; Gerald Frost- May 26; Charles Wager- Jun. 1; Susan Engel- Jun. 3; Dennis Lenz- Sept. 2

Grenville, St. Joseph

Richard Sichmeller- Jan. 2; Lorraine M. Block- Apr. 28; Catherine M. Breske- Jun. 11; Helen H. Nowak- Jul. 8

Groton, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Lynn Hildebrant- Oct. 29; Olga Grandpre- Dec. 28; Kathleen Black- Jan. 12; Jerome Meyer- Jan. 25; Barbara James- Feb. 2; LeRoy Woods- Mar. 3; Jack Mahan- Mar. 20; Gleva Ewing- Mar. 22; Ronald Bawek- Apr. 1; Lawrence Dolney- Apr. 17; William Grode- Apr. 18; Susan Saylor- May 4; Clara Barondeau- May 8; Lonnie LaBrie- Jun. 11; Mary Bertsch- Jun. 22; Robert Hildebrant- Aug. 21

Harrisburg, St. John Paul II

Roger Haakinson- Nov. 20; Deborah DeGroot- Dec. 17; Julie Benson- Jul. 25

Hartford, St. George

Reinhold A. Pressler- Nov. 1; Elaine M. Scovill- Dec. 14; Francis Full- Jan. 3; Anthony S. Osiecki Sr.- Jan. 6; Anthony Osiecki Jr.- Feb. 3; Alan F. Brueggeman- Mar. 1; Kenneth Peterson- Mar. 26; Edward F. Kueter- Apr. 17; Kathryn A. Butler- May 4; Joanne M. Schoenfelder- Aug. 9; Roy A. Beck- Sept. 1

Henry/Grover, St. Henry

Joseph Pesall- Feb. 7; Calvin D. Schoepp- Aug. 8

Herreid, St. Michael

Beatrice Senftner- Jan. 31; Richard Senftner- Apr. 5; Quentin Schaeffbauer- Apr. 15; Irene Shillingstad Winterberg- Jul. 2

Highmore/Harrold, St. Mary

Report not submitted

Hoven/Onaka, St. Anthony

Victor Simon- Oct. 17; Leo Hartung- Nov. 29; Clarence Arbach- Dec. 27; Irene Theunissen- Jan. 25; Albert Goetz- Feb. 22; Regina M. Hericks- Mar. 6; Nancy Duenwald- Mar. 10; Vicki Schmiege- Apr. 2; Ardella Hericks- Apr. 17; Jerome Hageman- Apr. 18; Wayne Stuwe- Apr. 19; Richard Abler- May 17; Frances Ruzsa- May 11; Arlyn Miles- Aug. 21

Howard, St. Agatha

Shirley Beers- Nov. 23; Alice Kaufmann- Nov. 30; Leon Neises- Dec. 2; Joseph Feldhaus- Dec. 16; Lisa Hoffman- Dec. 21; Charles Leider- Jan. 29; Leo Poncelet- Feb. 8; Martin Esser- Mar. 11; Leo Feldhaus- May 2; Thomas Pardy- May 23; Nancy Calmus- July 6; Steve Kramer- Sept. 9

Humboldt, St. Ann

Sally O'Hara- Apr. 22; Helen Sieverding- May 12; Robert Kueter- May 12; Louine Schaufler- Jun. 21; Merle Sechser- Jun. 25; Loren Even- Jul. 6; Dale Garry- Sept. 5

Huntimer, St. Joseph the Workman

John Scheafer- Dec. 18; Kathryn Cotter- Apr. 5; Roger Benson- Jun. 7

Huron, Holy Trinity

Patricia Coyle- Oct. 9; Joseph Henkel- Oct. 14; Lela M. Grohs- Oct. 17; Lorna Gubbins- Oct. 21; Harold Doolittle- Oct. 27; Karin Schumacher- Nov. 5; Donald Lundeen- Nov. 21; Lorraine Wharton- Nov. 23; Mary Anne Nelson- Nov. 24; Corey Zieske- Nov. 28; Annie Peterson- Jan. 2; Eleanor Salverson- Jan. 3; Kenneth Kauth; Jan. 3; Orvel Schmit- Jan. 21; Peter Wuestewald- Jan. 29; James W. Butler- Feb. 3; Phillip Maher- Feb. 16; Irene Murphy- Feb. 24; Kathleen Wilson- Apr. 2; Abraham Zacarias Ramos Ramirez- Apr. 3; Hazel Runge- Apr. 27; Robert Keleher- Apr. 29; Charles

Price- May 10; Veronica Reilly- May 11; Rita Mills- May 23; Maria Sara Rivera Delgado- Jun. 12; Amanda Crow- Jun. 16; Bernadine Hanley- Jun. 21; Edgar Rudy- Jun. 26; Betty Reilly- Aug. 6; Bruce Schied- Aug. 9; Eugene Saarie- Aug. 22; Philip Tiernan- Sept. 22

Idylwilde/Mayfield, St. Boniface

Chet Malin- Nov. 6; Phyllis E. Friman- Nov. 27; Linda Kotzea- Mar. 31; Warren Scherschligt- Sept. 10

Ipswich, Holy Cross

Wilma M. Steen- Dec. 24; Gladys I. Braun- Jul. 16

Jefferson, St. Peter

Bradley A. Jones- Dec. 7; Sheryll J. Chicoine- Jan. 31; Gregory A. Gagner- Mar. 20; Alfred B. LaCroix- Apr. 5; Ronald L. Trudo- Jun. 4

Kimball, St. Margaret

James A. Woodraska- Oct. 17; Dennis L. Chmela- Oct. 22; Francis Emerson- Nov. 10; Kenneth E. Walsh- Nov. 11; Mary M. Schlepueztz- Jan. 15; Anna Mary Reimer- Jan. 18; Clara E. McGregor- Apr. 15; Marian M. Powers- May 23; Lilian E. Nedved- Jul. 30; Marie M. Petula- Aug. 3; Philip E. Konechne- Aug. 8; Glenn A. Blasius- Aug. 13

Kranzburg/ Waverly, Holy Rosary

Evelyn M. Thiewes- Nov. 10; Donald J. Ries- Feb. 9; Sylvan L. Mack- May 31; Marie E. Mack- Sept. 19

Lake Andes, St. Mark

Shirley G. Payer- Oct. 23; Paul J. Kern- Nov. 16; Margaret O'Connor- Dec. 21; John M. Thomson- Jan. 16; Shirley M. Hruska- Jan. 28; John S. Peterson Feb. 15; Elsie Chytka- Mar. 26

Lennox/Worthing, St. Magdalen

Cheryl K. Cressman- Oct. 12; Phyllis A. Ollerich- Feb. 14; Charlotte Kaskie- Jun. 17

Leola, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Norbert A. Geffre- Jan. 6; Waneta Geffre- May 31; Elizabeth Heyd- Sept. 22

Lesterville/Sigel, St. John the Baptist

Phyllis Hunhoff- Nov. 7; Harold Schenkel- Dec. 21; Donald Pavel- Jan. 7; Lester Scherschligt- May 10

Madison, St. Thomas Aquinas

Paul Salem- Oct. 4; Thomas Callahan- Oct. 9; Judith Minnaert- Oct. 11; Maria Hulscher- Oct. 15; Lois Zerfas- Nov. 14; Patrick Schlim- Dec. 17; James Birgen- Dec. 17; Donald Woldt- Jan. 26; Harold Richter- Mar. 18; Margaret Heibult- May 1; Lois O'Hara- May 4; Myrtle Byrne- May 5; Shirley Larson- Jul. 9; Jeanne Green- Aug. 30; Edward Hulscher- Sept. 18

Marty, St. Paul

Eugene Hare- Oct. 14; Dean Zephier- Oct. 28; Caryl Arpan- Dec. 16; Margaret O'Connor- Dec. 21; Angelia Mace- Apr. 29; Jady Huapapi- Jun. 17; Claudette Holiday- Jul. 28; Sunrise Waetermans- Aug. 22; Margaret Rainbow- Aug. 29

Marty, Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

No deaths recorded

Mellette, All Saints

Marian L. Fischbach- Feb. 28



Milbank, Daughters of St. Mary of Providence

No deaths recorded

Milbank/ Wilmot, St. Lawrence

Marlene Ward- Oct. 11; Wanda W. Schuelke- Dec. 2; Janice M. Schultz- Jan. 11; Patricia Allen- Jan. 16; Scott Kelly- Feb. 10; Mary E. Whiting- Apr. 5; Robert Loehrer- Apr. 6; Marva J. Carr- Apr. 15; Hunter Tillman- Apr. 16; Leon P. Schliesman- Apr. 29; William Schank- May 22; Joan M. Peters- Jun. 16; Patricia A. Parker- Jul. 11; Marianne C. Lantis- Jul. 21; Carol J. Wellnitz- Jul. 30; Ricky Bohn- Aug. 20; Joyce Brown- Aug. 28; Janice Witherspoon- Sept. 2; Ruth Miller- Sept. 2; Robert Thyne- Sept. 19; James Andersen- Sept. 20

Miller/Wessington, St. Ann

Elaine Coss-Hanson- Nov. 17; Harlan J. Bushfield- May 4; Leo Ista- Jun. 22; Lester Eschenbaum- Jul. 5; Elizabeth Clement- Aug. 1; Jerome Oligmueller- Aug. 27

Mitchell, Holy Family

Steven W. Anderson- Oct. 3; Donald E. Culhane- Oct. 18; Tami K. Sudbeck- Nov. 24; William F. Runge- Dec. 11; Caroline Goldhammer- Dec. 21; Isabel Erpenbach- Dec. 24; Maurine R. Cahoy- Dec. 28; Kenny F. Byrd- Jan. 27; Kathleen R. McCarthy- Jan. 30; Alva E. Bullis- Feb. 2; Lavonne E. Sand- Feb. 20; Grace M. Durst- Apr. 1; Dolores Vincent- Apr. 1; Mary F. Goin- Apr. 5; Pauline F. Hohn- Apr. 6; Lorraine Raecke- Apr. 11; Lucille M. Hettinger- Apr. 15; Eileen

Webster- Apr. 25; Russell Kirkus- May 1; Jerome W. Mohr- May 4; Daniel L. Wermers- Jun. 8; Carl Metz- Jun. 22; Christian Collins- Jun. 28; Samuel L. Sand- Jun. 29; Matthew C. Spates- Jul. 5; Lawrence S. Haiar- Aug. 5; Evelyn Schlimgen- Aug. 22; Mary Franey- Sept. 2

Mitchell, Holy Spirit

E.D. Mayer- Nov. 1; Donald Roster- Nov. 26; Donald Garvis- Dec. 7; Bernard Van Wassenhove- Dec. 23; Lois Thuringer- Jan. 23; Douglas Baldwin Sr.- Feb. 14; Kathryn K. Hockett- Jan. 21; Kristi Arnold- Mar. 22; Dolores Stach- May 21; Arlene Simek- May 2; George William Puetz- Aug. 10

Mitchell, Sisters of St. Francis of Our Lady of Guadalupe

No deaths recorded

Mobridge, St. Joseph

Richard Blankartz- Feb. 28; Celestine Ducheneaux- Mar. 10; Donald Bleyle, Sr.- Apr. 2; Nancy Totten- Apr. 15; Mary J. Mizera- Jul. 8; Doris McGhee- Jul. 18

Montrose, St. Patrick

Vincent Jesse- Feb. 8; Eugene Zimmer- Mar. 20; Clint Lounsbery- Apr. 16; Donald E. Healy- Jul. 9

Onida, St. Pius X

Emma M. Lamb- Jan. 18

Parker, St. Christina / Marion, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Berdell H. Luke- Dec. 5; Donald P. VanDeRostyne- Sept. 10

Parkston/Tripp, Sacred Heart

Report not submitted

Pierre, SS. Peter & Paul

Norbert Arbach- Oct. 5; Gloria Beastrom- Oct. 12; Francis Bies- Oct. 15; Mary Hartley- Oct. 16; Julie Schultz- Nov. 26; Isabel Rieger- Dec. 1; Lorraine Gomez- Dec. 26; Eileen Snyder- Jan. 1; Beverly Smith- Jan. 11; Irene Wald- Jan. 26; Merrill Gregg- Jan. 26; Bob Parlman- Feb. 17; Margaret Huck-Phillips- Apr. 29; Judy Maxwell- Apr. 29; Agnes Deal- May 2; Lois Van Ash- Jun. 14; Nicholas Kaufman- Jun. 25; Ronette Mitchell- Sept. 19

Plankinton/Mt. Vernon, St. John

Michael Nedved- Mar. 11; Elma Schroeder- Jul. 3; William Nolan- Aug. 7

Platte, St. Peter the Apostle

Francis Graf- Nov. 12; Mildred Murtha- Apr. 17

Polo, St. Liborius

James Wieseler- Oct. 17; Robert Haneke- Nov. 12; Marion Martinmaas- Dec. 22

Ramona, St. William

No deaths recorded

Redfield, St. Bernard

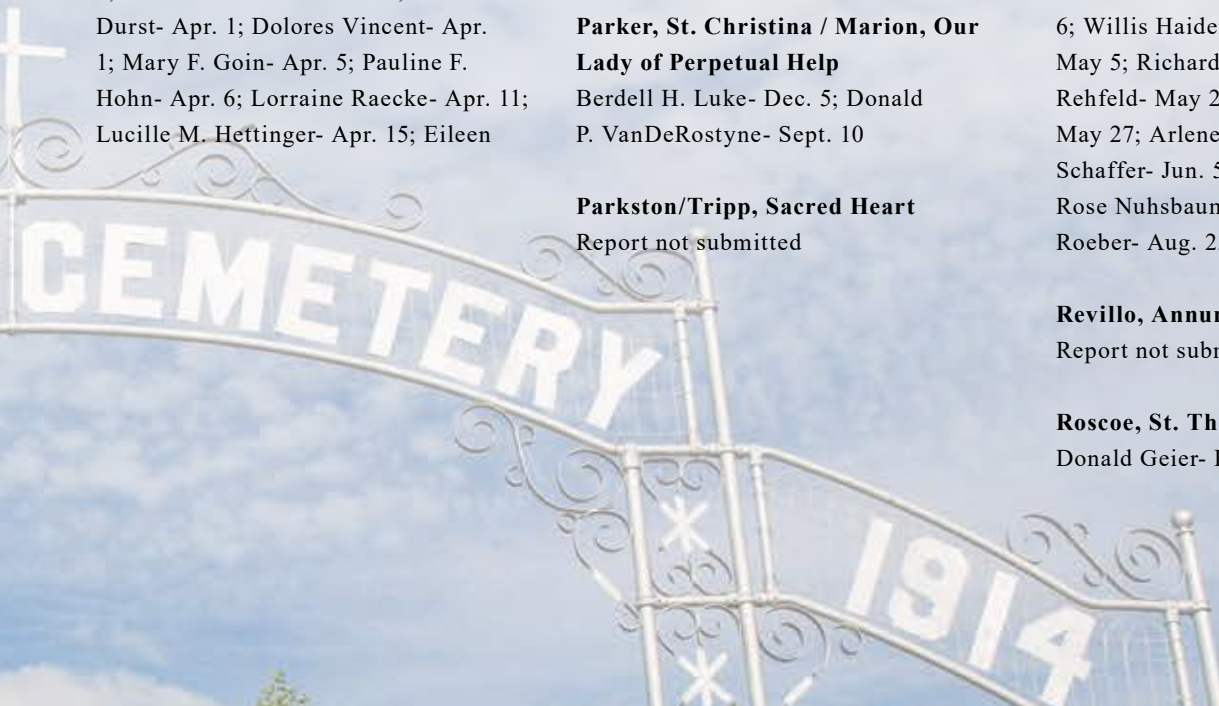
Irma Stammer- Oct. 4; Leone Haux- Oct. 16; Thomas Fink- Dec. 12; Stephen Robinson- Dec. 21; Ethelene Fliehe- Jan. 6; Dianna Clausen- Jan. 13; Leota Jackson- Feb. 24; Maxine Pfister-Schmidt- Feb. 26; Richard Esser- Mar. 6; Willis Haider- Apr. 30; James Pickar- May 5; Richard Baus- May 21; Ramona Rehfeld- May 23; Autumn Jungwirth- May 27; Arlene Pollock- May 29; Betty Schaffer- Jun. 5; George Wolf- Jul. 2; Rose Nuhsbaumer- Aug. 12; Marion Roeber- Aug. 23; Jean Jankord- Sept. 18

Revillo, Annunciation

Report not submitted

Roscoe, St. Thomas the Apostle

Donald Geier- Dec. 21



Rosholt, St. John the Baptist

Janice M. Weiser- Nov. 22; Helen M. Spindler- Jan. 12; Rita A. Braun- Jan. 16; Rose Mary Brockhaus- Apr. 17; Gilbert W. Braun- Jul. 4; Arnold V. Braun- Sept. 26; Greg D. Voss- Sept. 26

Salem, St. Mary

Karon Barnhouse- Oct. 14; Dennis Jenneman- Nov. 8; Donald Heumiller- Jan. 13; Helene Eichacker- Jan. 17; Donald Albers- Mar. 14; Joseph F. Kolbeck- Mar. 24; Linda Vogel- Apr. 30; Catherine M. Peterson- May 6; Robert Reif- Jun. 24; Gerald Rotert- Jul. 6; Mary Jane Christian Jul. 27; Floreine Duxbury- Aug. 15; Vern Urlacher- Sept. 23

Scotland, St. George

Helen Sedlacek- Mar. 19; Agnes M. Dangel- May 26; Lars A. Jezek- Jul. 17; Ella Bertrand- Aug. 12

Selby, St. Anthony

Joseph B. Raba- Dec. 26; Irene Stoick- Feb. 21; Michael O. Kuehl- Jul. 25; Lorraine E. Collins- Aug. 4

Sioux Falls, Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Norvald Boyum- Nov. 21; Lucille Bickett- Nov. 28; Kathryn Myers- Dec. 5; Donna M. Fechner- Dec. 10; Patrick C. Clarey- Dec. 16; Carol A. Namanny- Jan. 3; Fr. Larry Barnett- Jan. 17; Sally A. Wiche- Jan. 31; Jessica M. Pauna- Feb. 10; Donald W. Albers- Mar. 4; Lois F. Zimmer- Mar. 6; Madonna C. Hicks- Mar. 6; Judy Holden- Mar. 10; Darrell E. Paulin- Apr. 2; Teresa A. Boyum- Apr. 19; Florence M. Kuemper- Apr. 22; Thomas A. Strutz- Apr. 29; Lois A. Nelson- May 5; Lawrence E. Neises- Jun. 2; Aristedes T. Barrera- Aug. 18; Ronald J. Hart- Sept. 9; Susan A. Vander Woude- Sept. 18

Sioux Falls, Christ the King

Beverly Miller- Oct. 12; Jack R. Pederson- Oct. 23; Janet K. Carey- Oct. 24; Doris Rioux- Jan. 17; Yvonne Doss- Jan. 31; Andrew J. Kappes- Feb. 16; Charles Fogelman- Mar. 17; David C. Schwenck- May 1; William Kolb- May 4; Douglas Heim- May 6; Elizabeth West-

May 6; Beatrice LeMair- May 20; Jeff Wilkes- Jun. 1; Michael Langford- Jun. 23; Edith Trantina- Jul. 26; Margaret Fortin- Aug. 29; Robert Koch- Sept. 27

Sioux Falls, Holy Spirit

Daniel Hacking- Oct. 25; John Schuver- Nov. 20; Kathleen Stevens- Dec. 31; Leonard Eichacker- Jan. 6; Douglas Hagen- Jan. 6; Robert Janssen- Jan. 29; Stephanie Pham- Jan. 29; Douglas Krouse- Feb. 1; Monica Weber- Feb. 11; Joan Burns- Feb. 23; Judy Harvey- Mar. 21; Betty Dirks- Mar. 25; Norma Friedel- Apr. 7; Bernadine Bjorkman- Apr. 20; Edward Theis- May 7; Kenneth Foley- Jun. 18; Marie Rickel- Jul. 10; Genevieve Saver- Jul. 23; Sally Schavee- Jul. 24; Steven Dreyer- Jul. 24; David Kopp- Aug. 2; Patrick Sievert- Aug. 18; Maureen Szymik- Aug. 18; Steven Reecy- Aug. 19; Beatrice Mascarenas- Sept. 1; Shelly Hammer- Sept. 4; Douglas Domeyer- Sept. 20

Sioux Falls, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Shelly Castillo- Jan. 29; Robert Smykle- Mar. 30; Santos Aguilar- Sept. 5; Nicolas Santos- Sept. 6

Sioux Falls, St. Katharine Drexel

Raymond H. Meals- Oct. 5; Rita L. Raiter- Jan. 3; Jeffrey J. Hauck- Feb. 22; George S. Jacobson- Mar. 28; Maritta J. Husman- Apr. 2; Randolph G. Dusek- Jul. 14; Ardu E. Meals- Jul. 15; Jerry L. Poe- Sept. 7; Judy C. Sunderland- Sept. 28

Sioux Falls, St. Lambert

Patricia Bader- Oct. 15; Rose Ehman- Oct. 18; Deborah A. Boddicker- Oct. 23; Janette M. Ball- Nov. 4; Shirley Wilcox- Nov. 29; Raymond G. Hubert- Dec. 12; Ronald Hanson- Dec. 28; James K. Connelly- Dec. 29; Alice Parlet- Jan. 20; Jerry Ourada- Feb. 10; Patrick Schmidt- Feb. 21; Wayne Coffin- Mar. 2; Cletus Scholten- Mar. 26; Marlyn J. Kelly- Apr. 3; Louis S. Nicolay- Apr. 29; Gary Krier- May 1; Nancy E. Andrews- May 4; Catherine M. Dohman- May 30; Charlotte Spagnuolo- Jun. 2; Stella A. Norton- Jun. 13; Rosemary A. Peritz- Jun.

13; Silvina M. Maurice- Jun. 14; Jean D. McMunigal- Jun. 28; Deloris M. Lorang- Jul. 10; John A. French- Jul. 12; Peter B. Kurth- Sept. 2; M. Joan Moxnes- Sept. 27

Sioux Falls, St. Mary

John Perkinson- Oct. 2; Francis Kroon- Oct. 12; Mary Venrick- Oct. 24; Patti Benson- Nov. 1; Frances Byrne- Nov. 7; Mark Kenyon- Dec. 8; John Schaefer- Dec. 18; Marie Hovland- Dec. 26; Maureen Fitzgibbons- Dec. 28; Donald Dougherty- Jan. 3; Joe Cadwell- Jan. 14; Coyla Barrett- Jan. 16; Philip Davis- Jan. 19; Mary Homan- Jan. 24; Irene Peters- Feb. 1; Andrew Mack- Feb. 3; Rebecca Egan- Feb. 13; Gene Bentz- Mar. 30; Steven Hart- Apr. 5; Margaret Kemp- Apr. 11; John Hagerman- Jun. 12; Will Fester- Jul. 17; Josephine Dougherty- Jul. 21; William Smith- Aug. 6; Mary Jean Murphy- Aug. 13; Donald Lounsbery- Aug. 23; Irene Garry- Aug. 28; Linda Harding- Aug. 29

Sioux Falls, St. Michael

Elizabeth Halverson- Nov. 4; Benedict Barszcz- Dec. 10; Joseph M. Young- Dec. 31; Carol Boehmer- Jan. 7; Edward McGuire- Jan. 7; Thomas Thie- Feb. 18; Harold Weins- Feb. 22; Lucille A. Werner- Feb. 24; Dennis L. Wahle- Mar. 1; Phillip J. Pickart- Apr. 5; George W. Smart- Apr. 26; Linda Vogel- Apr. 30; Dean E. Surrell- May 12; Joyce Coatsworth- May 18; Kathleen Tonner- May 20; Michael Staebell- May 27; James King- Jun. 22; LaVonne M. Kontz- Jul. 8; Marva Barg- Jul. 17; Theodore Sullivan- Jul. 30; James Kindig- Aug. 2; Vincent T. Ketcham- Aug. 6; Duane Harder- Aug. 6; Maricarrol Kueter- Aug. 10; Francis Nolz- Sept. 27; Marsha Oppold- Sept. 29; Coletta Brandner- Sept. 30

Sioux Falls, St. Therese

Nell Stammer- Nov. 2; Caroline Anawski- Dec. 2; Fran Hendricks- Jan. 13; Roger Kuyper- Mar. 22; Don Miller- Apr. 20; Anna Harty- May 25; Arlene Schneider- Jun. 26; William Tucker- Jul. 2; John Larsen- Jul. 24; Don Hanisch- Jul. 25; Stephen Harding- Aug. 2; Cedella Raley- Aug. 15; Leanne Rotert- Sept. 24

**Sioux Falls, Perpetual Adoration Sisters
of the Blessed Sacrament**

No deaths recorded

Sisseton, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Alvah Quinn- Oct. 11; Ronald Owen- Jan. 10; Sallie Canku- Apr. 19; Dale Adams- Sept. 15; Romona Richter- Sept. 26

Sisseton/Veblen, St. Peter

Marlene Flannery- Feb. 8; Donna Wise- Mar. 8; Judith Tohm- Apr. 13; Dani German- Jun. 14; Stanley Schade- Jun. 15; Alice Nelson- Jun. 25; Deborah Whitlow-Stone- Jul. 8; Lois Karst- Sept. 7

Springfield, St. Vincent de Paul

Robert P. Monfore- Dec. 18; Dorothy Kibble-Kingman- Sept. 15

Stephan, Immaculate Conception

No deaths recorded

Stickney, St. Mary

Ronald Andera- Oct. 17; Donald Koch- Dec. 30; Grace Koch- Apr. 30; Donald Hoffman- Jul. 3

Tabor, St. Wenceslaus

Ron Sestak- Nov. 7; Helen Koletzky- Dec. 24; Veronica Horner- Feb. 6; Beatrice Povondra- Feb. 10; Stephen Walloch- Mar. 27; Ryan Sestak- May 24; Agnes Kocer- May 28; Michael Sykora- Jun. 18; Arlene Kronaizl- Jun. 23; Rosie Ptak- Jul. 13

Tea, St. Nicholas

Richard Farris- Nov. 15; Brian Evers- Jan. 9; Darrell Timmerman- Mar. 21; Bernice Jorgensen- Mar. 24; Dani German- Jun. 14

Turton, St. Joseph

No deaths recorded

Tyndall, St. Leo

William J. Varilek- Oct. 1; Carol J. Kreber- Mar. 4; Arlene Simek- May 22; Robert Rothschadl- Jun. 30; Marjorie A. Novotny- Sept. 4

Vermillion, St. Agnes

Tom Vogel- Nov. 5; Helen Bernard- Dec. 29; Bill O'Connor- Jan. 8; JoAnne Beringer- Feb. 21; Delores Gregg- Mar. 11; Roxanne Miller- Apr. 4; James Dwyer- May 7; Lorraine Brunick- Jun. 20; Melanie Bryde- Jun. 29; Ernest Schmidt- Jul. 22; Sylvia Lynch- Aug. 4; Steve O'Neal- Sept. 22

**Vermillion, St. Thomas More Newman
Center**

No deaths recorded

Wagner, St. John the Baptist

Ellen M. Holzbauer- Dec. 5; Mary Walters- Jan. 6; Raymond A. Soukup- Jan. 15; Retta Blaha- Jan. 23; Shirley Jussel- Feb. 3; Norman Kelly- Feb. 26; Lillian T. Clemens- May 10; Joan D. Woods- May 28; Donald A. Novak- May 29; Larry R. Blaha- Jul. 4; Richard Kafka- Sept. 24

Wakonda, St. Patrick

Mary C. Weingartner- Nov. 21; Ron Nelson- Jan. 29; Nick Stabile- Apr. 30; Marvin Girard- Jun. 5

Watertown, Holy Name of Jesus

Milo G. Junso- Oct. 2; Deborah T. Christians- Oct. 7; Joan Stein- Nov. 3; Eugene Williams- Nov. 6; Thomas S. Lesnar- Nov. 23; Joanita A. Meyer- Nov. 29; Lynne M. Rick- Dec. 16; Phyllis M. Solum- Dec. 24; Joseph B. McCabe- Jan. 24; Lyle Rossman- Jan. 29; Gilbert A. Haar- Mar. 14; Joyce R. Moen- Mar. 21; Clifford L. Welch- Mar. 24; Peggy J. Lantgen- Apr. 19; Dorothy Strichertz- May 1; Lawrence E. Mack- Jun. 6; Stephen H. Gehring- Jul. 6; Anna Marie McCullough- Aug. 8; Douglas G. Neuendorf- Aug. 10; Michael G. Dylla- Aug. 11; George J. Dylla- Sept. 20; Ray Lantgen- Sept. 22



Watertown, Immaculate Conception

Jerald Popham- Oct. 23; Magdalene Cordell- Nov. 25; Eileen Matteson- Dec. 8; Robert Ries- Dec. 22; Bonnie Hayes- Dec. 24; Donald Frogner- Jan. 4; Ray Wermers- Jan. 28; Bernice Clark- Feb. 23; Ronald Bauer- Mar. 1; Dianne Bohls- Mar. 6; Marie Dally- Mar. 16; Carol Haider- Mar. 31; Roger Lindner- Apr. 9; Martha Johnson- Apr. 16; Delores Meyer- Apr. 16; Marilyn Riley- Apr. 18; John West Sr.- Apr. 22; Anthony Vitek- May 21; Curtis Berg- Jul. 12; Steven Wietzema- Aug. 8; Arlene Gomer- Aug. 20; Arnold Anderson- Aug. 23; Judith Redemske- Aug. 24; Dorothy Even- Sept. 7; Cecil Kienast- Sept. 22

Watertown, Mother of God Monastery

Sr. Muriel Spartz- Jan. 26; Sr. Rosalie Sitzmann- Apr. 22

Waubay, Immaculate Conception

Helen Butler- Jan. 1; Donald Breske- Jan. 30; Xavier Zirbel- Aug. 25

Webster, Christ the King

Carrie Sommers- Oct. 15; Rosella Wattier- Nov. 21; Helen Helms- Feb. 14; Lattie Trautner- May 12; Catherine Breske- Jun. 11; Virginia Koenig- Jul. 1

Wessington Springs/Duncan, St. Joseph

Report not submitted

Westport, Sacred Heart

Madaline M. Huettl- Oct. 4; Viola G. Pence- Dec. 28; Roger A. Marko- Mar. 20; Martin Ronning- Aug. 9

White, St. Paul

Robert J. Audus- Jul. 28

White Lake, St. Peter

Elma Mohnen- Jan. 7; Charlotte Haines- Feb. 11; Michael Kieffer- Jul. 21; Albert Thiry- Aug. 11

Woonsocket, St. Wilfrid

Report not submitted

Yankton, Sacred Heart

Audrey Wuebben- Oct. 10; Monica Geersen- Oct. 11; Gerald Hausman- Oct. 11; Shawn Berrigan- Oct. 22; Jacquelyn Wray- Nov. 4; Rita Basham- Nov. 9; John Slowey- Nov. 18; Louann Bonertz- Dec. 8; Jacqueline Simonsen- Dec. 12; Evelyn Schaefer- Dec. 30; Milton Hacecky- Jan. 6; Margaret Hunhoff- Jan. 10; Doris Haas- Jan. 18; Ann Lemon- Jan. 21; RoxAnn Kincaid- Jan. 21; Elmer Hasker- Jan. 24; Mark Mulloy- Jan. 26; James Starr- Jan. 28; Patrick Lyons- Feb. 2; Betty Drotzman- Feb. 4; Benedict Horacek- Feb. 9; Glen Mechtenberg- Feb. 14; Sally Goetz- Feb. 18; William Ausdemore- Feb. 24; Joyce Donohoe- Feb. 26; Sharon Leinen- Mar. 9; Leona Bouska- Mar. 14; Marion Nelson- Apr. 2; Karen Havermann- Apr. 12; Veronica Kuchta- Apr. 16; Leonilla Christopherson- Apr. 21; LaLonnie Hoebelheinrich- Apr. 25; Marie Weinandt- May 11; Anna Harty- May 25; Kathleen Van Osdel- May 28; Frank Hoxsie- May 28; Jerome Goetz- Jun. 4; John Swensen- Jun. 6; Lucy Holdorf- Jun. 18; Janeane Steinberg- Jun. 18; Thomas Schramm- Jun. 26; Bernell Peterson- Jul. 3; Dolores Ahern- Jul. 16; Elizabeth Wright- Jul. 18; Mary Lynn Bruce- Jul. 31; Benedict Wallbaum- Aug. 8; Mildred Lane- Aug. 26; Michael Rockne- Aug. 27; Charles Thomas- Sept. 11; Marcus Wubben- Sept. 16

Yankton, Sacred Heart Monastery

Sr. Rosemary Weber- Mar. 5; Sr. Jane McGowen- Mar. 6

Yankton, St. Benedict

Darold Loecker- Nov. 23; Brooklyn S. Bender- Jan. 3; Fern J. Schaefer- Jan. 23; Marjorie A. Becker- Feb. 8; Taylon C. Gurney- Mar. 18; Marvin E. Tramp- Apr. 15; Phyllis Wollman- Apr. 24; Charles Halstad- May 9; Darold J. Haberman- May 23; Daniel P. Steiner- Jun. 26; Orville Wagner- Jul. 5; William Neumayer- Aug. 21; Shirley Haas- Aug. 21; Lorraine Cahoy- Aug. 28; Rosemary Wass- Sept. 22

Priests/Deacons

Deacon Thomas Vogel- Nov. 5

All the stillborn, miscarried and aborted babies

Respectfully submitted by Brianna Wingen, Communications Office

Anthony Klein ordained to diaconate in Rome

Anthony Klein was ordained to the diaconate Oct. 3 in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. Bishop Robert P. Deeley of the Diocese of Portland in Maine celebrated the ordination Mass for Klein and 30 other seminarians from the Pontifical North American College, which serves as the American seminary in Rome.

During ordination, the new deacons promised to live a life of prayer, celibacy and obedience to their diocesan bishop and his successors.



Above: Anthony Klein receives the Book of Gospels during his ordination. Left: The 31 men being ordained lie prostrate as the Church beseeches the saints to pray for them. The Basilica of St. Peter provides a stunning backdrop to a humble action. (Photos courtesy of PNAC Photo Service)

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Adoption: A choice to bring beauty and life to others

By Renae Kranz

Adoption is a beautiful choice that gives two families exactly what they need: one side has the ability to give their child a safe and loving birth, while the other side adds a new and eagerly awaited member to their family.

November is designated National Adoption Awareness Month to recognize the heroic role birth mothers and adoptive parents play in this process.

Christy Vander Woude, pregnancy and adoption counselor for Catholic Family Services, understands intimately the decisions, heart ache and joy involved with adoption. She always speaks with her birth mothers in a way that respects the dignity of the child they carry.

“When women come in, we always say it’s an unplanned pregnancy, not unwanted. We really try to keep positive words there,” Vander Woude says. “Women come here scared and need someone to walk with them. That’s what we do here.”

Though adoption can be a difficult process, it offers women and families a path filled with faith, trust and letting go of expectations. It’s not an option to be feared or dreaded, but an option that gives life to a child and hope to all involved.

Vander Woude says birth mothers come from a variety of life circumstances and backgrounds. Some are single mothers



Christy Vander Woude, pregnancy and adoption counselor

who want a home with two parents for their child. Others can’t afford to raise their child or are not ready to be a parent right now. It’s critical that these mothers have the option to place their child with a couple who’s ready for a baby.

“Couples always say without a birth parent, we wouldn’t have a family,” Vander Woude says. “But without those couples, what would a birth parent do? Who would they place with? What would they choose?”

Vander Woude works closely with birth mothers and adoptive couples throughout the process. She encourages them, helps the birth mothers through the grieving process, and assists in making all the decisions needed. She’s their advocate.

She does this work because she’s been there herself. As a teenager, Vander Woude placed her own child with an adoptive family. Her son was never unwanted. She just knew she wasn’t ready to be a parent yet, and it was vitally important to her that he be placed with a great family. Her experience helps her in her work with birth mothers.

“With any of the birth mothers I work with now, I want to make sure they know what amazing women they are for making this hard decision and the importance of openness in their relationship with the adoptive couple and child,” Vander Woude says. “The more we as a society understand what it means to place a child and the process that both birth parents and adoptive parents go through, will help women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy to reach out and not only explore the idea of adoption, but to potentially place that child.”

Helping women and families understand the process can make choosing adoption over abortion more likely. That’s a good goal to pursue.

“Women often choose abortion out of fear, feeling they are not at a place in life to raise a child,” Emily Leedom, director of Marriage, Family and Respect Life for the diocese, says. “Though certainly still clouded in grief for many mothers, adoption offers an option which combats the

fear and even offers a sense of purpose for the mother to choose life.”

Leedom says if we want to be authentically pro-life, we have to work to empower and strengthen the mothers who feel ashamed or afraid because of an unplanned pregnancy so they’ll see options outside of abortion. She says they need to know they are strong, courageous, and powerful, and they can do this.

“Adoption is beautiful as it takes an act of the will for both the birth parents and the adoptive couple to love the child. The focus is awareness of the gift of the child’s life and the beauty of God’s grace and mercy to answer prayers.”

***-Cullen and Michele Wilson
(adoptive parents)***

“Adoption is intensely beautiful, but I think we must remember that something is always lost in the process of adoption,” Leedom says. “I think we see photos on social media of delighted parents holding their smiling adopted child and forget that behind the scenes there was perhaps immense suffering on behalf of the birth mom, or infertility in the adopted parents, or trauma for the child. It’s a severe beauty and a reminder to us that God wastes nothing.”

This is where counselors like Vander Woude come in. Their job is to do exactly what Leedom suggests. They are the support birth mothers need at a time of great uncertainty.

For adoptive couples, finances can sometimes seem like an obstacle to adoption as well. Catholic Family Services uses a sliding fee scale based on the couple’s adjusted gross income. And with grants, financing options and tax credits available, many couples who thought they couldn’t afford to adopt might be surprised by their options.

Vander Woude encourages a birth mother or prospective adoptive couple to come in and talk to her anytime. Her door is always open for a chat or a bit of encouragement.



Adoptive couple Paul and Kristal Moneke with son, Micah. (photo courtesy of the couple)

Respect Life Month and rosary activities across the diocese

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Above: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas St. Elizabeth Court #1362 created a cupcake rosary for the religious education students at St. Peter Parish, Colman. The students prayed the rosary to end abortion. (Photo courtesy of Bonnie Hemmer) Right: Parishioners from St. Peter (Platte) and St. Ann (Geddes) prayed with other Christians for the annual Life Chain event in Platte sponsored by St. Peters Knights of Columbus. (Photo courtesy of Thomas Travis)



Above: Keith Schroeder of Wagner wanted to call attention to what's being done to innocent children in our country. He got the idea to create an "unborn cemetery" in his own yard along Highway 46 west of Wagner while watching EWTN's "Rosary for Life" earlier this year. (Photo courtesy of Earl Markley)



Above: The Life Chain in Sioux Falls stretched along 41st Street from Sertoma Avenue to O'Gorman High School. (Photo by Kevin Fitzgibbons)



Above: During Rosary Coast-to-Coast, 31 prayer warriors from St. Leo (Tyndall) and St. Vincent (Springfield) joined together to pray the rosary simultaneously with our nation and world. The event was sponsored by the local Bon Homme Knights of Columbus. (Photo courtesy of Jolynn Weber)

Local CHURCH

Faithful venerate St. Padre Pio relics

Approximately 2,000 people braved drizzle and wind to venerate the relics of St. Padre Pio at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. The relics have been making their way across the country through the sponsorship of the St. Pio Foundation. Photo right: The line stretched to the back of the Cathedral between morning Masses. (Photo by Renae Kranz) Below: Chris and Hannah Motz pray at the relics with daughters Lucia, Magdalene and Frances. (Photo by Phil Eisenberg)



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Successful Bishop's Charity Hunt raises funds for Catholic Campus Ministries

Hunters from across the diocese gathered in September for the annual Bishop's Charity Hunt sponsored by the Catholic Community Foundation of Eastern South Dakota. Eighty hunters hunted pheasants,

enjoyed fellowship and meals and celebrated Mass with Bishop Paul J. Swain. Approximately \$45,000 was raised for Catholic Newman Ministries at universities in the diocese.

Top left: Hunters and dogs line up to watch for pheasants. Bottom left: Fr. James Morgan, pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, carries his pheasant through the fields. Below: Hunters gather before going out to bag a bird. (Photos courtesy of the Catholic Community Foundation of Eastern South Dakota)



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

With Monsignor James Patrick Shea,
President of University of Mary

Msgr. James P. Shea, president of the University of Mary, will conduct a three day mission at Immaculate Conception Church, in Watertown, South Dakota.

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Benedictine Sisters Launch National Search for Health Care Partner

In 2017, the Benedictine Sisters of Mother of God Monastery, on Harmony Hill in Watertown, South Dakota, entered into a future planning process known as "transformative visioning." This process focuses more on *strategic intent* which is internal rather than *strategic planning* which is external in nature.

By grappling with the reality of our changing demographics, we have come to realize a growing need to ease the burden of managing our property and buildings. Caring for aging sisters has always been important to us and is now a high priority for our community. Thus, we have begun a nation-wide search for a healthcare entity to manage the care of our Sisters. In addition, we are open to discussions regarding redevelopment or adaptive reuse of our property and buildings.

During this two-year timeframe, we enlisted the help and expertise of consultants:

Dr. Beth Lipsmeyer and Dr. Ted Dunn of Comprehensive Consulting Services and Patrick Del Ponte, Vice President of Planning from Hoffman Insights. More recently we engaged Brian P. Dolehide, CRE®, Director of ADadvisors, who will serve as our liaison for inquiries. If you are interested in discussing healthcare partnerships or possibilities regarding the Sisters' property, please contact Brian Dolehide at (630) 606-9000 or bdolehide@adadvisors.com.

For media inquiries, contact Sr. Barb Younger, Communications Director at (605) 882-6646.



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Woonsocket Catholic Daughters host stress management program

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The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Holy Heart, invited Dr. Marcie Moran to speak about stress management and grief at their Fall Festival in Woonsocket Sept. 28. Programs like these are available through Catholic Family Services to help farmers and their families work through stressful seasons. To find out more about scheduling a program in your area, call 605-988-3775.





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Nov 5: Rebuking the Devil
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Dec 10: My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord
- directed by Fr. David Roehrich

SPECIAL RETREATS

Dec 6-8: Couples Retreat
- directed by Fr. John Rutten

Dec 14: One Day Silent Retreat
- directed by Fr. Steven Jones

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BERESFORD – Bruce and Julie Wendling will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 29. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



BERESFORD – Fay and Millie Hendricks will celebrate their 70th anniversary on November 19. They have 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



CANOVA – Richard and Caroline Kunkel will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 28. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Epiphany Parish.



CENTERVILLE – John and Rebecca Holmes will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 15. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and are members of Good Shepherd Parish.



DIMOCK – Melvin and Doris Schlimgen celebrated their 60th anniversary on October 6. They have 7 children, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



DIMOCK – John and Anne Murtha will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 28. They have 5 children, 18 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



GEDDES – Ron and Maureen Dufek will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 22. They have 10 children, 30 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



HARRISBURG – Howard and Sharon Soukup celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 18. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. John Paul II Parish.



HURON – Jerome and Betty Rotert will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 14. They have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



KIMBALL – Don and Delores Geppert will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 7. They have 7 children, 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Margaret Parish.



MELLETTTE – Don and Reva Carda will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 5. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of All Saints Parish.



MITCHELL – Francis and Clara Determan will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 26. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 1 great-grandchild and are members of Holy Family Parish.



PIERRE – Albert and Marsha Berreth will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 10. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



POLO – Jack and Jo Ann Schaefer celebrated their 65th anniversary on October 25. They have 10 children (2 deceased), 16 grandchildren (2 deceased) and 19 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Liborius Parish.



REDFIELD – Roger and Barb Appel celebrated their 65th anniversary on October 13. They have 7 children, 27 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



ROSHOLT – Art and Connie Brandenburger will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 14. They have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Carol Anderson will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 17. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Sam and Marge Bollinger will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 29. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ron and Sondra Timmer will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 21. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Ken and Colleen Schuster will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 8. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Christ the King Parish.

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Sister Mary Jane Gaspar dies at 91



SISSETON – Gordon and Lorraine Stapleton will celebrate their 69th anniversary on November 20. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



WATERTOWN – Laverne and Lu Becking will celebrate their 65th anniversary on November 20. They have 7 children, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.

MITCHELL – Jack and Monna McBrayer will celebrate their 65th anniversary on November 23. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.

Sister Mary Jane Gaspar, 91, a sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died on September 23, at the Presentation Convent, Aberdeen.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated September 27 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Presentation Convent, Aberdeen; interment followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Cecilia Gaspar was born July 24, 1928, in Orient, South Dakota, to John William and Veronica (Hardes) Gaspar. Cecilia graduated from Fairview High School, (Polo) Orient in 1946. She entered Presentation Convent September



Sr. Mary Jane Gaspar

8, 1948, and professed her vows on August 11, 1954, receiving her religious name of Sister Mary Jane.

Sister Mary Jane earned a bachelor's in education from Northern State College in 1964, a master's in education

from St. Louis University, Missouri, in 1969, and a master's in Christian spirituality from Creighton University, Nebraska, in 1988.

Over a span of 40 years, she taught in Anoka, Minnesota, and several schools throughout South Dakota, serving as

principal at St. Mary's School, Sioux Falls, Holy Family School, Mitchell, and St. Ann's, Omaha.

She ministered as formation director and served on the leadership council for the congregation. She worked in pastoral ministry and

director of religious education at Holy Spirit and Christ the King parishes in Sioux Falls.

She shared her gifts with others as hostess at the Presentation Sisters' Marian House in Sioux Falls and served on boards and committees prior to full retirement in prayer ministry at Presentation Convent.

She is survived by her community family of Presentation sisters; her sister Dorothy Bernard, brother Vince (Darlene) Gaspar and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters: Sister Janette Gaspar PBVM and Irene Bode.

Anniversary submissions

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by November 13 for inclusion in the December 2019 edition to:
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Upcoming EVENTS

Reckless: A Catholic Couples Conference



A new conference through the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls is coming in February. It's for couples and it's a bit "reckless."

Reckless: A Catholic Couples Conference is an opportunity for married couples of all ages and stages to invest in their relationship, enjoy a night away and be inspired in their journey of faith, February 1-2 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sioux Falls.

Your marriage is the heart of your home, your family and society as a whole. This conference offers you and your spouse a chance to be intentional in your marriage, but reckless in your love. You'll be inspired by guest speakers Deacon James Keating and Ennie and Cana Hickman.

Throughout the conference

you'll be inspired, encouraged and, hopefully, be dying to talk to your spouse about it all. At the end of the day, go have dinner and a glass of wine together to unpack what struck you most, but then come back and join us for some entertainment with dueling pianos. Dancing shoes not required, but fun attitude mandated at the door.

We're ending Reckless the greatest way possible: with the celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. After a day spent seeking deeper communion with each other on Saturday, the Mass will include a special marriage blessing for all couples.

To purchase tickets or for more information, go to sfcatholic.org/familylife/reckless or call 605-988-3755.

Real Presence Radio fundraising banquet

Have you listened to Real Presence Radio? If you haven't, you're missing out.

RPR is all Catholic, all the time. They are dedicated to answering the call of Pope John Paul II for a New Evangelization. Listeners enjoy a mix of devotionals, prayers, call-in programs, the daily Mass and both local and national programs about the Catholic faith.



Some favorite programs include Mother Angelica Live classics, Catholic Answers Live, Called to Communion with Dr. David Anders, The Doctor Is In, and Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo. There's something for every taste throughout the day.

This important programming is only made possible by fundraising and donations. The main fundraising events each year are the banquets held in cities throughout the listening area. The two annual fundraising banquets in our diocese are coming up in Aberdeen on Monday, December 9 at the Dakota Event Center and in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, December 10 at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel.

The keynote speaker for both events will be Dr. David Anders. Dr. Anders is host of "Called to Communion," author of "The Catholic Church

Saved My Marriage," and director of the Office of Catholic Education and Lifelong Formation for the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama.

While studying John Calvin, Martin Luther, and the Protestant doctrine of "faith alone" for his doctorate in Reformation History, he began to read the works of St. Augustine, to whom his professors pointed as the origin of Protestant theology.

As he continued to study with the purpose of being a Calvinist apologist and converting Catholics to Protestantism, he was persuaded by the truth of the Catholic Faith. Dr. Anders entered the Church in 2003 with his wife and five children.

If you're looking for a fun night with an inspiring speaker and great company, visit yourcatholicradiostation.com/banquet to register for the event. You can also sponsor the event or host a table.

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Parish Dinners/Socials

Nov. 3: St. Thomas More, Brookings, annual turkey dinner. Serving at three separate times: 10:45 and 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Come at the time best for you. Enjoy turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and roll along with a variety of pies.

Nov. 3: St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Armour, annual fall supper. Serving from 4-7 p.m. Enjoy roast beef, turkey, potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, salad, desserts and beverages. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, 5 and under are free. Call (605) 680-3932 to order dinners to go between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Nov. 10: St. Patrick Parish, Montrose, is hosting its soup and pie dinner and country store. Serving from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nov. 24: St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls, Turkey Bingo. Doors open at 2 p.m. with bingo called from 2:30-5. Games for children under 12 with special prizes. Cookies, bars, soda, coffee and water served. \$3 per card or 6 cards for \$15. A turkey for each game winner. Raffle prizes drawn at 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Family Services

Nov. 5-Dec. 10/Grieving a loss during the holidays program. Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, this program is for adults who have lost loved ones and are grieving during the holiday season. The program is designed to be educational and will offer positive suggestions to help people with the adjustments that must be made during the holiday season. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. Cost is a donation.

Jan. 7-Feb. 11/Grieving the loss of a spouse program. Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran, this program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. Role change and loneliness are secondary losses which can complicate the grieving process. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational. Cost is a donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Recitation of the rosary planned

Friday, Nov. 1 - 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.

Recitation of the rosary planned in the

Mother's Garden - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will sponsor the recitation of the rosary in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls at 9:45 a.m. on All Souls Day, Nov. 2.

Women's morning of renewal

Saturday Nov. 9 - A Women's Morning of Renewal will be held Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls, in the Youth Room. The morning will feature Deacon Glenn Ridder who will speak on nurturing vocations in the domestic church. Please call or text Julie Cady at 605-521-5782.

You're Amazing Experience event

Sunday Nov. 10 - St. Mary Parish, Aberdeen, is hosting "You're Amazing Experience" event presented by Hard as Nails Ministries from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Open to all ages and free of charge. To register, visit aberdeen-catholic-hn.eventbrite.com or call 1-888-498-2255 for info.

Well-Read Mom group meeting

Thursday Nov. 14 - Well-Read Mom of Sioux Falls will meet at 7 p.m. at the Mustard Seed. They will read "Leaf by Niggle" and "On Fairy Stories" by JRR Tolkien from "Tales from the Perilous Realm." To join the group, contact Angela 605-789-1740 or Ellen 605-413-5913. They meet the second Thursday of each month.

Confraternity of the Holy Rosary seeks

new members - All are welcome to enroll in the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, offering many spiritual benefits to its members. For information, contact Jim Miles, 605 759-2654 (dustoff1525@yahoo.com).

Dr. Pat Castle to speak at multiple events

in Pierre/Fort Pierre - Dr. Pat Castle, founder of Life Runners, will be speaking at multiple events that are open to the public on Jan. 26-27. He is a high-energy, popular speaker. Events include: Life Walk, Jan. 26 at 12:30 (start at back of Capitol parking lot, walk along Sioux Avenue and end at Capitol front steps). U.S. Senator Mike Rounds and Dr. Castle will speak at the 2 p.m. Hour of Reflection at the Capitol Rotunda later that day. At 5 p.m. Jan. 26, Dr. Castle will speak on "Living Pro-Life with Virtue" at Padre Hall at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Fort Pierre. Food will be served. Free-will offering. On Jan. 27, Dr. Castle will speak on "Real Healthcare, Support Life at All Stages" at the Capital University Center auditorium, Pierre, at noon. At 7 p.m., he will speak on "FACE it: Faith, Activism, Courts, Education" at Drifter's restaurant, Fort Pierre, for Theology on Tap. Free-will offering.

Applicants for permanent diaconate being accepted

Men of the Diocese of Sioux Falls are invited to consider becoming a deacon. If you are thinking that God may be calling you to a deeper life of service to His Church and His people, you can apply for the next diaconate class. The diocese is accepting applications for a formation class that will begin in the fall of 2020. Contact your pastor or Deacon John Devlin if you would like to discuss this in more detail. You can call 605-988-3715 or dcnjohndeclin@sfcatholic.org.

Mother of God Monastery

Nov. 23/Creative Meditation With Clay using prayer, scripture and a meditative spirit. We have different methods of working with clay and a kiln for firing. No experience needed. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call Sr. Emily Meisel at 605-886-4181 or email sisteremily@hotmail.com.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Contemplative Morning/The Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, hosts a morning of contemplative prayer, usually on the third Saturday of every month. For more information or to register for the Nov. 16 session, contact S. Doris Oberembt at doberembt@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

Nov. 30/Advent Retreat "Becoming Empty for God - Our Advent Journey," Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton. For more information and to register by Nov. 27, go to yanktonbenedictines.org/ Advent-retreat or contact benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu or (605) 668-6292.

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

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



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