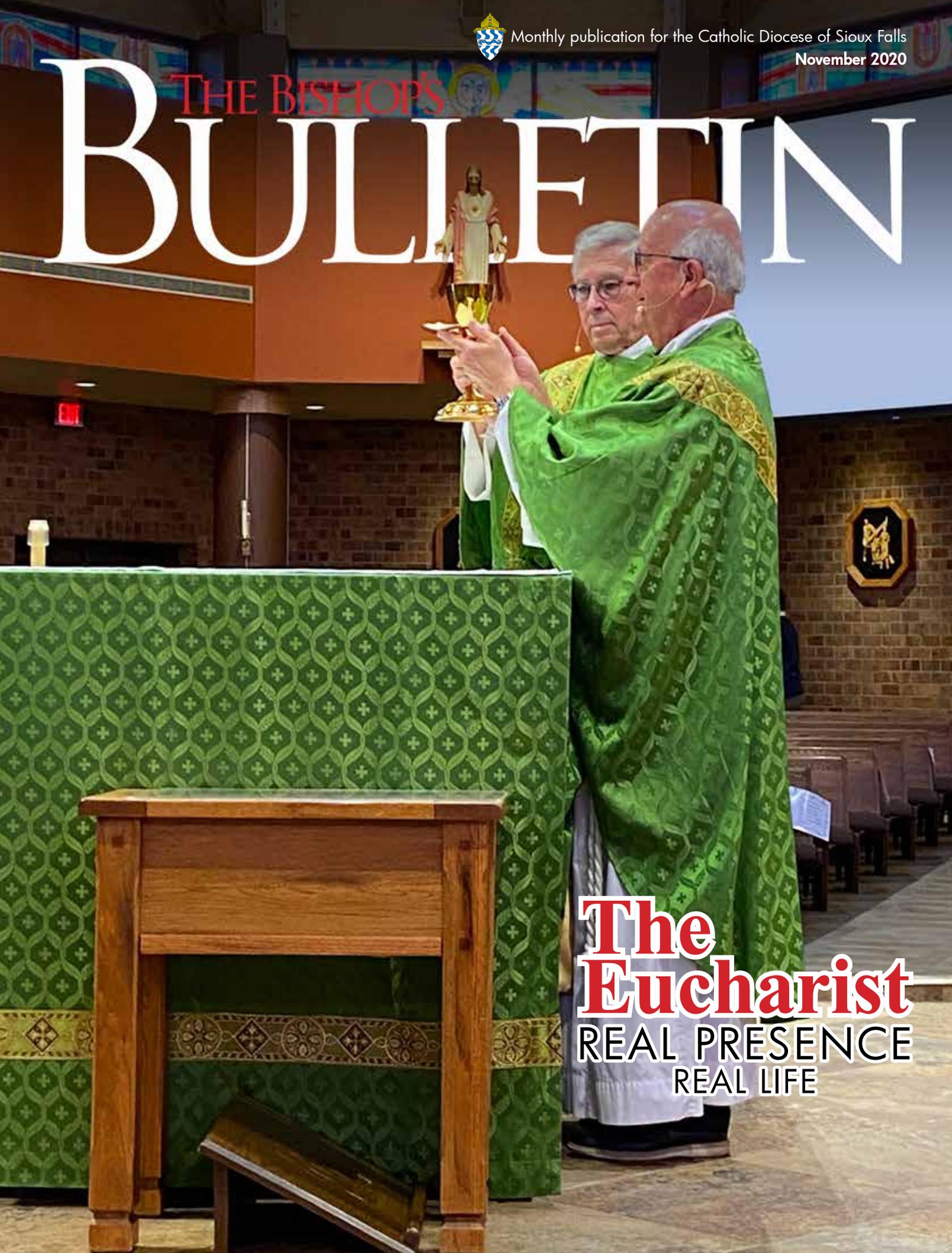




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# THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN



**The  
Eucharist**  
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REAL LIFE

# The “thirst” of Jesus is deep and strong



**T**he striking words of Jesus on the cross “I thirst” have long been understood in our Catholic faith as Jesus’ thirst for all of humanity to receive God’s love. Consider these words written by St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) to the sisters in her community explaining the meaning of Jesus’ “thirst”: “Not only [that] He loves you, even more—He longs for you. He misses you when you don’t come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don’t feel worthy. Even if you are not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes—He is the one who always accepts you.”

As a kid I just figured Jesus was thirsty for some water to drink, but as I am learning more and more to receive the love of God, I find Jesus’ “thirst” through me as your shepherd. In other words, the more I receive God’s love, the more I desire to love God and all of you. Jesus’ “thirst” through me has grown throughout my priesthood and has intensified since God called me to be your bishop.

One example of an out-of-the-ballpark “thirst” experience was the profound longing my dad had to have Mass throughout his life, including his final stages of terminal cancer when he could no longer get to Sunday Mass. My mom shared that he would regularly share about mid-week of the last six weeks of his earthly life, “Is Father Don coming home for Mass this Sunday?” I was so very blessed to be in an assignment where I could get home each Sunday afternoon to celebrate Mass with my mom and dad at our home.

One Sunday as he was clearly becoming more weak, I was home to celebrate Mass with them and some dear friends of theirs. Going back to St. Paul where I was assigned, I then received a frantic call from my brother saying, “Get home as quick as you can because hospice does not think he will live much longer; he has gone mostly unconscious.”

This triggered a deep “I thirst” longing to give my dad viaticum (spiritual food, i.e. Jesus body and blood) for his journey from earthly life to eternal life in heaven. Man, did I speed home, rushing to see if by chance he might become conscious for just one more last Mass together to fill his and my “thirst” of God’s love. My desire was to be the instrument of God’s love as priest and his was to receive

God’s love in Jesus’ real presence in His body and blood.

Unresponsive when I started Mass, he seemed to be slightly saying the words of the Our Father. Oh how I longed even more for him to receive viaticum. Then the moment of profound grace, when my mom and one of my four brothers propped him up in the hospice bed because he was too weak to receive Jesus’ body. I held the back of his neck and head in my right hand and the precious blood of Jesus in my left and said, “Dad, the Blood of Christ.”

To our astonishment he momentarily became alert and strongly sipped the precious blood. Jesus’ “thirst” was fulfilled in my dad and me, and I suspect many in my family who were gathered for his last “I thirst” on earth. What a privilege and gift that forever changed my heart to long ever more to fill the “thirst of Jesus” for everyone to receive God’s love.

As your spiritual shepherd, it is my hope and prayer that the “I thirst” of Jesus’ love, as exemplified in my dad and my own heart, helps fill the desire of our loving God for all to receive the gift of faith in the real presence of Jesus’ body and blood as Jesus tells us in John’s Gospel, “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” (John 6:53-54).

As bishop of our wonderful diocese, the haunting statistics from the Pew Research Center that only one-third (31%) of Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist troubles me greatly. And yet, I can assure you the “thirst” of Jesus is deep and strong. It is my hope and prayer that many will ask for the gift of faith, intentionally seek it out by attending weekly Mass if healthy enough to participate, and prayerfully ponder Jesus’ words, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life” and “I thirst.”

Know of my deep desire to share the gift of the Holy Eucharist with all of you on earth and the gift of the eternal banquet in heaven with you, my dad, and all those of faith who have gone before us, with us now, and those to come in the years ahead.

**Reminder:** The bishop's schedule is subject to change due to current circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic. Changes to his schedule and any Masses will be updated on the diocesan website as information is available.

## November

- 4 Mass, Catholic School Principals' Retreat, Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene
- 5 Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern SD Fall Board Meetings, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 5 3:00 Mass, Foundation and St. Joseph Legacy Society, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 7 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfatholic.org](http://sfatholic.org)
- 9 St. Michael Cemetery Board of Directors meeting
- 10-12 Clergy visits, Yankton Deanery
- 11 6:30 Installation of Father Thomas Anderson as pastor, St. Benedict Parish, Yankton
- 14 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, **live stream via [sfatholic.org](http://sfatholic.org) only**, not broadcast on Keloland TV due to Master's Golf
- 16-19 USCCB Fall Meeting, Marquette, MI
- 21 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfatholic.org](http://sfatholic.org)
- 28 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfatholic.org](http://sfatholic.org)

## December

- 1 6:00 Real Presence Radio Annual Fundraising Banquet, Sioux Falls
- 3 11:00 Presbyteral Council, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 5 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfatholic.org](http://sfatholic.org)

## Prayer to the Most Blessed Sacrament

My Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love you bear us, remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of compassion and of love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit you.

I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. I adore you from the abyss of my nothingness and I thank you for all the graces you have given me until now, and in particular, for having given me your Most Holy Mother Mary as my advocate and for having called me to visit you in this church.

I now salute your Most Loving Heart, and this for three ends:  
 first, in thanksgiving for this great gift;  
 second, to make amends to you for all the outrages which you receive in this Sacrament from all your enemies;  
 third, I intend by this visit to adore you in all the places on earth in which you are present in this Sacrament and in which you are the least revered and the most abandoned.

My Jesus, I love you with all my heart. I grieve for having until now so many times offended your infinite goodness. I promise by your grace never more to offend you for the time to come; and now, miserable and unworthy though I am, I consecrate myself to you without reserve. I give you my entire will, my affections, my desires, and all that I possess. From now on, use me and all that I have as you wish. All I ask of you and desire is your holy love, final perseverance, and the perfect accomplishment of your will.

I recommend to you the souls in Purgatory; but especially those who had the greatest devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. I also recommend to you all poor sinners.

And finally, my dear Savior, I unite all my affections with the affections of your most loving Heart, and I offer them with you to your Eternal Father and beg him for your sake and for love of you, graciously to accept and grant them.  
 Amen.

*By St. Alphonsus Liguori*

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# Letting the end give meaning to every step



**F**or the past few years, our parish has been privileged to host a seminarian for a few weeks in the summer. This is a wonderful opportunity for a seminarian to get to know what parish and rectory life are like, and a wonderful opportunity for our parish and rectory to be inspired by this young man's faith and joy.

This year we had Alex Leschisin from Eden join with us. By every account, it was a unique experience for him and for us. Usually, there are things a visiting seminarian does during these summer weeks: he visits shut-ins, he visits the sick, he attends meetings, he spends time with parishioners. This year, due to pandemic restrictions, there were none of those opportunities.

Alex was understanding and found ways to make himself useful during his weeks with us. He mowed and fixed things, and cooked, and read and, I hope, grew.

While there were a lot of different aspects in this summer assignment, there were also the usual elements I try to share. I find that cooking dinner and eating together are vital to communal life. I find that occasionally walking the dog together and talking is important. Father Andrew Thuringer added the new element of sharing some particularly important movies for us to watch and discuss together.

One Sunday evening, the three of us got some food and sat down to watch the movie "Citizen Kane." I have seen this movie many, many times, so many times that I can sit back and allow the words and images to just flow over me and move me. But the first time you watch the movie, it is all about this: "What the heck is 'Rosebud'?"

I will not spoil the movie if you have not seen it by answering the question, but I will say that in the last images of the movie, the answer is revealed and it draws you to reexamine the entire movie, and the life of Charles Foster Kane, in a new light.

The three of us watched, Father Andrew and me in our chairs and Alex on the couch. Two hours later, the words "The End" appeared on the screen to swelling music, and I looked at Father Andrew who said, "Such a good movie. Too bad Alex will never know what 'Rosebud' is." I turned and looked and found our seminarian asleep on the couch.

Father Andrew told me Alex had fallen asleep in the last five minutes. I looked over just as he was waking up, sitting up on the couch, looking a little stunned. We expressed our sadness that he would never know the answer

to the mystery of the movie.

Alex just sat there, looking sad and disappointed; we could not just leave him there, so we rewatched the last five minutes together. "Oh, yes!" he said as the music swelled... again...and the movie ended; all was revealed and the discussion could begin.

After the discussion was done and the evening ended, I was thinking about how the end, the final revelation, really does not make sense without the context of everything that came before; the end and the journey are intertwined.

If I had not bothered to show Alex the movie and instead just told him the meaning of "Rosebud" at dinner, it would have been an interesting tidbit, a bit of cinematic trivia, but nothing more without the chance to walk with Charles Foster Kane as his life unfolds, and then to look back.

That experience teaches a powerful lesson, the revelation of "Rosebud" does not explain everything about this man, it does not answer all the questions, it is merely a new way to interpret and understand the experiences of his life.

During this month of November when the Church invites us to pray in a special way for the faithful departed, and to ponder the ending of things, it is helpful to allow our belief in the promise of heaven to be renewed.

Heaven is a promise and the goal of our lives of course, but it is not meant to be reduced to a simple reward, or simply the end of a journey. The vision of heaven is the light in which we understand and interpret the experiences of our lives. We come to discover the powerful difference between making choices because we hope to be rewarded and making them because we know we are destined for the presence of God.

One is a human being simply trying to avoid punishment and be rewarded, the other is a human being transformed by the realization of human dignity. The promise of heaven can become more than something separate from "this life," something we hope for after "this life," and can be something ever present to guide and renew us.

The promise of heaven is love, and this love is slowly revealed throughout our lives, then, in its fullness, we can look back and see how every day, every breath, has been a glorious gift, infused with God's presence and promise.

"Rosebud" has always been there.

# Serra USA supports vocations and prays for seminarians

Serra USA celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week November 1-7.

Since there is a great need for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, Serrans, lay Catholic men and women of all walks of life, are dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations.

The name Serra comes from the organization's patron, Father Junipero Serra, who was canonized a saint in 2015. St. Junipero Serra was a Franciscan priest who spread the work of the Catholic Church by founding a system of missions in what is now the state of California.

In addition to fostering and promoting vocations to the ministerial priesthood and religious life of the Church, other objectives of Serra are to support and encourage seminarians and women in formation. One way this is done is through their "Adopt a Seminarian" program. Serrans correspond with seminarians and offer prayerful support. An annual luncheon during the seminarian Christmas break also offers a chance to meet and visit with seminarians. Serrans also try to attend the ordinations of deacons and priests and present gifts to the



ordinands from the club.

The Serra Club supports seminarians by contributing to a diocesan Serra Endowment fund for seminarian education. The majority of funds are usually raised from a waffle breakfast and sponsorships.

Another program the Serra Club sponsors is College Connection, which encourages high school graduates to stay involved with their faith while away at college through Newman Centers or FOCUS (Fellowship of

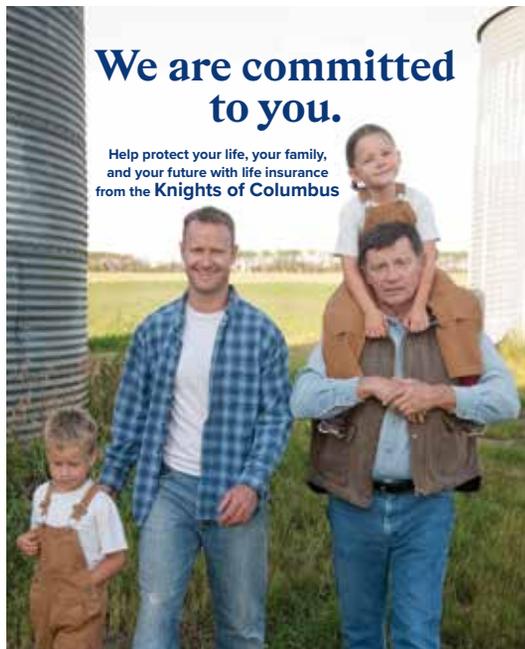
Catholic University Students).

In addition to the support of seminarians, our priests are remembered with cards and prayers on Priesthood Sunday in September, and priests, deacons and religious sisters are honored at a luncheon in December.

Serrans ordinarily meet twice a month following a Mass or rosary. There is a program at each meeting which may be about a person's journey to becoming a priest, deacon or religious sister or about an educational Catholic topic.

The Sioux Falls Serra Club meets the second Saturday morning of each month for 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Lambert Parish followed by a business meeting and program. After the first of the year they will consider resuming meeting on the fourth Saturday morning as well.

The Serra USA Clubs in the diocese always welcome guests and new members. If you live in the Watertown area and would like to know more about Serra, contact Kathy Roggenbuck at 605-467-1085. For more information about the Sioux Falls group, contact Jeanne Ranek at 605-339-2492.



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The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), quoting canon law (para.1247), is explicit, “The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: ‘On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.’” (CCC 2180)

That is the “what” of the Church’s obligation and it is something most of us grew up with; we knew we were obligated to go to Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation under penalty of sin. While this is important, equally important is to not stop at the “what” and forget the “why” of the Church’s obligation.

Why does the Church place such importance on the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist?

During this time when our usual celebrations of the Eucharist are disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are given an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the meaning of the Eucharist in our lives.

This year, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, sent a letter to the bishops of the world in which he articulated the life and death significance of the Eucharist.

He wrote:

*We cannot live, be Christians, fully realizing our humanity and the desires for good and happiness that dwell in our hearts without the Word of the Lord, which in the celebration of the liturgy takes shape and becomes a living word, spoken by God for those who today open their hearts to listen;*

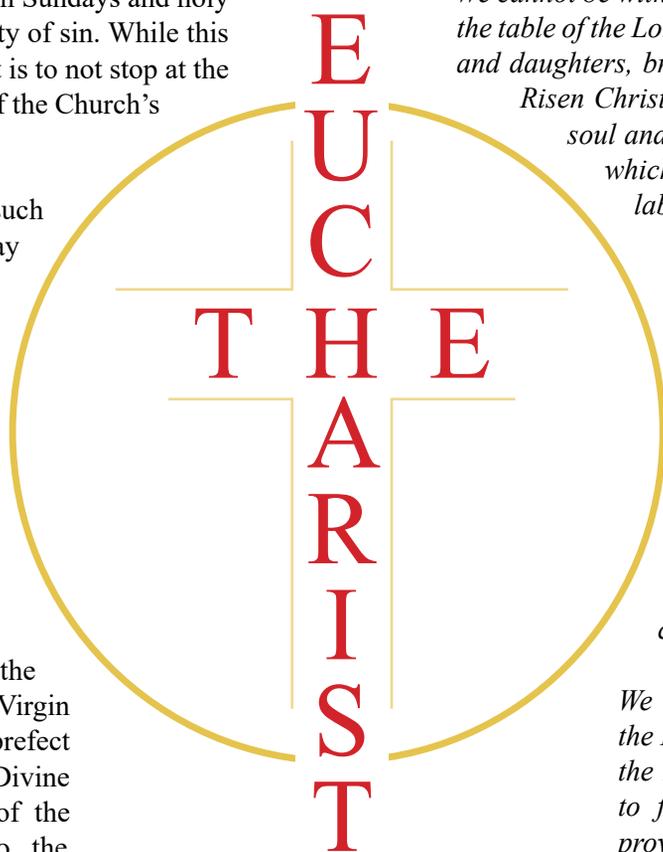
*We cannot live as Christians without participating in the Sacrifice of the Cross in which the Lord Jesus gives himself unreservedly to save, by his death, humanity which had died because of sin; the Redeemer associates humanity with himself and leads it back to the Father; in the embrace of the Crucified One all human suffering finds light and comfort;*

*We cannot be without the banquet of the Eucharist, the table of the Lord to which we are invited as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to receive the Risen Christ himself, present in body, blood, soul and divinity in that Bread of heaven which sustains us in the joys and labours of this earthly pilgrimage;*

*We cannot be without the Christian community, the family of the Lord: we need to meet our brothers and sisters who share the sonship of God, the fraternity of Christ, the vocation and the search for holiness and the salvation of their souls in the rich diversity of ages, personal histories, charisms and vocations;*

*We cannot be without the house of the Lord, which is our home, without the holy places where we were born to faith, where we discovered the provident presence of the Lord and discovered the merciful embrace that lifts up those who have fallen, where we consecrated our vocation to marriage or religious life, where we prayed and gave thanks, rejoiced and wept, where we entrusted to the Father our loved ones who had completed their earthly pilgrimage;*

*We cannot be without the Lord’s Day, without Sunday which gives light and meaning to the successions of days of work and to family and social responsibilities.*



## REAL PRESENCE REAL LIFE

by Father Michael Griffin

Coming to embrace the “why” of the Eucharist happens over the course of our lives, and is a grace-filled combination of religious formation, upbringing, examples in our lives and personal experience. This journey of growth is different for each of us, and can guide us through various paths in our lives, but we are led and nourished by the same eucharistic gift.

## A shared love for the Eucharist

Zach and Anthony Andera are brothers, the sons of Sandy and Brad Andera. They were born in Aberdeen, and both were students/athletes who graduated from Aberdeen Roncalli. After graduation, both attended South Dakota State University.

Zach married his wife Alison in July 2019 and they currently live in Kansas City, Missouri. Anthony has participated in service trips to Peru and currently is a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). These two brothers, one married and making a home, the other traveling to share the Gospel at home and abroad, have a shared love for the meaning and gift of the Eucharist in their lives.



PARENTS SANDY AND BRAD WITH ZACH ANDERA



PARENTS SANDY AND BRAD WITH ANTHONY ANDERA

FR. CHUCK CIMPL & DEACON PAT DERRINGTON  
CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST AT  
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH IN  
SIOUX FALLS,





**ANTHONY ANDERA**  
 DURING A MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA, AND PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR THE ABERDEEN RONCALLI CAVALIERS.

Their Christian lives began when their parents brought them to baptism and grew as their parents fulfilled their role as their children’s primary religious educators. Zach says, “Our parents were instrumental in leading us to the Eucharist since we were children.”

On this foundation, both Zach and Anthony continue to grow as Christians in the world. Each in his own way feels drawn to the Eucharist, but each also recognizes that it is Christ who is drawing and renewing them in this gift of himself.

“I think what draws me to the Eucharist is that I know it is Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity, truly present right before me, and he is meeting me where I am,” Anthony says.

The Christian vocation to holiness, given at baptism, is, at its heart, a relationship. It is within the gift of the Eucharist that one finds the Beloved giving Himself to us. It is within the Eucharist that Anthony discovers the love of Christ for him made visible, “the Eucharist is where Jesus wants to have such an intimate and present part in my life that He makes Himself visible and approachable to me.”

This gift deepens our relationship with Christ, and it also transforms the relationships we have with one another. Zach and Alison have come to understand the sacramental strength of their relationship, a gift that fills them, when they are at the Eucharist.

“Every day there are sacrifices that we each must make for one another, some harder than others,” Zach says. “Yet, keeping a perspective of the sacrifice that Jesus made out of love, keeps our sacrifices centered around love as well.”

It is within the Eucharist that the people of God are given the fullness of the love of the Holy Trinity. Inspired by this love, we go into the world to share freely what we have received. As Cardinal Sarah wrote, “The Christian community has never sought isolation and has never made the Church a city with closed doors. Formed in the value of community life and in the search of the common good, Christians have always sought insertion into society, while being aware of an otherness—to be in the world without belonging to it and without being reduced to it.”

For Zach and Alison, the Eucharist has led them to an understanding of the deepest meaning of marital love. “It teaches us about love and sacrifice. When we are present for the sacrament of communion, we truly see the sacrifice that Jesus made for us by laying down his life for ours.”

Through their participation in the Eucharist, Zach and Alison are connected to the source of the grace of the sacrament of marriage. As the catechism teaches us, “‘By reason of their state in life and of their order, [Christian spouses] have their own special gifts in the People of God.’ This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple’s love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity.” (CCC 1641)

By sharing in the sacrifice of Christ celebrated in the Eucharist, they find the grace to model in their own lives this sacrificial offering.

“He did that out of love for all human beings. It is an inspiration to us on how deep our love should be for one another,” Zach and Alison say.

## Bring it to the world in mission

As the Eucharist teaches Zach and Alison how to more perfectly love each other and to share this love in the world, the same Eucharist teaches Anthony how to share that love with the world.

For Anthony, the union with Christ in the Eucharist has given him a desire to share the faith with others in service and mission. It has also challenged him to live the “prophetic office of Christ” given him in baptism. The catechism teaches, “Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization, ‘that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life.’ For lay people, ‘this evangelization...acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world.’” (CCC 905)

Anthony felt the power of the Eucharist motivating him as he served on mission trips to Peru and today as he shares the faith with his peers. He says, “The Eucharist brings me to mission work because it gives me a purpose. Since God is giving fully of himself in the Eucharist, I know how to give of myself fully in mission.”

The Church teaches that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of Christian life,” and for Anthony, it is the source because his mission work is a response to the love he finds there.

“Turning to the Eucharist in mission...also helps me witness and receive love from God so that I can then go share that love from God with the people I encounter,” he says.

The love he receives is rooted in the Eucharist and becomes the summit of his ministry; the love found in the Eucharist becomes the gift he shares.

“Each encounter with the Eucharist is unique but it is always the same,” Anthony says. “Unique, because each time we come before the Eucharist, we are coming with a certain emotion, baggage, joy, happiness, something different in our lives. It is the same because it is always Jesus meeting us where we are, desiring to hear and know us.”

## The Eucharist draws out vocation

The Eucharist, which supports and strengthens us throughout our lives, is also the place where we discern our vocation in life. Zach and Alison credit their religious upbringing for their ability to discover God’s call in their lives.

“Along the way, (our parents) provided us ideal examples on what marriage based around the Eucharist looks like. Although we were open to whatever vocation God led us to, we felt within ourselves that marriage was where we were being led.”

Once they met and began dating, they could use their connection to the grace of the Eucharist to discern their vocations together.

“The Eucharist gave us something we could talk about on a deeper, more spiritual level. There are a lot of important conversations to have while dating as you figure out if this person is who you want to spend the rest of your life with. We were able to have conversations that were free of judgement, with God at the center of it all.”

Once they were united in the sacrament of matrimony, this time of discernment became an ongoing source of grace. “This helped us grow in love by knowing that if we ever had a disagreement in one area, we could always return to what should be the center and most important aspect of our relationship.”

For Anthony, the Eucharist is the guide he embraces as he discerns his call in life. He says, “(The Eucharist) is helping me because I am putting Jesus at the front, listening and discerning what he is calling me to. It also keeps him at the center...by letting him enter into my heart and guide me, knowing that his path he is calling me towards (whatever that vocation may be) will bring me the most joy and happiness.”

**ZACH ANDERA**  
ALONGSIDE HIS RECENTLY WED  
WIFE, ALISON ANDERA, AS WELL AS  
PLAYING FOR THE CAVALIERS.



## Separated by a pandemic

In the spring of this year, a global pandemic hit. Cardinal Sarah wrote, “The pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus has produced upheavals not only in social, family, economic, educational, and work dynamics, but also in the life of the Christian community, including the liturgical dimension.” Across the world, bishops dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Eucharist, as Bishop DeGrood did for the Diocese of Sioux Falls in March.

As difficult as this time away from the Eucharist was (and still is for many), it is also an opportunity for growth in our eucharistic lives. Cardinal Sarah wrote, “Aware that God never abandons the humanity He has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord’s altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness.”

Our time separated from the Eucharist challenged Anthony, and Zach and Alison, but gave each of them new insights into the meaning of this gift.

“During the weeks without the Eucharist, I learned that I took it for granted, out of my own pride, thinking that I deserved the Eucharist and I should have a right to get the Eucharist,” Anthony said. “That is why we ‘receive’ the Eucharist and we do not ‘get’ the Eucharist, because to receive we are given something...we are given Jesus Himself.”

He added, “I also missed the intimacy that one receives from the Eucharist.”

The diocese of Kansas City has not lifted the dispensation from the Sunday obligation, and so Zach and Alison are still living without the Eucharist and are using this time to renew their connection to the Eucharist.

“Since we live in Kansas City, dispensation from Mass has been in place since the middle of March. As a result, for the safety of ourselves and others, it has been difficult to receive the Eucharist,” Zach and Alison say. “One thing that we miss is the physical connection to God through the Eucharist. There is no substitute for being in person, and receiving the body and blood of Christ as a reminder of his love for us...it has been a reminder to us why we go to Mass, and the benefits that it provides. It can be easy to become complacent and attend Mass each week because it is what we do.”

During these strange and trying times, we have all become more aware of the “what” of our eucharistic lives, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, but it also gives us the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the “why” of this obligation, and to embrace the deepest meaning of the gift given to us in love.

Although we are each different, with varying backgrounds and vocations, and we approach the Eucharist as unique individuals, we each receive the same gift that answers the “why” of our lives.

As Anthony says, “The Eucharist is Jesus.”

## HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S REALLY JESUS?

- by Dr. Chris Burgwald

At some point most of us ask this question about the Eucharist. After all, the host looks, smells, feels and tastes like a piece of unleavened bread. But since the very beginning, the teaching of Scripture and the early Christians has clearly taught that the Eucharist is really, truly the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ.

Consider what we read in the sixth chapter of St. John’s Gospel. Jesus repeatedly states that His followers must eat His flesh and drink His blood if they are to have eternal life. The people who heard it took Him literally, and when they were talking to each other about it, He only reiterated His teaching, even though it resulted in many of them leaving Him over it.

We find the same thing among the writings of early Church Fathers in the first centuries. Time and again, they affirmed that Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist isn’t symbolic, but is real. Consider these words of St. Ignatius of Antioch writing around 110 A.D. about those who hold false teachings: “They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which that Father, in his goodness, raised up again.”

Or St. Justin Martyr, writing just 40 years later: “The food [bread and wine] which has been made into the Eucharist by the eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus.”

Similar quotes can be multiplied. Among all the writings of the early Christians, everyone who held to the basics of the faith affirmed the same thing: the Eucharist is literally, really, truly Jesus Christ Himself.

# Should Catholics spend more time with the Bible?



*Why don't Catholics read the Bible more?*



Because this is a common observation made both by Catholics and other Christians, it's definitely worth addressing as a topic for this column. It reminds me of an email discussion I had with someone who'd recently returned to the faith after some time away from the Church. In her time away, this Catholic developed a deep love for the Sacred Scriptures, and when she returned to the Church her impression was that the Bible isn't studied much by Catholics. So, why don't Catholics read the Bible more?

First, it might be true that some Catholics—perhaps even many Catholics—do not make Bible study a part of their daily or weekly prayer. Despite that, however, it is also true that the Church strongly encourages us to drink deeply from the spiritual wellsprings of the Sacred Scriptures. This call has been made very strongly by our popes for over a hundred years. Pope Francis has encouraged us to read Scripture, as did Pope Benedict, Pope St. John Paul II, Pope St. Paul VI and the Second Vatican Council. Even prior to that, however, we find similar exhortations to read the Scriptures going back to Pope Leo XIII in the late 19th century.

Going back much further in history, we find this startling quote from the great Bible scholar St. Jerome in the fourth century: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." This statement, which is quoted throughout the documents of the popes mentioned above, emphasizes the reality that those who seek to follow Jesus Christ can do so only insofar as they familiarize themselves with the riches of the Bible.

There is another point which must be made in this context, however. Despite the fact that many Catholics may not be involved in formal Bible studies in their parishes, they are nonetheless nourished by readings from the Bible in the public

prayer of the Church, most particularly the Holy Mass. Every Sunday Mass has four readings from the Bible: one from one of the Gospels, one from a Psalm, and two from other biblical books or letters. These readings are arranged according to a three-year cycle, so that over the course of three years a large part of the Bible is proclaimed at Sunday Mass.

In addition to this, there is a two-year cycle for the daily Mass readings from Scripture (which have one less reading than Sundays), so those who either attend daily Mass or read the bible readings which are proclaimed at daily Mass on their own will read the majority of the Bible in two years.

Having said all of that, the question remains a good one. In my experience, many Catholics don't read the Bible because, frankly, it's often a confusing book to read!

Fortunately, today we have at our disposal a great many outstanding resources to help us better understand Scripture and apply it to our own lives. Ascension Press, for example, produces multiple high-quality video studies like Jeff Cavins' "Great Adventure Bible Timeline," which gives the "big picture" of the Bible. Edward Sri has written a number of excellent books, including "The Bible Compass." John Bergsma's book "Bible Basics for Catholics" is just that: a basic introduction to the Bible for Catholics. The list could go on.

With all of these resources at our disposal, the time is ripe for Catholics everywhere to deepen their study of the written Word of God. As it is written in



the Letter to the Hebrews, "the Word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12), and as the prophet Isaiah wrote, "the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which God speaks it" (Is. 55:10-11).

When we study the Bible, we deepen our familiarity not only with God's plan for us, but also with God Himself. By opening up the Scriptures, we are more able to recognize God's presence in our lives, and He is more able to change and transform us.

Through our popes, our Lord has been calling us to get to know Him through His word. Let us respond to that invitation, find the right resource to help us on the way, and begin the journey.

**Be sure to check out the additional resources at [sfatholic.org/answer](http://sfatholic.org/answer). If you have a question you need an answer to, email [rkrantz@sfatholic.org](mailto:rkrantz@sfatholic.org).**

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# Heaven has no All-Star Game for the saints

By Monsignor Charles Mangan

**W**ho is the G.O.A.T.? This question seems to be asked with increasing frequency in discussions about athletes, banjo players and poets.

G.O.A.T. is the acronym for “Greatest of All Time.” A person with even a little knowledge about who that person is in any field of endeavor likely demonstrates an appreciation for skill and achievement.

Who the G.O.A.T. is among the saints in heaven is known only to God and really matters little to us. What we know is that all in paradise are there thanks to the Lord’s unceasing mercy and their cooperation with His grace.

We gladly venerate all the saints in heaven. These men and women, boys and girls are now “in glory, contemplating ‘in full light, God Himself triune and one, exactly as He is’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 954). These are the disciples of Christ who have already inherited the sweet, unending reward for their labors. Some have been canonized, others have not. But each is part of the Church Triumphant that is radiant near the throne of the Most Blessed Trinity.

There is no rivalry in paradise. There is no division into teams for a celestial All-Star Game. There are no rookies of the year, signing bonuses, playoffs or championship trophies. Each saint delights in the sanctity of his brothers and sisters and looks forward to the day when many more will enter heaven.

The secret of the saints is they accepted the burdens of fidelity not for their own prestige and glory but for God’s. They learned the lesson that to follow the Lord Jesus Christ from Bethlehem to Cana to Calvary to the empty tomb to the Mount of Olives is not a self-congratulatory exercise but rather a heroic self-surrender to the wise will of the Father as the Good Shepherd Himself did.

We confidently address the saints in our joys and sorrows. Close to God, the



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saints understand well our needs. They experienced many of the same.

A publication entitled, “Saint Worship?” by Catholic Answers offers a useful insight into the Church’s encouragement to honor the saints in heaven. “The most important form of honoring the saints, to which all the other forms are related, is the imitation of them in their relationship with God. Paul wrote extensively about the importance of spiritual imitation. He stated: ‘I urge you, then, be imitators of me. Therefore I sent to you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church’ (1 Corinthians 4:16–17). The author of the book of Hebrews also stresses the importance of imitating true spiritual leaders: ‘Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith’ (Hebrews 13:7).”

Even I can imitate the saints?

God’s call to spiritual perfection has been sounded ever since Jesus began His public ministry. The invitation is

extended to all though, sadly, it is often not heard because of the clanging noise provided by various enticements that the world considers as more essential than holiness—wealth and power being chief among them. That is not to claim that money and authority do not have their place. But these do not outstrip sanctity.

No one can look into another’s soul and judge his or her relationship with the Lord. Those whom we would quickly reject as unworthy may one day become some of the loftiest stars in the heavenly sky.

The Litany of Loreto acknowledges the ever-virgin Mary as the Queen of All Saints. She is the model and pattern of virtue. She keeps close to her Immaculate Heart those who love her Son and seek to follow Him.

The summons to sanctity comes from God. Each of us has received it through baptism. Now, it must be realized. We can join the saints in heaven not for a contest but for an eternity of giving thanks to the Creator Who made us and calls us to Himself.



2019-2020  
*Necrology*  
of the Diocese of Sioux Falls

**Aberdeen, Presentation Heights**

Sr. Margaret Anne Talbott- Oct. 10; Sr. Roch Whittaker- Nov. 18

**Aberdeen, Sacred Heart**

Timothy Licketeig- Sept. 2019; Mary Ann Whiteside- Oct. 11; Margaret Malsom- Nov. 24; Donald Gisi- Nov. 27; Celestine Jung- Dec. 4; Darwin Ulmer- Dec. 20; Marcella Gerber- Dec. 23; Catherine Kappenman- Jan. 1; Leo Schatz- Jan. 13; Allen Hoeft- Jan. 14; Dennis Kraft- Jan. 26; Shih-Jung Feng- Jan. 30; Rick Marthaller- Feb. 14; Elizabeth Crogan- Feb. 15; Rose Mary Jung- Feb. 27; Frank Waldt- Mar. 18; Thomas McTague- Mar. 27; Nyla Roberts- Apr. 15; Margaret Hopper- May 4; Michael Beck- May 8; Tyler Goldade- May 23; Austin Bercier- Jun. 16; Gyalan Graves- Jul. 14; Dorthea Meyer- Jul. 15; Marieanna Martus- Jul. 20; Frank Schwab- Jul. 20; Cleo Schneider- Jul. 25; Ilene Weber- Aug. 2; Peter Wolf- Aug. 8; Adeline Larson- Aug. 14; Monica Kuebler- Aug. 29; Alfred Waltman- Aug. 31; Karen Cisco- Sept. 25

**Aberdeen, St. Mary**

Joyce Kraft- Oct. 2; Matthew Hollister- Oct. 5; Henry Hoerner- Oct. 6; Luella Kline- Oct. 26; Rita Hansen-Gisi- Nov. 3; Robert Miller- Nov. 4; Francis Vogel- Nov. 6; Jacqueline Cofell- Nov. 28; Kenneth Erickson- Dec. 1; Bernard Jacob- Dec. 29; James Grismer- Jan. 1; Jon Schumacher- Jan. 2; Chad Weber- Jan. 4; Roy Gruenstein- Jan. 8; Leonard Kline- Jan. 14; Annie Hartze- Jan. 16; William DesCamps- Feb. 14; Angeline Usselman- Feb. 17; Phyllis Walth- Feb. 23; Elmer Zulk- Mar. 11; Richard Westmoreland- Mar. 21; Randall Kramer- Mar. 21; Marilyn Lahr- Mar. 27; John Schuck- Mar. 30; Louis Campton- Apr. 14; Larry Wirebaugh- May 17; Madonna Kuhfeld- May 24; Donna McGee Laney- Jun. 20; Irene Kraft- Jun. 28; Leonard Wolf- Jul. 12; Earl Kruse- Jul. 17; Mark Nuese- Aug. 13; Tom Lammon- Aug. 24; Marvin Rahm- Aug. 29; Florence Crady- Sept. 1

**Aberdeen, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center**

No deaths recorded.

**Alexandria, St. Mary of Mercy**

Virginia L. Kayser- Mar. 23; Anita R. Degen- Sept. 21; Thomas R. Haiar- Sept. 26

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

No deaths recorded.

**Arlington, St. John**

Report not submitted.

**Armour, St. Paul the Apostle**

Vernon Carpenter- Nov.24; Lavone Lofgren- Dec. 7; John Harrington- Dec. 12; Raymond J. Baumgart- Dec. 15; Frances C. Bigge- Feb. 8; Diana L. Werkmeister- Mar. 2; Dolores J. Holbeck- Mar. 4; Jacqueline Salwei- Jul. 4; Leo J. Leonard- Sept. 22

**Artesian, St. Charles**

Vincent Joseph Effling- Oct. 15; Howard Bechen- Jan. 20

**Beresford, St. Teresa of Avila**

Russell Hinkle- Feb. 10; Karen Lounsbery- Feb. 10; Jean M. Keiser- Mar. 11; Douglas J. Quinn- Mar. 17; Kenneth R. Kaltenbach- Apr. 4; Rose M. McGuire- Apr. 24; Ronald R. Weyen- Jun. 5; Gregg P. Lyle- Jun. 30; Anita M. Girard- Aug. 10

**Big Bend, St. Catherine**

Kimimila Red Water- Feb. 26; Edward E. Howe- Apr. 16; Wesley Fire Cloud, Jr.- Jul. 2; Randolph B. His Law, Jr.- Jul. 6; Ethel R. Left Hand Bull- Aug. 22

**Big Stone City, St. Charles**

Elvera Classen- Feb. 28; Richard Noll- Jun. 30; Patricia Meyer- Jul. 25; Neil Noll- Sept. 28

**Bowdle/Hosmer, St. Augustine**

Jimmy Jackson- Dec. 21; Margaret Carlson- Jan. 12; Darnelda Heilman- May 16; Elizabeth Mitzel- Jun. 9

**Brandon, Risen Savior**

Patricia A. Lens- Oct. 18; Mary F. Powers- Nov. 11; Jerome Kapperman- Jan. 7; Bonita Muhmel- Jan. 23; Kimberly K. Gacke- Jan. 29; Sheila R. Knebel- Apr. 18; Dennis A. Kleinvachter- Jun. 9; Margy A. Edmundson- Jun. 19

**Bridgewater, St. Stephen**

Eldora M. Weber- Mar. 6; Orval J. Lambertz- Apr. 7

**Britton/Hecla, St. John de Britto**

No deaths reported.

**Brookings, Pope Pius XII Newman Center**

Merilyn Westby- Sept. 1

**Brookings, St. Thomas More**

Mavis DeBoer- Oct. 17; James Sweeney- Oct 19; Leroy Patrick- Nov. 10; Terrence Aulner- Nov. 11; Steven Carpenter- Nov. 19; Gerald Ehlebracht- Nov. 20; Ryen Zervas- Nov. 24; Marilyn Buckley-Olson- Dec. 1; John Headley- Dec. 24; Viola Wagner- Jan. 24; Duane Parsley II- Feb. 15; Howard Maher- Mar. 11; Elizabeth McAdaragh- Mar. 29; Paula Vlaminc- April 11; Gary Clasen- May 2; David Van Briesen- May 6; Tamra Welbig- May 15; Theresa Erschens- May 17; Herbert Degen- May 19; Patricia Howell- Jun. 8; Frances Davis- Jun. 18; Marsha Rauenhurst- Jul. 14; Wanda Misar- Jul. 15; Mary Parsley- Jul. 17; Dolores Hartman- Aug. 18; Merilyn Westby- Sept. 1; Kyle Kirby- Sept. 7; Kenneth Robinson Jr.- Sept. 7

**Bryant, St. Mary**

Report not submitted.

**Canton, St. Dominic**

Leonella Griffith- Nov. 19; Margaret Rock- Mar. 15

**Castlewood, St. John**

No deaths recorded.

**Centerville, Good Shepherd**

Ferdinand Hybertson- Mar. 2; Barbara E. Hybertson- Aug. 8; Ernest E. Alton- Aug. 24

**Chamberlain/Pukwana, St. James**

Dwayne Leiferman- Oct. 7; Catherine Reuer- Oct. 27; Darlene Rose- Mar. 6; Ervin Beckman- May 6; John Hanig- May 16; Belvin Gillings- Jul. 4; Bonna Casey- Jul. 24; Matilda Endres- Aug. 23

**Clark, St. Michael**

Grace White- Oct. 10; Brittany Monson- Oct. 15; Angeline Wolf- Oct. 28; Ken Karber- Jan. 9; Mary Makens- Feb. 25; Patricia Schlagel- Mar. 23; Alice Lynch- May 8; Lavon Blinsmon- May 31; Freda Kranz- Jul. 25

**Clear Lake, St. Mary**

Dennis Lanners- Oct. 5; Bruce Troska- Nov. 2; David Kluckman- Jan. 31; Shirley Effling- Jun. 12

**Colman, St. Peter**

Ray J. Entringer- Oct. 31; Grace A. Entringer- Jan 28

**Dakota Dunes, St. Teresa of Calcutta**

Elizabeth Bernard- Feb. 24; Thomas Full- Mar. 8; Leroy Nilges- Sept. 29

**Dante, Assumption**

Vit Kreil- Oct. 28; Clara J. Fillaus- Apr. 14; Helen L. Koupal- May 31; Lenore M. Williams- Jun. 14; Edward L. Kafka- Jun. 21; Leo D. Petrik- Sept. 2



**Dell Rapids, St. Mary**

James M. Huntimer- Oct. 10; Arnold Heinemann- Oct. 13; James L. Liester- Nov. 16; Joseph L. Luke- Nov. 28; Mike Kriens- Dec. 5; Robert Baum, Sr.- Nov. 29; Charlotte Hinricher- Jan. 11; Ronald J. Wolf- Jan. 17; Ronald G. Reiff- Jan. 24; Phyllis Bunkers- Feb. 8; Troy D. Farmer- Mar. 2; James Berg- Mar. 4; Merlin Schmidt- Apr. 11; Margaret Jorgensen- May 10; Tamra M. Welbig- May 15; Michael Heinricy- May 25; John W. Boever- Jul. 28; Bjarne R. Tonneson- Jul. 31; Robert Ollerich- Aug. 13; Robert J. Lamberty- Aug. 14; Joseph P. Boever- Sept. 12; Agnes Ginsbach- Sept. 24

**DeSmet/Iroquois, St. Thomas Aquinas**

Report not submitted.

**Dimock/Ethan, SS. Peter and Paul**

Michelle Wilson- Feb 23;  
Darlene Hoffman- Apr. 12

**Eden, Sacred Heart**

Zoey L. Pitzl- Jan. 28; Albert F. Hostetler- Jun. 24; Mary L. Brock- Jul. 8

**Elk Point, St. Joseph**

Agnes R. Tostenrud- Dec. 10; Robert E. Lee- Jan. 22; Beverley A. Hoffman- Feb. 17; Kenneth Wilson- Mar. 27; Eva M. Myers- Apr. 11; Marguerite J. Hinds- Jun. 8; Marilyn J. Chicoine- Aug. 14

**Elkton/Aurora, Our Lady of Good Help**

Mildred M. Vaske- Oct. 4; Bernice T. Nelson- Dec. 23; Robert B. Blasius- Jan. 1; Tony F. Wiskur- Mar. 8; Dale L. Lynn- Aug. 5

**Emery, St. Martin**

Harold Peter Leitheiser- Jan. 6;  
Marjorie E. Fahy- Apr. 19

**Epiphany/Spencer/Farmer, Church of Epiphany**

Jerald Mentele- Dec. 21;  
James Kunkel- Aug. 25

**Estelline, St. Francis de Sales**

Laurence Norman- Mar. 1;  
Dale Linneman- May 13

**Eureka, St. Joseph**

Jerald I. Imber- Apr. 20; Micheal P. Schwingler Sr.- Jul. 27

**Faulkton/Seneca/Orient, St. Thomas**

Carol A. Kiefer- Dec. 7; Dolores A. Eaton- Jan 10; Joseph N. Pfeifer- Feb. 24; Dorothy T. Huss- Apr. 6; Roger W. Bent- Jul. 12

**Flandreau, SS. Simon and Jude**

Harry E. Gaspar- Nov. 27; Elizabeth Cullen- Nov. 29; Beverly M. Minor- Dec. 11; Elizabeth M. Hinricher- Dec. 30; Ronald B. Lee- Dec. 30; Shirlee M. Rhead- Jan. 10; Joan Rovig- May 6; James McGlone- Aug. 26; Theodore Taylor- Sept. 14

**Florence, Blessed Sacrament**

James Stemedel- Oct. 18; Margery Byer- Jan. 27; Delores Maag- Mar. 14; Linus Reilly- Mar. 18

**Fort Thompson, St. Joseph**

Carmon Brother of All- Oct. 22; James R. Scott, Sr.- Nov. 15; Nancy L. Walking Eagle- Jan. 23; Barbara A. Blaine- Feb. 14; Karen J. Thompson- Feb. 22; Raymond C. Gonzales- Jun. 11; Gary L. Walking Bull- Jun. 16; Russell L. Obago- Jun. 18; Robert D. Drapeau- Jul. 6; Debra J. Attikai- Jun. 20; Eva J. Kirkie- Sept. 1; Raynard E. Bad Moccasin- Sept. 8; Tina M. Fleury-Grey Owl- Sept. 18

**Garretson, St. Rose of Lima**

Norman Benson- Jan. 18;  
Dennis Hoven- Jan. 28

**Gary, St. Peter**

No deaths reported.

**Geddes, St. Ann**

Jim Meis- Feb. 12; Richard C. Slaba- Jul. 10; Robert J. Bruner- Aug. 15

**Gettysburg, Sacred Heart**

Calvin Kula- Oct. 17; Robert Theunissen- Feb. 6; Dean Hanson- Feb. 27; Betty J. Poeppel- Mar. 6; Calista Nystrom- Apr. 5; Francis Kirby- Apr. 15; Gerald Peters- Apr. 18; Derald Hanson- Aug. 9; Donna Robbennolt- Aug. 31

**Grenville, St. Joseph**

Arlene Samson- Oct. 2; Edwin A Paszek- Oct. 26; Theresa E. Herrick- Feb. 9; Rita R. Johnson- Mar. 30

**Groton, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Mary Joyce Wegleitner- Oct. 29; John Walter- Dec. 17; Robert Schuring- Feb. 1; Madeline Daly- Mar. 14; Dee Bailey- Mar 23; Carol Daly- Mar. 25

**Harrisburg, St. John Paul II**

No deaths recorded.

**Hartford, St. George**

Jan Meile- Nov. 20; Barbara McMahan- Dec. 11; Francis Fullenkamp- Dec. 12; Joanne Ginsbach- Dec. 26; George Sasges- Jan. 23; Lyle Christensen- Jan. 28; Colleen Jesse- Mar. 19; Theresa Whalen- May 15; Holly Johnson- Jun. 29

**Henry, St. Henry**

Boyd Joens- Oct. 7

**Herreid, St. Michael**

Mary Ann Hahne- Feb. 3; Marietta Brooks- Mar. 13; Lois M. Seiler- Jul. 2; John L. Grad- Aug. 29

**Highmore/Harrold, St. Mary**

Barbara Neme- Oct. 23; John Zilverberg- Oct. 29; Wilford Paynter- Nov. 27; Sheldon Reding- Mar. 30; Edward Kusser- Aug. 27; Roberta DuBois- Aug. 31

**Hoven/Onaka, St. Anthony**

Judy Schmidt- Dec. 3; Harlan Rausch- Dec. 28; Durran Kaiser- Jan. 20; Zenta Popyk- Feb. 18; Vickie Schilling- Feb. 20; Irene Arbach- Mar. 1; Sylvia Huber- Mar. 6; Terry Klocker- Mar. 15; Laura Kaup- Apr. 17; Travis Karst- Apr. 19; Leo Schaefer- Apr. 21; James Reuer- May 16; Ceil Edrich- May 27; Marvin Schmidt- Jul. 1; Gerard Simon- Aug. 16

**Howard, St. Agatha**

Miriam Fox- Oct. 15; Elaine Neises- Nov. 17; Ethel Bohr- Dec. 18; Vincent Weidler- Jan. 25; Ted Feldhaus- Feb. 18; Martin Connor- Mar. 17; Jim Spader- Apr. 24; Tom Dold- Jul. 5; Evea Hoss- Aug. 7

**Humboldt, St. Ann**

Lyle Huls- Dec. 20; Eva Hanisch- Dec. 27; Ardell Lewin- Jan. 9; Marilyn Masters- Feb. 7; Stanley Shaw- Feb. 24; Katherine Schartz- Mar. 29; Viola Fox- Apr. 7; Theresa Meyer- May 29; Mary Lou Zimmer- Jun. 19; Gerry Fox- Jul. 7; Susie Trapp- Jul. 19

**Huntimer, St. Joseph the Workman**

Gerald Goodale- Feb. 20;  
Teresa Benson- Mar. 8

**Huron, Holy Trinity**

Joan Currier- Oct. 11; Bryan Halter- Oct. 26; Lah Kay Moo- Nov. 4; Kim Edwards Eining- Nov. 8; Marge Haskett- Nov. 30; Dorthy Lundgren- Jan. 11; Julie DeJean- Jan. 13; David Alexander- Mar. 1; Erich Wutsch- Apr. 15; Thomas Baszler- Apr. 18; Conrad Wutsch- Apr. 24; Lois Rounds- May 19; Everett Collings- May 23; Blanca Ramirez Perez- May 26; Clara Olmsted- Jun. 3; Richard Huber- Jun. 27; Elizabeth Wallman- Jul. 9; Michael Muilenburg- Jul. 12; Bradley Huber- Aug. 2; William Will- Aug. 10; Margaret Dormady- Aug. 21; Daniel Schlader- Sept. 7; Norvin Rudd- Sept. 20

**Idylwilde/Mayfield, St. Boniface**

Report not submitted.

**Ipswich, Holy Cross**

Junior S. Hammrich- Oct. 1; Anton T. Thares- Oct. 4; Melvin H. Pfaff- Feb. 2; Anna M. Heier- Feb. 9; Kinsley M. Tietz- Mar. 4; Sharon K. Thomas- Mar. 18; Ronna L. Weber- Mar. 28; Gwenda K. Kolb- May 28; Casper A. Malsom- Jun. 19; Galen F. Gisi- Aug. 28; Sylvia M. Ertz- Sept. 15; Shirley J. Gisi- Sept. 22

**Jefferson, St. Peter**

Shirley A. Stokely- Nov. 10; James E. Dailey- Mar. 12; Carl L. Kittler- May 17; Juanita K. Beaubian- May 20; Justin T. Montagne- Sept. 20

**Kimball, St. Margaret**

Lawrence Boesen- Nov. 17; Margaret Reuland- Dec. 17; Raymond Janish- Apr. 13; Eleanor Viereck- Apr. 24; Marie Chmela- Jun. 7; Larry Blasius- Sept. 30

**Kranzburg/ Waverly, Holy Rosary**

Darla F. Guderian- Nov.19; Gordon J. Linden- Dec. 9; Henry A. Haan- Apr. 13; Helen L. Rueschenberg- Sept. 12

**Lake Andes, St. Mark**

Amber L. Nelson- Oct. 9; Anita Miller- Oct. 19; Teresa Omaha- Jan. 28; Eva Weaver- Jan. 31; Susan A. Anderson- Feb. 8; Virgil F. Bechen- Apr. 2; Shirley J. Dvorak- May 5; Lois Barkley- Jul. 12; Monte Halgrimson- Jul. 19; Betty Kirwan- Aug. 9

**Lennox/Worthing, St. Magdalen**

Robert Tuscherer- Sept. 9

**Leola, Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Jayna R. Sanborn- Nov. 24;  
Kylee L. Sanborn- Nov. 24

**Lesterville/Sigel, St. John the Baptist**

Joseph H. Hejl- Aug. 27

**Madison, St. Thomas Aquinas**

Robert Klassy- Oct. 8; Kelly Sullivan- Oct. 11; Howard Braskamp- Nov. 25; Marilyn Belatti- Dec. 5; Veronica Kappenman- Dec. 7; Joshua Anderson- Feb. 14; Sylvia Callahan- Mar. 24; Bernard Schmanski- Mar. 30; Marianne Smalley- Apr. 17; Lenora Christensen- Apr. 22; Marie Martin- May 1; Ted Betz- May 18; Florence Persing- May 20; Brenda Ritzman- Jul. 6; Helen Keever- Aug. 12; Thomas Heirigs- Aug. 16; Arlie Farrell- Sept. 25

**Marty, St. Paul**

Rodney Gunhammer Sr.- Oct. 20; Richard Hare Sr.- Nov. 19; Robert Cournoyer Sr.- Jan. 22; Elizabeth Picotte- Jan. 22; Marla Roubideaux- May 15; Cletus Hare- Jul. 26; Juanita Hare- Aug. 8; Lawrence Weddell- Aug. 13; Mary Virginia Ashes- Aug. 29; Richard Nyman- Sept. 27

**Marty, Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament**

No deaths recorded.

**Mellette, All Saints**

Suzanne Braun- Nov. 20;  
Robert Wagner- Dec. 22

**Milbank, Daughters of St. Mary of Providence**

No deaths recorded.

**Milbank/ Wilmot, St. Lawrence**

Debra Speidel- Oct. 3; LeRoy J. Kelly- Oct. 9; Mona E. Englert- Oct. 10; John F. Tulowetzke- Oct. 11; Delores R. Olson- Oct. 26; Dorothy A. Bishop- Nov. 21; Dennis C. Tesch- Dec. 5; LuVilla A. Weber- Dec. 5; Julie Wiecks- Dec. 18; Karen A. Gill- Dec. 29; Joyce Peschong- Jan. 4; Danny L. Rench- Mar. 14; Jeanette B. Spahr- Mar. 22; Emma V. Flannery- May 3; Michael Lundberg- May 5; Adele Gonsoir- May 6; Larry A. Peters- Jul. 31

**Miller/Wessington, St. Ann**

Kathryn M. Schlechter- Oct. 18; Vincent P. Snyder- Nov. 10; Luane K. Lichty- Feb. 9; Robert A. Taylor- Mar. 6

**Mitchell, Holy Family**

Cheri Lyn J. Hamilton- Nov. 25; Raymond H. Goldammer- Nov. 26; Beverly L. Pooley- Nov. 28; Donald R. Tischler- Dec. 5; Diana M. Hohn- Dec. 5; Maxine J. Oleson- Dec. 7; Gloria I. Heisinger- Dec. 11; Adeline Puetz- Dec. 28; Ronald Roth- Jan. 4; Richard H. Blankenship- Jan.11; Rosemary Locken- Feb. 14; Phyllis Stemper- Feb. 18; James H. Meagher- Feb. 25; James J. Heiter- Mar. 21; Marcel Weitzman- Apr. 26; Betty Heidinger- May 17; Rosemary Wisner- May 31; Patricia A. Kobold- Jun. 27; Jaqueline J. Salwei- Jul. 4; John E. Meinen- Jul. 13; Joan A. Fergen- Jul. 23; Dale J. Miiller- Aug. 14; Don M. Dailey- Aug. 28; Juanita Kirby- Sept. 7; Daniel J. Wardell- Sept. 14; Richard Kenton- Sept. 22; Michael P. Goldammer- Sept. 22

**Mitchell, Holy Spirit**

Alvin Nolz- Oct. 4; Edna Heisinger- Oct. 14; Henry Fergen- Oct. 28; E. Margaret Aman- Oct. 30; Alice Sommer- Nov. 7; Fern Kunkel- Nov. 7; Victoria Madigan- Nov. 10; Duane Haiar- Nov. 17; Lureta Weber- Dec. 30; Norman Thuringer- Dec. 30; Lillian Weins- Jan. 17; Howard Bechen- Jan. 20; Ruth Gaetze- Feb. 27; Rita Moldrem- Mar. 3; Timothy Kummer- Mar. 12; Robert Petitta- Sept. 30; Lavon Lau- Apr. 29; Constance Ackerman- Jul. 15; Olive Risky- Aug. 23; Robert Nagel- Sept. 30

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

No deaths recorded.

**Mobridge, St. Joseph**

Richard Leonard- Oct. 19; Lila Nelson- Nov. 3; Maria Spilos- Nov. 26; Rick Wales- Dec. 24; Vince Maher- Dec. 24; Joe Hartman- Jan. 14; John Schaeffbauer- Jan. 18; Keith Lesmeister- Jan. 29; Helen Reiss- May 30; Virgil Binfet- Jun. 25; Leonard Landis- Jun. 28; Quintine Mertz- Jul. 2; Emily Holzer- Sept. 15; Kenneth Holzer- Sept. 17; Lolis Linde- Sept. 19

**Montrose, St. Patrick**

Margaret Huls- Nov. 26; Kevin Bartlett- Dec. 1; Marlys Zimmer- Mar. 21; Orval Lambertz- Apr. 7; Elaine Painter- May 14; Donald Even- Aug. 2; Gordon Vogel- Sept. 30

**Onida, St. Pius X**

Rebecca Yackley- Jan. 15; Barb Rilling- Mar. 29; Carol Shoup- Jun. 13

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

Kenneth Dains- Dec. 20; Ronald J. Leber- Mar. 29; Madeline Konda- Apr. 11

**Parkston/Tripp, Sacred Heart**

Eric J. Weber- Oct. 17; Velda K. Pruner- Dec. 24; Leo L. Laber- Jan. 21; Gertrude Stevens- Feb. 4; Herbert A. Degen- May 19; Margaret A. Berg- May 23; Bernice M. Brech- May 23; Geraldine Brezina- Jun. 10; Gerald J. Herman- Jun. 10; David J. Wagner- Jun. 17; Anna M. Weiss- Aug. 24; Beatrice A. Roth- Aug. 30; Phyllis J. Stadlman- Sept. 11

**Pierre, SS. Peter and Paul**

Roger Lehmkuhl- Oct. 13; Marva Parsons- Oct. 25; Grant Gormley- Oct. 30; Lila A. Bohr- Nov. 6; James Stukel- Nov. 8; John Irvine- Nov. 15; Dale List- Nov. 25; Jerry Leidholt- Nov. 28; Isabella D. Mernaugh- Nov. 28; Carol Owens- Dec. 22; Kay Wahl- Dec. 24; Anthony Klein- Jan. 22; Vernon Lohman- Jan. 28; Janis Kelley- Feb. 14; Thomas Weber- Feb. 20; Shirley Wieseler- Apr. 1; Delilah Chavez- Apr. 21; Curtis Goehring- Apr. 24; Joseph Pitlick- May 3; Herbert Sibson- May 8; Robert Bartlett- May 29; Colleen Burchill- Jun. 6; Emerson Merrill- Jun. 12; William Schumacher- Jun. 19; Margaret Seeley- Jun. 23; Marilyn Cromwell- Jun. 30; Patricia Gregg- Jul. 3; Barbara Cleland- Jul. 11; Donald Fischer- Jul. 22; David Braun- Jul. 27; Alvena Thompson- Aug. 31; Penn Williams III- Sept. 27; Barry Pickner- Sept. 30

**Plankinton/Mt. Vernon, St. John**

Deborah Cornell- Nov. 14; Flavio M. Lastor- Dec. 21; Dennis Hohn- Jan. 22; Marcella Johnson- May 26

**Platte, St. Peter the Apostle**

Melvin Backes- Dec. 19; Mary Turnis- Feb. 16; Harriet Daldorf- Mar. 10; Karen Stekly- Apr. 30; Norma Lucas- Jun. 7

**Polo, St. Liborius**

William Martinmaas- Nov. 1; Vincent W. Gaspar- Feb. 25

**Ramona, St. William**

Sarah Schnell- Nov. 21; Audrey Kattke- Aug. 31

**Redfield, St. Bernard**

Eugene Paul Burdick- Nov. 18; Lois M. Filipek- Feb. 24; Mary L. Strahl- Mar. 8; Mary D. Claeys- Apr. 22; Doris A. Schwartz- May 25; Maxine E. Stemper- May 28; Roman M. Esser- Aug. 24

**Revillo, Annunciation**

Report not submitted.

**Roscoe, St. Thomas the Apostle**

Dennis Stockert- Apr. 30

**Rosholt, St. John the Baptist**

Delores Sumption- Jul. 24; Michelle G. Dahlman- Sept. 24

**Salem, St. Mary**

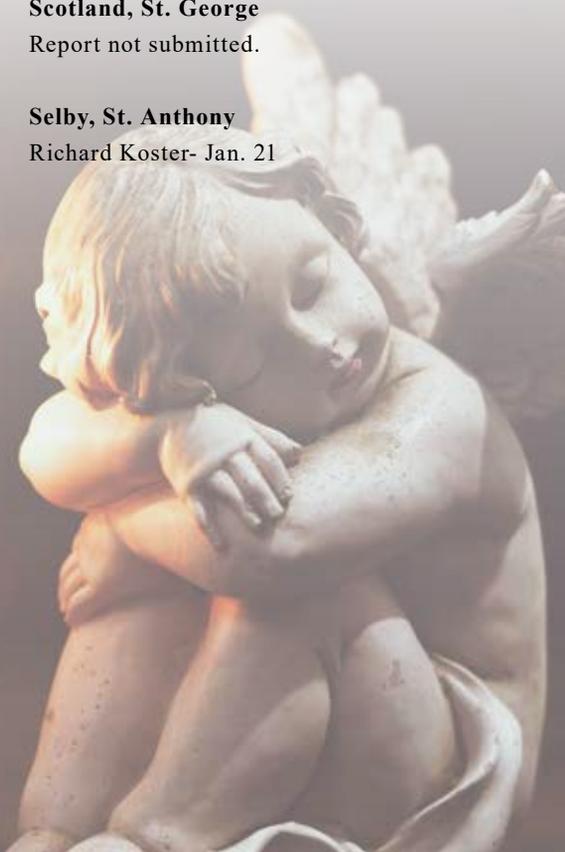
Marjorie Lampe- Oct. 4; JoAnne Weber- Nov. 26; Marn Peterson- Nov. 29; Gregory A Pasco- Dec. 19; Maxine Krell- Jan. 10; Gloria Rotert- Feb. 20; Geraldine Thill- Apr. 1; Jerome Reif- Apr. 5; Kathleen Deters- Apr. 19; Pauline Ernguaster- May 5; Lavon Gstohl- May 5; Anne Degenstein- May 6; Arlene Karel- May 6; Maxine Feterl- Jul. 28; Ellen Westhoff- Aug. 22; Maralyn Marks- Sept. 13

**Scotland, St. George**

Report not submitted.

**Selby, St. Anthony**

Richard Koster- Jan. 21



**Sioux Falls, Cathedral of Saint Joseph**

Regina Arop Angow- Oct. 28; Monica C. Rutten- Nov. 10; Alyce Miles- Nov. 14; Susan K. Anawski-Reilly- Dec. 4; Virginia Mancuso- Dec. 6; Craig P. Warne- Dec. 10; Lucille H. Kealey- Dec. 13; Delores M. Staebell- Jan. 6; Donald P. Robinson- Jan. 17; Maynard B. Hennings- Feb. 2; Keith L. Kersey- Feb. 16; Ronald J. Olsen- Feb. 17; Harry M. Hixon- Feb. 20; Faye J. Reiter- Feb. 21; Theodore J. Pins Jr.- Mar. 11; Akoat Mater- Mar. 15; Joanne Bender- Apr. 12; Marcella Effertz- Apr. 17; Adeline D. McIlvenna- Apr. 27; Gerald I. Lotton- May 19; Florence E. Persing- May 20; Mary Ann Hisel- May 26; Debbie Thomas- Jun. 8; Viola D. Callesen- Jun. 12; Donna J. Croft- Jul. 1; Beverly M. Schartz- Jul. 3; John P. Coughlin- Jul. 21; Elizabeth Boik- Jul. 21; Sheila Walters- Sept. 13

**Sioux Falls, Christ the King**

Dennis Merritt- Nov. 12; Mary Kostelecky- Nov. 14; William Van Tassel- Nov. 14; Mary Pilker- Nov. 17; Gladys Schmidt- Nov. 20; Leonard Rohrich- Dec. 17; Jeanne Enderson- Dec. 22; Jeanne A. Schrader- Dec. 22; Rosemary VanderSchaaf- Dec. 29; Thomas Egan- Jan. 4; Robert Kogel- Jan. 5; Lynda Wuebben- Jan. 8; Cindy Faini- Jan. 16; Janet Deschepper- Jan. 17; Helen Dereu- Jan. 28; Marilyn Sudbeck- Feb. 7; Ertis Osterberg- Feb. 17; Barbara Stofferahn- Feb. 19; James Flannery- Feb. 22; Phyllis Breuer- Apr. 19; Ardelle Persing- Apr. 27; Gerald Shafer- May 10; Marge Barr- May 15; John Hantz- Jun. 18; Gayle Hantz- Jul. 2; Virginia Becker- Jul. 14; William Huggett- Aug. 5; Adeline Hartnett- Aug. 20; Donald Futrell- Sept. 15; Debbra Sampica- Sept. 25

**Sioux Falls, Holy Spirit**

Marilyn Bruscher- Oct. 2; Barry Lankhorst- Oct. 27; Ronald Flynn- Nov. 5; Gary Marso- Nov. 12; Jerry Jones- Nov. 21; Lloyd Bullerman- Nov. 25; Donald Kiszner- Dec. 13; Mary Foschia- Dec. 14; Duane Dalton- Dec. 31; Kelly Johnson- Ode- Jan. 3; Kent Rupiper- Feb. 2; Ame VanRoe- Feb. 3; Joseph Elmore- Feb. 4; Lizanne Bute- Mar. 22; Connie Benson- Mar. 30; Aaron Diedrich- Apr. 3; Marjorie Fahy- Apr. 19; Daniel Gaspar- May 3; Lindsey Hegdahl- May 9; David Frie- Zieske- May 9; Fayola Gaspar- May 23; Ronald Roberts- May 31; Vernon Haub- Jun. 13; Louis Determan- Jun. 17; Joseph Tooley- Jul. 1; Edward Verley- Jul. 12; Douglas Sturma- Jul. 27; Viola Campbell- Aug. 19; Kathleen Maloney- Sept. 3; Catherine Hunt- Sept. 11; Rollin Wagner- Sept. 23; William Fahy- Sept. 28

**Sioux Falls, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Dereck Martinez- Jan. 24; Lorenzo Pedro- May 20; Teresita Baltazar- Jul. 22; Jose Poblano- Sept. 5

**Sioux Falls, St. Katharine Drexel**

Patricia L. Seiner- Dec. 15; Rebecca A. Armstrong- Dec. 31; Aubrey LeBrun- Jan. 30; Janice L. Dangel- Apr. 13; Ronald D. Carlson- Jun. 16; Jesse J. Flemming- Jun. 21; Penelope L. Marshall- Jul. 9; Dennis D. Tate- Aug. 20; Angeline M. Taft- Sept. 17

**Sioux Falls, St. Lambert**

Donna Benson- Nov. 16; Dorothy Johnson- Dec. 19; Viviana Akot- Jan. 13; John McMunigal- Mar. 6; Richard Harr, Sr.- Mar. 11; Joseph Erickson- Mar. 12; Joseph Nagel- Mar. 19; Faye Steece- Mar. 24; William Kading- Mar. 25; Robert Thury- Apr. 2; Colleen Weiss- Apr. 13; Terry Maher- Apr. 14; Mary Satnan- May 2; Lois Hallem- Jun. 8; Gabriel Nagel- Jun. 11; Joyce Donovan- Jun. 13; Marie Bachmeier- Jul. 3; Amy Wallin- Jul. 20

**Sioux Falls, St. Mary**

August Rysavy- Oct. 1; Lorraine Pierce- Oct. 18; Emily Gustaf- Oct. 19; Patrick Gustaf- Oct. 28; Gene Abdallah- Nov. 2; Patrick Baxter- Nov. 5; Cyril Palen- Nov. 16; Lawana Westhoff- Nov. 27; Mary Reiser- Dec. 3; Kenneth Dains- Dec. 20; Margaret Reardon- Jan. 8; Mary M. Krell- Jan. 10; Dick Ambrosius- Jan. 24; Tricia Thomassen- Jan. 25; Sara Urban- Mar. 6; Paul Kingery- Mar. 15; Francis Moran- Apr. 3; Lawrence Zimmer- Apr. 29; Mary Woolf- May 7; Jason Nelson- May 7; Evelyn Blashill- May 31; Betty Lynch- June 20; Jean Keyes- Jun. 16; Eugene Tornow- Jun. 19; Carolyn Paulson- Jun. 26; James Clark- Jul. 6; Helen Kennedy- Jul. 14; Eugene Heller- Jul. 25; Genevieve Ament- Jul. 31; Maureen Budde- Aug. 11; Elaine Roach- Aug. 24; Arthur Olson- Aug. 27; Sharon Koch- Aug. 28; Lucile Aschoff- Sept. 27

**Sioux Falls, St. Michael**

James Rogers- Oct. 4; Helen Hilgenberg- Oct. 5; Matthew Snyder- Oct. 7; Dan Moran- Oct. 17; Carlyle Ahrens- Nov. 1; Vincent McQuade- Nov. 7; Margaret Dix- Nov. 23; Constance Roberts- Dec. 1; Brandon Nefler- Dec. 13; Richard Torney- Dec. 20; James Sotebeer- Jan. 25; Vincent Boik- Jan. 30; Janice Meidl- Feb. 15; William Bruns- Mar. 6; Kathleen Sanderson- Mar. 17; Robert Denny Sr.- Apr. 10; Dorothy Steffan- Apr. 16; Rose McGuire- Apr. 20; Eileen Goeman- May 8; Kathryn Brush- May 10; Dale Rollag- May 20; Joan Lorang- May 21; Mary Poncelet- May 25; Alice Mikkelsen- Jun. 8; Richard Kaffar- Jun. 14; Dorothy Sabie- Jun. 14; Bernard Tunge- Jun. 18; Leon Struck- Jul. 13; Ross Crist- Jul. 16; Joan Horstman- Aug. 5; Jane Denny- Aug. 24; Francis Maneth- Sept. 16

**Sioux Falls, St. Therese**

Debra Haas- Oct. 18; Dorie Ament- Hanson- Nov. 3; Joseph Gilbert- Nov. 7; Esther Horton- Nov. 13; Kay Atkins- Dec. 27; Thomas Graham- Dec. 31; Carole Kuyper- Jan. 29; J Scott Simons- Mar. 2; Marjorie Root- Jul. 12; Kathleen Viereck- Aug. 31; Rose Barber- Sept. 21

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

No deaths recorded.

**Sisseton, St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

J. Kenneth Adams- Oct. 31; Phoenix M. Renville- Dec. 17; Sylvester Goodteacher, Sr.- Jan. 27; Leslie Barse, Sr.- Apr. 11; Stacey Wanna- Sept. 11

**Sisseton/Velben, St. Peter**

Darlene Jones- Oct. 13; Mary O'Brien- Nov. 29; Beverly Cimburek- Jan. 14; Gerrald Schmaus- Jun. 27; Mike Fleischhacker- Jun. 27; Winifred Schmid- Sept. 29; Sandra Haubris- Sept. 30

**Springfield, St. Vincent de Paul**

James E. Libis- Jul. 6; Mary Jo Monfore- Jul. 26

**Stephan, Immaculate Conception**

Bennet J. Hart- Dec. 29

**Stickney, St. Mary**

Lila Bohr- Nov. 6; Donald Schabot- Mar.12

**Tabor, St. Wenceslaus**

John W. Becvar- May 30; Laddie Pechous- Jun. 6; Robert Bame- Feb. 12; Kenneth Kloucek- July 8; Evelyn Kostal- Aug. 20; Mary Ann Vanecek- Feb. 27

**Tea, St. Nicholas**

Sheryl Baete- Nov. 13; Sherri Zuber- Mar. 24; Perry Kuhl- Apr. 15; Lois Oppold- Aug. 8; David L. Stevens, Jr- Sept. 29

**Turton, St. Joseph**

Marvin Remily- Feb. 22

**Tyndall, St. Leo**

Agnes L. Kriz- Nov. 9; Thomas J. Beringer- Dec. 6; Eugene L. Borland- Dec. 22; Carol Ferguson- Jan. 25; Robert Bame- Feb. 12; Laddie R. Becvar- Mar. 29; Laddie L. Horacek- Apr. 5; Karen Stekly- Apr. 30; Joan Rothschadl- Apr. 30; Becky R. Soukup- May 30; Donnley Dvoracek- Jul. 4; John Barrett- Jul. 15; Bill Bares- Jul. 26; Sharlene Bambas- Aug. 3; Brooklin Zimmerman-Aug. 4

**Vermillion, St. Agnes**

Albert J. Erlich- Dec. 27; Kevin GoBell- Dec. 29; Walter Thomas- Jan. 11; Pat Wingen- Feb. 16; Ione Vogel- Mar. 26; Leonard Bottolfson- Sept. 3

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

No deaths reported.

**Wagner, St. John the Baptist**

Richard D. Kafka- Sept 24; Edward C. Staudenmier- Oct. 26; Monica R. Soukup- Nov. 14; Charles Kocer- Jan. 21; Thomas J. Beeson- Mar. 22; Dale J. McAdaragh- Mar. 24; Wayne W. Wunder- Mar. 25; Barbara J. Slaba- Apr. 21; Helen L. Koupal- May 31; Ralph J. Ishmael- Jun. 3; Wayne S. Bergin, Sr.- Jul. 5; Larry F. Carda- Jul. 22; Ruth R. Dvorak- Sept. 10; Richard J. Nyman- Sept. 27

**Wakonda, St. Patrick**

Kayleen A. Deacon- Feb. 11; Charles A. Denzin- Apr. 5; Lorraine C. Martz- Apr. 25

**Watertown, Holy Name of Jesus**

Robert M. Fischbach- Oct. 4; Bryon J. Manning- Oct. 19; Michael L. Brownlee- Oct. 26; Judith M. Resel- Nov. 11; Helene M. Redlin- Jan. 11; Joseph J. Roby- Jan. 19; Justine L. Tessier- Jan. 27; Bryan D. Arendsee- Feb. 14; Mary L. Johnson- Apr. 3; Jack E. Steinbauer- May 7; Gwen M. Kliegel- May 8; Lois E. White- May 12; Gerald A. Meland- Jun. 11; Lillian K. Jacobs- Jun. 18; Shirley J. Amendt- Aug. 20; Arthur A. Urevig- Aug. 25; Felix Rost- Aug. 26; Warren K. Spanton- Sept. 6; Dale E. Buetow- Sept. 22; Dennis Dean Schultz- Sept. 30

**Watertown, Immaculate Conception**

Dorothy Vaux- Oct. 3; Robert Fischbach- Oct. 4; Teresa Miller- Oct. 18; Bryon Manning- Oct. 19; Albert Imm- Oct. 22; Geraldine Martell- Nov. 2; Leonard Dolen- Nov. 5; Lillian Rogness- Nov. 8; Gary Stuckey- Dec. 4; Jerry Langenfeld- Jan. 9; Roger Modolo- Jan. 14; Taylor Fox- Jan. 31; Maxine Horning- Feb. 13; LaVerne Strucherz- Feb. 14; Aileen Overlie- Feb. 22; Olja Majusiak- Mar. 5; Lorrie Kranz- Mar. 13; Geraldine O'Hara- Mar. 14; Linus Reilly- Mar. 18; Lyle Norton- Mar. 21; Mary Johnson- Apr. 3; Katherine Jacobson- Apr. 4; Joan Whittle- Apr. 6; Mick Carson- May 5; Ray VanWell- May 7; Thomas Endres- May 8; Tony Fischer- Jun. 2; Logan McElhany- Jun. 14; Marian Cordell- Jun. 17; James Weyh- Jul. 13; Elizabeth Boik- Jul. 21; Dorett Raml- Jul. 23; Teri Stormo- Aug. 14; Rocco Natale- Aug. 16; Lois Heyn- Aug. 23; Jerome Haider- Sept. 3; Colleen Vavruska- Sept. 8; Annette Block- Sept. 15; Eileen Crooks- Sept. 15; Sharon Loiseau- Sept. 19; Patricia Nordquist- Sept. 20; Austin Ingalls- Sept. 21; Shirley Weber- Sept. 24; Jeffrey Christensen- Sept. 25

**Watertown, Mother of God Monastery**

Sr. Evelyn Sehn- Feb. 29; Sr. Caroline Wolf- Sept. 23

**Waubay, Immaculate Conception**

Veronica Gollnick- May 11; Frances Pischke- Feb. 1; Irene Tiggelaar- Feb. 1

**Webster, Christ the King**

Kathleen Reiprich- Dec. 14; Eugene Watters- Dec. 22; Leo Klein- Dec. 23; Frances Schuster- Apr. 19; Delores Hojnacke- Apr. 28; Rosella Kwasniewski- May 31; Marcella Kotzea- Jun. 8; Harlan Herr- Jul. 3; Joseph Block- Jul. 9; Jacalyn Seelhorst- Jul. 19; William Hugget- Aug. 5; Joanne Herr- Sept. 19

**Wessington Springs/Duncan, St. Joseph**

Margaret M. Cleveland-Bostelmann- Feb. 1; Willard Willman- Jan. 11

**Westport, Sacred Heart**

Leonard A. Lahr- Jan. 25

**White, St. Paul**Linda Carlson- Nov. 2; LeRoy Patrick-  
Nov. 10; Irma Poss- Apr. 23**White Lake, St. Peter**Joseph Gillen- Nov. 7; Roger  
Cudmore- Nov. 15; Gertrude  
Schuman- Jan. 27; Robert McCord-  
Apr. 11; Margaret Hettinger- Jul. 4**Woonsocket, St. Wilfrid**Vicki Belle Harris- Oct. 31; Delbert B.  
Pearson- Nov. 13; Robert L. Larson-  
Aug. 8; Myrna L. Knigge- Aug. 19;  
Pamela Kelly- Aug. 26; Lorraine  
Larson- Aug. 27; Lois Knapp- Aug.  
28; Ray Scherschligt- Oct. 1**Yankton, Sacred Heart**Donald Oswald- Oct. 13; Leona  
Kabeiseman- Nov. 3; Cyndi Hunhoff-  
Nov. 15; Lily Pokorney- Nov. 17; Loraine  
McNeely- Nov. 27; Colleen Schild- Nov.  
27; Debra Andera- Dec. 1; Mary Lou  
Kellen- Dec. 6; Paul Burgi- Dec. 22;  
Jonquil Haberer- Jan. 4; Ron Deuschle-  
Jan. 9; Maurice Meredith- Jan. 31;  
Annette Roubideaux- Feb. 3; Mary  
Smith- Feb. 10; Robert Gullikson- Feb.  
17; Lawrence Wubben- Mar. 2; Sandra  
Arens- Mar. 7; Raymond Heinen- Apr.  
18; Jean A. Gullikson- Apr. 25; Margaret  
Healy- Apr. 30; JoAnn Pieper-Smith- May  
8; Virginia Collignon- May 14; Harold  
Fejfar- May 26; Lawrence Pokorny- May  
26; Theresa Arens- Jun. 3; Jerry Pollard-  
Jun. 8; James Marbach- Jun. 9; Alphonse  
Solay- Jun. 26; Laura Merkwon- Jul. 7;  
Rosine Horacek- Jul. 12; Velma Lane-  
Jul. 20; Jerome Hoffman- Jul. 27; Mary  
Philippi- Aug. 9; Rolland Hausmann-  
Aug. 22; Valerie Punt- Aug. 22; Terry  
Jensen- Aug. 23; Margaret Sarringar-  
Aug. 25; Joyce Carda- Sept. 6; Benedict  
Mazourek- Sept. 6; Jerome Locken- Sept.  
11; Della Goeden- Sept. 13; Elizabeth  
Gurney- Sept. 14; Leroy Harty- Sept. 14;  
David Rockne- Sept. 19; Clara Nedved-  
Sept. 24; Lucille Wysuph- Sept. 30**Yankton, Sacred Heart Monastery**Sr. Francine Streff- Nov. 1; Sr. Matthew  
Wehri- Nov. 24; Sr. Margretta Doyle-  
Dec. 2; Sr. Kevin Irwin- Jun. 14**Yankton, St. Benedict**Dennis Hoss- Oct. 2; Francis Schneider-  
Oct. 14; Erwin Kotalik- Oct. 16;  
Donald Simpson- Oct. 30; Wenceslaus  
Cimpl- Nov. 9; JoAnn Weber- Nov.  
26; Cheryl Hovorka- Dec. 19; Larry  
Miller- Dec. 28; Dennis Blaaid- Feb.  
6; Mikayla Waggoner- Mar. 38; James  
Walloch- Apr. 1; Leona Petersen- Jul.  
24; Rolland Hausmann- Aug. 22; Sundra  
Hunhoff- Aug. 22; Gary Honomichl-  
Sept. 16; Richard Neubauer- Sept.  
17; Lucille Wysuph- Sept. 30**Priests/Deacons**

Fr. Paul Pathiyamoola- Jan. 16

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Wingen, Communications Office*

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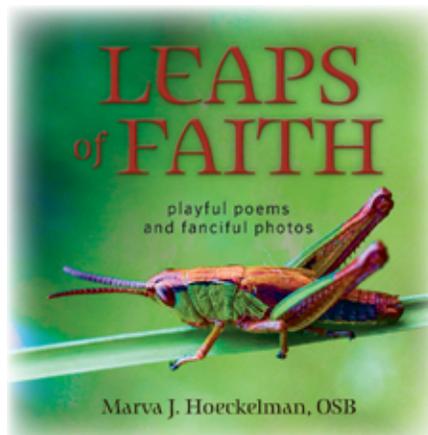


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# Suffering saint found comfort in the Eucharist

By Renae Kranz

**S**uffering is a fact of life. It's a hard fact to explain and endure, but it's a fact we all face. Some of us suffer a little here and there, seeming to skate through life mostly unscathed. Some suffer greatly and suffer often.

I don't know about you, but I don't like to suffer. I imagine no one likes it. And sometimes the best we can do is bear it and desperately swim to the other side. Thankfully we don't swim alone.

One saint suffered greatly throughout her short life and in more than just physical ways. St. Anna Schäffer's story is one of great faith and trust in God's goodness and in the power of the Eucharist.

## Early life

Anna Schäffer was born February 18, 1882, in Mindelstetten in Bavaria (Germany). Her family, already poor, found themselves in dire poverty after her father died at age 40. Even though she got good grades, Anna dropped out of school at 14 and worked as a maid to help her family.



Anna Schäffer with her mother

They still struggled to make ends meet. Anna hoped to enter a religious order, but her family's situation made that impossible for the time being.

At age 16, Anna had a disturbing vision. Jesus came to her in this vision and told

her she would experience great suffering in her life. She was so upset by it that she left the place she worked and couldn't be convinced to go back.

Certainly she was terrified and probably confused as to why she should suffer. She and her family were already suffering due to their poverty. Why more?

If there is anything I've learned in my life so far, it's that we can't understand why some suffer more than others. I feel fortunate to have been relatively healthy and comfortable. Most of the suffering I've endured cannot be seen outwardly. I think that is probably the case with most people. We just don't know what other people are going through, do we?

## Shattered dreams

For Anna, one fateful day would change every bit of her life. On February 4, 1901, she had a terrible accident while working at her job. She and another employee were washing linens which was done with boiling water in a large kettle. When the stove pipe came loose, Anna climbed up and stood on the edge of the kettle to

reattach the stove pipe. She slipped and fell into the boiling water, scalding her legs to the knees.

She was taken to the hospital, but there was little hope of helping her. Everything the doctors tried only seemed to make things worse. They weren't even certain she would survive

her injuries. After three months, more than 30 operations and many failed skin grafts, Anna's doctors released her to the care of her mother. She was bedridden and in great pain.

At this point in Anna's life, things were

looking pretty bleak. Her dream of becoming a religious sister was gone. She was in constant pain and would be confined to her bed for the remainder of her life.

When I imagine myself in the position Anna was in, the picture doesn't look very good. The devastation and despair would be crushing. Anna struggled with her fate for about two years, fighting depression and likely feeling angry about what had happened.

I think if she would have lived during our time, she might have lost herself in television or online and shut herself off from the world. I could see myself doing that. Just giving up.

## Longing for the Lord

Thankfully, Anna eventually found her strength in the Eucharist and in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She often couldn't sleep, which led her into deep prayer in adoration of Christ and in devotion to Mary. An abbot brought her the Eucharist daily. It sustained her in her suffering, and she wrote a moving description of how it fed her:

"I cannot write by pen how happy I am every time after Holy Communion. Ah, I forget my earthly suffering and the longing of my poor soul draws me every moment to adore my God and Savior hidden in the Blessed Sacrament!"

The gift of the Eucharist sustained Anna and can sustain us in our struggles in life. We shouldn't underestimate the power of the Lord's body and blood to lift us up and strengthen us for our journey, whatever the journey is.

Now that Anna had accepted and abandoned herself to her suffering, she focused her energy on three things she felt were her keys to entering heaven: her suffering, her writing and her ability to knit clothes for her friends. Many people came to visit her for comforting words and to ask for her prayers, which she always gave. She became well known for her patience and kindness, especially in the face of her situation.

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St. Anna Schäffer, though bedridden, prayed constantly for others.

## Suffering patiently

In October of 1910, Anna had another vision of Jesus. In this vision, he told her she would feel the pains of his passion in atonement for his Holy Sacrament. When she took Communion that day, she was touched by five rays of fire on her hands, feet and heart. The stigmata lasted the remainder of her life causing her pain in

those areas, especially on Thursdays and Fridays, Sundays and feast days.

Anna wanted nothing more than to emulate the suffering of her Lord, accepting it patiently and without rebellion. She united her suffering to His rather than fighting against it. This unification made her prayers for others all the more powerful.

This is a difficult thing for even the best of us to do. We have all heard that the best way to handle suffering is to offer it to God as atonement for our sins and the sins of the world. We are to use it to be fruitful for the greater good.

That's a difficult ask. Anna surely prayed constantly for the strength and grace to bear it. We must as well.

When faced with suffering, the best we can do is pray for God's graces and ask him to help us offer it up. Anna couldn't do it alone and neither can we. Even if your suffering is all internal, it's a burden that is crying out for the Lord's help. Don't turn away from him in despair. Give it to him. Let him carry you.

## Fruits of suffering

In 1925, Anna learned she had colon cancer which turned into paralysis of her spine. She died October 5 of that year only minutes after receiving the Eucharist. Since a few years after her death, over 15,000 miracles have been attributed to her intercession.

St. Anna Schäffer was beatified March 7, 1999, by Pope John Paul II and canonized October 21, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI. Her feast day is October 5. Pope John Paul II had moving words about her during her beatification:

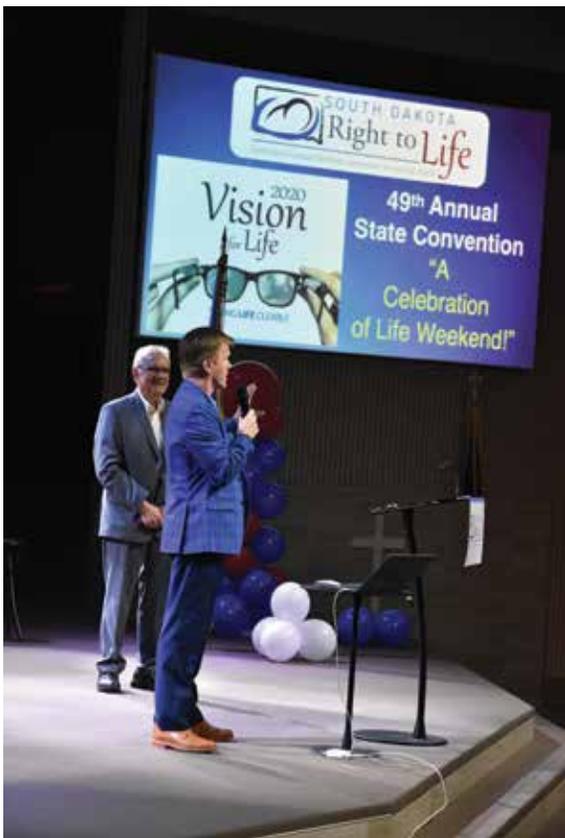
"If we look to Blessed Anna Schäffer, we read in her life a living commentary on what Saint Paul wrote to the Romans: 'Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' (Rom. 5:5). She most certainly was not spared the struggle to abandon herself to the will of God. But she was given to grow in the correct understanding that weakness and suffering are the pages on which God writes His Gospel... Her sickbed became the cradle of an apostolate that extended to the whole world."

St. Anna Schäffer, pray for us in our sufferings.

# October: Respect Life Month and rosary month



During October, we celebrate both Respect Life Month and the month of the rosary with activities across the diocese. **Photo above:** Youth from All Saints Parish, Mellette, led the annual Rosary Walk October 7 on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Parishioners and friends joined them in prayer as they walked around the town of Mellette. (photo courtesy of David and Laura Melius) **Photo left:** The Life Chain in Sioux Falls bears witness to the thousands of lives lost to abortion every year. Around 700 participants joined in prayer along 41st Street from Kiwanis Ave. to Sertoma Ave. (photo submitted by Donna Cannon)



**Photo above:** St. Thomas More, Brookings, parishioners, along with Father Terry Anderson, participated in the Rosary Rally held on the 103rd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. Father Terry has a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother and has always been an encourager of the rosary in the parish. The intention of the rally was to beg God and Our Lady to save America from today's chaos, immorality and social upheaval. (photo submitted by Sally Gramm) **Photo left:** Dale Bartscher, executive director of South Dakota Right to Life, and Shane Oien, Sioux Falls Area Right to Life president, addressed the 49th Annual State Convention held in Sioux Falls on October 2–3. The theme was "A Celebration of Life Weekend!" (photo submitted by Donna Cannon)

# Bishop's Hunt sees numbers flying high



The 25th Bishop's Charity Hunt, sponsored by the Catholic Community Foundation of Eastern South Dakota, hosted 85 hunters this year to get outside and enjoy the South Dakota tradition of pheasant hunting. Twenty-two priests also attended some portion of the event over its two days at Horseshoe K Ranch in Kimball. An estimated \$52,000 was raised to benefit Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in the diocese. Bishop DeGrood was on hand and enjoyed visiting with the participants. (photos by the Catholic Community Foundation)

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**Men's Silent Retreats**

**2020**  
November 19-22  
**2021**  
February 18-21  
April 15-18  
August 19-22  
September 23-26  
October 21-24  
November 18-21

**Women's Silent Retreats**

**2020**  
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**2021**  
February 4-7  
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**DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

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**November 17**

**November - A Month of Saints**  
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**December 15**

**St. Joseph, Our Spiritual Father**  
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**November 13-15**

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**ABERDEEN** – Larry and Jan Diegel will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 10. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**ALEXANDRIA** – David and Sandra Kayser celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 11. They have 7 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary of Mercy Parish.



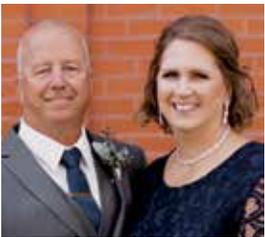
**DANTE** – Dan and Arlis Kafka will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Nov. 7. They have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of Assumption Parish.



**DELL RAPIDS** – Clarence and Colleen Welbig celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 17. They have 8 children, 23 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**FAULKTON** – Deacon Arvid and Jennie Holsing will celebrate their 70th anniversary on November 8. They have 6 children, 21 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



**FLORENCE** – Tom and Sherri Sumner celebrated their 30th anniversary on August 11. They have 3 children (1 deceased) and are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish.



**HARRISBURG** – Duane and Joleen Bos will celebrate their 35th anniversary on November 8. They have 1 child and are members of St. John Paul II Parish.



**HARTFORD** – Kelly and Paula Meehan celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 13. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



**HOVEN** – Don and Rosalie Hageman celebrated their 69th anniversary on August 28. They have 12 children, 30 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Anthony Parish.



**HURON** – Jim and Jan Rounds celebrated their 70th anniversary on October 14. They have 13 children, 35 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



**MADISON** – Paul and Barbara Hoff will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 25. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



**MADISON** – Donald and Donna Neises will celebrate their 65th anniversary on November 24. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 23 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



**MADISON** – Chuck and Phyllis Robbins will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 26. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



**MELLETTTE** – Joel and Diane Bindenagel celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 7. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of All Saints Parish.



**REDFIELD** – John and Gloria Roos celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 20. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



**REDFIELD** – Gordon and Betty Geuke celebrated their 70th anniversary on October 10. They have 8 children (1 deceased), 31 grandchildren (3 deceased), 57 great-grandchildren (2 deceased) and 7 great-great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



**REDFIELD** – Jerry and Ardis Hardie will celebrate their 61st anniversary on November 7. They have 7 children, 34 grandchildren (2 deceased), 24 great-grandchildren (1 deceased) and 2 great-great-grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



**ROSCOE** – Paul and Florence Malsam will celebrate their 68th anniversary on November 5. They have 10 children (1 deceased), 28 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Jim and Betty Kelley will celebrate their 45th anniversary on November 8. They have 2 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Mike and Sheri Olawsky will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 25. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dave and Ruth Vickers will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 27. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Marie Craig will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 27. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Clare and George Johnson celebrated their 71st anniversary on October 12. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 13 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bill and Barb Hoffman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 28. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – John and Cathie Ellis will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 28. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dale and Deb Souhrada celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 11. They are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Gary and Grace Thimsen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 28. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Don and Micki Laddusaw will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 26. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Todd and Patty Petersen will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 29. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



WATERTOWN – Bruce and Marne Hult will celebrate their 30th anniversary on November 3. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 1 grandchild and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

## ANNIVERSARY SUBMISSIONS

Send a color photo, your anniversary news and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by **November 13** for inclusion in the December 2020 edition to:

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523 North Duluth Avenue  
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or e-mail to: [rkranz@sfcatholic.org](mailto:rkranz@sfcatholic.org).



WESTPORT – Eugene and Harriet Pence celebrated their 66th anniversary on October 20. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 1 grandchild and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



WHITE LAKE – Vince and Marge Johnson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 28. They have 5 children, 15 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



YANKTON – Tom and Verna Thon celebrated their 55th anniversary on October 2. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

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# Benedictine Sister Caroline Wolf dies at 90

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Caroline Elizabeth Wolf was born on February 1, 1930, in Hillsview, South Dakota. She was one of eight children of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Gabriel) Wolf. She grew up on the family farm in Hillsview and attended the public school for the first six grades. Her family then moved to Aberdeen where she attended St. Mary Catholic School for grades seven and eight. It was there she first came in contact with the Benedictine Sisters.

At the age of 14, Caroline entered Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton on August 20, 1944. Upon entering the novitiate, she received the name Sister Mary Lawrence. She made her profession of vows on June 24, 1948. When the opportunity arose, she



Sister Caroline Wolf

went back to her baptismal name. In 1961, she became a founding member of Mother of God Monastery.

Sister Caroline attended Mount Marty College in Yankton, receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her teaching career began in Pueblo, Colorado, in 1948. She also taught in Fort Yates and Glen Ullin, North Dakota, and in Yankton, Pierre, Aberdeen, Lower Brule, and St. Francis Mission. In 1974 she started a daycare center at Harmony Hill Education Center, which she managed until 1979. Sister Caroline engaged in parish ministry in Oldham and Polo, as well as Fulda and Lake Benton, Minnesota. She returned to the monastery in 1988 where she served as administrative secretary at Harmony Hill Education Center and later as administrative assistant to the prioress at the monastery.

Sister Caroline is survived by her sisters of Mother of God Monastery and her nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents and seven siblings.

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# Dr. Ray Guarendi to headline RPR banquets

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In our diocese this year, two banquets will be held: Tuesday, December 1 in Sioux Falls (Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel) and Thursday, December 3 in Aberdeen (Dakota Event Center).

Popular Catholic speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi will be the keynote speaker for both events. He's a Catholic father of 10 adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In," can be heard Monday through Friday on RPR. Dr. Ray has a wide



variety of experience working with parents, families, educators, substance abuse programs, in-patient psychiatric centers, juvenile courts, and private practice. He has witnessed the common time-tested factors that consistently contribute to success in marriages and families.

Dr. Ray captivates audiences with his humor-laced presentations filled with practical advice and proven techniques

for successful marriages and families. In addition to the parenting and family genre, Dr. Ray, an adult "revert," speaks on many topics concerning the Catholic faith and apologetics.

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For more information on these two events, visit [yourcatholicradiostation.com/banquet](http://yourcatholicradiostation.com/banquet) or call 877-795-0122 or email [jessica@realpresencerradio.com](mailto:jessica@realpresencerradio.com).



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**Recitation of the rosary planned**

**Friday, Nov. 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.

**Pray at Planned Parenthood with Jericho's Wall group**

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

**Orientation for ministry to the poor**

**Saturday, Nov. 7** - The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is offering an orientation for anyone interested in learning about SVdP ministry to the poor in Sioux Falls. Orientation is from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Mary Parish Hall, 2109 S. 5th Avenue (northeast entrance). Register at [brendaw@svdpsd.org](mailto:brendaw@svdpsd.org). More info at 605-332-1493 or [dcnhenryknapp@sfcatholic.org](mailto:dcnhenryknapp@sfcatholic.org).

**Inmate Prison Christmas Sacks**

Due to coronavirus precautions, the Department of Corrections has requested there be no homemade fudge in the Inmate Christmas Package this year. A decision has been made to continue with a Christmas Sack for the inmates with prepackaged items. For many inmates this is the only Christmas gift they will receive. The prison chaplains have set a goal to raise \$5,000 by Friday, November 13 to give time to order and receive the items to be given out on Christmas Eve. Christmas is a very difficult and lonely time for inmates, and this small gesture can lift their spirits. Please join the prison chaplains in this beautiful act of charity and Corporal Work of Mercy, "visit the imprisoned." Donations can be sent to St. Dymas of South Dakota, Christmas Sacks, 1300 East 10th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Please write Christmas Sacks in the memo line. For more information please email: [prisonministry@sfcatholic.org](mailto:prisonministry@sfcatholic.org) or visit the prison ministry link on the diocese website [www.sfcatholic.org/prison-ministry](http://www.sfcatholic.org/prison-ministry).

**Christmas on the Prairie cancelled**

The Christmas on the Prairie concert at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Hoven has been cancelled for 2020. Any donations to the parish are appreciated and we hope to see you in December 2021.

**Mass for loss of an infant**

**Saturday, Nov. 14** - St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls invites those who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss (whether recently or years ago) to Mass at 10 a.m. You are not alone in your loss. This will be a time to honor the life of your child. The Church provides a special blessing for parents who have experienced a loss. After Mass there will be a gathering for refreshments and conversation.

**Confraternity of the Holy Rosary seeks new members**

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**Children's Holiday Grief Program/**

Catholic Family Services will be holding a one day Holiday Grief Program for children ages 6-12 who have lost a loved one through a death. This will be held November 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls (older children ages 13-16 who have lost a loved one can come and be a junior helper). There will be time for games, activities, discussion, a scavenger hunt and pizza. Pre-registration is required as numbers will be limited. Call Catholic Family Services at 988-3775 for more information.

**Holiday Grief Program/ Catholic Family**

Services will be offering a one night Holiday Grief Program on Tuesday, December 1 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. This program is for adults who have lost loved ones and are grieving during the holiday season. The program will offer positive suggestions to help people with the adjustments that can be made during the holiday season. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. Cost is a donation.

**Parish Dinners/Socials**

**Nov. 7:** St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls, will be hosting a Bazaar, Craft Fair and Bake Sale Sunday from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Concessions and bake sale will be raising money to help youth of the parish fund mission experiences. Lots of vendors and crafts.

**Sacred Heart Monastery**

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**November 6/** Online Lectio Divina Fridays, November 6, 13 and 20, from 10-10:45 a.m. Lectio Divina is a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader S. Penny Bingham OSB at [pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org) / 605-668-6023, sending her your email address.

**December 5/** Advent Morning of Reflection: The Winter of the Spirit/ In these days of COVID-19 darkness, how can the hope of Advent speak to us? This retreat will be presented on Zoom by Peace Center staff with opportunities for questions and sharing. Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. For information on pre-registration and appropriate donation, go to <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/advent-retreat/>.



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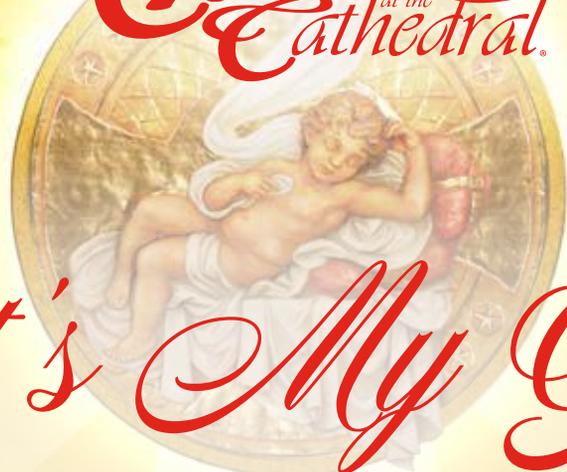
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