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In each of the parishes in which I was pastor, I found it really helpful to get insights from the faithful so I could listen to their hearts and experiences and then pray and discern how to best lead the flock to holiness and heaven. We will be doing something similar as a diocese over the next year in response to an invitation to every diocese from Pope Francis to help prepare for the next synod (a meeting of a group of bishops with the pope) in 2023. While I don't know the outcome of the pope's worldwide synod process, I do hope our diocesan process will help me serve you on our way to holiness.

Most importantly, we must pray that we follow the movements of the Holy Spirit in our authentic sharings, so it is the Holy Spirit who speaks through us rather than ourselves. This matters because the Church is God's Church, and his revealed plan of salvation has already been so clearly provided for us. If everyone truly lets the Holy Spirit lead us, we will all be united more deeply into the loving plan of God.

Here is a summary of the pope's synod process adapted to our diocese:

1. Every diocese in the world is invited by our Holy Father to conduct a broad conversation around this proposal:
 - a. **The Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together."**
 - b. **How is this "journeying together" happening today in our diocese?**
 - c. **What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in journeying together.**
2. The pope's desire is to engage as many people as possible, inviting them to reflect on this important question together as beloved children of our heavenly Father.
3. I see the providence of God in this request from Pope Francis to help us focus as a diocese to build a culture of *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love*. To do so, we need to grow in the habit of having intentional and prayerful conversations **as families, parishes, schools, Catholic organizations and communities** that focus on:
 - a. Opportunities and helps to grow in our **personal relationship with God.**
 - b. How we can benefit more from our amazing **Catholic heritage** through Scripture, regular and fruitful celebration of the sacraments, the witness and wisdom of the saints, and the teaching of Christ through the Church.
 - c. Recognizing the **gifts** God has give to us individually and as a community.
 - d. The ways we can **serve** people in the Church and beyond the Church **with these gifts** to help each one take another step **closer to Christ and his Church by encountering God's love more deeply, frequently and fruitfully.**

We have all experienced various levels of isolation because of the COVID pandemic. **But the Church in her essence is a family**—the spiritual family of God, and we are brothers and sisters in Christ, beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. Pope Francis is asking us to reflect together on how we can live the reality of being a **parish and diocesan family more deeply, more truly, more beautifully and more fruitfully**

4. The **basic task** of our diocesan participation in the worldwide synod is simply to gather together in our local communities with as many people as possible and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with his love and give us wisdom, understanding and right judgment. As we go through the process, we will prayerfully reflect and visit with one another about how best to grow together as a spiritual family, the family of God in our homes, our parishes, our communities and as a diocese.

You will be hearing a lot more on the synod in the coming months. During Advent, we will be letting you know more details of how you and your family and friends can participate in this process. Today I simply ask you to join me in prayer for the blessings and inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we begin preparations for our diocese's contribution to the worldwide synod.

November

- 2 6:30 Real Presence Radio Banquet,
Best Western Ramkota Hotel,
Sioux Falls
- 3 4:00 Reception with Archbishop
Robert Carlson, Carlson
Lodge, Broom Tree Retreat
Center, Irene
- 4 Catholic Community
Foundation for Eastern South
Dakota (CCFESD) fall board
meeting, Cathedral of Saint
Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3:00 Mass and reception with
CCFESD and St. Joseph
Legacy Society, Cathedral of
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 6 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of
Saint Joseph, broadcast on
Keloland TV or live stream
via sfccatholic.org
- 7 11:00 Rite of Admission to
Candidacy for Permanent
Diaconate, Cathedral of
Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 11 11:00 Presbyteral Council, Catholic
Pastoral Center
- 13-19 USCCB Fall Conference,
Baltimore
- 20 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of
Saint Joseph, broadcast on
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via sfccatholic.org

December

- 2 Seminary visit
- 4 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of
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Since publication of the October Bishop's Bulletin:

Deruz Nicholas, after voluntarily seeking a dispensation from the duties of ordination, was returned to the lay state by decree of the Holy See's Congregation for Clergy. By that same decree, Deruz was released from all obligations of Holy Orders, including that of celibacy.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor

Prayer for the Worldwide Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

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Blessed Pier Giorgio: the man of the beatitudes

By Renae Kranz

Of the many holy people on the path to sainthood, few are as easy to relate to as Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Whether it was his good looks or his love of sports or his fun-loving spirit, both young and old can find connection points to him. But for Pier Giorgio, all his connection points were with Jesus, and he used them to serve the least of those in his midst—the poor, the sick, the forgotten.

Pope Saint John Paul II called him “the man of the eight beatitudes” at his Beatification Mass for good reason. Pier Giorgio fused his faith and his daily life so seamlessly that it was easy for him to use his love of sports, art and politics to bring others to the Lord, all while helping an untold number of people whom society ignored find hope and comfort.

Early years

Pier Giorgio Frassati was born April 6, 1901, in Turin, Italy, to Alfredo and Adelaide (Ametis) Frassati. His father was the founder of an influential newspaper in Italy, “La Stampa,” and he held office in the Italian Senate and was ambassador to Germany. His mother was a painter. He had a sister, Luciana Gawronska, with whom he was very close.

Neither of his parents was religious, but even at an early age, Pier Giorgio was drawn to Catholicism. He joined Catholic groups early on and got permission to receive the Eucharist daily, which at the time was rarely done. His strong devotion to the Eucharist drew him to spend many hours in adoration of our Lord.

Pier Giorgio went to a Jesuit school and later became a professed member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic in 1922. He had his own devotion to several saints, including Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena and Paul the Apostle.

His desire for holiness spilled over into his extracurricular activities. He was an avid mountaineer and loved to hike, ski and ride horses with friends. He also loved practical jokes, all played in good taste and humor. While doing these lighthearted and active things, he often shared his spiritual life with his friends, spreading joy to them through the ordinary moments of life.

Care for the poor

Beyond the good looks and vitality of Pier Giorgio was a boy, and later a man, with deep concern for the poor and forgotten. His sister Luciana said of him, “Catholic social teaching could never remain simply a theory with [Pier Giorgio].” He devoted much of his time and money to feed and care for the people of Turin and joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society to work closely with others to make a difference.

When he graduated from university with a degree in engineering (which he did to be able “to serve Christ better among the miners”), his father offered him either a car or a sizable amount of money. Pier Giorgio chose the money so he could give it to the poor instead of use it himself.

He also understood that World War I and the politics of the time were impacting his country and its people, increasing the human suffering he saw around him. He hated fascism and actively worked against it, participating in protests and working for equality for the Italian people.

Much of Pier Giorgio’s service to the poor was hidden from the world. His family’s wealth and influence were of no concern to him. He freely gave everything he had, living a simple life, praying fervently and making the most of time spent with friends.

Man of the beatitudes

Understanding Pier Giorgio’s life and actions can help us make the connection between him and the beatitudes, and ultimately help us understand how we can imitate him in our own lives. Let’s take them one by one. (Be sure to read this month’s feature story on the next pages for helpful explanations of each beatitude.)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Pier Giorgio was not attached to wealth. In fact, he would often give away even his bus fare to the poor and run home instead. He never hesitated to give to others whatever they needed.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Pier Giorgio’s life was oriented to do the will of God. His hours in adoration and selfless love of the poor are witnesses to that reality.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. This beatitude is about detachment from power. From everything we know about Pier Giorgio, his life revolved around helping others rather than becoming known for his own accomplishments. Power never seemed to be a priority for him.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Pier Giorgio only wanted to be honored by God. He didn’t care about honor or praise from the world. In fact, his family often misunderstood his desire to help the needy. And although he was well liked by many, approval was not

something he strove for or clung to.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. This beatitude is all about receptivity to God and the desire to do the right thing. The many hours Pier Giorgio spent in adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist helped dispose him for receptivity to God’s will. His actions outside of adoration show a clear desire to do what was right for those around him.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Pier Giorgio heaped mercy and compassion on the forgotten of Turin. Because he had opened his heart to God, God gave him the grace of strength to persevere in the work he was meant to do.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. This is all about the desire for God’s will to be done in us. Pier Giorgio felt this so intensely that he ended up dying in the service of the sick, knowing all along the dangers of what God’s will meant for his life.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. This is about living a life of truth and joy. Pier Giorgio lived a joyful life that brought peace to himself and everyone helped by his generosity and care.

Giving everything

Pier Giorgio gave everything he had to others, even his own life. He contracted polio in June of 1925, possibly from the

sick he was ministering to in the slums. His grandmother was dying at the same time, so he turned the attention away from himself, suffering quietly. By the time others realized how serious his condition was, it was too late.

The night before he died, his chief concern was still for the needy he served throughout his life. He got a message to a friend to make sure a poor man he had been helping would get the injections he had secured for him.

Pier Giorgio Frassati died on July 4, 1925. News reached the neighborhoods and city of Turin, and thousands of people gathered outside the family home on the day of his funeral Mass to pay homage to the man who had helped so many.

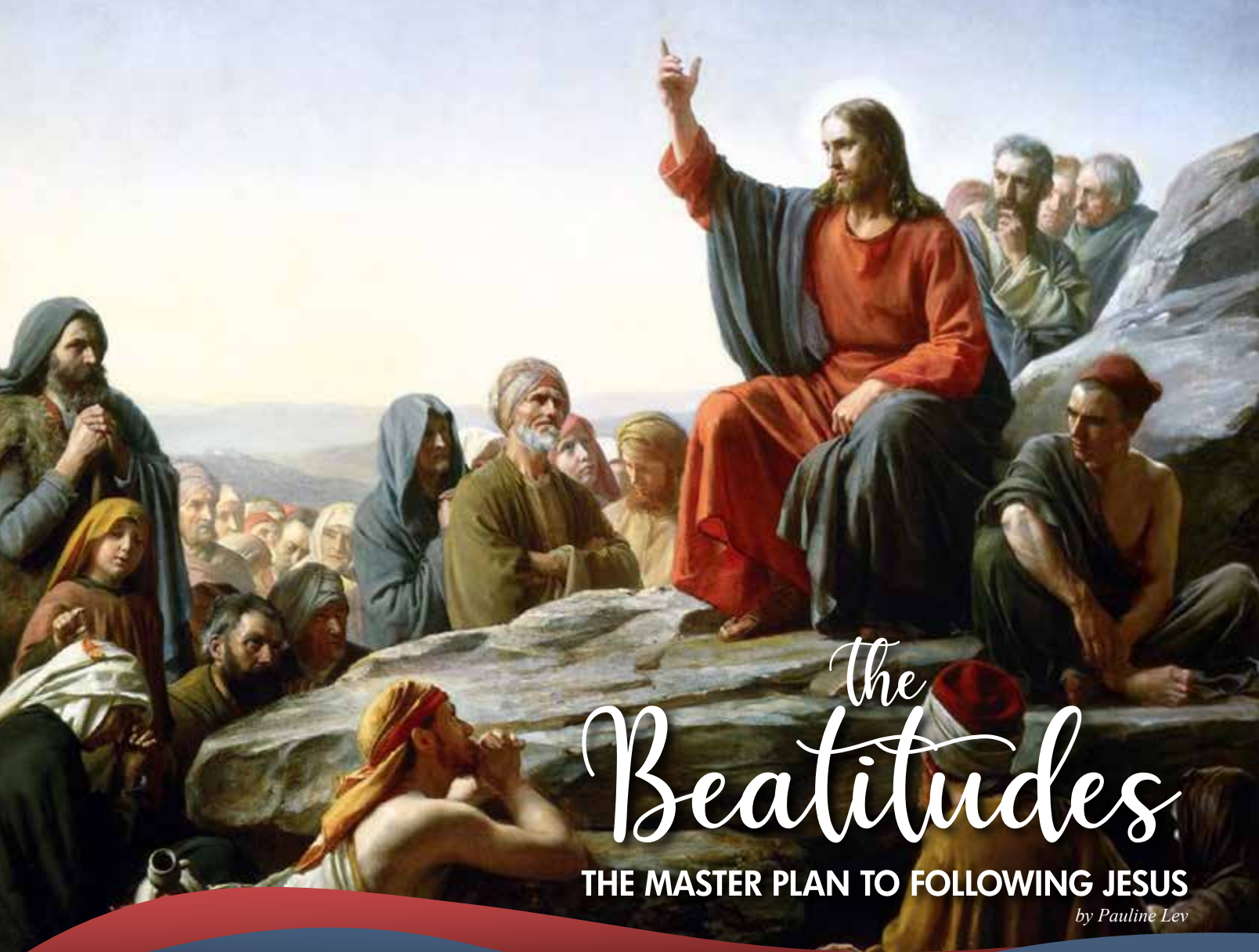
This man, who was declared blessed on May 20, 1990, was a bright light in an often dark and cynical world. He drew his strength from Christ, from prayer, and from devotion to the will of God to be done through him.

During his Beatification Mass, Pope Saint John Paul II said of Pier Giorgio:

“By his example he proclaims that a life lived in Christ’s Spirit, the Spirit of the Beatitudes, is ‘blessed,’ and that only the person who becomes a ‘man or woman of the Beatitudes’ can succeed in communicating love and peace to others.”

May we strive to live the daring and joyful life of the beatitudes.





The Beatitudes

THE MASTER PLAN TO FOLLOWING JESUS

by Pauline Lev

Are you living a happy, fulfilled life?

The world tells us what it thinks will make us happy. St. Thomas Aquinas grouped worldly pursuits into four categories: wealth, pleasure, power and honor. These four things are pillars of our society and are what you could call a part of the imaginative vision of our culture.

An imaginative vision, according to the book “From Christendom to Apostolic Mission,” is “a set of assumptions and a way of looking at things that is largely taken for granted rather than argued for.” Our culture’s imaginative vision looks through these lenses of wealth, pleasure, power and honor. They are the end goal of human activity in the pursuit of happiness. The problem is, they don’t actually make us happy.

Father John Short, pastor at St. Bernard in Redfield and All Saints in Mellette, says, “We can see many examples of wealth, pleasure, power and honor in the culture today, and yet too often people who pursue these worldly desires experience emptiness.”

Most of us would admit to knowing this feeling of emptiness.

It’s like an ache or unfulfilled desire that no matter what we do we can’t get rid of for long. This ache is a sign pointing us to our need for God, and only when we follow his imaginative vision can we begin to experience meaning and happiness in our life.

God’s imaginative vision: the beatitudes

God’s imaginative vision, the true imaginative vision that will bring joy and peace, is much different than the one the world proclaims. “Our complete joy is to be found in the life of Jesus even if our own humanity, sinfulness and the world around us is saying joy and fulfillment is found in serving self,” says Father Short.

God’s imaginative vision for us begins in Genesis 1:1. It is slowly revealed throughout the Old Testament. In the New Testament, when the Word becomes flesh, God reveals his imaginative vision even further through his Son, Jesus.

One of the most notable public sermons Jesus gave in his ministry was the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus gives us the beatitudes. Father Short considers the beatitudes to be like Jesus' syllabus, laying out the master plan of his imaginative vision for the Christian life.

"Jesus, the master teacher, is telling everyone from the beginning what it means to follow him," says Father Short.

God's imaginative vision takes our world's twisted view of wealth, pleasure, power and honor and rightly orders them so that even the person who has these things can be happy if they are following God's plan for their life.

Bishop Robert Barron has spoken and written on the beatitudes, and he separates the eight of them into "negative" and "positive" beatitudes. He calls some negative because they seem counterintuitive to us—they are the opposite of what the world tells us will make us happy.

"We have the very Son of God . . . teaching us how to be happy in the midst of a world that is dramatically fallen," says Bishop Barron. "A world that is marked by a fallen mind and a fallen will. And that is why so much of [the beatitudes] seem counterintuitive."

The negative beatitudes

The first of the negative beatitudes, as Bishop Barron calls them, is "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

We are used to thinking of physical wealth as our own—we worked for this and we deserve it and it is ours. Jesus is not telling us we need to be poor to inherit the kingdom of heaven, but he is reminding us that our wealth is a gift and it is his. Bishop Barron says it could be helpful to think of it as Jesus saying: "How blessed are you if you are not attached to material things. If you have not placed the goods that wealth can buy at the center of your concern."

In addition, Jesus' hope for us is to be poor in spirit. He does not want us to be consumed with our own plans, even if we think they are his. We need to have the poverty of spirit to be open to his will for us.

"When the kingdom of God is your ultimate concern, not only will you not become addicted to material things, you will in fact be able to use them with great effectiveness for God's purposes," Bishop Barron says. "You will be happy in the measure that you have given your life over to the will of God."

The second negative beatitude is "blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Which one of us is attracted to mourning? Who desires to be sorrowful? The imaginative vision of our culture tells us to do what will make us happy, do what is pleasurable and will bring good feelings. At the same time, Jesus isn't telling us to be sad and morose.

Bishop Barron explains that if we think about this in a deeper way, we could say "how blessed you are if you're not addicted to good feelings." Of course, good feelings are not bad in and of themselves, but when we try to order our lives to protect our feelings or try to reject all negative feelings, it does not end up making us happy.

"What I have to love is the will of God and not my own good feelings," Bishop Barron says. We need to "be willing to set aside good feelings for the will of God. Emotional happiness is not the ultimate good."

This beatitude is not puritanistic, instead "it has to do with detachment, and therefore

spiritual freedom,” Bishop Barron says. This detachment allows us to await the voice of God, which we will then be able to freely say “yes” to.

The third negative beatitude is “blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

The imaginative vision of our culture tells us that power is everything. Fierce individualism is praised and exemplified. Jesus gives us a much different vision.

Meekness means to be lowly; it means to be without power. It means to have no control. Bishop Barron says it does not mean power is bad and anyone in power is bad. Rather, Jesus is telling us to be detached from power and not to pursue power as an end.

“How lucky you are if you’re not addicted to power,” Bishop Barron says. “When you’re detached from worldly power you can follow the will of God even if it means walking the path of extreme powerlessness. Meek, unaddicted to worldly power, you can become a conduit of true divine power to the world.”

The last of the negative beatitudes is “blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and

persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

This beatitude correlates to our desire of being honored. We all want to be well-liked, and it is a part of our culture’s imaginative vision to desire honor and praise. Jesus is telling us we should not be addicted to this honor, and it should not dictate how we live.

“How lucky you are if you’re not addicted to what other people think of you,” Bishop Barron says. “Don’t be addicted to the honors of the world. Who do I want to honor me? Who are the people in our society today who are being honored? Does the world honor the right people? Seek to be honored by God; don’t worry about the honor of the world.”

The positive beatitudes

The other four beatitudes are referred to by Bishop Barron as “positive,” since they make more sense culturally, at least on a surface level. If we think deeply about them, we can see how easily they are misunderstood and misinterpreted in our culture as well.

The first is, “blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.”

Jesus is saying, “blessed are you if you thirst for doing the right thing, which means seeking the will of God,” Bishop Barron says. “What am I seeking today? If you can say ‘I’m seeking to do the right thing,’ that means you’re hungering and thirsting for righteousness. It means your desire is rightly ordered.”

How often in our daily lives is our desire first for God’s will to be done? Do we wake up thirsting for his will to be done or for our own? Too often we have our own agenda to follow, and instead of putting him first we leave him with the leftovers of our time and talents.

Choosing to follow Jesus first means spending time pondering his word and listening for his voice in the silence of our hearts. By starting from this posture of receptivity to his will, it may not change what we do every day but rather how we do it. Thirsting for righteousness in this way will lead us to peace and joy in our daily life.

The second positive beatitude is “blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

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MATTHEW 5:3-11



Father John Short, pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Redfield, and All Saints Parish, Mellette

We serve a merciful God, and he tells us that the more we become like him, the more joyful and filled with life we will be. “[Mercy] is what God is. How happy you are if you become a bearer and vehicle of divine mercy,” says Bishop Barron.

Father Short has witnessed God’s merciful love through his pastoral ministry.

“Over the years I have seen beautiful souls who give great witness in their lives by patient understanding of

others or praying for others when there seems to be no human reason to pray for that other person,” he says.

Living with this kind of compassion and mercy leaves a heart open to God’s strength, understanding we are not in control and that God’s merciful heart calls all to himself. It is a way of entrusting other people we love to the arms of God and remembering he loves them and desires them to be close to him even more than we do.

The third positive beatitude is “blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”

“Purity of heart is to will one thing,” says Søren Kierkegaard, 19th century Danish philosopher. The one thing our heart should desire is God’s will to be done in us.

“I can desire a lot of things,” says Bishop Barron, “but with my heart, that’s got to be the place where there’s one thing. And it’s doing the will of God.”

To desire this one thing—God’s will—above all else, we need to be constantly aware of his presence in our lives. Being aware of his presence and his care for us will help us to see his movements, and this in turn will keep us reflecting on his love and constancy. What joy will be born in our hearts to be reminded often of him being with us!

The fourth and last beatitude is “blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

This does not mean we always make everyone happy but that we live the truth with a joy and peace that is attractive, rather than imposing. “This [peacemaking] is a consequence,” Bishop Barron says, “of everything else. You will be a peacemaker. You will radiate peace around you.”

This peace is a result of following Jesus. When we listen to his voice and follow his will, relying on his grace, our lives will overflow with peace. When we place our lives in his hands we have nothing to fear; and so we can choose to be at peace in any situation or circumstance without anxiety.

True happiness

Bishop Barron says “the Greek term [for beatitude] in Matthew’s Gospel is makarios, which is probably best rendered with the simple word ‘happy.’”

This is God’s imaginative vision for the kingdom of God and for us, his people. It is a plan of goodness that will lead us to true happiness. Though our world tells us happiness is only possible through wealth, pleasure, power and honor or maybe not even possible at all, God’s plan for us leads to fulfillment.

We can see a beautiful witness of this path to happiness in the life of Mary, who more than any other human being lived with God’s vision always in mind. Mary’s life exemplified each of these beatitudes. Mary was meek and clean of heart, not expecting to be chosen as the mother of God, and in this very act prepared her soul and body to humbly receive God incarnate. She embraced her physical and spiritual poverty, accepting whatever she was given with gratitude, even the birth of Jesus in a stable. And how deeply she mourned at the cross.

And here is where the tension of the spiritual life comes into play. Because, while Mary’s life was incredibly difficult in many ways and wrought with many unexpectancies and sufferings, she lived a life of simple gratitude and simple joy. She lived a life of peace and mercy, always desiring his will to be done and never afraid of saying “yes.” She was comforted, satisfied and happy. She inherited the kingdom of God.

We are invited to this kind of happiness. If we can shift our lens to see our lives through God’s imaginative vision instead of the twisted vision of our fallen humanity and culture, we, too, can find true happiness.

The ache or emptiness that we all feel and try to fill in different ways is there for a reason. We should praise God for it because it is the key that continuously tugs us back to him. It is an ache that can never be filled with wealth, power, pleasure or honor. The pursuit of those things in the place of God will lead to a bottomless pit of despair and nothingness as we can see all around us.

This ache is also not cured in one conversion experience or a single decision, though it may start in those ways. It takes our continuous “yes” to follow him and the path of the beatitudes. Our efforts alone cannot make this happen. In fact, the farther we travel the path of discipleship the less we are able to make things happen and the more we will need to rely on his grace and strength to fill us and help us to live a life of beatitude.

God’s imaginative vision was created to fill all our needs. It is a plan for our fulfillment and happiness. “The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need,” the psalmist tells us. He not only promises to give us what we need now, but also promises that in eternity our ache and emptiness will be completely filled by him.

“As we strive to live the beatitudes out in our daily life, we can get a taste of the promises of Jesus. Total fulfillment is in the next life with Jesus, forever,” says Father Short. “Only a life in union with Jesus will bring satisfaction, peace and contentment.”

Do sinful leaders negate the truth of Church teaching?



How do I explain my acceptance of the Church's teaching in light of the sinfulness of her leaders?



Sadly, this question and ones like it are all too common today, given the abuse scandals that have come to light in recent decades. For many people, there is a real difficulty in belonging to the Catholic Church in light of the faults and imperfections—large or small—of her leaders. Whether this is a challenge for us personally or for someone we know, it's important to respond to this difficulty, raised by both Catholics and others alike.

Let's begin by stating an obvious truth: the only sinless people who have ever existed are Jesus and his mother, Mary. This means everyone in the Church—the popes, the bishops, the priests, the religious and each one of us—is imperfect in one way or another. Someone made the comment that if you go looking for the perfect church, remember it'll cease to be perfect as soon as you join it.

Having said that, we must also recognize and acknowledge this does not justify the monstrous kinds of sins and coverups we've learned about in recent years. To paraphrase Jesus himself, to whom much is given, much is expected (Cf. Luke 12:48), and our priests, bishops and popes have indeed been given much, and therefore it is understandable that we would expect more of them.

Not only that, but in order to be effective, leaders are called to set an example, and hence it is also right to expect more of our church leadership in terms of the kinds of lives they lead.

What, then, about remaining (or becoming) Catholic in light of the serious sinfulness of some of her leaders, past and present? Here we must remember this important point: the focus of our faith as Catholics, the reason we are Catholic and belong to the Catholic Church, is not ultimately because of the holiness of church leadership. In the end, we are Catholic because we recognize that the Catholic

Church—warts and all—is the Church founded by Jesus Christ, and we trust in his promise that he will guide the Church and ensure her teachings are always his. Let me give a related example to explain this further.

The Bible—the written Word of God—was written by sinful men. The fact they were imperfect, however, did not prevent God from working in and through them to write his inspired word. As the saying goes, God can draw straight lines with crooked people, even very crooked people. And some of the human authors of Scripture did very, very crooked things: Moses killed a man, as did King David, and Peter denied Jesus. Yet all of them wrote various parts of the Bible, even though they'd committed horrible sins.

The same principle applies to the Church: Jesus promised his Church would always and only teach his teachings. That doesn't mean everything church leaders do is perfect, but it does mean everything church leaders—the pope and the bishops in union with him—teach is *true*. So just as the Holy Spirit was able to lead St. Peter to teach God's truth when he wrote his letters, which eventually found their way into the Bible, so, too, is the Holy Spirit able to lead Peter's successors, the popes, to teach God's truth when they officially teach.

Just as importantly, this principle also applies to the sacraments of the Church,

the primary means established by Jesus to give us his life, his love, his grace. Early in Church history, the problem arose of whether or not clergy who had committed serious sins—in that case, going so far as to deny the faith—could validly celebrate the sacraments: that is, whether or not the sacraments celebrated by sinners “worked.” And the Church declared firmly and clearly that they did, because, as with the teachings of the Church, it is primarily God who is at work in the sacraments, and again, he is able to draw straight lines with crooked people.

We must always remember, then, no matter the imperfections of sisters, priests or bishops, Jesus will guide his Church and through her teach the fullness of truth and offer us the sacraments of salvation.

Be sure to check out the additional resources at sfcatholic.org/answer. If you have a question you need an answer to, email rkrantz@sfcatholic.org.

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Photo top left: St. Leo the Great Parish in Tyndall gathered for the Coast to Coast Rosary Rally in their prayer garden in October. **Photo bottom left:** Bishop DeGrood joined the Jacks for Life from SDSU at the 50th Annual South Dakota Right to Life Convention on October 2. Jacks for Life helped lead the youth session where they heard from nationally acclaimed speakers, had activities, pro-life videos and discussions. **Photo bottom right:** Parishioners from St. Ann Parish in Miller joined other Christians in the area for Life Chain 2021. (Photo by Jon Hurd)



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Follow the treasure map to grow in holiness

By Deacon Jonathan Eckrich

We human beings are creatures who love maps. I think Jesus liked maps, too, because he left us a map so we could find him. The map Jesus left us is like a treasure map. That map is called the Eight Beatitudes. (If you haven't read the beatitudes lately, I encourage you to put this magazine down and read Matthew 5:1-12 before continuing.)

We've used maps for thousands of years. The oldest known map, inscribed on a mammoth tusk, dates back to 25,000 B.C. If you're over 40, you'll remember those foldable paper road maps, impossible to refold, and then stuffed into the glove box between uses. It's virtually impossible to take a canoe trip into the Boundary Waters without a proper map, or to fly an airplane cross-country without aviation charts.

I've always loved maps. As boys, my twin brother and I used to create treasure maps for each other, with a little prize or candy at the end. As a young man, I flew a small, two-seat airplane from Aberdeen to southern Texas. The trip would have been impossible without my charts. Then there're those first-person shoot'em up games played on computers. Maps in those games reveal themselves as the player discovers new corridors and secret passages.

There are generally two kinds of maps: maps that enable us to travel to-and-fro as road maps and aviation charts do; and



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maps with a single destination, like a treasure map. With a road map, we can choose any given destination, travel there, then if we wish, return to our original location. We can add side trips or take detours, and we can reverse our course and return home.

Treasure maps are not like that. They have a single, desired destination. The starting point isn't nearly as important as the "prize" at the end. To find our way with a treasure map, we start at the beginning and follow a specific route to the end. The destination is what's of prime importance. With a treasure map, we don't reverse our course as we might with a road map. That makes no sense and serves only to take us farther from the prize.

When Jesus walked the earth, he had a mission that all might

come to the Father through himself. Find Jesus, and you'll find the Father. He knew he would one day return to his Father in heaven, and that we would need a way to find him.

The beatitudes are like a treasure map. Follow them to find the divine "prize," a single destination called the beatific vision. This is where we'll find Jesus. To participate in the beatific vision is to see Jesus and to see his Father face-to-face. We see God as he is, and we see things as God sees them.

So, we have a map to find holiness and ultimately Jesus. But there remains a difficulty.

Like any map, how do we know where on the map we are? I can have a map that helps me navigate Minneapolis but that's only half the battle. To know where I am on the map, I need signs, sometimes, lots of signs. Even if I'm using GPS navigation on my smartphone, road signs are important to validate what my phone says. It's the same with our map to Jesus. We need signs so we can verify our location.

To successfully navigate through life using the Jesus map, the beatitudes, means we are moving closer to holiness. We are called to be holy as God is holy (1 Peter:15-16), and the closer we spiritually move to Jesus, the holier we become. As we become *holy as God is holy*, we begin to see others *and ourselves* as God sees us. When we see ourselves as God sees us, we cannot help but love the beautiful child of God each of us uniquely is, and this makes us happy.

This is where the signs appear that help us to verify we're on the right track. We can ask ourselves, how happy am I compared to last month, last year, 10 years ago? Do the trials of life seem to worry me less, scare me less? Am I more patient with those around me? Does my life just seem more peaceful?

Jesus left us a map to find himself. Let's not stuff it away in the glove box like a poorly folded road map. Open your Bible and read the beatitudes often. Practice them. Follow them. Follow them to the very end, and you will find a treasure beyond your wildest dreams. You will find Jesus, and his Father and his mother, and all the angels and saints, and you will be one of them.





2020-2021 *Necrology* of the Diocese of Sioux Falls

Aberdeen, Presentation Heights

Sr. Helen Jean Washtoak- Nov. 22

Aberdeen, Sacred Heart

Marilyn Bohlander- Oct. 31; Marilyn Carrels- Nov. 5; Donald Rausch- Nov. 6; Mary Olson- Nov. 9; Margaret Dell- Nov. 21; Clayton Gaulrapp- Nov. 28; Delphine Janusz- Dec. 11; Ryan Dell- Dec. 16; Anna Lacher- Dec. 16; Richard Dohman- Dec. 18; Genevieve Westerfield- Dec. 21; Jerome Eckrich- Dec. 22; Randy Hinderk- Dec. 24; Joseph Huber- Jan. 10; Laura Olson- Jan. 12; Joe Scherr- Jan. 18; Robert Hofland- Jan. 26; Harold Schlepp- Feb. 1; Jerome Lingor- Feb. 1; Phyllis Johnson- Feb. 3; James Sitter- Feb. 13; Barbara Finley- Feb. 20; Delwin Griffin- Feb. 26; Robert Brotzel- Mar. 10; Linda Marko- Mar. 12; Kap Scherr- Mar. 29; Mark Kervin- Mar. 30; Florence Richards- Apr. 1; Jeanne Webb- Apr. 4; Hazel Eilers- Apr. 23; Jessica Dornbusch- Apr. 30; Gloria Smith- May 18; James Harr- May 22; Marlyne Metzinger- May 22; Steve Oakes- Jun. 16; Glenn Kiefer- Jun. 27; Marilyn Baadte- Jul. 12; Margaret Schlepp- Jul. 17; Linda

Sivertsen- Aug. 1; Loren Enger- Aug. 2; R Speidel- Sept. 2; Kathryn North- Sept. 11

Aberdeen, St. Mary

James Campbell- Oct. 1; Dennis Lacher- Oct. 2; Timothy Hixon- Oct. 9; Vonda Kinder- Oct. 16; Charles Moffenbier- Nov. 3; Phillip Klapperich- Nov. 5; Tami Zerr- Nov. 9; Mary Olson- Nov. 9; Mary Netzer- Nov. 11; Florence Layton- Nov. 11; Florence Brandner- Nov. 13; Jimmy Glatt- Nov. 17; Martina Glatt- Nov. 17; Susan Hansen- Dec. 1; Jerome Martin- Dec. 6; Anton Materi- Dec. 6; Jean Cantwell- Dec. 13; Kenneth Engelhart- Dec. 19; August Braun- Dec. 30; Dennis Pelkofer- Jan. 5; Joseph Lacher- Jan. 6; Dell Hall- Jan. 9; Mary Lou Sahli- Jan. 13; Eileen Daly- Jan. 23; Mary Lou Weber- Jan. 26; Alice Geffre- Feb. 2; Peter Feickert- Feb. 6; Jean Reis- Feb. 19; Elmer Goetz- Mar. 5; George Nikolas- Mar. 16; Mary Malsom- Apr. 3; Daniel Lipp- Apr. 18; Helen Thares- May 3; Michael Schulte- May 10; Hazel Anderson- May 13; Clara Braun- Jun. 6; Kathryn Heier- Jun. 30; William Mount- Aug. 14; Alene Hilsendeger- Sept. 2; Martha Hill- Sept. 13

Aberdeen, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center

Report not submitted.

Alexandria, St. Mary of Mercy

No deaths recorded.

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

No deaths recorded.

Arlington, St. John

No deaths recorded.

Armour, St. Paul the Apostle

Lee Coler- Jan. 5; Timothy Milgerl- Feb. 8; Mildred Niehus- Jun. 14; Roene Weis- Jun. 25; Paul Putnam- Jun. 28; Ronald Loneman- Jul. 25; Paul Wilson- Sept. 6

Artesian, St. Charles

E. Clair Lambert- Jan. 18;
Arlene Dorris- May 26

Beresford, St. Teresa of Avila

Donna Anderberg- Oct. 24; Michael Kezar, Sr.- Nov. 7; Mathew Birgen- Nov. 15; Victor Neuroth- Dec. 14; Patricia

Lyle- Dec. 20; Thomas Briggs- Jan. 13;
Darrell Hubert- May 16; Edward Peter,
III- Jun. 8; John Fitzgerald- Jul. 17

Big Bend, St. Catherine

Peter St. John- Oct. 25; Doris St.
John- Mar. 18; Theresa Big Eagle-
May 15; Liam Touche- Jun. 10

Big Stone City, St. Charles

Scott Kuefler- Jan. 10; Sylvester
Kaiser- Jan. 27; Nancy Kockx- Feb. 8;
Susan McMahon- Mar. 11; Lawrence
Roggenbuck- May 1; Kenny Fryer-
May 3; Joanne Berndt- Sept. 8

Bowdle/Hosmer, St. Augustine

Blake Lunders- Sept. 14; Cate
Dominicak- Nov. 12; Lawrence
Linderman- Dec. 3; Tate Kaiser-
Apr. 24; Catherine Burrer- Jun. 6

Brandon, Risen Savior

Elmer Cohlman- Oct. 12; Josephine
Brown- Mar. 21; Jacob Mulder-
Jun. 17; Marsha Jandl- Aug. 7

Bridgewater, St. Stephen

Report not submitted.

Britton/Hecla, St. John de Britto

Anita Aldentaler- Sept. 16

**Brookings, Pope Pius XII Newman
Center**

No deaths recorded.

Brookings, St. Thomas More

Myrtle First- Nov. 25; David Lees- Nov.
9; Marianne Heitkamp- Nov. 22; Julie
Reed- Dec. 2; Jean Brooke- Dec. 13;
Rosemarie Lucas- Dec. 14; Michael Kuck-
Jan. 13; Gerald Bergum- Jan. 17; Michael
Linehan- Jan. 30; Joan Rychtarik- Feb. 17;
Robert Hartinger- Feb. 21; Dorothy Lees-
Feb. 21; Dennis Nagel- Feb. 24; Wanda
Dooley- Feb. 27; Eunice Kneip- Mar. 4;
Julie Heitkamp- Mar. 12; Robert Lees-
Feb. 10; Michael Sutton- May 17; Anna
Haase- Jun. 10; Marvin Welbig- Jun. 18;
Gail Kabris- Jul. 22; Donald Sandene- Jul.
25; Diane Cara- Sept. 3; Gary Iverson-
Sept. 20; Virginia Billet- Sept. 23

Bryant, St. Mary

Jean Ann Sopkowski- Nov. 21;
Geraldine Kerkvliet- Mar. 8;
Elaine Kazmerzak- Apr. 14

Canton, St. Dominic

Stanley Wolf- Oct. 8; Art Kimball Nov.
3; Wayne Mitchell- Nov. 4; Rose Rock-
Nov. 5; Andrew Minihan- Mar. 13

Castlewood, St. John

No deaths recorded.

Centerville, Good Shepherd

Delmar Adamson- Oct. 30; Georgia
Pokorney- Nov. 25; Delilah Limoges-
Dec. 20; Rose Marie Austin- Mar.
29; Elaine McCart- May 1

Chamberlain/Pukwana, St. James

Carole Potter- Oct. 2; Thelma Douville-
Feb. 10; Beatrice Clark- May 27; Randa
Haak- Aug. 1; Larry Hosek- Aug. 24; June
Randall- Aug. 30; Francis Pazour- Sept. 5

Clark, St. Michael

William Altfillisch- Dec. 20;
Margaret Geise- Jun. 22

Clear Lake, St. Mary

Fran Fritz- Jun. 30; Elmer Fritz- Jul. 13

Colman, St. Peter

James Carroll- Jun. 4; David
Rush- Jun. 23; Agnes Bisson- Aug.
14; William Richter- Aug. 30

Dakota Dunes, St. Teresa of Calcutta

William Thayer- Nov. 1; Francis Finken-
Apr. 8; Wayne Harrison- Apr. 18

Dante, Assumption

No deaths recorded.

Dell Rapids, St. Mary

Report not submitted.

DeSmet/Iroquois, St. Thomas Aquinas

Joy Carroll- Oct. 8; Shirley Salter-
Nov. 1; Mona Palmlund- Jan. 5; Jim
Thomas- May 1; Richard Baier- Aug. 19

Dimock/Ethan, SS. Peter and Paul

Report not submitted.

Eden, Sacred Heart

Jalois Klein- Oct. 12; Georgia Janisch-
Nov. 21; Virginia Gruby- Nov. 29;
William Deutsch- Dec. 2; Melvin Opitz-
Dec. 10; Sandy Zundel- Feb. 17; Celine
Michlitsch- Apr. 26; Darold Michlitsch-
Aug. 8; Gerald McGregor- Sept. 10



Elk Point, St. Joseph

Valda DeSmet- Nov. 23; Stephen Adams- Dec. 6; Gerald Duhaime- Feb. 11; Bernard Bosse- Mar. 25; Ardith Rubida- May 13; David Brandon- May 18

Elkton/Aurora, Our Lady of Good Help

Joseph Luze- Feb. 18; Kathleen Kopecky- Mar. 4

Emery, St. Martin

Report not submitted.

Epiphany/Spencer/Farmer, Church of Epiphany

Gloria Kunkel- Jul. 12; Orville Barringer- Jul. 27

Estelline, St. Francis de Sales

Rochelle Anderson- Oct. 30

Eureka, St. Joseph

Francis Schwinger- Dec. 23; Catherine Fischer- Mar. 15; Maria Alandy- May 21

Faulkton/Seneca/Orient, St. Thomas

Mary Grunewaldt- Nov. 6; Virgil Hansen- Nov. 16; JoEllen Wieseler- Nov. 18; Milton Hanson- Dec. 18; Graham McQuown- May 4; Charlotte Giesen- Jun. 4; Isabelle Beckler- Sept. 25

Flandreau, SS. Simon and Jude

James Redder- Oct. 31; Richard Burns- Dec. 3; Michael Hart- Dec. 30; Jean Halter- Jan. 13; Dianna Peter- Jan. 27; Stephen Flanagan- Jul. 19; Carolyn McMahon- Sept. 26

Florence, Blessed Sacrament

No deaths recorded.

Fort Thompson, St. Joseph

Heath Heth- Oct. 7; Loretta Sitting Crow- Oct. 25; Pearl Colombe- Nov. 8; Wayne McGhee- Nov. 17; Rena Metcalf- Nov. 19; Margaret Wilson- Nov. 23; Bonita Coleman- Dec. 27; Robert Colombe- Dec. 30; Jennifer Fogg- Jan. 5; Fredrick Comes Flying- Jan. 7; Doug Fallis- Jan. 17; Madona St. John- Jan. 17; Mandy McLaughlin- Jan.

24; Beatrice Whiting- Jan. 24; Travis Rabbit- Feb. 18; Leanne Eagleman- Apr. 9; Martina Fleury- Apr. 22; Kathleen Pomani- May 1; Richard Fleury- May 18; Bernard Grey Owl- Jul. 16; Herbert Mullenix- Jul. 20; Iris Sargent- Jul. 27; Dominic Delaney- Aug. 21

Garretson, St. Rose of Lima

Agnes Schmiesing- Feb. 3; Thomas Willems- Jun. 6

Gary, St. Peter

No deaths recorded.

Geddes, St. Ann

Harold Jaeger- Dec. 19; Mildred Niehus- Jun. 14; Marlene Hysell- Aug. 12

Gettysburg, Sacred Heart

Wilbert Fenger- Oct. 9; Mary Ellen Hansen- Oct. 11; Justin Cronin- Nov. 11; Charles Storkson- Nov. 13; Sylvia Bryant- Nov. 23; Mary Ann Fransen- Dec. 17; Frank Fransen- Jan. 6; Mary Helen Starks- Dec. 18; Vincent Beaner- Jan. 13; Gloria Engel- Dec. 25; Linda Simon- Jan. 23; Lucille Simon- Feb. 28; Robert Hageman- Jun. 21

Grenville, St. Joseph

Darlas Lesnar- Oct. 26; Henry Okroi- Oct. 29; Joseph Miotke- Nov. 21; Adeline Jaskulka- Dec. 10; Richard Ewalt- Jan. 3; Donna Huggett Schmidt- May 15

Groton, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Darlas Lesnar- Oct. 26; Robert Pray- Nov. 17; Lucille Von Wald- Dec. 6; Robert Groeblichhoff- Dec. 9; George Alberts- Apr. 11; Doris Alberts- May 4; Donald Dauwen- Jun. 17

Harrisburg, St. John Paul II

Patricia Cihak- May 19

Hartford, St. George

Eugene Coyle- Oct. 8; Eileen Peterson- Nov. 3; Roger Florey- Nov. 10; Ronald Gates- Nov. 15; Cindy Liesinger- Nov. 23; Craig Wheelock- Dec. 11; Jay Gilliland- Jun. 1; Daniel Spisak- Jun. 4; Lowell

Huls- Jul. 22; Andrew Hoefert- Jul. 31; Jennifer Hoefert- Jul. 31; Abigail Vitek- Jul. 31; Gloria Krier- Sept. 5

Henry, St. Henry

Jerome O'Neill- Nov. 9

Herreid, St. Michael

George Wittmeier- Oct. 5; Norma Traxinger- Nov. 7; Florence Brandner- Nov. 13; Clement Brandner- Dec. 5; George Huber- Dec. 18; Mark Weisbeck, Sr.- Dec. 26; Thomas Mitzel- Feb. 22; Dennis Madden- Mar. 10

Highmore/Harrold, St. Mary

Myrtle Cooper- Feb. 13; Mary Sternhagen- Feb. 14; Kenneth Klebsch- Mar. 16; Shirley Garrigan- Sept. 3

Hoven/Onaka, St. Anthony

Reuben Reuer- Oct. 4; Clara Meyer- Oct. 27; Melvin Frost- Nov. 13; Ronnie Kaup- Dec. 23; Phil Heintzman- Dec. 27; Vincent Beaner- Jan. 13; Art Hartung- Feb. 12; Mary Joan Arbach- Apr. 21; Ann Simon- Jun. 28; Gary Rausch- Aug. 1; Cliff Gerber- Sept. 11

Howard, St. Agatha

Connie Hodges- Dec. 1; Connie Pardy- Dec. 19; Greg Dornbusch- Apr. 14; John Weidler- May 13; Joe Esser- May 18; Yvonne Poncetlet- Aug. 14; Pauline Bengston- Aug. 21

Humboldt, St. Ann

Richard Countryman- Nov. 29; Ray Ideker- Dec. 8; Roger Begeman- Jul. 11

Huntimer, St. Joseph the Workman

Rita Stewart- Oct. 1; Walter George- Dec. 12; Clarice Tebbe- Aug. 23

Huron, Holy Trinity

Donald Johnson- Oct. 27; Teresa Reilly- Nov. 3; Leonard Vellek- Dec. 2; Evert Mennenga- Dec. 3; Veronica Kauth- Dec. 7; Richard Freske- Dec. 17; David Osvaldo Sanchez Cruz- Dec. 20; Marsel Gogolin- Dec. 23; Mauricio Menjivar- Feb. 15; Kirk Murphy- Mar.

6; Edward Houlihan- Mar. 21; Richard VanOverschelde- Mar. 23; Mary Kuhns- Mar. 27; Lawrence Ames- Apr. 27; James Rudy- Jun. 1; Keith Montgomery- Jun. 24; Elta Johnson- Jul. 24; James Madden- Aug. 16; Agnes Hicks- Sept. 25

Idylwilde/Mayfield, St. Boniface

Jonathon Dangel- Oct. 18; Barbara Healy- Nov. 5; Maydalon Christensen- Mar. 1; Justin Baer- Feb. 27; Delores Hauger- Apr. 16; Margaret Healy- May 12; Baily Dolores- May 7; Richard Slowey- Sept. 21

Ipswich, Holy Cross

Philip Sporer- Nov. 8; Richard Marko- Nov. 24; Roy Hauck- Feb. 21; Patricia Larman- Mar. 8; Lawrence Stafford- Mar. 9; Irene Stevenson- Dec. 22; Leonard Lippert- Jan. 29; Jacob Hammrich- Jun. 3; Clarence Hammrich- Jun. 30.; Naomi Binfet- Aug. 17; James Sporer- Aug. 28; Wayne Braun- Sept. 4

Jefferson, St. Peter

Report not submitted.

Kimball, St. Margaret

Report not submitted.

Kranzburg/ Waverly, Holy Rosary

Doris Jaeger- Oct. 1; Leola Spartz- Oct. 24; Rita Mack- Sept. 25

Lake Andes, St. Mark

Louise Sejnoha- Oct. 15; Sabrina Dumdei- Oct. 17; Raymond Barkley- Nov. 16; Linda Bruner- Nov. 17; Wade Laska- Dec. 22; Carol Morrow- Jan. 19; Paula Schweitzer- Feb. 7; Ann Otte- Jun. 14; Marlo Stillion- Jul. 8; Mildred Polley- Jul. 25

Lennox/Worthing, St. Magdalen

Frances Ness- Nov. 22; Daniel Ketcham- Dec. 18; Luann Hoogestraat- Jan. 17

Leola, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mary Lou Lechner – Nov. 8; Ruth Lapka- Dec. 3; Margaret Heider- Jan. 25; Alice Geffre- Feb. 2

Lesterville/Sigel, St. John the Baptist

Allen Borszich- Nov. 21; Francis Hunhoff- Feb. 23

Madison, St. Thomas Aquinas

David Westbrook- Oct. 1; Carol Cordts- Oct.13; Elizabeth Klosterman- Oct. 25; William Koob- Nov.24; Kathleen Huntimer- Dec. 7; Donna Reinicke- Dec. 14; William Crelly- Jan.13; Reina Eich- Feb. 2; Donna McGrath- Feb. 4; Rodney Klingbile- Feb. 26; Shirley Barker- Mar. 7; Francis Callahan- Mar. 21; Virginia Schatz- Mar. 24; Sally Kooiker- Mar. 25; Genevieve Tomscha- Apr.26; Wade Miller- Apr.29; Ross Miller- Apr. 30; Tom Hamlin- May 11; Patricia Eimers- May 22; Virginia Ebsen- Jun. 5; Margaret Vickmark- Jun. 18; Bette Kinsella- Jul. 1; Lloyd Schultz- Jul. 8; Colleen Mathison- Jul. 14; Daniel Pardy- Sept. 1; Michelle Palmer- Sept. 6

Marty, St. Paul

Stephen Cournoyer Jr.- Oct. 20; Delilah Patterson- Dec. 8; Joyce World Turner- Pippin- Dec. 18; Bert Cozad- Dec. 21; Dorothy Kiyukan-Ziegler- Jan. 7; Adelbert Zephier- Jan. 21; Wayne Powers- Feb. 6; Lynette Ashes- Feb. 16; Donna McBride- May 3; Matthew Knudsen Sr.- May 8; Darlene YellowHawk-Cournoyer- Jul. 24; Jennifer Cournoyer- Aug. 13

Marty, Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

No deaths recorded.

Mellette, All Saints

William Altfillisch- Dec. 20; Donald Carda- Jul. 31

Milbank, Daughters of St.

Mary of Providence
Sr. Jone Karels- Mar. 19

Milbank/ Wilmot, St. Lawrence

Billie Vissers- Oct. 7; Barbara Korstjens- Oct. 29; Viola Zadow- Nov. 11; Chad Schreiner- Nov. 19; Richard Hendricks- Nov. 19; Betty Schell- Nov. 20; Gerald Labbe- Nov. 24; John Loehrer- Nov. 27;

Pearl Gall- Nov. 28; Cathy Glomstad- Dec. 5; Mary Lee Trapp- Dec. 11; Thomas Koeniguer- Dec. 16; Mary Lambrechts- Feb. 8; Patti Aesoph- Feb. 12; Jamey Jurgens- Mar. 8; Kenneth Fryer- May 3; Charles Layher- May 11; Avis Weber- Aden- Jul. 12; James Farrell- Jul. 23; Larry Cantine- Jul. 27; Marie Bohlen- Aug. 24; Helen Whempner- Sept. 13

Miller/Wessington, St. Ann

Kim Roth- Oct. 4; Jim Coyle- Oct. 16; Timothy Koeck- Nov. 24; Hubert Clement- Dec. 30; Agnes Kolda- Jan. 12; Agnes Koeck- Apr. 11; Sharon Oligmueller- Apr. 22; Loran Curtis- May 10; Norma Carr- May 12; Patrick McMahon- Sept. 7

Mitchell, Holy Family

Jeremy Gaspar- Oct. 1; Carol Schoenfelder- Oct. 4; Christopher Schoenfelder- Oct. 7; Fred Geisler- Oct. 11; Dolores Kampshoff- Oct. 11; Timothy Johnson- Oct. 18; Loyd Oleson- Oct. 19; Vera Hills-Zens- Oct. 21; Gary Breidenbach- Oct. 25; John Roeder- Nov. 12; Delbert Weber- Nov. 13; Karen Hansen- Nov. 14; John McNeil- Nov. 24; LeRoy Kayser- Nov. 24; Virginia Dummer- Dec. 1; Mary Ann Puetz- Dec. 7; Kenneth Boehmer- Dec. 30; Nancy Yunick- Dec. 30; Carol Wood- Jan. 9; Gregg Blankenship- Jan. 19; Ralph MaHoney- Jan. 25; Kinkade Olson- Feb. 8; Brooks Schoenfelder- Feb. 9; Harold Hilton- Mar. 1; John Carmody- Apr. 17; James Tucek- Apr. 24; Eugene Rezac- May 20; Caspar Fergen- May 29; William Molumby- Jun. 8; Michael Herrlein- Jul. 12

Mitchell, Holy Spirit

Richard Kayser-Oct. 12; Sharon Neugebauer-Oct. 14; Johanna Weiss- Oct.20; Michael Denne-Nov. 6; Delores Wermers-Nov. 7; Nicholas Weber- Nov. 21; Pauline Allen- Nov. 21; Jane Conroy- Dec. 18; John Morgan- Dec. 25; Jerome Lulewicz- Jan. 22; Roy Ziegler- Feb. 2; Wilma Boddicker- Feb. 9; Wilbert Hofer- Feb. 9; Marilyn Burnham- Feb. 11; Valeria Remund- Feb. 26; Robert Oberembt- Apr.

2; Janice Pollreisz- Apr. 25; Timothy Moody- June 7; Arleen Mayer- June 16; Sylvia Miiller- June 22; Angela Miiller- June 29; Joanne Chmela- July 17; Clayton Mick- Jul. 20; Florence Shank- Jul. 23; Anthony Mauszycki- August 6; Steven Schoenfelder- Aug. 13; Esther Pederson- Sept. 2; Shirley Robertson- Sept. 12; Raeburn Moore- Sept. 18

Mitchell, Sisters of St. Francis of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sr. Loretta VonRueden- Nov. 3

Mobridge, St. Joseph
Aloysius Reiss- Oct. 17; Dr. Bela Csaki- Nov. 3; George Frazier- Nov. 4; Ella Mitzel- Nov. 6; Rose Barton- Nov. 27; Joseph Austin- Feb. 26; Bobbie Fischer- Mar. 6; Gary Fiedler- Mar. 12; Genevieve Selzler- May 7; Mary Thares- May 28; Dorothy McMahan- Jul. 26; Alice Clausen- Jul. 30; Quenton Heid- Aug. 2; Marge Knodel- Aug. 22; Aileen Stavnes- Sept. 10

Montrose, St. Patrick
Deborah Vogel- Nov. 6;
Agatha Weber- May 13

Onida, St. Pius X
DeLare Mannie- Aug. 4

Parker, St. Christina / Marion, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Kay Johnson- Oct. 16; Nancy Almond- Oct. 31

Parkston/Tripp, Sacred Heart
Paul Binder- Nov. 3; Duane Heisinger- Nov. 6; Edgar Magera- Nov. 14; Mary Ann Sommer- Nov. 30; Joanne Weiss- Dec. 7; Doris Heisinger- Jan. 9; John Mechtenberg- Feb. 5; Joseph Pritchard- May 21; Betty Degen- Aug. 24

Pierre, SS. Peter and Paul
Joe Reed- Sept 19; Paul Ward- Oct. 16; Galen Theobald- Nov. 5; Geraldine Wersmann- Nov. 11; Lynn Metzinger- Dec. 14; Diane Reed- Dec. 17; Michael

Kelley- Jan. 21; Rita Linn- Mar. 7; Charles Sisk- Mar. 10; Stacey Bartlett-Schaefer- Mar. 11; Marilyn Beck- Apr. 10; Anges Rader- Apr. 12; MaryJoan Arbach- Apr. 21; Robert Kaiser- Apr. 25; Saylor Stanton- May 27; Joan Kessler- Jun. 13; Ed Assman- Jun. 16; Georgie Sibson- Jun. 23; Pam Steece- Jun. 28; Lois Schmidt- Aug. 7; Albert Ebach- Aug. 25; Florence Christian- Aug. 31; Jack Ellenbecker- Sept. 1; Myrtle Jackson- Sept. 2; Charles Clark- Sept. 4; David Peacock- Sept. 9; Lawrence Severson- Sept. 25

Plankinton/Mt. Vernon, St. John
Delores Wermers- Nov. 7; Kimberly Briggs- Nov. 12; James Hoffman- Dec. 26; Mary Edwards- Jan. 28; Jerald Burke- Feb. 1; Marie Doering- Feb. 16; Vera Miller- Mar. 10; William Schroeder- Jun. 20

Platte, St. Peter the Apostle
Doris Dertien- Oct. 4; Blanche Foxley- Nov. 30; Eugene Ries- Dec. 5; Jennie Sudrla- Mar. 15

Polo, St. Liborius
Paul Schlechter- Nov. 19; Leo Froning- May 20; Rosemary Miller- Aug. 4; Joseph Martinmaas- Sept. 12

Ramona, St. William
John Cassutt- Feb. 9; Irene Cassanova- Apr. 3; Joyce Bunker- Apr. 22; Henry VanDenHemmel- Sept. 23

Redfield, St. Bernard
Joyce Muellenberg- Sept. 19 2020; Robert Cleberg- Oct. 15; James Baloun- Oct. 16; Eunice Rude- Nov. 2; Esther Hughes- Nov. 6; Edward Moeller- Nov. 11; Richard Hoffart- Nov. 17; Kathleen Ratigan- Nov. 24; Clayton Gaulrapp- Nov. 28; Gerard Gabriel- Dec. 8; Kathleen Muxen- Dec. 8; George Lemmer, Jr- Dec. 13; Desamore Dangel- Dec 17; Gary Whitley- Jan. 24; Beatrice Hixon- Mar. 14; Alexi Clement- Apr. 2; Hazel Maher- Jun. 21; Edward Muellenberg- Jun. 21; Joseph Muellenberg- Jul. 29; Lynn Barrie- Aug. 21; Joyce Jungwirth- Sept. 14; Arthur Kolegraff- Sept. 19; Ron Whitley- Sept. 30

Revillo, Annunciation
Report not submitted.

Roscoe, St. Thomas the Apostle
Janice Malsam- Dec. 25; Oscar Carlson- Feb. 17; Dolores Sahli- Sept. 26

Rosholt, St. John the Baptist
Albert Felton- Nov. 12; Anetis Pohl- Jan. 31; Adam Sand- Feb. 24; Matilda Miller- Mar. 1; Veoma Renelt- Apr. 19; Margaret Braun- May 14

Salem, St. Mary
LaVonne Bies- Oct. 17; Antonella Bellack- Nov. 4; Mary Scheier- Nov. 7; Nathan Schillinger- Nov. 12; Julieann Rief- Nov. 13; Gerald Hanisch- Nov. 17; Dorothy Townsend- Nov. 21; Bonita Bies- Nov. 22; Mike Skaff- Jan. 17; Fr. Charles Duman- Jan. 25; Elizabeth Rayman- Feb. 10; Florence Stroud- Mar. 3; James Heumiller- Apr. 24; Jean Stiefvater- Jul. 16; Maxine Krell- Jul. 24; Rod Blindert- Aug. 28; Michael McCormick- Sept. 12; Robert Feterl- Sept. 22; Dean Erikson- Sept. 24

Scotland, St. George
Lambert Praveccek- Feb. 15; Martin Kubal- Feb. 18; Raymond Schneider- May 19

Selby, St. Anthony
Eddie Berens- Oct. 23; Thelma Ruzsa- May 18; Genevieve Kightlinger- May 30

*Let the little children
come to me, and do
not hinder them for
the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these*
Mark 10:13-16

Sioux Falls, Cathedral of Saint Joseph

James Woods- Oct. 9; May Lou McGowan- Oct. 13; Dorothy Sullivan- Oct. 15; Rose Ann Colella- Nov. 16; Mary O'Keefe Daly- Nov. 21; Jerome Hunter- Dec. 1; Troy Thompson- Dec. 9; Patricia Wuebben- Dec. 25; Lillian Leitheiser- Dec. 27; Anthony Spader- Jan. 8; William Miller- Jan. 10; Becky Vander Woude- Jan. 10; Rita Phelps- Jan. 10; Sally Holiday- Jan. 15; Gordon Honerman- Jan. 27; Colleen Zuraff- Feb. 16; Mary Lou Kott- Mar. 10; Elaine Parlman- Apr. 8; Sharon Weber- Jun. 12; Clara Ndayikeza- Jun. 19; Gregory Neises- Jun. 27; Janice Kockx- Jun. 28; Patrick Burkey- Jun. 29; Dale Kockx- Jul. 12; Donald Sandene- Jul. 25; Raetta Arionus- Aug. 8; Mary Abu-Ghazahoh- Aug. 10; Diane Bruggeman- Sept. 19

Sioux Falls, Christ the King

John Jenkins- Oct. 17; Camilla Zelenka- Oct. 17; James Fiedler- Oct. 31; Herman Plagge- Nov. 1; Agnes Fillaus- Nov. 5; Lois Anderson- Nov. 25; Keith Severson- Nov. 29; Kathleen Roth- Dec. 18; Dorothy McGinnis- Jan. 3; Curtis Hicks- Feb. 24; Marguerite Wack- Mar. 7; James Meert- Mar. 23; Gary Parks- Mar. 24; Marjorie Wilson- Apr. 6; Robert Fleming- Apr. 22; Kathleen Timm- May 2; Donna Belitz- May 28; Ruby Verley- Jun. 2; Katherine Payne- Jun. 5; Barbara Bolinger- Jun. 11; Joanne Grasser- Sept. 11

Sioux Falls, Holy Spirit

Camilla Zelenka- Oct. 17; William Quick- Oct. 27; Alice McDowell- Nov. 1; Margaret Bickel- Nov. 4; Terrance Walsh- Nov. 7; Ellen Larson- Nov. 20; Pauline Benoit- Nov. 21; George Gannon- Dec. 9; Barbara Roetzel- Dec. 21; Kathleen Tomjack- Dec. 22; Shirley Rupiper- Jan.

10; Grace Kass- Jan. 21; Charlie Voegli- Mar. 15; Sharon Flynn- Mar. 17; Evelyn Sehr- Mar. 19; Gertrude Hagen- Mar. 25; Mark Steinborn- Apr. 16; Peter Horner- Apr. 23; Ralph Grode- May 4; Terrence Understock- May 15; Bonnie DeBolt- May 16; Jessica Kontz- May 26; Francis Quick- Jun. 7; Ronald Cink- Jun. 18; Dennis Whitney- Jun. 25; Jeffrey Cronk- Jun. 25; Lorraine Hirsch- Jun. 28; Deidre DiMemmo- Jul. 16; Donald Sandene- Jul. 26; Donald Lowin- Jul. 26; Sheila Healy- Aug. 14; Ula Buthe- Aug. 25; Patti Ralph- Sept. 2; Mike Hudson- Sept. 6; Kathryn Cink- Sept. 13; Agnes Hicks- Sept. 25

Sioux Falls, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Agustin Moscoso- Jul. 25

Sioux Falls, St. Katharine Drexel

Paul Lamberty- Dec. 25; Bailey Lauret- Jan. 5; Michael Sebastian- Jan. 13; Julie Job- Apr. 21; Alice Peters- Jun. 8; Chad Schulte- Jun. 9; Paul Johnson- Jun. 23; Larry Hovdestad- Jun. 25

Sioux Falls, St. Lambert

Donald Mondry- Oct. 13; Mary Plucker- Oct. 23; Janice Cink- Oct. 30; James Bruns- Nov. 5; Joyce Mitzel- Nov. 12; Janette Quail- Nov. 19; Bernell Fonder- Nov. 21; Michael Barbaruolo- Nov. 27; Evert Mennenga- Dec. 3; James Hendel- Dec. 8; Chantelle Schmitt- Jan. 17; Judith Wilson- Jan. 28; Richard Butler- Feb. 13; Violet Mennenga- Mar. 11; Charles Miller- Mar. 13; Harold Scharf- May 1; Sophia Biver- May 12; Carol Zakrzewski- May 21; Thea Fleming- May 27; Barry Mercer- Jun. 1; Pamula Larson- Jun. 7; Shirley Scholten- Jun. 12; Teresa Gallagher- Jun. 19; Namati Hakim Lamba- Jun. 24; Patrick Burkey- Jun. 29; Bill Reiter- Jul. 22; Steven Dvorak- Jul. 28; Marjorie Munger- Aug. 9; Marion Johnson- Aug. 13; William Hoier- Aug. 17; Mona Reed- Aug. 27; Baw Ei- Sept. 11; Loretta Eisenhauer- Sept. 11; Edward Cook- Sept. 17; Carol Oltmanns- Sept. 24; Warren Vick- Sept. 24

Sioux Falls, St. Mary

Helen Arntz- Oct. 8; Regan Laughlin- Oct. 20; Cynthia Krueger- Nov. 11; Rose Ann Ryan- Nov. 15; Joanne Greenwood- Nov. 17; James Hexamer- Nov. 19; Dolores Flynn- Dec. 1; Diane Bonertz- Dec. 6; Richard Kinney- Dec. 13; Fidelis Haviland- Dec. 18; Marcene Moran- Jan. 21; Jeanne Richardson- Feb. 2; Edward Roach- Feb. 2; Monte Dodson- Feb. 10; Rosemary Dains- Feb. 14; Judy Wolles- Feb. 23; Donald Pokorney- Mar. 4; Thomas Loonan- May 6; Justin Peterson- May 14; Stephen McGreevy- May 23; Robert Johnston- Jun. 7; Jeanette McCann- Jun. 14; Lorraine Zimmerman- Jun. 23; Harriet Boyd- Jul. 14; Marvin Manke- Jul. 23; Joel Druley- Aug. 2; Wells Pidde- Aug. 11; Kathleen Barnett- Sept. 11

Sioux Falls, St. Michael

Lynette Kampf- Oct. 17; Timothy Donovan- Oct. 18; Mary Ann Boyd- Oct. 19; Susan Theobald- Oct. 22; Robert Plimpton- Nov. 3; Estrella Pineda- Nov. 14; Marilyn Denevan- Nov. 24; Betty Hansen- Nov. 29; Marlene Hoffman- Dec. 2; Joan Meade- Dec. 2; Kelly Loudenslager- Dec. 7; LeRoy Huntimer- Dec. 9; Mary Ann Garrigan- Dec. 21; Robert Harris- Dec. 23; Lionel Ahrendt- Dec. 28; John Biggins- Jan. 3; Ronald Verville- Feb. 1; Austin Zuel-Johnson- Feb. 6; Joan Rychtarik- Feb. 17; Joseph Brown- Mar. 9; June BeVirt- Mar. 12; Joseph Brown- Mar. 9; Joan O'Connor- Mar. 30; Msgr. James Doyle- May 24; Rosemary Hansen- Jun. 9; Mary Aalberg- Jul. 16; Robert Bray- Jul. 27; Gordon Garrow- Aug. 11; Rose Marie Boekhoff- Aug. 14; Lela Feuerborn- Sept. 4; Karolyn Kelly- Sept. 7; Georgia Totten- Sept. 12; Rita Wagner- Sept. 20

Sioux Falls, St. Therese

Rita MacFarlane- Oct. 9; Nancy Melsha- Oct. 23; Mary Daly- Nov. 21; Skip Sievers- Dec. 12; Kay Davis- Sturzenbech- May 4; Helen Hanisch- May 20; Judy Steel- Jul. 22; Ronald King- Aug. 7; Patricia Tschetter- Aug. 18

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

No deaths recorded.

Sisseton, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Francis Eagle- Nov. 11; Leslie Barse,
Jr.- Dec. 12; Priscilla LaFromboise-
Bartels- Mar. 1; Teresa Peters- Jul. 27

Sisseton/Velben, St. Peter

Robert George- Oct. 26; Lucille George-
Oct. 28; Bernadine Lotzer- Nov. 11;
Denise Keller- Feb. 26; Peter Stewart- Jun.
9; Magdaline Aadland- Jun. 19; Joseph
Schuch- Sept.14; Goldie Hansen- Sept. 15

Springfield, St. Vincent de Paul

Sally Boyd; Oct. 1; Virginia Nepodal-
Nov. 1; Keith Gill- Nov. 9

Stephan, Immaculate Conception

Richard Hart- Feb. 17; Eileen Kusser-
Feb. 8; Robert Ellsworth- Jul. 1

Stickney, St. Mary

Vincent Ries- Jun. 5

Tabor, St. Wenceslaus

Mary Pavel- Dec. 3; Diane Kapitan-
Dec. 12; David Pibal- Dec. 26; Helen
Carda- Jan. 11; Margaret Carda- Jan 23;
Laddie Rous- Jan. 27; Helen Zenek- Feb.
7; Charlotte Herman- Mar. 13; Susan
Souhrada- Mar. 27; Diane Cap- Apr. 22;
Hattie Vellek- Jul. 4; Frances Honner-
Jul. 20; James Schuch- Aug. 8; Irene
Kocer- Aug. 27; Kenneth Hejna- Sept. 29

Tea, St. Nicholas

Dwayne Atkins- Oct. 27; Isabelle
Gannon- Feb. 1; Duane Pistulka-
Feb. 6; Anthony Nemec- May 6

Turton, St. Joseph

Joyce Bawek- Nov. 25; Dawson
Smith- Nov. 25; Doris LaBrie-
Feb. 25; Leone Henjum- May 10;
Marjorie Troske- May 15

Tyndall, St. Leo

John Peschl- Oct. 22; Joseph Becvar-
Nov. 4; Ruth Hoffman- Nov. 11; Duane

Rothschadl- Nov. 22; Richard Anderson-
Jan. 16; Ernest Haberman- Jan. 29;
Patricia Dvoracek- Mar. 10; Lester Kalda-
Mar. 24; C. Eugene Owens- Mar. 23; Vern
Hicks- Mar. 27; Anna Engstrom- Mar.
31; Richard Soukup- Apr. 27; Martha
Novak- May 13; Patricia Lee- May 15;
Leo Stulc- May 22; JoAnn Soukup-
Jun. 3; Marie Hisek- Jun. 8; Rosemary
Souhrada- Jun. 8; Maynard Hamberger-
Jul. 16; Marciella Hamilton- Aug. 7

Vermillion, St. Agnes

Henry Kronaizl- Oct. 4; Duane Brunick-
Nov. 10; Bonnie Albers- Nov. 11; Loren
Ouellette- Nov. 12; Daniel Heine- Nov. 15;
Ray Hall- Dec. 6; Marjean Barta- Dec. 7;
Robert Fullenkamp- Jan. 3; Helen Baity-
Jan. 20; Larry Mart- Jan. 21; Mariella
Sorensen- Feb. 13; Terry Nelson- Mar. 6;
Stanley Kronaizl- Apr. 21; Mary Pat Pratt-
May 18; Patricia Berglund- May 23; Kerry
Doyle- Jul. 11; Jane Slattery- Jul. 23;
Michael Stewart- Jul. 27; Roger Kugler-
Sept. 6; Terrance Taggart- Sept. 11

Vermillion, St. Thomas

More Newman Center

Report not submitted.

Wagner, St. John the Baptist

Dorothy Cuka- Dec. 5; Marilyn Wright-
May 13; Delma Slaba- Jun. 27; Merle
Bartunek- Jun. 27; Francis Lhotak- Aug.
14; Joseph Stastny, Jr.- Sept. 27

Wakonda, St. Patrick

Kenneth Peterson- Dec. 17;
Joyce Oursland- Mar. 12;
Richard Gregoire- Sept. 17

Watertown, Holy Name of Jesus

Arthur Wensing- Oct. 2; Dorothy
Griffin- Oct. 2; Dennis Bradshaw- Oct.
8; William Hoff- Oct. 8; Judith Howell-
Oct. 24; James Cartney- Oct. 25; Jowaine
Bevers- Nov. 5; Kenneth Fox- Nov. 9;
Rollin Imme- Nov. 11; Paula Paulsen-
Nov. 11; Kathryn McElroy- Nov. 13;
Judy Lantgen- Nov. 20; Joseph Pellish-
Nov. 27; Carl Umlauf- Dec. 6; Glenn
Wensing- Dec. 25; Rosalie Horner- Dec.

28; Becky Sjoval- Jan. 19; Jane Buhler-
Jan. 29; Donald Redlin- Feb. 2; Jeffrey
Denzer- Mar. 16; Rodney Woodford-
Apr. 10; Patricia Hanson- Jun. 4; Peter
Weyer- Jun. 7; Harvey Hammrich- Jun.
14; Ronald Brooks- Jun. 19; Robert
Swanson- Jun. 25; Robert Weagel- Jul. 4;
Lawrence Howell- Jul. 7; Dan Diaz- Jul.
2; Robert Mahowald- Jul. 24; Arnold
Mondloch- Jul. 30; Karlene Geffre-
Aug. 5; Alice Koehn-Hoff- Aug. 17

Watertown, Immaculate Conception

Correne Chlopkowiak- Oct. 4; Patrick
Mahowald- Oct. 18; Dolores Lindner- Nov.
1; Vincent Ries- Nov. 7; Arvis
Raml- Nov. 9; David Leonard- Nov. 22;
Robert Moes- Nov. 26; Francis Zirbes-
Nov. 27; Mercedes Fox- Dec. 2; Quentin
Godes- Dec. 9; Jackie Zubke- Dec. 9;
Maxine Czech- Dec. 10; George Huber-
Dec. 18; Marlene Bohls- Dec. 22; Delores
Raml- Dec. 26; Francis Sigaty- Jan. 7;
Frederick Gottsleben- Jan. 19; Stephen
Foster- Jan. 20; Helen Pischke- Jan. 25;
Carl Weber- Feb. 26; Donna Bogenrief-
Mar. 31; Jerry Weiland- Apr. 4; Dale
Byer- Apr. 29; Charles Reynolds, Jr.- May
21; Kathryn Reichling- Jun. 4; Shawna
Wren- Jun. 8; Paul German- Jun. 28;
William Kennedy- Jul. 7; Marie Shepherd-
Jul. 7; Troy Cordell- Jul. 22; Doris
Forbush- Jul. 26; Gina Chilson- Aug. 7;
Lois Zerfas- Aug. 8; Dorothy Schoepp-
Aug. 27; Margaret Kettwig- Sept. 2;
Joyce Weber- Sept. 10; Jan Valberg-
Sept. 12; Gerald Rowland- Sept. 18

Watertown, Mother of God Monastery

Sr. Naomi Roth- Dec. 3

Waubay, Immaculate Conception

Marian Gollnick- Nov. 6

Webster, Christ the King

Jeanette Lesnar- Oct. 4; Charlotte
Hoverstadt- Oct. 6; Therese Boik- Oct.
6; Andrew Block- Oct. 20; Stacy Roy-
Oct. 24; Wayne Snaza- Oct. 26; Andrew
Breske- Nov. 4; Ameilia Murschel- Nov.
10; Delores Peschke- Nov. 10; LeRoy
Monson- Nov. 21; Myra Schiley- Nov.

28; Leland Brudvig- Nov. 30; Alvin Steiner- Dec. 3; Adeline Jaskulka- Dec. 10; Carol Robinson- Dec. 19; Richard Ewalt- Jan. 3; Helen Pischke- Jan. 17; Raymond Sass- Apr. 30; Steven Dolney- Apr. 29; John Anderson- Aug. 7

Wessington Springs/Duncan, St. Joseph

Richard Hart- Feb. 17; Robert Christensen- Aug. 16

Westport, Sacred Heart

Harriet Pence- Nov. 13; Eugene Pence- Nov. 16

White, St. Paul

David Church- Dec. 22; Leah Ray- Feb. 28

White Lake, St. Peter

Wallace Mohnen- Nov. 21; Lucille Mohnen- Dec. 8; Lorraine Hanten- Jun. 10; Bette Hirsch- Jul. 11; Melva Koch- Jul. 13

Woonsocket, St. Wilfrid

Ray Scherschligt- Oct. 1; Avis Elenz- Oct. 30; Anita Anderson- Nov. 4; Muriel Schmidt- Nov. 24; Angeline Nelson- Dec. 18; Geraldine Moran- Dec. 25; John Roache, Jr.- Feb. 8; Donald Druse- Apr. 17

Yankton, Sacred Heart

Rita Worden- Oct. 5; James Cowles- Oct. 10; Martin Raab- Oct. 10; Lou Ella Machin- Oct. 16; Kathleen Placek- Oct. 21; Theresa Curtice- Oct. 29; Colleen Slagle- Nov. 13; Margaret Garvey- Nov. 29; William Jennewein- Dec. 11; Diane Kapitan- Dec. 12; Eugene Kocer- Dec. 19; Shari Kuehler- Dec. 23; Arthur Schulze- Dec. 25; Cathleen Huchtmeier- Jan. 5; Marcella Klusak- Feb. 26; Willard Lynch- Mar. 6; Currin Frost- Mar. 8; Charlotte Herman- Mar. 13; Robert Massey- Mar. 15; Mary Buckman- Mar. 22; Mary Sowards- Mar. 26; Linda Hauger- Apr. 7; Fern Leyden- Apr. 7; Patricia McDonald- Apr. 28; Kenneth Hoebelheinrich- May 8; Dorice McEvoy- May 10; Kathleen Willcuts- May 21; Louise Pierret- Jun. 5; Michael Rossiter- Jun. 7; Laurie Rembold- Jun. 11; Larry Wuestewald-

Aug. 9; Robert Smith- Aug. 10; Myrtle Andersen- Sept. 4; Mary Ann Larsen- Sept. 18; Elinor Perry- Sept. 23; Evelyn Graves- Sept. 24; David O'Brien- Sept. 24

Yankton, Sacred Heart Monastery

Sr. Victorine Stoltz- Jan. 25

Yankton, St. Benedict

Delores Krcil- Nov. 19; John Neu- Nov. 24; Col. Mike Warvarovsky- Dec. 9; James Velzy- Nov. 30; Robert Fullenkamp- Jan. 3; Arland Westegaard- Feb. 9; Richard Willert- Mar. 20; Kenneth Lammers- Apr. 3; Roland Beran- Apr. 30; Darold Adamson- May 21; Henry Jablonoski- Jun. 2021; Joseph Sedlacek- Oct. 16; Ellef Jordahl- Aug. 12; Jerry Albrecht- Aug. 15; Carl Blank- Aug. 26; Scott Luken- Sept. 9; Richard Slowey- Sept. 21; Daniel McGarry- Sept. 28

Priests/Deacons

Msgr. Richard Mahowald- Nov. 5; Fr. Charles Duman- Jan. 25; Msgr. James Doyle- May 24

All the stillborn, miscarried and aborted babies

Respectfully submitted by Brianna Wingen, Communications Office

Vocations Q&A

with Sister Carmella Luke

Sister Carmella Luke is a Benedictine Sister from Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton. She entered the monastery in August 1999. This month, we learn a bit more about this gifted and enthusiastic sister.

Q. Tell us a bit about your family and where you grew up.

A. I grew up on a farm near Marion, South Dakota. My dad, John, farmed and in my younger years drove the feed truck for the local elevator. He is now retired but still lives on the family farm. My mom was a farm wife, amazing seamstress, and babysat many kids. She passed away in 2014. I am the youngest of six children, two of which are deceased. I am the aunt to eight amazing nieces and nephews and 10 grand nieces and nephews. I have been blessed with a very close-knit family.

Q. How did you get your call to the religious life?

A. When I was a child, my first experience with religious sisters was when some Presentation Sisters from Iowa came to my parish to teach summer Bible school. I was struck by how joy-filled they were and how they just seemed to enjoy spending time with us. I think the seed for religious life started to grow in me at an early age. When I went to school at Mount Marty, I met the Benedictine Sisters, and it seemed to be where God was calling me to put down roots and grow into the person I am meant to be.

Q. What did you do before you became a religious sister?

A. After graduating from college, I worked as an assistant with developmentally challenged individuals in a L'arche community in Iowa and as a house parent at St. Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain.

Q. What is your work as a religious sister?

A. For 18 years, I ministered as an elementary teacher in both Nebraska and South Dakota. Two years ago, I began my current ministry as the director of vocations for my community. In this role,

I'm called to help people discern their vocation in life no matter what that might be and to accompany women who may be discerning a call to be a Yankton Benedictine. I also work part time in the monastery orchard and garden and help care for our small flock of chickens.

Q. Who was most influential in your life?

A. The most influential people in my life have been my parents, John and Marie. They were great examples for me of a faith-filled couple, and they always demonstrated for me how to live a life of service for others. My dad is in his 80s and still helps friends and neighbors by driving them to appointments and doing other chores. Being there for others brings him great joy. He helps me to see the blessing in serving the sisters in my community.

Q. Why did you choose the Benedictine Sisters?

A. While spending time with the sisters during my years in college, I grew to love and value living in community. Theirs was a simple lifestyle where they shared in daily life and prayer. For me, it seemed so much like family. I also felt like I was being called to this community of religious sisters because it was where I could be the best version of who God created me to be. They also seemed to be joy-filled women.

Q. What's your favorite part of being a religious sister?

A. My favorite part of being a religious sister is to celebrate with my sisters, whether it is a jubilee of profession, a holiday or liturgical feast, or just a time of fun playing games or sharing our talents. I think these are times when our love for one another and our love for God and God's people comes together to create great joy. I also love to serve my community of sisters in whatever way I am called, even through the small chores that keep life moving in our monastery. And I can't forget the joy I experience in spending time with my feathered friends. I call that "chicken therapy."

Q. What's the most challenging thing?



Sister Carmella Luke

A. As Benedictine Sisters, we live closely with one another in community so, just like it might be in a family, the challenge is to live in patience and love with one another. We might sometimes disagree or hurt one another, and the challenge is to make amends and continue on in love.

Q. What's the biggest blessing?

A. In many ways the greatest blessing is the same as the challenge: living together in community. Though difficult at times, while journeying together toward fullness of life with Christ, we support and challenge each other. I know and experience being loved by my sisters.

Q. What is something most people don't know about you?

A. Most people don't know that I've always dreamed of being a country music singer, and that the person I most want to meet in life is Barbara Mandrell.

Q. How can the people of the diocese best help you be a great sister?

A. I would so much appreciate the prayers of the people of this diocese for me to remain faithful each and every day to my call as a Yankton Benedictine. And of course, being the vocation director, I would love for them to encourage young people in considering a call to religious life.



Lives of saints inspire youth to lives of holiness

By Matt Crosby

In a world where young people may struggle to find meaning, it's quick and easy for them to look up to someone who posts clever content on social media.

However, taking the time to examine the lives of the saints offers deeper insight and connects us to lasting role models and a version of heroism that is not self-glorifying.

And there is a saint for everyone.

Saints aren't boring

Chris Uhler, campus minister and religion instructor at Roncalli Junior and Senior High Schools in Aberdeen, describes his campus ministry role as very focused on relationship building. He's responsible for coordinating retreats for each class every year, maintaining a steady presence in the campus ministry room, and discipleship encounters.

"My job is basically to help kids learn

their Catholic faith and then learn how to live it by coming to love Jesus," he said.

Chris says young people are looking for meaning in many areas of their lives, and studying great figures throughout history can provide a source of inspiration. But in the search for meaning today, young people might often look to celebrities, athletes, social media influencers and others.

However, he recommends a healthy examination of the lives of the saints to help relay the Christian imaginative vision to students. This approach provides balance in a celebrity-driven culture, which can often be motivated by self-centeredness or the pursuit of personal glory.

"I think what the saints can do through their lives is illustrate that living a Christian life is not boring," he said. "Living a Christian life is actually filled

with great adventures and great opportunities if we actually say 'yes' to God."

Chris points to the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a patron of youth around the world, who was athletic, fun-loving and courageous. Although he came from a wealthy and influential family, Pier Giorgio Frassati is known for his outreach to poor people, and he frequently gave food and medicine to those in need.

Chris says Frassati's actions represent the love of others through a love of Jesus Christ.

"I think that through his story and his example, it gives this great vision of what it means to be Christian and how it's not about ourselves," Chris said.

Youth captivates youth

Although it depends on the preference of the individual, saints who were young at the time of their deaths often

have strong appeal among today's youth says Father Tony Klein, parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls. A short list includes Frassati, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux and Blessed Miguel Pro.

In addition, the saints who lived more recently may captivate the memory and imagination in ways not as easy for saints who lived many centuries ago. Blessed Miguel Pro, for example, is a Mexican Jesuit priest who was martyred in 1927.

"It does not mean we cannot relate or connect with saints who lived 1,500 years ago," Father Klein said. "But there is a certain proximity to saying, 'wow, this was in Mexico and that I've been there.'"

While studying at seminary, Father Klein learned more about the lives of the saints, their importance and how we can befriend them. At this time, he was inspired by Blessed Miguel Pro because of his courage and ability to live joyfully in the midst of persecution during a time when the Mexican government was deeply anti-clerical and anti-Catholic.



Father Tony Klein, parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls.

Chris notes many of his students have found St. Therese of Lisieux to be a great model of faith because of her

practice of doing small things with great love. Students see their faith as something deeply intimate and they find comfort in knowing the smallest acts of love, such as a prayer or fasting, holding a door, or smiling at someone, can be a way to live out their faith.

"So many people, myself included, want to do these big things for God, but the example of St. Therese shows us that living our faith is not a daunting task, but one that is accessible to us daily in our interactions with each other and our Lord," Chris said.

Holy lives offer hope

In Chris's experience, high school athletes frequently draw upon St. Michael and St. Sebastian, whose example helps young athletes not depend solely on their own strength. Although it can be easy to develop an individual or hero mentality in athletic competition, instead relying on the strength of Christ to propel us helps us look to and trust in our teammates. Athletes are not competing alone, just as St. Michael and St. Sebastian were not battling alone.

Father Klein says the lives of saints like St. Paul and St. Augustine appeal to young people because they can learn from the witness of those who experienced the pain of their own sin drastically.

"We can be inspired by that," he said. "In a way, take their word for it that it is not worth it to live a life of debauchery or sin. But, if you find yourself there, you're not without hope."

Father Klein explained that young people have high aspirations, which, for some, can border on unrealistic expectations. That's not necessarily a bad thing because expectations can be purified.

"I think that desire for greatness is really something we see manifested in the lives of the saints. It can be through martyrdom, which is the ultimate act of courage," Father Klein said. "But it can also be lived out in ways less dramatic by looking at the lives of simple saints.



Chris Uhler with wife Mariah and son Blaise

I say simple meaning kind of a hidden life. They really were not known in their time a whole lot. It was really after their death that their holiness started to be seen more by other people. It can really help us to understand it's okay to desire greatness, but greatness does not necessarily have to be Captain America."

On the topic of superheroes, Father Klein points out we are definitely drawn to them, noting the overwhelming popularity of the Marvel films franchise. But the hero story goes back at least to the ancient times of the Odyssey and the Iliad. Our natural need for strong role models who stand up for truth and goodness in difficult circumstances includes timeless themes involving conflict, danger and facing evil forces.

"I think that is the important thing about the saints," Father Klein said. "We have role models in the world, and unfortunately sometimes the world secularly canonizes a person and then that person, before they die, does some really foolish things and causes all sorts of people to be distraught."

Father Klein says we can be certain of the holiness of the saints, who won't disappoint in the way a modern-day worldly figure might.

"So the saints, we can be secure about," he said. "They're safe role models for eternity."

Christ the King: a social doctrine

By Chris Motz

The years 2020 and 2021 have been tumultuous. Some might even say I'm understating that a bit. Perhaps I am, but history can give helpful perspective. In particular, I propose that reflecting on the historical circumstances surrounding the establishment of a feast day we celebrate this month—the Solemnity of Christ the King—is of great value to Christians in 2021.

About a hundred years ago, “the war to end all wars” (World War I) had just taken between 15 and 22 million lives. This was a catastrophic shock to the culture of Europe, the heart of the western Christian world at the time. At the same time, to the east in Orthodox Christian Russia, the October Revolution of 1917 led to the murder of the Romanov royal family in 1918 and culminated in the establishment of the Soviet Union by the Bolsheviks in 1923.

Hundreds of thousands of people were killed in the intervening years of Red Terror. Many millions more were murdered or starved in the years that followed. Meanwhile, the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic infected a third of the world's population and caused some 17 to 50 million deaths. Upheaval was everywhere. Governments were reconstituting, borders were shifting, laws were unstable, and society was unmoored. All told, it was a time of great, great hardship.

The world at that time was also experiencing an unprecedented rejection of God. Shortly after his election to the pontificate in 1922, Pope Pius XI described the spiritual situation succinctly:

“Because men have forsaken God and Jesus Christ, they have sunk to the depths of evil It was a quite general desire that both our laws and our governments should exist without recognizing God or Jesus Christ, on the theory that all authority comes from men, not from God.”

The pope was very troubled by this state

of affairs. Marriage was being degraded in law. God was being excluded from schools. And in government, special interests reigned supreme. Pius XI knew that without God, all efforts to repair and stabilize society would be but “vain sterile attempts.”

For Pius XI, the solution was clear. He knew humankind's deepest need was for

gift of interior peace and joy, and these in turn conquer anxiety and fear. Second, as “Quas Primas” explains, the sovereignty of Christ's kingship extends over civil affairs, too. This teaching reminds us that while the kingdom of God “is spiritual and concerned with spiritual things,” it would be a serious mistake “to say that Christ has no authority whatever in civil affairs.”



Christ is King of everything, Pius reminds us, of our “private life” and of our “politics,” too. Thus, “when once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.”

How can we honor Christ the King in our public life as citizens? We can be tempted to think that society will achieve a utopia of peace and happiness without God, if only we choose the right policy experts to lead us. This hubris will end in great suffering and evil—it

always has. If we desire true harmony for our state and nation, good policy must be founded on God's love and reflect his law.

We must not be afraid to publicly share the great joy and peace his kingdom has brought to our own hearts, and our confidence that it can bring the same to our world, if only we would accept it. For any tumult that lies ahead, may God give us the courage and joy we need for this task. Above all, may the peace of Christ's kingdom come.

spiritual peace, for the “peace of Christ, which dwells in our hearts and is, in effect, the love of God.” This pastoral insight flowered three years later in the promulgation of the encyclical “Quas Primas” (“In the first”), which established the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. This year we celebrate this feast on Sunday, November 21.

By establishing this feast, Pius XI warned the faithful of the danger of “thrust[ing] Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life. He called people to “seek the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ.” This fact—the Kingship of Christ over all—is a substantive doctrine of the faith, and in a certain sense, is a “social doctrine” to boot.

There are two main points to take from this teaching. First, we are called to give Christ the King lordship over every aspect of our lives. When we let him reign in our hearts as his disciples, he gives us the

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Groups team up to get Dimock ready for fall

The SS. Peter and Paul Catholic United Team #143 and the Knights of Columbus of Dimock paired up for a fall cleanup of the church and community. The group assembled snow fences, cut down trees, cleaned CCD rooms, washed windows and cleaned up leaves and branches.



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

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

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A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace

Thursday, December 9th from 6:30-8:00 pm
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The Executive Director plans, organizes, implements and evaluates all activities for the support and benefit of the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation (WSDCF). The Executive Director is responsible for growing the WSDCF and its mission, execution and management of fund raising activities and the establishment of endowments and development of donor relationships. The Executive Director Ensures all activities are conducted in support of the mission, philosophy, and values of the Roman Catholic Church in Western South Dakota. Applicants should be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. A Master's Degree or equivalent in philanthropy, business administration or related field is preferred.

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ABERDEEN – Gaylen and Shirley Heinle will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 27. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



BROOKINGS – Mick and Brenda Warborg will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 20. They are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



BROOKINGS – Carl and Linda Larson will celebrate their 55th anniversary on November 25. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas More Parish.



CANOVA – Ray and Sandy Scheuren will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 21. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Epiphany Parish.



CANTON – Jim and Collette Sondgeroth will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 27. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Dominic Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – Jerry and Julie Baustian will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 28. They have 6 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



GARRETSON – Jeff and Sheila Martens will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 14. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



HARTFORD – Ken and Mary Krause celebrated their 65th anniversary on October 6. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



IDYLVILDE – Hugh and Dee Healy will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 20. They have 1 child, 1 grandchild and are members of St. Boniface Parish.



KIMBALL – Mike and Nancy Blasius will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 20. They have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Margaret Parish.

ANNIVERSARY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We accept anniversary submissions for the following anniversary years: 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70. We include them in the issue of the month of the anniversary or the following month's issue. Submissions received for later issues will not be included.

Send a color photo, your anniversary information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by **November 12** for inclusion in the December 2021 edition to:

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rkranz@sfcatholic.org.



MITCHELL – Mike and Elaine Mentele will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 6. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Robert and Diane Hohn will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 6. They have 1 child, 3 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



POLO – Fred and Cheryl Schaefer celebrated their 45th anniversary on October 16. They have 7 children, 15 grandchildren and are members of St. Liborius Parish.



REDFIELD – Duane and Marie Mason celebrated their 70th anniversary on October 29. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



ROSCOE – Paul and Florence Malsam will celebrate their 69th anniversary on November 5. They have 10 children (1 deceased), 28 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



ROSHOLT – Dick and Lisa Braun will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 7. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – David and Shirley Lueth will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 20. They have 5 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Michael and Patricia Benson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 20. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Dick and Mary Hublou will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 7. They have 1 child, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jerry and Mary Bunkers will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 27. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SISSETON – Mark and Cindy Marohl will celebrate their 45th anniversary on November 6. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



TEA – Claire and Margaret Larson will celebrate their 65th anniversary on November 12. They have 6 children, 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



WOONSOCKET – Patrick and Marlene Howard will celebrate their 60th anniversary on November 11. They have 6 children (2 deceased), 8 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 6 great-grandchildren and members of St. Wilfrid Parish.

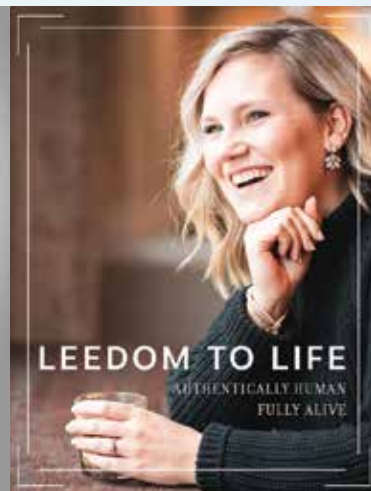
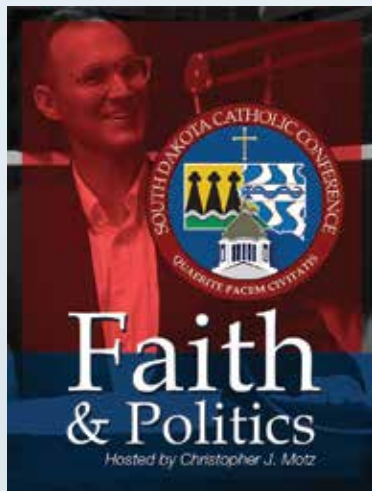


YANKTON – Kurt and Dianne Johnson will celebrate their 40th anniversary on November 27. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.



YANKTON – Arthur and Geraldine Kotalik celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 30. They have 6 children, 13 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

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Clergy Days offers rest and fellowship

Priests and deacons of the Diocese of Sioux Falls took time off in early October for Clergy Days near Chamberlain. This is a time each year when clergy can take a much needed rest from their ministry by spending time with each other, learning new ways to be better priests and to flourish as people. They also take time to remember their deceased brothers by reading aloud the names of all deceased clergy who have served the diocese during Mass at St. James Parish in Chamberlain.



Photo above: Bishop DeGrood was on hand to help honor three priests who celebrated ordination anniversaries this year. Left to right are Father Robert Vinslauski (50 years), Father Albert Cizewski (50 years), Bishop DeGrood, and Father Brian Simon (25 years). **Photo left:** Father Jacob Doty gave the homily for one of the Masses celebrated during Clergy Days. (Photos by Matt Althoff)

UPCOMING RETREATS

SILENT RETREATS

Men's Silent Retreats

November 18-21
February 17-20, 2022
March 17-20, 2022

Women's Silent Retreats

November 4-7
February 3-6, 2022
March 3-6, 2022
March 31-April 3, 2022
June 16-19, 2022

SPECIAL RETREATS

November 12-14, 2021
Couples Retreat
- directed by Jim and Meg Beckman

February 25-27, 2022
Undone: A Healing Retreat
- directed by Fr. Scott Traynor

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and consist of conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is also served, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested.

November 9, 2021
"God & Country - Prayer in the Midst of Conflict and Grace"
- directed by Fr. Joe Forcelle

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This year's theme, "Be Born in Me," is a first-hand account of God's Incarnation into the human race. Through actress Apolonia Davalos, audiences will experience Mary's perspective on the monumental moments of Jesus' birth, and his miraculous life and mission on earth.

From the annunciation to the resurrection, the meaning of Christmas will come alive through the inspiring musical compositions and arrangements of Music Director and Conductor Dan Goeller and our featured soloists,

Nashville recording artists Shane O'Connell and Shelley Jennings, along with the Christmas at the Cathedral Orchestra and Choir.

In addition to being an inspiring Christmas experience, Christmas at the Cathedral supports the poor and vulnerable in our midst through endowments for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, as well as the ongoing care of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, one of the region's most significant civic and sacred landmarks. God's Incarnation is not just a historical event, it is something that happens

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Recitation of the rosary planned

Friday, November 5 - 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.

Pumpkin Patch Craft Show

November 6 - Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. hosted by the Catholic Daughters at St. Thomas Aquinas School gym, 401 N. Van Eps Ave, Madison. Unique vendors will be part of the craft show, and the Catholic Daughters will have a bake sale and lunch available. Please enter through the south door of the gym by the Revive Boutique truck.

Pray the Rosary for our country

November 11 - Pray a Rosary for our country at the House of Mary Shrine in Yankton at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Women at the Well Retreat

December 4 - St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls, Women at the Well Renewal Retreat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Retreat begins with 8:15 a.m. Mass, then speakers, Sunday scripture study, music and fellowship. Renewal retreat is open to all women from all parishes and denominations. Registration is not required and there is no fee. Contact Paula Jones at pjkeeper@sio.midco.net or (605) 214-4951 for more information.

Inmate Prison Christmas Packages

Due to coronavirus precautions, the Department of Corrections has requested that there be no homemade fudge in the inmate Christmas package this year. Because this program has been taking place since 1989, the decision has been made to continue with a Christmas Sack for over 3,500 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 \$11,500 by Friday, November 12 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 by November 12 to SD Prison Chaplains Assoc., Christmas Sacks, 601 W. 57th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Please write Christmas Sacks in the memo line. For more information, visit the prison ministry link on the Sioux Falls diocese website www.sfcatholic.org/prison-ministry or email Mo Irvine at prisonministry@sfcatholic.org

Pray at Planned Parenthood with the Jericho Wall group

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

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

Tuesdays/Thursdays - Mission S.O.S. (Saving Others Spiritually) is for anyone interested in praying for the life of the unborn child and their mother. Open for prayer Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at an apartment/chapel with a balcony overlooking Planned Parenthood. To set up a time to pray or for more information, contact Sara at 605-421-8378 or Darlene at 605-254-0951 or visit missionsos.weadorehim.com.

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Celebrating Me/Remembering You

Holiday Grief Program - Catholic Family Services will be holding a one-day Holiday Grief Program for children, teens and adults who have lost a loved one through a death. This program will be held November 6 from 10 a.m.-noon at 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. A time for games, activities, crafts, discussion. Ages 6-12 will attend the children's portion and ages 13-17 will attend the teen program. Adults will incorporate art as an expression of grief. 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 is honored to host: *"He is Stable"* - *A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace* on December 9 at St. Therese Parish in Sioux Falls. The evening will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow. Children welcome! Register by calling (605) 988-3775 or emailing cfs@sfcatholic.org.

Parish Dinners/Socials

November 7: St. John Parish, Rosholt, annual Sausage Fest, serving 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rosholt Community Center. Menu includes sausage, sauerkraut, baked potatoes, green beans, salad, buns, dessert and beverages. Adults \$12 and kids 6-12 \$6. Raffle drawing at 12:30 p.m. and a goody walk.

November 21: St. Patrick Parish, Montrose, soup and pie dinner 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Christmas decor, free-will rummage. Just in time for the holidays!

Sacred Heart Monastery

November 5 - Online Lectio Divina, Fridays, November 5, 12, and 26 10-10:45 a.m. Meet online for Lectio Divina, a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader, S. Penny Bingham OSB at pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org/605-668-6023. Include your email address.

November 20 - Monthly Contemplative Mornings. Meeting usually the third Saturday of the month, 9-11:15 a.m. Contact S. Doris at doberembt@yanktonbenedictines.org/ 605-668-6022. yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings.

November 30 - Registration deadline for our Advent Retreat, "Prepare the Way of the Lord: Being Prophetic in a World of Trouble." This on-line retreat, presented by the Benedictine Peace Center staff, will be held Saturday, December 4, 9:30-11:45 a.m. The morning will include short presentations, quiet reflection time, sharing and prayer. Go to www.yanktonbenedictines.org/advent-retreat for more information and to register or call 605-668-6292.

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