



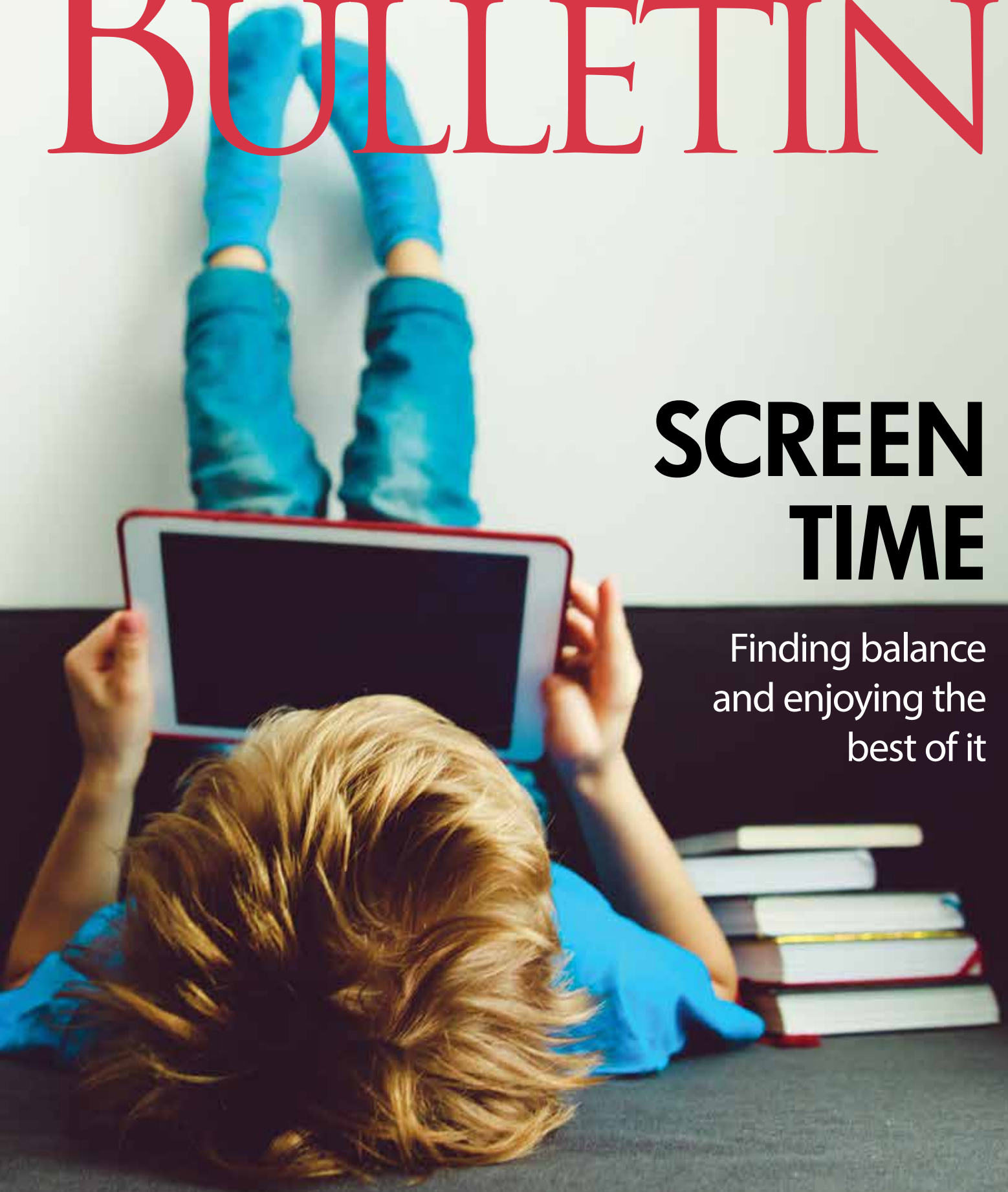
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SCREEN TIME

Finding balance
and enjoying the
best of it



The theme for this issue of The Bishop's Bulletin is the influence for good or ill of "screens" which is a sound bite for the technical reality of the dominance of the communication vehicles of our day – cell phones, Facebook, Twitter, the web and so much more. There is value in all of them and the possibility of evil, often unknown and addictive.

This focus on "Screen Time: Finding the balance and enjoying the best of it" encouraged me to reflect on my screen time. Do I have that balance? Not always.

We live in an age of brevity – headlines with only a few words, breaking news with only an alarming alert, comments about others with only a simplistic judgment.

In the midst of all this, many long for the promise of Christ to be fulfilled: "I make all things new." The fact is that he has already done so. What is new is the call to listen to one another even when we disagree, new in respecting and caring about one another even those we have a hard time liking because we are all children of God, new in not allowing distractions to interfere with deepening our relationship with Christ through His Church.

Sometimes we long to escape all of the noise, words and agendas if only for a brief respite, discovering words of wisdom grounded in history offered by wise men and women with seasoned advice. One helpful resource for me is an app on the internet that reproduces brief "quotes" from the famous and not so famous. Sometimes the snippets make me laugh, sometimes they make me think and sometimes they make me wonder. All are worthwhile.

These are some of my favorites from Quotes Folder in no particular order:

"The trouble with law is lawyers." (Clarence Darrow)

"If there were no bad people, there would be no good lawyers." (Charles Dickens)

"A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting

things done." (Dwight Eisenhower)

"The higher the voice, the smaller the intellect." (Ernest Newman)

"If God can work through me, he can work through anyone." (St. Francis)

"Time has a wonderful way of weeding out the trivial." (Howard Aiken)

"I think we are miserable because we have only one god, and that's economics." (James Hillman)

"Facts are stubborn things and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." (John Quincy Adams)

"You can always tell a real friend: when you've made a fool of yourself he doesn't feel you've done a permanent job." (Laurence J. Peter)

"Growing old is like being increasingly penalized for a crime you haven't committed." (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

"When we get older, our bodies get shorter and our anecdotes longer." (Robert Quillen)

"It was an old friend who thought he was dying. Anyway, he said, 'life and death issues don't come along that often, thank God, so don't treat everything like it's life or death. Go easier.'" (Thomas Arnold)

"What makes old age hard to bear is not the failing of faculties, mental and physical, but the burden of one's memories." (W. Somerset Maugham)

"When one teaches, two learn." (Robert Half)

"It is a common delusion that you make things better by talking about them." (Rose Macaulay)

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was known for such brief pithy statements that pack a spiritual wallop:

"I believe politicians spend too little time on their knees."

"Every day at Communion time I communicate two of my feelings to Jesus. One is gratefulness for He has helped me persevere until today. The other is a request: teach me to pray."

"Today it is fashionable to talk about the poor.



Unfortunately it is not fashionable to talk with them."

"If abortion becomes legalized in rich countries, those countries are the poorest in the world."

"God does not demand that I be successful. God demands that I am faithful."

"Peace and war begin at home."

"Peace begins with a smile."

"In the developed countries there is a poverty of intimacy, a poverty of spirit, of loneliness, a lack of love. There is no greater sickness in the world than this."

"Gandhi felt fascinated at knowing Christ. He met Christians, and felt let down."

Jesus was adept at such brief but powerful words that pack a punch. Just read the Sermon on the Mount which contains these pride breaking gems:

"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world...Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

"When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other to him as well."

"Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles."

"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you."

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy... But store up treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

"No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve both God and mammon."

"Stop judging that you many may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you."

"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you."

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock."

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

These words of our Lord are ones of comfort, encouragement and hope in these challenging times. May we listen to Him and act upon them, as he calls us to do.

And may we have balance in our screen time.

Prayer for a new bishop

Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to shepherd your people and the Holy Spirit to make your people one. Look with favor upon those who will select our new bishop. Give them your vision and let their judgment be clear. Speak your will to them. We thank you for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this diocese. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests and people in love, truth and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the brokenhearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering and be a power against the evil of our day. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



Officials

Since publication of the September Bishop's Bulletin, the Most Reverend Paul J. Swain has

appointed Reverend Joseph Forcelle to serve as the Temporary Parish Administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante and St. John the Baptist Parish, Wagner,

accepted Reverend Daniel Moris' request to retire from assigned ministry for health reasons, and

granted a mandatum to Dr. Jason Heron, a member of the Mount Martyr College faculty who professes in the area of theology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Matthew K. Althoff
Chancellor

SCHEDULE

October

- 2 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- 3 5:00 Keynote address, Faith and Mercy series: The Good Shepherd Never Stops Seeking Out Wandering Sheep, Immaculate Conception, Watertown
- 6 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 7 11:00 Respect Life Mass and Eucharistic Procession, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 8-11 Clergy Days, Arrowhead Cedar Shore, Oacoma
- 12-20 Pilgrimage, Poland: In the Footsteps of Pope St. John Paul II
- 23 6:30 Fundraising Banquet for Real Presence Radio, Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls
- 25 12:00 Diocesan Investment Committee Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 6:00 Dinner, Holy Hour and Mass, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Vermillion
- 27 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 5:00 EOHSJ Dinner, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 28 10:30 Installation Mass of Father Jeff Norfolk, St. Rose of Lima, Garretson
- 2:00 Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Brookings
- 30 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center, Sioux Falls
- 5:15 Mass, Operation Andrew Dinner, Pius XII Newman Center, Brookings

November

- 1 12:00 Holy Mass, Solemnity of All Saints, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 2 6:30 Requiem Mass, Feast of All Souls, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
- 3 10:00 Blessing of The Mustard Seed, Sioux Falls
- 3 Diocesan Regional Youth Conference, Sioux Falls
- 4 Diocesan Regional Youth Conference, Huron
- 6 12:00 Pray at Planned Parenthood



A few months ago the parish Pastoral Council decided our parish should have a stronger online presence. It is a prudent and modern-necessary endeavor; and so we began to work on our Facebook page and began to build a web site.

I began by seeing what was on the internet in regards to the parish, and so I googled our name and found some amazing pictures and news stories and some history items. What struck me first on my search was on the top of the Google page, a picture of the parish and some pertinent information, such as address and phone number and Mass times, and then I noticed the stars at the bottom.

The stars could mean only one thing, we had been reviewed.

I was a little nervous, but clicked on the link and discovered, under google reviews, that our parish had earned 4.7 out of five stars with 7 reviews. Only one person wrote anything to go with their rating, and they were complimentary.

This got me a bit curious, and so I began to research a bit, and found we had a few good reviews on Facebook, and one 1-star review on the Yellow Pages site. Taken collectively, I would say that our parish is doing well.

It did not strike me as odd until later on, odd that we were being reviewed. I do not often think of a parish as being reviewable, like a restaurant or hotel or business. I suppose this is because I do not think of the parish as a business. Yet, because we provide a service, I suppose it was only a matter of time before we would be reviewed like any other place of business.

I am just happy that we are (almost) a 5-star parish, which would look great on our website.

The proliferation of reviews is something new in our society. I spent most of my life going to restaurants and hotels without a clue in regards to what previous diners or guests may have thought about the place. I would give my patronage to a business and presume everything was fine because they were still in business.

There were reviews, of course, but much

less formal. Mostly it was someone saying something like, "I didn't like their food," or "I stayed there and the room was fantastic." You just heard things from friends and acquaintances. Now, there are so many reviews and opinions about a place that I have no idea what to think about it.

When I wish to buy something on Amazon, I scroll down and check the reviews and invariably things oscillate so wildly that I just presume all the really good ones and all the really bad ones are fake and I concentrate on the middle reviews.

All in all, what I have learned from reading reviews lately is, because I have no idea who is reviewing, I end up making choices like I did before reviews came along. I simply ask family or friends, or go with my gut. The difference is, when I get a review from a friend or family member, I know them and trust their judgment, taste and opinions.

While the reviews we read online may make a difference, and a perfect stranger may sway our opinions one way or another, we will generally still make a decision based on the thoughts of those we know and trust. Which should make us a bit more thoughtful.

It is easy to forget how much of an influence our opinions, for good or for ill, have on those around us.

It is equally easy to focus primarily on the things around us we do not like, or that annoy us. We may not feel that way about everything, but sometimes it is only the negative or annoying that we speak about, or share with others. If our opinions are negative, that makes a difference; as does our positivity. We have an amazing ability to guide and support the decisions of those we love.

It is a good thing, each harvest season, to remember that we bring in what we have planted around us.

Hopefully, as we consciously choose to live our lives, focused on the good around us, and trying faithfully to bring that light and hope and love to those around us, we might someday stand before the throne of grace, and hear the lovely words, "The reviews of your life are in...5 stars."

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Diocesan residents turned out recently for the public praying of the rosary at the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls. The Office of the Marian Apostolate hosts recitation of the rosary several times each month. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. (Photo by Gene Young)



Sunday, October 7 - 3:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

Coinciding with the National Rosary Rally
in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.



Blessing of Animals: Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
Thurs., Oct. 4th - 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Parking lot of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls
All are invited to bring their pets for the blessing!

Rosary Opportunities During the Month of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Thurs., Oct. 4th - 6:00 p.m.

Mother's Garden-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

Sat., Oct. 13th - 11:00 a.m.

Christ the King Church, Sioux Falls

Tues., Oct. 16th - 6:00 p.m.

Mother's Garden-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

Mon., Oct. 22nd - 6:00 p.m.

Mother's Garden-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

Sat., Oct. 27th - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls

Mon., Oct. 29th - 6:00 p.m.

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For other opportunities please see: www.siuoxfallsrosary.com

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Jesus

through Mary



SCREEN TIME

Finding balance
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You send a text and await the response – you might even do so while driving.

You check once more in case that email arrived.

Maybe just one more episode of the latest Netflix series.

Any new tweets on Twitter or pictures on Instagram?

So what if I've seen this "Everybody Loves Raymond" rerun six times before.

Oh, look at that, Mary has another Facebook post – that looks like a good recipe.

Man, I've just got to get to that next level on the current game I'm sort of (deeply) addicted to.

The screens that most of us stare at each day have enormous power in our lives.

They can lead us away from spending time with others, they can lead us into dangers like bullying and pornography, and they can allow a deployed father be present via skype for the birth of his child.

Our cumulative time watching screens - movie, television, computer, tablet, phone and even watches - runs into many hours each day.

But how much time do we spend thinking about what we, and in many cases what our children, are doing? Might it be helpful to consume with some consciousness? What is all this screen time doing to us?

Well, asking those type of questions, according to experts dealing with media literacy, mental health, technology, and spirituality, can actually be an important step in learning balance and moderation, which leads to more healthy long-term use of our screens.



Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP, D.Min. is a media literacy education specialist who trained at the University of London. She is the co-author of two books on media literacy in faith formation.

“There are two ways to get to the point of controlling all the media in our lives” said Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP, D.Min., a longtime media literacy education specialist.

“The first is to articulate the values that guide your life, those overarching transcendent ideals, such as family, community, integrity, love, service, faith, hope. The next thing is to articulate the plan you have for your family and outline goals so you can fulfill that plan.

“Prioritize what you value in your life (family, education, church and spiritual development, work, community, good citizenship, health of mind, body, soul, recreation and leisure) and then choose to do your very best to keep to the plan,” she said.

Mary Weber, a counselor with Catholic Family Services who specializes in working with children, said finding balance and moderation are keys, especially for young minds.

“As young children's brains are developing, they are especially vulnerable to input,” Weber said.

“The younger the child, the more hands on they are in how they learn. A screen does not provide the same opportunity for experiential learning, creativity, problem solving vs. toys, or playtime with family and friends for example. Screen

time can be used for enjoyment and some learning opportunities but in moderation. Some virtual games can be overstimulating if played too long and children can become irritable.

“Younger children are very concrete in their thinking. It isn't until they are closer to 11 or 12 that they can fully understand abstract thought so there is a risk of younger children struggling with separating out fantasy from reality if engrossed too much in a game. Also for younger children, if video games are too violent, it can desensitize them to violence or graphic language,” Weber said.

But of course this is not just about children. The mental health community is discussing whether to add a diagnosis of something called “internet addiction disorder” for those who are dealing with issues because they are overly consumed by screens.

Catholic Family Services counselor Justin Falon said easy access for everyone is part of the problem.

“In my opinion one of the things that makes or will make this issue so problematic is access ... Screens are convenient. Did you know that some people even text and drive or browse and drive? That speaks to the magnitude of the problem,” he said.

“Is that text really so important that we need to read it while driving home? Probably not but our brains don't work like that. Our brains are being programmed to receive the reward (reading the text or email while driving) even though we know that it's dangerous. We take the risks.

“What people need to know is that when we use drugs, we are taking the risk. When we use alcohol,



Miranda Prorsus by Pope Pius XII,

Though not much more than a century has passed since screens became a part of life, the Church has had interest in our use of them from early on. Here is an excerpt on why from the encyclical letter, *Miranda Prorsus* by Pope Pius XII, Sept. 8, 1957:

Just as very great advantages can arise from the wonderful advances which have been made in our day, in technical knowledge concerning Motion Pictures, Radio and Television, so too can very great dangers.

For these new possessions and new instruments which are within almost everyone's grasp, introduce a most powerful influence into men's minds, both because they can flood them with light, raise them to nobility, adorn them with beauty, and because they can disfigure them by dimming their lustre, dishonour them by a process of corruption, and make them subject to uncontrolled passions, according as the subjects presented to the senses in these shows are praiseworthy or reprehensible.¹¹

In the past century, advancing technical skill in the field of business frequently had this result: machines, which ought to serve men, when brought into use, rather reduced them to a state of slavery and caused grievous harm. Likewise today, unless the mounting development of technical skill, applied to the diffusion of pictures, sounds and ideas, is subjected to the sweet yoke of the law of Christ,¹² it can be the source of countless evils, which appear to be all the more serious, because not only material forces but also the mind are unhappily enslaved, and man's inventions are, to that extent, deprived of those advantages which, in the design of God's Providence, ought to be their primary purpose.¹³

we are taking the risk. When we browse excessively or text while driving, we are taking the risk.

"But, it's legal and that is how we sometimes justify it to ourselves. In my mind, it all works on the same pleasure center in our brains. We do the things that make us feel good. It's that simple and that complicated," Falon said.

No one is suggesting screens do not offer much that is good. A good portion of the population uses screens in their daily work. Families who find themselves spread across the globe use tools like FaceTime and WhatsApp and Skype to stay in touch – in relationship.

And it is respecting relationships that is at the heart of using technology well.



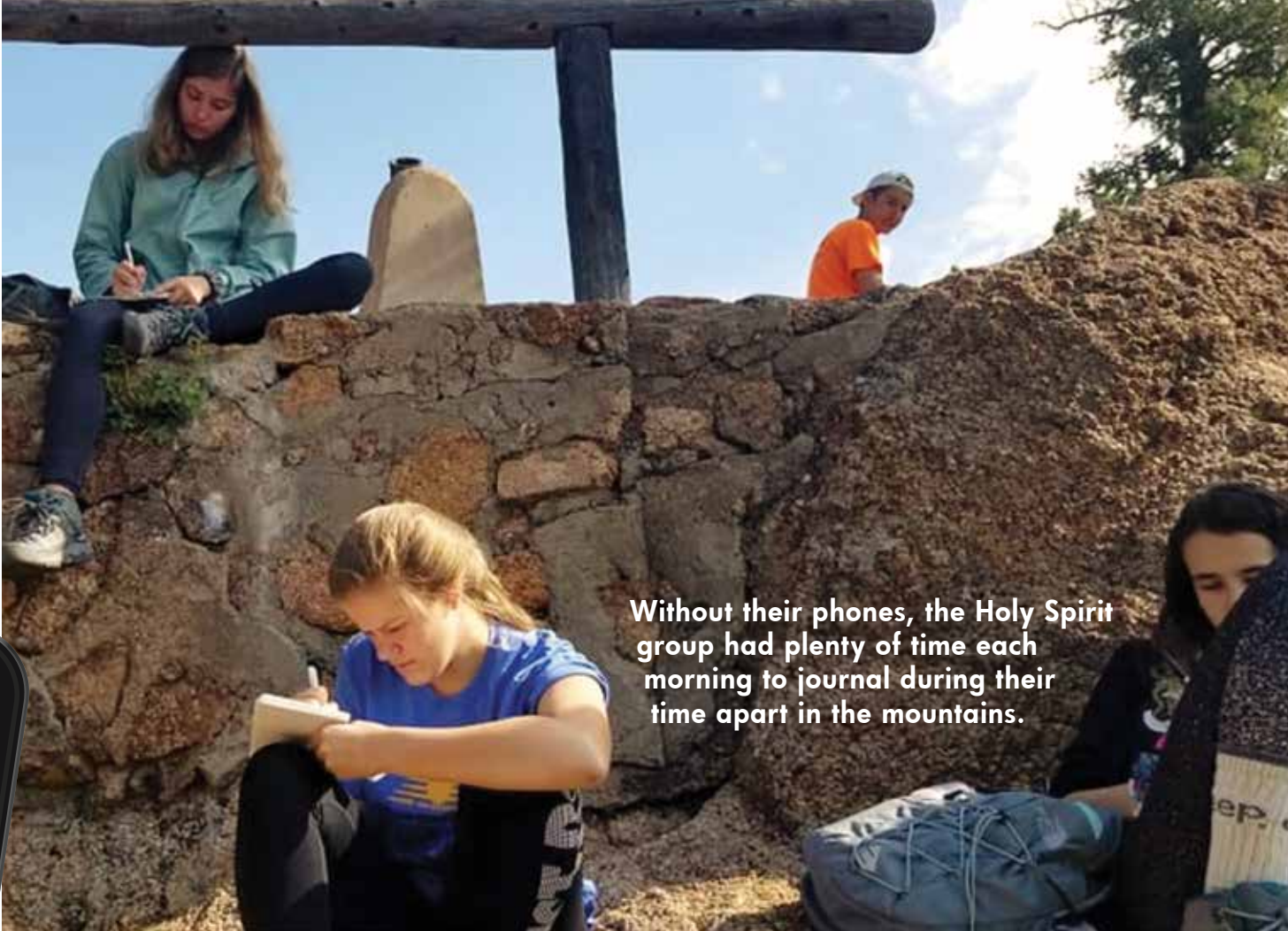
Sean Hanson, youth director at Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls, tells of what happened on a Colorado hiking trip with 19 teens – days filled with hiking, rock climbing and also adoration and Mass.

But no cell phones.

"For one, we wanted them to connect with God's nature and be to present with our community. And second, phones would not work up there," he said.

"This group became a family and it was amazing to see. I had two teens say that they did not want to go back. ...The first teen response was that she learned to live without her cell. She had realized that her phone was not important and was taking away from true personal relationships. Communicating with people around her was more important. She said she was at peace up in the mountains and did not worry about what people had to say on social media and what society had to say," Hanson said.

"The second teen said that she was at peace up here because she was not being pushed to be busy. She felt that she had a better understanding of life and its meaning. She said that her parents push her so hard on activities and academics.



Without their phones, the Holy Spirit group had plenty of time each morning to journal during their time apart in the mountains.

On top of that, she said society tells you if you are not busy doing something that you will be a failure in life.

“My opinion is that these teens were able to see what life was really about and how their relationship could be with Jesus. The teens are saying that they are too busy. And it’s no wonder why Jesus gets ranked 3rd or 4th place in teen’s life sometimes,” Hanson said.

Since the key relationship in our lives is the one with God, we begin to see how being out of balance with how we use screen time – whether for work, social media or anything else - can impact our spiritual life.

Father Andrew Dickinson uses social media himself but also observes its use by students at South Dakota State University where he directs the Pius XII Newman Center.

“Two main spiritual reflections should be considered,” he said.

“First is social media as a near occasion of the sin of acedia. Acedia, sometimes called sloth, is a temptation to be dissatisfied with your current situation and to run from your current duties.

“As baptized Christians we believe that we have a share in Jesus’ own mission by the power of His Holy Spirit, thus no situation should ever be boring, we can always ask our Lord ‘What do you want me to do right now? How are you trying to

love me and love others right now?’ Social media then pulls us away from daily responsibilities and tasks.

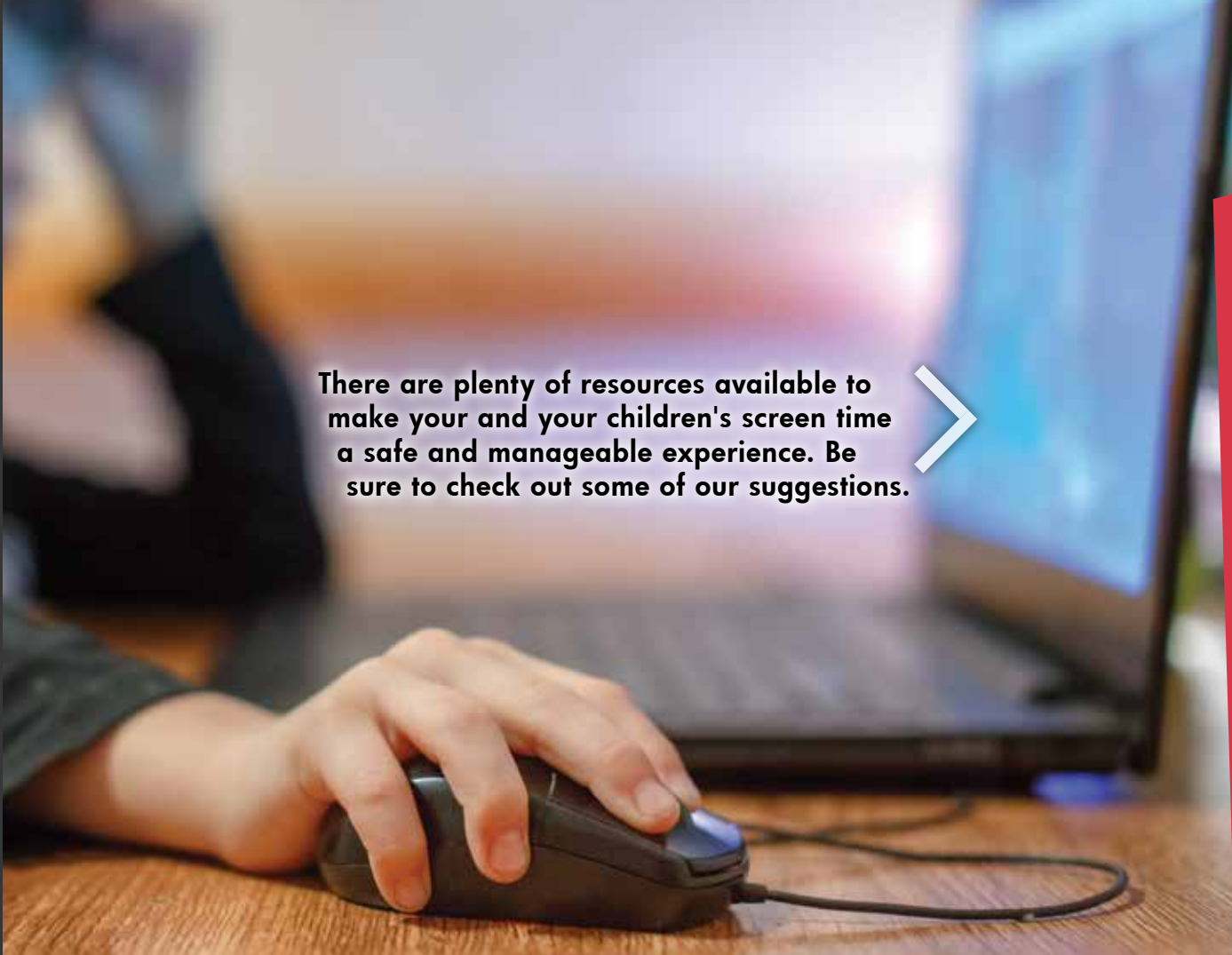
“The second spiritual consideration is that it removes us from the call of charity. The charity of Jesus calls us to love our neighbor and social media can create confusion on who is our neighbor in need,” said Fr. Dickinson.

“While social media can create confusion as to who is our neighbor in need, it can expand our ability to love our neighbor in Christian charity.

“Just this August my attention was drawn to an Olympic wrestler who suffered a debilitating injury. I could remotely assist him and his family with a small donation and ongoing prayers.

“Social media also allows people who often feel overwhelmed and overlooked to connect with some others - but again, the connection is ethereal and largely unsatisfying in the long run.

“The most important thing, and, at the end of the day, the simplest reminder, is ‘does what I am doing prepare me for heaven?’ Another way to ask it, ‘Jesus, what do you want me to be doing with my life, right now?’



There are plenty of resources available to make your and your children's screen time a safe and manageable experience. Be sure to check out some of our suggestions.

“On a less spiritual note, ‘Does this really refresh me for doing my daily responsibilities or is it just a chasing after a distraction?’” said Fr. Dickinson.

Finding a meaningful, uplifting way to use social media and to be reflective of her own screen time use eventually led Jen Dykstra to regular commentaries on scripture verses that she shares on her Facebook page.

“It probably started about four years ago or so and there was so much negativity around. I was looking for encouragement and often scanned the USCCB website for the daily readings,” said Dykstra, a member at Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls, who works in the financial industry.

“I have a morning routine, part of which is seeking Bible verses that speak to me and then I write a reflection on it, trying to encourage and counter the negativity. I do it for myself but share it,” she said.

It has become meaningful for others too. Dykstra tells of someone who told her she reads her morning posts, copies and shares the reflections with her college age kids. She recently missed a day and they complained about not getting it.

Dykstra said her motivation is not only about thoughtful use of her screen time, but about doing things that can make a difference for herself and for others.

“It’s easy to get caught up, especially in negativity or jealousy of what you think others have. What you see on social media is just a snapshot of their whole life. Seeing those things doesn’t mean you know them. To know them you must reach out and develop a relationship,” Dykstra said.

When in doubt about proper use of our screen time, Sr. Pacatte recommends seeking the advice of a saint.

“St. Augustine said, ‘Love God and do what you will.’ This means that if you or I affirm our love for God, we will do what is right and good and according to our rightly formed consciences, that is, right living in line with the teachings of Jesus as interpreted for us by the Church,” she said.

“This implies living an active life of faith that will inspire us when it is time to make choices regarding media and ourselves and our families. The media in whatever form we have today or that is coming tomorrow are not going away. We can love the technology or hate it but media are not going away,” said Sr. Pacatte.



Resources

Dawn Wolf, Information Systems director for the Diocese of Sioux Falls recommends a couple of helpful websites, including Commonsensemedia.org. An article on their website offers the following suggests, which Wolf said she endorses as well:

1. Be Present
2. Control the Wifi (there are some great tools out there)
3. Remove temptation
4. Use Parental Controls (on smart TV's and many other devices, start early)
5. Promote and Model Balance (binge watching, the struggle is real)

She also recommends <https://protectyouneyes.com> as a helpful resource.

Sr. Pacatte offers these thoughts:

"Whether we are consuming media or creating it, or playing it (video games), we have a responsibility to choose well, to be kind, truthful, thoughtful, inspiring even. And if on social media to always ask if what I am posting is necessary. There is a **T.H.I.N.K.** protocol that can be taught to children and parents in regard to bullying, for example, before posting online (and even for analyzing what we just watched on television):

- T** = is it true?
- H** = is it helpful?
- I** = is it inspiring?
- N** = is it necessary?
- K** = is it kind?

Additional helps from Sr. Pacatte can be found at the Pauline Center for Media Studies website, BeMediaMindful.org

There is growing evidence that screen time impacts our brains. Author Nicolas Carr has written books and articles and his website, www.nicholascarr.com, includes a blog where he discusses the re-engineering of our brains.

Many simply help themselves in their screen time consumption by employing the ageless teaching of Jesus fasting. Whether seasonal for Lent or any other time, fasting from social media has been a benefit for many.



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In addition to serving at the Newman Center at Northern State University in Aberdeen and as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Westport, I am excited to join Father Shaun Haggerty in promoting vocations to the priesthood for our diocese.

Splitting the vocations director position is not unheard of, and we have done it here in Sioux Falls in the past. Father Haggerty and I have been in discussion about how we can work together using our own particular gifts. We will be doing our best to serve our diocese in this role, and we continue to ask everyone for their prayers and encouragement for more good and holy vocations to the priesthood. We all share in this responsibility to foster a culture where young people can hear the ways in which God is calling them to serve.

Some might think promoting the priesthood a daunting task given our current climate both inside the Church and in modern culture. As true as that may be, I come into this additional assignment with great hope because of the facts that still remain; namely, this is Christ's Church and this is still where I find Jesus. These facts haven't changed.

The current climate has led me to reflect on the circumstances surrounding my own vocational discernment. Back in 2003 I was a rather reserved high school student who held a mostly private faith in the small town of Eden. Drawing attention to myself, sticking my head out for Jesus, was about the last thing I wanted to do, and deciding to enter seminary was personally challenging because of the public nature of that decision.

In addition to my own internal obstacles, you might remember the national media reports of sexual abuse and cover-ups by priests and bishops coming out of Boston at that time. That type of news was as disheartening then as it is now, and many within the Church were understandably shaken to the core by such reports. Looking at these circumstances it seemed perhaps unreasonable for me to enter the seminary 15 years ago.

But why did I? Why do young men still decide to go to seminary today?

For me at least it was because of facts. Even with unfavorable circumstances in 2003, I couldn't deny the facts in front of me. The fact that I desired to follow Christ more closely and felt a draw to the priesthood. The fact that Father Jim Friedrich, knowing nothing of my thoughts on seminary, asked me to visit the seminary. The fact that during that visit in 2002, there was an evident, even palpable peace. The fact that good priests mentored me, and the fact that confession and the Eucharist were still where I found Jesus present in a real and powerful way.

These were undeniable evidences that allowed me to enter seminary with a real confidence even amidst scandal and difficulty.

These evidences remain for me today. I get to see Jesus changing the lives of our students on campus here at NSU, he is working in the parishioners at Westport, and just this August at the seminarian gathering amidst a new outbreak of scandal, I encountered a joy among the seminarians of our diocese that could come from nowhere other than Christ.

I pray we never cease to be people who see Jesus active and present in our midst now. The promotion of vocations, and really, the spreading of Christianity, depends on it. His presence among us now, if we are attentive, becomes the fact that is so undeniable that no matter what obstacles arise or how small our Church might become, is the source of our confidence.

Joyfully, full of hope, we continue to proclaim a living God.

I'm so grateful to be a priest. What a beautiful gift. What a beautiful vocation. Without reservation, I join Father Haggerty in inviting young men to consider the priesthood.

We will be visiting Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN November 10-12 and St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, MN November 15-17. These are great opportunities for a young man to discover new evidence of a potential call to serve the Lord in this capacity. You can learn more



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State Fair Mass draws crowd to pray and worship



Bishop Paul J. Swain shares his homily with the congregants on hand for the annual State Fair Mass in Huron. The Mass is usually celebrated at the Women's Building at the State Fairgrounds. The liturgy drew a large crowd again this year. (Photo by Bill Sealey)

Local CHURCH

Harvest Mass celebrated in Garretson



St. Rose of Lima Parish recently celebrated a Harvest Mass at the farm of Arden and Mary Ellen Sorenson. The high school religion classes also attended. Father Jeff Norfolk, pastor, was the celebrant. Mass was followed by a meal and social time. (Photo courtesy, Virginia Hillestad, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Garretson)

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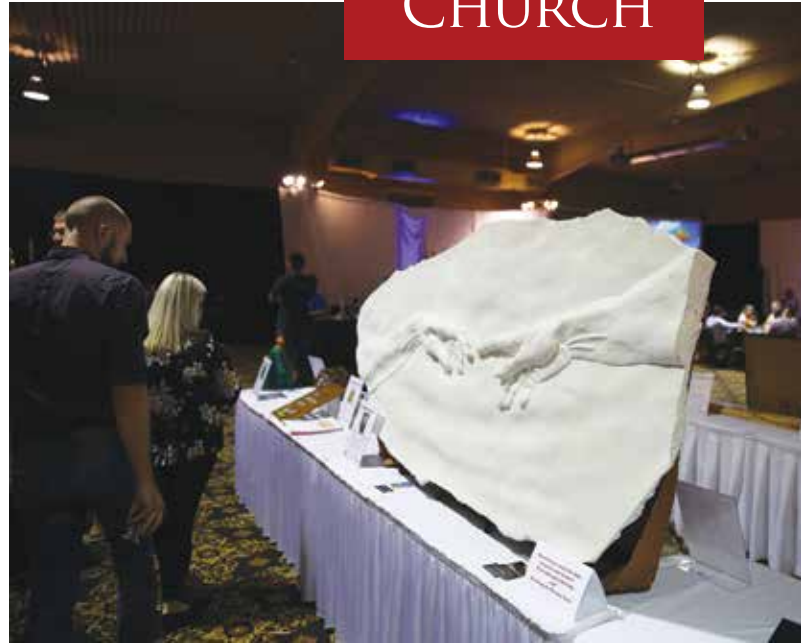
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Bishop's Cup and Legacy events aid Broom Tree

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The 2018 Legacy: A Tasting Experience was also a success that helped out Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Legacy attendees enjoyed tasting a wide selection of coffee, beer, wine, cheese, and other great foods. All proceeds from this event go to benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Pictured (above, right) are some of the items that were part of the auction connected to the event. (Photos courtesy, Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota)

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St. Lawrence Parish, Milbank, takes parishioners, others on the road

St. Lawrence Parish, Milbank, recently took 41 young adults to Spokane, WA for the Steubenville Youth Conference (pictured at right). The parish followed that by taking 24 adults on pilgrimage to Poland and eastern Europe (pictured below is the group at the Shrine of Divine Mercy. (Photos courtesy, St. Lawrence Parish, Milbank)



Real Presence Radio bringing EWTN host to the diocese to speak at banquet

Real Presence Radio is bringing Teresa Tomeo, host of EWTN's "Catholic Connection," to the diocese in October.

Tomeo will be the keynote speaker at the Real Presence Radio fundraising banquet Oct. 23 at the Ramkota Inn.

In addition to being a radio host, Tomeo manages her own communications company and is also a bestselling author and print, radio, and television journalist with more than 30 years of experience in media.



Teresa Tomeo
EWTN Host and speaker

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Sacred Arts Series gears up for start of new season



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Free admission (free will offering) for the program.

The SDSU Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Laura Diddle, will be joined by the SDSU Wind Symphony, directed by Dr. Jacob Wallace. The two ensembles will fill the Cathedral with choral and instrumental music on a grand scale.

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Father Ed Anderson, a priest of the diocese and a resident at Avera Prince of Peace, rededicated a recently restored statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the request of some of the other residents.

The rededication was on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. (Photo courtesy, Avera Prince of Peace)

Statue rededication performed at Avera Prince of Peace



Knights of Columbus step out for annual candy drive to help intellectually disabled



Members of the Knights of Columbus including Jeff Finnegan, a member of St. Mary Parish, Sioux Falls, were out recently to accept donations in exchange for tootsie rolls. The Knights were at several locations. Funds collected each year go toward helping people with intellectual disabilities. (Photo by Gene Young)

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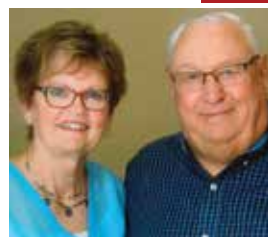
ABERDEEN – Robert and Mary Gruman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 26. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



ABERDEEN – Dan and Dorothy Lipp celebrated their 60th anniversary on Sept. 8. They have 7 children and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BOWDLE – Mike and Betty Mitzel will celebrate their 75th anniversary on Oct. 25. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and are members of St. Augustine Parish.



BRANDON – Marlin and Karen Nelson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 19. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



BRITTON – Charles and Donna Stehly will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Oct. 27. They have 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and are members of St. John de Britto Parish.



CLARK – Dan and Kay Whalen celebrated their 35th anniversary on July 29. They have 2 children and are members of St. Michael Parish.



DANTE – Larry and Sylvia Beeson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 21. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.



EPIPHANY – John and Marci Schmitt will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Oct. 7. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Church of the Epiphany Parish.



FLORENCE – Steve and LeeAnn Maag will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Oct. 14. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish.



GARRETSON – Mark and Pam Braa will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Oct. 28. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish.



GRENVILLE – Roger and Joyce Kulesa celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 28. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and are members of the St. Joseph Parish.



HARTFORD – Bill and Carolyn Zortman will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 5. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



HURON – Frank and Mary Ann Fransen will celebrate their 67th anniversary on Oct. 20. They have 8 children (1 deceased), 19 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



KIMBALL – Ben and Jeanette Bravek will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Oct. 4. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Margaret Parish.



KRANZBURG – Bob and Linda Lenards will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 12. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Holy Rosary Parish.



MILBANK – Kevin and Tammy Jurgens will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Oct. 14. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MITCHELL – Bob and Rose Oberembt will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Nov. 4. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Jason and Kimberly Wise will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Oct. 29. They have 2 children and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



MITCHELL – Charles and Lois Paulson will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Oct. 13. They have 9 children (3 deceased), 26 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren (2 deceased) and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



PARKER – Joe and Maureen Green will celebrate their 35th anniversary on Oct. 1. They are members of St. Christine Parish.

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PARKSTON – Wayne and Mary Tiede will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 5. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



REVILLO – Marty and Kathy Novy will celebrate their 45th anniversary on Oct. 13. They have 7 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Annunciation Parish.



ROSCOE – Leonard and Donna Schmidt will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Oct. 7. They have 6 children, 11 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



SALEM – Jerry and Barb Gottlob will celebrate their 40th anniversary on Oct. 14. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tim and Sandra Bunkers will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 26. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Vern and Marlyce Christensen will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Oct. 25. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Claude and Mary Summers will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 12. They have 7 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Merle and BettyJean Ankrum will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Oct. 24. They have 6 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Frank and Dee Owens will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 26. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Scott and Bev Johnson will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Oct. 1. They have 3 children and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



STEPHAN – Robert and Bernice Ellsworth will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Oct. 8. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 12 grandchildren (1 deceased), 10 great-grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



TABOR – Darrell and Ann Beran will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 12. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren (1 deceased) and are member of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Jerry and Ardys Raasch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 19. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Dennis and Linda Jensen will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Oct. 15. They have 5 children (1 deceased) and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Cullen and Julie Prasek will celebrate their 30th anniversary on Oct. 7. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



YANKTON – Wes and Evelyn Cimpl will celebrate their 65th anniversary on Oct. 15. They have 1 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

Anniversary submissions

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Sister Prudence Ludwig

Sister Prudence Ludwig, a sister of the Sinsinawa Dominicans, Sinsinawa, WI, died Aug. 16 at St. Dominic Villa, Sinsinawa, WI. She was 96.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 21 at the Dominican Motherhouse, Sinsinawa, WI. Burial followed in the Motherhouse Cemetery.

Sister Prudence was born Aug. 16, 1922, in Livingston, MT, the daughter of Aloysius and Florence (Hartman) Ludwig.

Sister Prudence grew up in Sioux Falls, attending Cathedral Grade School, 1934-1936, and Cathedral High School, 1936-1940.

Sister Prudence made her first religious profession as a Sinsinawa Dominican Aug. 5, 1945, and her final profession Aug. 5, 1948. She taught for 33 years and served as principal for three years, nurse aid for one year, religious education coordinator



Sister Prudence Ludwig, OP

for three years, tutor and alumni coordinator for one year, and secretary for 22 years.

Sister Prudence served in Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Nebraska, California and Colorado.

Her parents and a sister, Rita Ludwig, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a sister, Barbara Corboy; nieces; nephews; and her Dominican Sisters with whom she shared 73 years of religious life.

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Brandon parish creates, promotes prayer garden



Parishioners at Risen Savior Parish, Brandon, created a prayer garden near the church. Parishioners share the prayer garden was created to be an oasis of prayer in a restless and hurried world. There is a walkway and three loops that are connected and were created to remind prayerful visitors to keep Jesus as the center of their lives. (Photo courtesy, Laurie Lambertz, Risen Savior Parish, Brandon)

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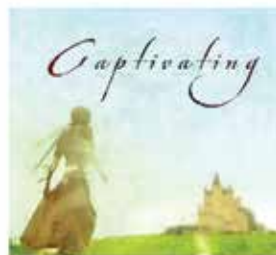
News BRIEFS

Advocates decry historically low cap for 2019 refugee entry
Washington, DC (CNS) - Advocates for refugee admissions into the United States decried what one statement called a historically low cap of 30,000 for fiscal year 2019, which begins Oct. 1, and asked Congress to work with the Trump administration to more than double that number. The 30,000 figure is one-third less than last year's 45,000, which had been the lowest number on record. A group of advocates, on a conference call with reporters, said the number had been issued without consulting Congress, which is required by law. That has led to hope that Congress can persuade the administration to increase the number. With few weeks left in the current fiscal year, the administration has processed only 20,918, less than half of the fiscal 2018 allotment, said Jen Smyers, director of policy and advocacy for Church World Service.

Pope Francis says he hopes to visit Japan in 2019
Vatican City (CNS) - Pope Francis told a group of Japanese visitors to the Vatican that he wants to visit Japan in 2019. "Taking advantage of your visit, I would like to announce my desire to visit Japan next year. We hope it is possible to do," the pope said during a meeting with members of Japan's Tensho Kenoh Shisetsu Kenshoukai, a cultural association. Pope Francis has received several invitations to visit Japan, including an invitation in 2013 from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.



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Parish Dinners/Socials

Oct. 7/Sioux Falls Serra Club Waffle Breakfast to support seminarians; All you can eat Belgian waffles plus a bake sale on Sunday at Christ the King Parish gym (26th and West Ave.); serving will be from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; free will offering will be accepted.

Oct. 7/St. Boniface Parish, Idylwilde (rural Freeman), annual fall supper, serving from 4-7 p.m.; serving pork chops, potatoes, corn, salads, desserts, buns, and beverage.

Oct. 7/St. Stephen Parish, Bridgewater annual sausage supper on Sunday serving from 3-7 p.m.; adults: \$12 and children age 3-12: \$5; family style serving of whole hog sausage, potatoes & gravy, beans, sauerkraut, cranberries, buns and homemade pie.

Oct. 7/St. Wenceslaus Parish, Tabor, will hold its dinner and bazaar on Sunday with serving from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; meal will include chicken, dressing, dumplings, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, salads, kolache, rolls, and assorted desserts; there will also be a variety of games, concessions and prizes.

Oct. 14/Christ the King Parish, Sioux Falls, annual parish roast beef dinner on Sunday; serving 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; call the parish office at 332-5477 for more information.

Oct. 14/St. Agnes Church, Sigel, soup kitchen offered; serving from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Sigel Church Hall, rural Utica.

Oct. 14/Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Elkton, annual fall roast beef dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, glazed carrots, buns and pie; adults \$10; children (6-12) \$5; under 5 free; bake sale and country store, and a raffle of bean bag game, fall quilt, and a gift card to local meat market; the dinner will be held at St. Mary Hall, Elkton.

Oct. 14/St. Mark Parish, Lake Andes; annual parish dinner on Sunday; Swiss steak, potatoes, salads and dessert; serving 4-7 p.m.; cost is adults \$10 and children (4-11) \$5; bingo will be held at the 4-H Center starting at 5 p.m.

Oct. 20/St. Lambert School craft fair Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; free admission; all homemade crafting booths; food concessions; at 1000 S. Bahnson Ave., Sioux Falls.

Oct. 21/St. Ann Parish, Humboldt, annual chicken dinner with salad bar, bake sale and country store; serving 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; carry out meals are available.

Oct. 21/St. John the Baptist Church, Lesterville, annual soup kitchen from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; menu will include vegetable beef, chicken noodle, and chili soups, hot dogs, taverns, chicken salad sandwiches, potato salad, homemade pies and desserts, kolaches, coffee and pop; raffles prizes, cake walk, fish pond and bingo.

Oct. 28/St. George Parish, Hartford, annual fall dinner; serving from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; roast turkey with all the trimmings; country store and a raffle.

Oct. 28/St. Mary Parish, Salem, annual bazaar at the Salem Armory; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; serving a plate lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with hot chicken sandwich or cheesy ham sandwich, baked beans, salad, pie and drink for \$7 or a kid's meal for \$5; bingo, raffles and more.

Oct. 28/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dante, will host its annual soup dinner on Sunday; serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; chili and chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, taverns, hot dogs, pies and desserts; bingo and games for all ages including an all cash raffle and a children's raffle.

Oct. 28/St. Joseph the Workman, rural Colton, annual soup and pie supper on Sunday; serving 3:30-6:30 p.m. with bake sale and country store at Taopi Hall, Colton.

Nov. 3/St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls, bazaar and bake sale, Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1600 S. Marion Rd. (West 26th and Marion Rd.); enter thru doors C or F; table rental still available; call Rhonda 361-1600 for more details.

Nov. 4/St. Patrick Parish, Montrose, hosting its soup and pie dinner and country store; serving from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nov. 4/St. Paul the Apostle church, Armour, hosting its fall supper; Sunday, 4-7 p.m.; roast beef, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, salads, desserts, coffee and juice; Adults \$10.00; (kids 6-12) \$5.00; 5 and under free.

S.F. parish hosting adult education

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, will have adult education on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The presenter is Msgr. Charles Mangan, vicar for Consecrated Life, Canonical Advisor to the bishop and director of the Marian Apostolate. His presentation will be "Our Lady, Queen of the Angels." There will be an opportunity for questions and answers after the presentation. Contact is Kathy Davis at 371-2320.

Diocesan EVENTS

Recitation of the Rosary planned

Oct. 4 through Oct. 29 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host recitation of the rosary Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls; Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. inside the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls; Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. inside Christ the King Church, Sioux Falls; Oct. 16 in the Mother's Garden; Oct. 22 in the Mother's Garden; Oct. 27 inside Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls and Oct. 29 in the Mother's Garden.

Marian Apostolate hosts blessing of animals

Thursday, Oct. 4 - The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host the Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Thursday from 5:30-6 p.m. in the parking lot of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls. All are invited to bring their pets for the blessing.

Huron parish hosting hospice care program

Thursday, Oct. 4 - Holy Trinity Church will host "Utilizing the Hospice Care Program" event at 7 p.m. in the church's confirmation room. Karen Decker, RN, MS and the Huron Regional Medical Center Bereavement Coordinator will be the presenter. The program is open to all. For more information contact the parish at 605-352-2203.

National Rosary Rally planned

Sunday, Oct. 7 - Catholics are invited to participate in a Rosary rally to conclude the 54-day rosary novena entitled "Novena for Our Nation" including the intentions: "respect for life at all stages of development; the sanctity of marriage and families; upholding constitutionally protected religious freedom; and the return of our nation to God and Holiness." The novena concludes with "The Rosary Coast to Coast" gathering on Sunday, Oct. 7, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (usually the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary) at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Sioux Falls.

Search for Christian maturity retreat set

Oct. 12-14 - Located at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls, the retreat is a student led, Roman Catholic retreat program featuring talks, skits, music, opportunities for confession, and celebration of Holy Mass. A priest serves as Spiritual Director on the weekend. All high school and college age students and adults are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact (605) 371-1478, SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com or www.siouxfallssearch.org for more.

Suicide prevention forum planned

Monday, Oct. 22 - Moderated by the diocesan office of Marriage, Family and Respect life, the event will be from 6:30-9 p.m. at St. Therese Parish, 901 N. Tahoe Trl, Sioux Falls. There will be speakers, booths and refreshments. Justin Falon from Catholic Family Services and Father Kevin O'Dell, pastor at St. Therese will be presenters.

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