



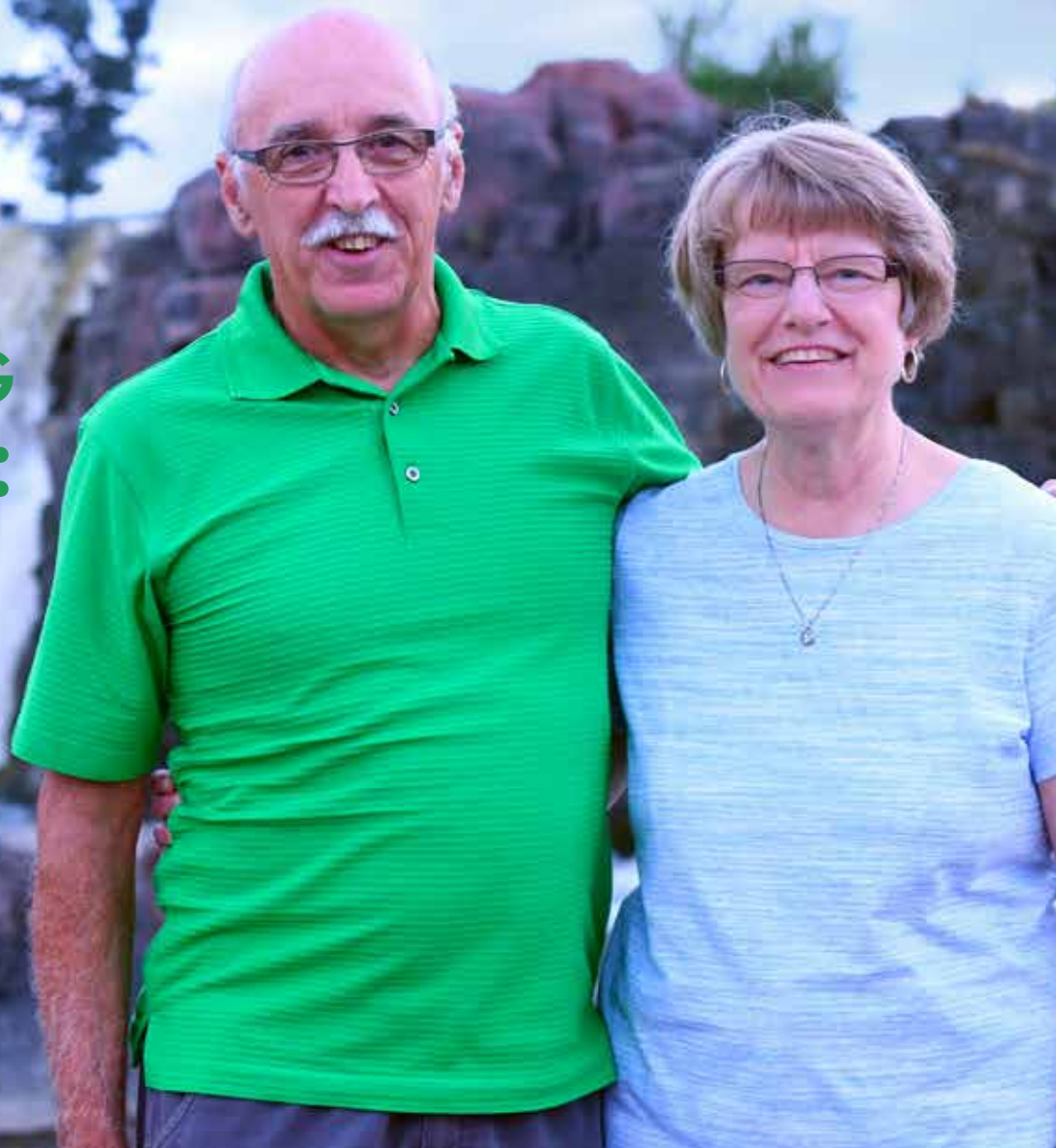
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# THE BISHOP'S BULLETIN

## DISCOVERING PURPOSE:

ANSWERING THE  
CALL TO BE A PRAYER  
WARRIOR



# God calls each of us to a purposeful life



One of the people who has had the greatest impact on my life is someone whom, by the world's standards, was a "burden on society." He was a man who never earned a living, someone who relied on everyone else for his basic needs all his life, someone who consumed a lot of other people's time, energy and resources. Some may consider his life worthless, costly and unworthy of an investment of time and resources.

He was however, and continues to be though he died in 1984, a man who helped me find my purpose in life because of his love, prayer, insights and humble witness. That person is my uncle Donnie, whom I was named after.

My uncle Donnie, severely disabled since birth, was classified as having cerebral palsy. As I understand it, something went radically wrong in the birthing process which disabled him from his neck down all his life. His arms and legs were spastic so as little kids, we learned to stay a clear distance away lest we find a leg or arm coming our way. He was never able to walk, feed himself, get out of bed, or even go to the bathroom by himself. Oh how long those 43 years of his life must have been, but he was greatly loved and he loved greatly.

In time I came to realize Donnie's purpose as a "prayer warrior." After a liquid breakfast shake, he would say "rosary" and whoever was tending to him would get his plastic beaded rosary and put it around his neck and put on the record player the 15-decade rosary record playing over and over again the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries.

After lunch he would often say "music" which we knew meant it was his time to enjoy country western music. However, if we really needed something we would intently ask Donnie to pray for our intention, whether that be for rain for the crops, for good weather for an upcoming family wedding, or for someone struggling in their life. In those times after lunch, Donnie would often say "rosary" instead of "music."

He not only prayed in the morning hours after breakfast, but also after lunch, in the mornings before someone got him out of bed, and after he was put in bed based on someone else's timeline.

What was Donnie's purpose in life? To be a prayer warrior for the spiritual help others needed, like myself. To this very day when there is something big I need help with, I call

upon my uncle Donnie to pray for me.

As a priest I would often sense people with limitations of some sort wonder what their purpose in life was, whether they had become empty nesters, those with disabilities, the sick, the aging, or married and single men and women pondering deeply about what their purpose in life was. I, too, have had these same ponderings on many occasions in life.

What I now realize is that while we all are called to be intercessors or "prayers" for others, some have a very particular vocation, whether from birth, as they age, or at a time God knows best. What the world so desperately needs is prayer warriors for the salvation of souls, whether that be people like my uncle Donnie or the amazing vocation of contemplative sisters, brothers and priests like our dear contemplative Adoration Sisters in Sioux Falls, Carmelite Sisters in Alexandria, other consecrated men and women praying "like heck" so God's love can be received in each heart of everyone in our diocese.

Prayer warriors change the world by their prayers, offering their sufferings and limitations in life to God. Some of us are called to be prayer warriors in the world, others behind monastery walls, others in the silence of their homes, nursing homes or hospitals like my uncle Donnie who prayed so fervently.

Within the circle of our family and friends Donnie was often called upon to pray intently. Why? Because at least for me, God placed in my heart to ask for what I needed from someone whose purpose it was to be a prayer warrior. I also had a hidden motive because in time I would come to realize not only his purpose in life but the incredible fruitfulness of his life, and that is a large part of who I am today and my purpose in life as a prayer warrior living in the world as your bishop to help all of you get to heaven—our eternal destiny. I can hardly wait to get there to see Donnie again.

Our feature article this month focuses on our diocesan vision of "Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship through God's love" to help us all understand, regardless of our circumstances of life, we all have a very special purpose in life and that is to be a prayer warrior for others in whatever way God calls us to that. From a recent regional visit I came upon a few examples of those with a very blessed purpose in life based on their circumstances. Enjoy reading and praying about God's purpose of each of our lives from womb to tomb.

## BISHOP'S SCHEDULE

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

### October

- 3 12:15 Blessing at 49th Annual South Dakota Right to Life Convention, Sioux Falls First Church
- 3 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org)
- 5-8 Clergy Days, Arrowhead Cedar Shore, Oacoma
- 10 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org)
- 11 11:00 Rite of Acolyte-Permanent Deacon Aspirants, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 17 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org)
- 18 2:00 Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Brookings
- 18 5:30 Pius XII Newman Center visit, Brookings
- 20 12:00 Diocesan Investment Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 24 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org)
- 25 9:30 Mass at St. John Paul II, Harrisburg High School
- 28-29 Seminary visits, Winona, St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN
- 31 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org)

### November

- 5 Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern SD Fall Board Meetings, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 5 3:00 Mass, Foundation and St. Joseph Legacy Society, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 7 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org)

## Officials



**The Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood has decreed the following assignments to become effective on September 7, 2020:**

**Reverend Barry Reuwsaat**, granted personal leave from assigned ministry, effective September 7, 2020.

**Reverend Shane Stevens**, in addition to his current assignment of pastor St. Mary Parish, Dell Rapids, to Temporary Parish Administrator of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Garretson, and St. Joseph the Workman Parish, Huntimer.

**Reverend Dana Christensen**, granted request to retire from assigned ministry effective October 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff  
Chancellor

### 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.

Aware that some who have ministered in the name of the Church have caused harm, the Diocese of Sioux Falls also pledges to assist any who may have been harmed. As a diocese, we desire to help individuals heal from injury that has been caused to them. If you or someone you know has been abused, regardless of who caused the harm, please contact us. We promise to cooperate with civil authorities in any investigation. We promise to do our best to help facilitate a process for healing. Whether the need is for counseling, an opportunity to tell your story or something else, as a diocese, we are ready to assist.

Our chancellor or victim assistance coordinator can be reached toll free at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-334-9861. We will do our best to help.



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# We choose to see the world with Christ's eyes



I was born with a lazy eye. I have lived with this for my entire life, but it was not until recently I discovered exactly what was wrong with my eye. While the eye doctor was taking a little break from the procedure he was performing on my eye, I asked him what was wrong with my right eye.

He explained to me that my eye is actually fine, but I was probably born with astigmatism in that eye, and so my brain compensated for the blurriness by using my good eye almost exclusively. This happened as my right optic nerve was developing, causing it to stop developing, something that was discovered when I was 6 and my eyes were checked before kindergarten.

By that time, the optic nerve was fully developed and, as a result, I only have peripheral vision in my right eye.

This particular eye has recently become a source of consternation as I have had to have operations to reattach its retina and to have cataracts in it removed. But, that has only been recently.

For most of my life, I have not spent much time thinking about this eye, or the very limited sight I have with it. Mostly I would only really think about it when something happened to my left eye, which causes some panic since it is the source of my sight.

I also think about it when I get my driver's license renewed and I have to take the eye test and explain to the person administering the test that my peripheral vision is quite good (even with cataract-induced fuzziness), and they smile cautiously as they give me my new license.

Finally, I think about it when someone throws something to me, because, having only peripheral vision in one eye, I have some issues with depth perception, and that becomes more intense the closer something is to me. Basketballs, baseballs, footballs and the odd item tossed my way tend to hit me in the face more often than being caught.

However, with the recent surgeries, I have been thinking about my sight more than usual. My thinking has been about protecting my good eye, but I have also been wondering about what I see. What I wonder is, do I see the world differently than someone with 20/20 vision in both eyes?

Do I see the world in three dimensions? I have no idea if I do or do not, because I can only see what I have always seen. If you

could see the world, suddenly, through my eyes, maybe you would think the world was flat and lacking depth. Maybe.

One day, at an appointment, I asked the doctor if there was any way to correct the optic nerve issues, and he assured me there was not, and I was fine with that. Then he told me something interesting. He said that if it could be corrected, "I suspect after a few days you would be back in that chair asking me to change it back."

He told me that after over five decades, I saw the world as I saw it, and a sudden increase in depth perception, or the ability to see three-dimensionally, would cause me more problems than I would expect. I found that fascinating and a confirmation of my suspicion that I saw things differently.

I see the same things as everyone else, I just see them differently. I sometimes let my imagination flow and ponder what things would look like with clearer vision, but my imagination is limited by experience. I see what I see, and cannot imagine seeing in any other way.

But that is my physical eyes; they are bound by science and biology. The deeper eyes of my life are more pliable, these spiritual eyes are able to see deeper and beyond the confines of my heart. However, like my physical eyes, they are often in need of correction.

As I ponder the several surgeries I have had on my eyes, and occasionally as I slip on my glasses in the morning, I remember to open my spiritual eyes as well. I know I see what I see based on a number of factors: how I was raised, how I was taught, how I was formed, but I also choose what I wish to see.

I can choose what I learn, how what I learn impacts me, how I often choose to see only what everyone else does, and then I presume it is the only way, the right way, and therefore I am always right. I forget I need constant correction, and growth, to see with the eyes of Christ, and not to presume that I just do.

It is being open to the grace we receive, in prayer, in the sacraments, that gives us the ability to see with the eyes of Christ, and how to love with His heart. We may think we see, but it helps to remember that just because everyone sees one way does not mean we are seeing correctly.

We can see, but only if we have the humility to know when we do not.

## Bishop enjoys first State Fair

Bishop Donald DeGroot experienced his first South Dakota State Fair in early September. He celebrated Mass with Deacon Roger Puthoff on the Freedom Stage and mingled with the crowds of fairgoers. (Photo below courtesy of Matthew Schulte and photo left courtesy of Helen Crow)



Seek the Lord and His strength;  
seek His presence continually!

1 Chronicles 16:11





# *Discovering purpose:*

## **ANSWERING THE CALL TO BE A PRAYER WARRIOR**



**Jim and Donna Cannon, parishioners of St. Katharine Drexel, Sioux Falls**

*By Dr. Marcus Ashlock*

The seasons of our lives bring many challenges, opportunities and rewards. The spring finds each of us learning and growing as children into teenagers, finding out what it means to be members of our family, students in school, members of groups and followers of our faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states: “The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society.” (CCC 2207)

We learn how to be effective members of our immediate family, as well as our societal families in school and in our parishes. Learning to value the role of family early and the role we each play in that family helps us become ready for adulthood.

As spring matures into summer, we, too, mature into adults as we find out how much stress adulthood brings, stress not seen during the innocence of youth. We also begin to discern our vocations in life. We learn to be a part of a team, whether work teams or a married husband and wife team, and we practice what we were taught as youngsters. We watch our children grow, see ourselves fully mature, and take care of our parents as they once took care of us.

Doing so fulfills our obligation as members of that family to care for those who once cared for us. The catechism tells us, “The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor.” (CCC 2208)

In our youth, we often see the world with us as the center; however, as adults we learn to put others first, especially the ones in need and those less fortunate.

Once the summer leaves are turning, alerting us of changing times, we look around to find many older family members gone, our children leaving the nest as young adults or young parents, and we’re beginning to see the end of our careers on the horizon. Families expand as parents transition into a new role as grandparents and the elders at the table. Some have spouses or children not making it this far along in the journey and this season finds some alone in life.

It also brings more time on our hands. While we had been directing our schedules around work and children’s school events, we seem to realize it’s once again time to determine where we fit in life. Time gives us another opportunity to focus and reinvent ourselves. However, this season can be difficult to navigate.

## MANAGING THE TRANSITION

According to Mary Weber, interim clinical director and assistant program director for Catholic Family Services, retirement brings many joys as well as its challenges. Often times one's identity and primary social connections are intertwined with one's work and profession where many hours of life have been expended. Despite looking forward to retirement, once it arrives it may become difficult to make the transition.

"While it can be a person's dream not to have to wake to the dreaded alarm clock, it can feel foreign not to have a schedule or to have structure to the day," Weber said. "It can still be an adjustment; even when a change is good, it can be hard initially."

Weber maintains the best starting place is for retirees to give themselves permission to allow the adjustment period to unfold. Some strategies she suggests include defining and adhering to a schedule, being curious and finding new meaning and enjoyment with new freedom and experiences, and finding healthy ways to achieve new goals.

Weber also says it's important to remember humans are designed for connections and meaningful interactions, so take time to brainstorm ways to keep and build positive relationships or invest in new ones now that you no longer have coworkers. The Church can be a great source for those connections.

## FAITH-BASED ACTIVITIES

Faith can be the avenue to which many find meaning later in life as they end their working careers. Faith plays a significant role in one's life, especially during change or possibly challenging times, as well as becoming a source of wisdom for younger parishioners.

"Church is a great place to mentor younger people, volunteer, join a small group discussion and share your talents," Weber said. "Your life experiences have given you wisdom and with retirement you have the opportunity to share it with others. What a gift to pour on those in the middle of the hustle and bustle of life."

Senior diocesan priest Father Edward Pierce agrees and feels the golden rule for seniors is to stay "busy, busy, busy" and to participate in faith sharing.

"I think the real core is that we need to admit we need one another, our friends and relatives, when we get together," Father Pierce said. "It's so different when you have that dimension of safe faith sharing; in doing so, you're helping others grow in faith and you're also deepening your own faith."

Father Pierce knows from nearly 50 years as a priest that one's home parish can be a place for people to volunteer and stay involved and to not only help others, but also allow others to care for us. Participating in committees or religious education groups as a participant or as a leader allows people to commune with one another through the weekly fellowship. Most importantly, simply become involved.

For many retirees who were involved in their parishes as younger adults, the time available after retirement presented numerous and different opportunities for participation and

“When people know you’re a prayer warrior, they allow you to know their heart so you can be very specific in how you pray for them.”

Donna Cannon

growth in their faith. Donna Cannon, parishioner at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Sioux Falls, who retired from the Sioux Falls diocese after more than 27 years, describes her involvement in her parish changing after retirement.

She had always participated in singing in the choir, and she's also a cantor. However, after she retired she wanted to take some time to figure out what this new chapter in her life had to offer.

"I'm just going to take a year off and just be, to get a feel of what this retirement is all about," Cannon said. "In a city of this size, there are so many opportunities and I just let the Spirit lead me."

According to Cannon, pretty soon she was going to daily Mass and increasingly became more involved at church, and then all of a sudden, it seemed to her, she became involved in the Right to Life Convention and felt she was in the right place at the right time.

Cannon described a meeting where one of the other committee organizers felt overwhelmed with the media portion of organizing the convention and asked if anyone knew someone who could help in that area. Donna had spent many years in the communications office at the diocese and felt God had put her there, so she spoke up to volunteer to manage the media.

"It's just amazing how that volunteer piece has brought out my gifts from the diocese, and it's helped me find new gifts," Cannon said. "It's blessing me, it truly is. I definitely know I've found my niche."



Ray and Bonnie Soukup, parishioners at St. John the Baptist Parish in Wagner, also felt the opportunities have changed over the years, especially after they retired. Ray had been a lector and sacristan for many years and once their children were old enough to be left in the pews by themselves, Bonnie also volunteered as a lector and sacristan. Additionally, they both serve their parish as extraordinary ministers.

“We attend adoration each week and daily Mass where we lead the rosary,” Bonnie said. “I have taught catechism and we both participate in the Bible studies here at the church.”

For most people who work in the secular world while raising children, there may be little opportunity to attend daily Mass or participate in more activities that do not involve children. Parents have a more child-driven schedule when participating in activities until the kids are grown. Retirement opens many doors to serve and pray for others.

## A SENIOR'S ROLE IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER

One of the many ways senior parishioners see their own faith deepen is when they participate in intercessory prayer. Since his ordination in Sioux Falls, Bishop Donald DeGrood has been raising awareness of the call to missionary discipleship for each member of the diocese. Seniors can play a vital role as intercessory prayer warriors.

“It gives you a sense of being able to help in some manner, not physically, but being able to mentally be with that person or the family by introducing your prayers for them,” Bonnie said.

Cannon recalls a time as a young mother when she spoke to Bishop Dudley regarding her prayer life and the struggle of raising a family while trying to find time for prayer, and he told her, “Donna, there are many widows out there praying for you.”

“That really touched me because I knew that I could be a good mother with that kind of prayer backing,” Cannon said.

Afterwards, Cannon felt she turned a corner in her understanding of prayer as she grew in her faith. She says she used to pray at Mass and use more of the traditional and memorized prayers from her pre-Vatican II youth but then had an epiphany where she realized she could use prayer any time.

“As I grew in my faith and understanding of prayer, I realized your daily activities can be prayer and I learned what prayer looks like. So, I began to internalize that and realized I could talk to God anytime; I didn't have to be in a church setting,” Cannon said. “Being able to use spontaneous prayer was a great revelation to me; it was life changing.”

Cannon describes how she and her husband, Jim, began praying each night with their children, as a family. They used rote prayers as well as spontaneous prayers and listened to their children as they prayed for others or about their school life.

“It's surprising what you learn about your family, just going through that and what they worry about,” Cannon said. “It's so beautiful to see how prayers are answered.”

Jim and Donna have been supporters of Focus Ministries and NET Ministries over the years as sponsor hosts and especially in prayer support. Once a person signs up to be a prayer



Ray and Bonnie Soukup, parishioners at St. John the Baptist Parish in Wagner



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“And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.”

(John 17: 20-23)



Father Edward Pierce, senior priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls

sponsor, that person receives a newsletter with needs and prayer intentions. Jim and Donna know they are helping through their prayers.

“When people know you're a prayer warrior, they allow you to know their heart so you can be very specific in how you pray for them,” Cannon said.

Father Pierce says in his parish many seniors would provide intercessory prayer for daily adoration, and even when they would have religious education programs, seniors would come in and pray for the teachers and students.

“We needed the back-up prayers,” Father Pierce said. “The teachers need it and the students need it. Intercessory prayer is such an important role for the parish.”

## WE ARE ALL ONE BODY

In chapter 17 of St. John's Gospel, in what is called the “high priestly prayer” of Jesus, our Lord speaks as an intercessor directly to the Father, not to his disciples nearby. Toward the end of the chapter, Jesus prays for his immediate and future disciples as one body. Each one of us belongs to the body of Christ.

“I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

“And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.” (John 17: 20-23)

While it's easy to think most things are centered upon the youth, maybe because of their numerous activities and boundless energy, the body of Christ includes each of us: the young, the old; the healthy, the sick; the able bodied and those with impaired mobility. Each of us has a role to play and it is everyone's job to look around for ways to include and involve those silent groups.

Father Pierce maintains the key is to get involved in some way to keep those relationships strong. Many older single people suffer from loneliness or maybe they have an ailment keeping them from being too active. We need to create opportunities in our parishes for people to feel wanted and needed, whether committee work or programs to involve handicapped groups, bringing them together throughout the diocese.

“It's a special ministry caring for those in need, people who are lonely will fill the void with something,” Father Pierce said.

“The Church should provide opportunities to allow them to fill the void with Jesus and the spirituality of our faith, not filling the void with addiction.”

Before the pandemic, Ray and Bonnie attended Mass each Friday at one of the Good Samaritan Society nursing homes, assisting the priest as extraordinary ministers. Those who are able come down for Mass and Ray would take the host to each room for those not mobile.

“They enjoy visiting with you afterwards,” Ray said. “It's just amazing how faithful they are and it's inspiring to see how they have carried on through this with their faith.”

## A PRAYER FOR SENIORS

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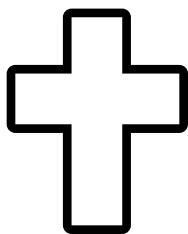
For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health.

Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith.

Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

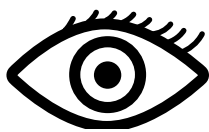


## Strategies to stay INVOLVED



Focus on your faith. You must feed it for it to grow; it cannot be something you do only on the weekend. Feed it every day.

**(Bonnie Soukup)**



Look for opportunities to help others, such as the handicapped or the locked in and pray for them daily. **(Father Edward Pierce)**



Organize a retiree or senior group for outings and other parish activities such as weekly discussion/coffee/fellowship groups. **(Mary Weber)**



Keep a "God Journal," writing something from times you were moved by the music or homily at Mass. Keep notes to remind you of your blessings. **(Donna Cannon)**



# Can you explain religious order origins?

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*Can you explain/describe the various orders such as Dominicans, Franciscans and Jesuits? Do all priests belong to an order? Do the orders for priests and religious brothers differ from the orders for the religious sisters?*

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We've got another good question this month, because while most of us are familiar with the reality of religious orders in the Church, far fewer of us have a deeper understanding of their origins, how they relate to one another and to diocesan priests, etc. Because it would take at least one column to do justice to each of the major religious communities, including those present in our diocese, this month I'd like to offer some broad explanations of religious orders in the Church. Perhaps in future columns we will be able to explore some of them more fully.

We know from the New Testament and the Church teaching that flows from it that Jesus established the Apostles as the leaders of the Church, and they in turn ordained successors (bishops) to govern with their authority, as well as other men (deacons) to serve the needs of the local community. We also know that by the end of the first century bishops ordained priests as a "middle level" of Holy Orders between bishops and deacons. Those priests were what we have come to call diocesan priests—men ordained to serve the needs of the parishes within a diocese. Diocesan priests, then, are not members of a religious order.

But it's during the same time period (the New Testament era, the rest of the first century and the second century) we see the development of religious life, at least in embryonic form. There were disciples of Jesus Christ who sought to devote themselves more fully to the new Christian faith. For example, we find in the writings of St. Paul references to widows and virgins who helped build up the early church. These women were the first forms of religious life—what would later become religious orders—within the Church.

In the decades and centuries that followed, some men followed suit, such that by the third century we read about the "desert fathers," hermits who spent their days in prayer in the desert, sometimes gathering a following of others around them. And some of them, but not all, were ordained as priests.

As time passed, communities of religious life developed, the vast majority of which arose around an individual recognized for his or her great holiness of life. In the West, the most notable such figure was St. Benedict, who wrote a set of basic rules to govern the life of the monks who'd gathered around him. Groups of women, likewise, came to follow the Rule of St. Benedict and from that arose the many religious communities that trace their origins to St. Benedict and his Rule.

Other religious orders likewise were founded around a figure of great holiness, although they were (and are) not always monastic. For example, St. Dominic and St. Francis each founded an order of friars, men who, like monks, took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, but who moved from place to place instead of remaining in a large monastery as monks would. St. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, an order of men devoted to his way of life, just as Franciscans and Dominicans sought to follow the example of St. Francis and St. Dominic.

Looking to some of the other orders in our diocese in addition to the Benedictine



communities in Yankton and Watertown, the Presentation Sisters were founded by the Irish woman Nano Nagle in the eighteenth century, the Priests of the Sacred Heart in Chamberlain were founded by the French priest Leon Dehon in the nineteenth century.

From the early centuries, the Church has seen, in the great variety of religious communities and the charisms they each live out, a reflection of the faith. Just as a ray of light, when shone through a prism, refracts into a multicolored rainbow, so, too, does the Gospel of Jesus Christ take life in a great variety of ways throughout the centuries and around the world.

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# As pro-lifers, we must push beyond pro-birth

By Emily Leedom

**M**ost of us don't have to look very far into our circle of family and friends to find a single parent, often a single mother, raising her child. Chances are one of our daughters, sisters, nieces, granddaughters or friends has faced an unplanned pregnancy at some point in her life. In fact, about 40 percent of births in the U.S. are to single or "unwed" mothers. While there is much to be said about the fracture of the family unit in the modern age, I want us to instead look at the reality at hand.

In a recent podcast episode of *Leedom to Life*, I had the great honor of sitting down with a friend of mine who just so happens to be a single mother. She shared her story with me, and I would be lying if I said it wasn't a rather emotional conversation.

But the emotion didn't come from a place of sadness or grief. Rather, it was emotional because of her incredible witness of joy and hope that comes from embracing life to the full. The conversation left me pondering what it really means to be pro-life.

One of the most common criticisms of the pro-life movement is that we are only "pro-birth." One of the leading pro-choice organizations in the U.S., NARAL, refers to the pro-life movement as the "anti-choice" movement and is "committed to calling out the pro-life hypocrisy." In other words, the only thing pro-lifers care about is getting the baby from the womb to the world but the rest is up to them.

They are on their own. Pro-lifers don't care.

Well, does this criticism have any merit? Before getting defensive, I think it's actually a worthy question to ask ourselves. Are we pro-life or simply pro-birth?

If, in our lifetime, we see the overturn of *Roe vs. Wade*, are we ready for it?

An end to abortion would mean we will see more families in crisis, not fewer.



Emily Leedom, director of the Marriage, Family and Respect Life office for the Diocese of Sioux Falls

We will see more single mothers struggling, not fewer. We will see more children born into difficult home situations, not fewer. We will see more children in poverty, not fewer. Are we ready for it? Am *I* ready for it?

Today, for every one abortion clinic there are nearly three pro-life crisis pregnancy centers supporting women in the transition to motherhood, offering counseling, financial support, baby items, friendship and community for several years. As of 2018, some 2.6 million grandparents have stepped up to raise their grandchildren when the parents needed the support.

Countless social services offer clothing, food, money, counseling and support to parents. Members of the Church are meeting women in crisis pregnancies with compassion, love and support. I've seen families rallying around unplanned pregnancies as a team ready to support their loved one for the long haul. This is the pro-life movement on the ground.

So, are we ready for an overturn to *Roe vs. Wade*?

I think we're getting there. No doubt, there is much work yet to be done. But it starts with you and me.

I used to say if someone left a baby on our doorstep, we would embrace that child, no questions asked, and raise that child as our own. But it's 2020. And the likelihood of that happening is close to none. So I was convicted.

It's not enough for me to simply wait and respond. I actually need to be missionary in my love and support for human life.

How might we walk with and support single parents who chose life despite its many difficulties? How might we help heal the shame of a young woman in a crisis pregnancy—shocked at how she landed here? How might we support fathers in our communities who feel unequipped to be dads?

We need to send a loud message to our daughters, sisters, granddaughters, nieces, students and friends that says: "We're with you for life."



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Photos clockwise from top left: Taste the Goodness event tasting line. Bishop DeGrood takes a crack at golf at the Bishop's Cup which raised money for Broom Tree Retreat Center. The bishop blesses one of the golf teams. The dunk tank was a popular stop at Taste the Goodness which raised money for Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. Bishop DeGrood with Mark Conzemius, president of the Catholic Community Foundation who sponsored both events, and Madeline Shields, executive director of Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. (photos by Catholic Community Foundation)



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# Special Needs Ministry programs draw

By Renae Kranz

As we begin Respect Life Month in October, much of the focus shines on abortion and euthanasia. And while those issues are important, other facets of the pro-life movement need to be brought to the forefront more often. One of those facets is promoting the dignity of those with disabilities and special needs, and the diocesan Special Needs Ministry works to do just that.

The Special Needs Ministry (formerly REACH) exists to serve and support those with special needs in the diocese. Their mission says it perfectly:

*Our hope is to raise awareness for those with disabilities in our diocese, and to provide religious education services in both our parishes and schools. We aim to educate the hearts of all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners to the beauty that awaits them in each unique individual we serve. It is our desire to aid our parishes and schools in serving those with special needs in order to live out the gospel as Christ has laid out for us.*

Special Education Consultant Maggie Price leads the ministry which started out as a confirmation class for kids with special needs who weren't able to participate

in the regular religious education classes. It was important that these kids were provided a path to receive that sacrament.

The program grew from there, adding Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and a youth group, and offering workshops for directors of religious education, priests and volunteers. Price also consults with parishes and schools to help them develop ways to help special needs kids learn and adjust to their environments.

"I like working with the kiddos. That's where my joy is," Price says.

Last summer the ministry offered time with the Totus Tuus program. For an entire day, the Totus Tuus team put on a fun program adapted to the needs of the kids. It was an exciting day for those kids and the Totus Tuus team alike, and it's something they plan to do again next year.

full member of the faith.

"I'm like a mediator a little bit," she says, "making sure that both sides are feeling

like they have what they need to be able to give that child the education in the faith. It all has to start at the parish level."

## Becoming part of the group

Jodi Reel's son, Jack, has been a part of the Special Needs Ministry program for several years. The oldest of Jodi and husband Tom's six children, Jack is on

the autism spectrum and was unable to take part in the church programs offered. It was difficult for the family to navigate.

"It's difficult to drop your kids off at church programs and not have a place for your child with disabilities," Reel says. "It's difficult to have to 'go it alone' and educate your child in the faith privately while your other kids have multiple opportunities to be active members of the Church. It has been a tremendous blessing for us that Jack has a youth group (Cool Kids) that he can participate in."

The Special Needs Ministry provides a place for kids like Jack to become an active member of the Church. The assistance the ministry gave for confirmation prep was invaluable to the Reel family. Jack has now made friends in his parish, learned more about his faith and prayer, and has a real opportunity to share his faith with others around him.

Reel says Jack has a strong desire to participate in parish life and enjoys meeting other people who are also earnestly living their Catholic faith. She says his own faith is an integral part of who he is and the Special Needs Ministry opened doors that helped him develop and nurture it.

"It gathers them from the periphery and places them in the heart of the Church and its ministry," Reel says.



The Reel family. Back row from left: Jack, Jon, Jodi, Tom, Claire and Grace. Front row from left: Nathan and Mark.

The main goal of the Special Needs Ministry is to make sure each kid has the opportunity to receive a Catholic faith education. With that in mind, Price often acts as an advocate for parents and special needs kids to help parishes find ways to be more inclusive to them. She feels strongly that each of those kids deserves to have access to be able to be a



# kids from the peripheries into parish life

One of the ways Price helps to bring these kids in from the periphery is as simple as helping their parents feel comfortable bringing them to Mass. She says one of the questions she gets the most is how to bring kids to Mass and not feel disruptive.

“Parents are super afraid of doing that because no one likes a disruptive kid,” Price says. “I don’t care if your kid has a disability or not, it’s embarrassing to have a disruptive kid during Mass and it’s difficult. And parents ask, what do I do?”

Some solutions Price can offer might be having a buddy at Mass who can sit with the child, or going to a Mass with fewer people or less music. Since different children have different triggers, the options will vary with each family. It can also take pressure off the family if the priest is aware of the challenges they face.

Parishes also need to be open and welcoming to kids with special needs. We can encourage the child and family by being friendly, complimenting whatever a child did well or just having patience when Mass isn’t going so well. The key is to make sure those families don’t feel isolated in a place that should be all about community.

A good place to start in learning how to include these kids is to remember first that God loves us all because He created us to be in relationship with Him. Price sees these kids as fully deserving of all of God’s gifts and the sacraments as they’re able to receive them. She says it’s a common misconception that some special needs children wouldn’t be able to at least receive the Eucharist.

“It’s very rare that they wouldn’t be able to receive the sacraments as far as the Eucharist,” Price says. “And it’s very rare that they won’t be able to participate in some way in parish life. If you think they can’t, call me because I would love to see. I’m up for the challenge. These kids have something to give and offer. No life is ever wasted.”

## All are precious to God

Price has always felt just being in the presence of these kids is a beautiful gift. They are usually very childlike and pure



The Price family. Chloe, Maggie, Zelig, Andy and Michael.

and stay close to Jesus. They’re also confident in who they are and how they’re made and don’t sweat it when they make a mistake. We can learn a lot from them.

“I’m not saying they can’t be stinkers and don’t have their quirks or whatever, because I’ve dealt with that, too,” Price says. “But for the most part, it’s like they don’t have to live to impress everybody. They truly are really just living to be who God created them to be. And that’s what we should all be doing.”

Price’s best advice to the families of kids with special needs and to all of us is to not be afraid. We’re all afraid of things that are different or challenging, but allowing that fear to get in the way is allowing the devil to get in the way of us reaching out and loving and serving each other.

“We need to have these kids be members of the body of Christ and of our parishes and of our schools and of our communities,” Price says. “So have the courage to

step out and include them, even if you’re afraid.”

Price sees all kids as deserving of love and faith. Since God sees these children as beautiful members of his body, we all need to see that, too.

“I think He sees them just as He sees all of us, like His beloved sons and daughters. He loves them infinitely, without limits, no matter what,” Price says. “I think He is just pouring out graces on those parents, because we live in a world where it’s actually okay to kill a baby with Down syndrome before they’re born or any genetic disability. These people chose life. So I think He sees these families as amazing, as saints in the making, as warriors, as pro-life, as examples of Him, as his hands and feet on earth.”

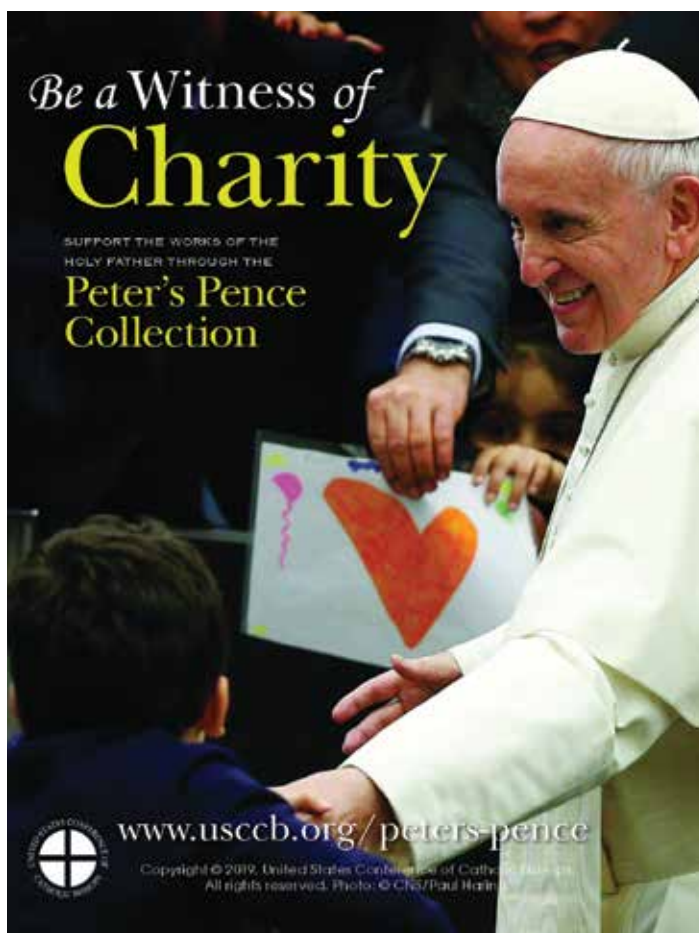
If you’d like more information about the Special Needs Ministry in the diocese, contact Price at [mprice@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mprice@sfcatholic.org) or visit them on the diocesan website at [sfcatholic.org/special-needs](http://sfcatholic.org/special-needs).



# St. Michael, Herreid, marks anniversary of first church



St. Michael Parish, Herreid, celebrated the 125th anniversary of its first church, a sod structure built near the parish cemetery in rural Herreid. Parishioners met at the sod church site August 7 to pray the rosary with current pastor Father Tom Clement and former pastor Father Jim Friedrich. The gathering began with a novena to St. Michael the Archangel and concluded August 16 with the celebration of Mass, a meal and a history display. Sr. Joan Marie Brandner also shared memories of her hometown parish during the celebration. (Photos courtesy of Father Tom Clement)



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Photo below: Bishop Donald DeGroot stopped by St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and School in Madison to visit Father Anthony Urban and give the school children a bishop's blessing.

Photo below: The bishop is getting good at those selfies. He dropped in on Father Joseph Holzhauser at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Pierre for Mass and a meal.



Above left: Bishop DeGroot with Brayden Schlader (son of Daniel and Terri) and Father Mike Schneider at the Schlader home in Huron. Brayden watches Sunday TV Mass faithfully and got the surprise of his life when Bishop DeGroot came to visit while he was watching Mass. Above center: The bishop celebrated Mass with Father Bob Lacey at St. Peter, White Lake. Photo right: Father Charles Duman got a visit from the bishop at Avera Brady in Mitchell. The bishop also stopped in Miller, Ft. Thompson, Chamberlain, Alexandria, Howard and Flandreau.

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**HUMBOLDT** – John and Kathleen Petri celebrated their 55th anniversary on September 1. They have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



**HURON** – Frank and Mary Ann Fransen will celebrate their 69th anniversary on October 20. They have 10 children (3 deceased), 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



**LAKE ANDES** – Marlen and Pat Laska will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 29. They have 1 child, 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mark Parish.



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**PIERRE** – Rodney and Charleen Kosters celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 19. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



**PIERRE** – Burton and Pauline Witte will celebrate their 40th anniversary on October 11. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



**REDFIELD** – Duane and Marie Mason will celebrate their 69th anniversary on October 29. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Merle and Betty Jean Ankrum will celebrate their 67th anniversary on October 24. They have 6 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Tom and Karla Murphy celebrated their 40th anniversary on September 6. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



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YANKTON – Kevin and Marie Steckelberg will celebrate their 40th anniversary on October 11. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.



YANKTON – Bob and Linda Peitz will celebrate their 25th anniversary on October 27. They are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



YANKTON – David and Carol Rockne will celebrate their 65th anniversary on October 22. They have 2 children (1 deceased), 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.

MADISON – Jim and Pat Huls will celebrate their 55th anniversary on October 9. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

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# Healing Rosary offers prayers for the sick and dying

Parishioners at St. Charles Parish, Big Stone City, have started a ministry to pray for the sick and the dying. Called the Healing Rosary, prayer warriors gather once a week to pray the rosary, placing all prayer requests at the feet of the Blessed Mother. Many of the prayer requests are for the sick and infirm, as well as those in hospice or near death.

The ministry started at the request of parish member Pat Meyer. According to her husband Vince, she prayed the rosary “from the time she got up until the angels would take her for the night.”

As Pat’s battle with cancer drew to an end, parishioners quickly gathered at her farm and outside the window of her hospital room to pray the rosary (pictured right). The pain she experienced subsided while rosaries were prayed outside her window. More than 60 people came to pray for her.

Requests kept coming in for prayers for others and the new ministry was born. Wade and Cindy Van Dover have been greatly affected by the ministry because



of the joy they see in the person’s face as they pray for them.

“It really is like no other rosary we’ve prayed before with the community coming together in this time of need for this person who is nearing the end,” the Van Dover’s said. “It’s a way for us to share

God’s love and let them know that we are there and we care and God loves them infinitely.”

The group meets on Monday evenings. If you want more information, contact Pat Kaiser at [bigstone.stcharles@sfcatholic.org](mailto:bigstone.stcharles@sfcatholic.org).

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# Christmas at the Cathedral to bring hope amid crisis



The Catholic Community Foundation is producing a special Christmas at the Cathedral production this December celebrating the incredible story of God's incarnation into humanity.

"That's my God!" will be performed six times, Dec. 17-20 and will feature individual narratives that tell a story of someone living in our community today

who is experiencing a crisis or uncertainty similar to what Jesus and the Holy Family experienced 2,000 years ago. It is an important message of hope for this very time and for all time, reminding us that we are not alone and we should never give up hope.

When it appeared as though the human race was doomed to self-destruction, God sent not simply a prophet or an esteemed representative but his own Self, his own divine heart. And this divine Son, incarnate as Jesus of Nazareth, entered into the darkness

of human disorder. He went to the poor, the hungry, the self-righteous, those drunk on power and those with no power—to everyone languishing in darkness—and He is calling us home.

"That's my God!" will feature internationally renowned tenor, Scott Piper, and the debut of soprano, Janette Obermueller.

In addition to bringing the community together to celebrate this special time of year, all proceeds from Christmas at the Cathedral help support endowments for the ongoing care of two beacons of hope in our region: the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

Christmas at the Cathedral is being produced with the safety of both performers and audiences in mind. Stay up to date on the latest health and safety protocols by visiting [www.ccfesd.org/christmas-at-the-cathedral](http://www.ccfesd.org/christmas-at-the-cathedral) or calling 605-988-3765.

For those who cannot safely experience Christmas at the Cathedral live in person, they can watch a special Christmas night commercial-free broadcast on KELO-TV.

Christmas at the Cathedral audiences will be drawn into the message of God's hope and love that came down at Christmas. They will be reminded: You are not alone! Do not give up! We can overcome the crisis and uncertainty of our time. We have hope in God's divine love.

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### UPCOMING RETREATS

#### SILENT RETREATS

##### Men's 2020

October 15-18

November 19-22

##### Women's 2020

October 1-4

November 5-8

#### 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.*

##### October 13: You Must Become as Little Children

- directed by Fr. David Roherich

##### November 17: November - A Month of Saints

- directed by Fr. Joe Forcelle

##### December 15: St. Joseph, Our Spiritual Father

- directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer

#### SPECIAL RETREATS

##### October 9-11: Inner Healing Retreat

- directed by Mike Snyder & Jane Barz

##### November 13-15: Couples Retreat

- directed by Fr. Scott Traynor



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**Recitation of the rosary planned**

**Friday, Oct. 2** - The rosary is recited for the faithful departed on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

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

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

**Rosary Congress held in October**

The Rosary Congress is held in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration and prayer and is offered in a spirit of reparation for life, peace and the deep healing of our Church. Eucharistic adoration and praying the rosary will be held in several locations: Oct. 2-3, St. Mary of Mercy Parish, Alexandria, 6 p.m. Mass, Msgr. Charles Mangan; Oct. 8-9, Holy Cross Parish, Ipswich, 6 p.m. Mass, Norma Hammrich normagene@valleytel.net; Oct. 15-16, Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls, 9 a.m. Mass, Nancy Vogel nvogel@sio.midco.net or Bob Hodgdon 00bob@gmail.com.

**Life Chain gives witness**

**Oct. 4** - The 2020 Life Chain will be Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2-3 p.m. Join us on 41st Street in Sioux Falls from Kiwanis Ave. to Sertoma Ave. This life-saving public witness occurs simultaneously across the U.S. and Canada as part of the National Life Chain. Life Chain signs are supplied and can be picked up from the O'Gorman parking lot or the Sioux Falls First Church parking lot. For more information contact Ann Wipf, 605-929-6531 or lawipf@gmail.com for your parish to be assigned a location along 41st Street.

**Rosary Coast to Coast set**

Mass for Rosary Coast to Coast will be celebrated Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls. Please contact Legion of Mary or Linda Penisten for questions at t.lpenisten@gmail.com.

**Craft fair cancelled**

The St. Lambert Parish 2020 Craft Fair has been cancelled due to the current pandemic situation and the desire to protect the health of our vendors and shoppers. Next year's craft fair is scheduled for Oct. 16, 2021.

**Search for Christian Maturity retreat**

**Oct. 23-25** - Located at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls. Registration is open. This retreat is a student led, Roman Catholic retreat program featuring talks, skits, music, opportunities for confession, and celebration of Mass. All high school and college-age students and adults are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact: (605) 371-1478, SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com, www.siouxfallssearch.org.

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

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

**Applicants for permanent diaconate being accepted**

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

**Catholic Family Services****Catholic Family Services Counseling Service**

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**GriefShare Program/Catholic Family Services** is offering a second GriefShare Program that will be presented via Zoom. This GriefShare program will be offered on Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. October 9 to December 18. GriefShare is a group for individuals who have experienced a significant loss such as the loss of a spouse, a child, a parent/sibling, etc. GriefShare covers 13 topics that will span across 11 weeks. The overall cost of the group is free, with a free-will offering available. Each personal workbook costs \$15 with scholarships available if needed. For more information, please call 605-988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org.

**Parish Dinners/Socials**

**Oct. 4:** St. Stephen Parish, Bridgewater, WILL NOT host the annual sausage supper this year due to COVID-19 but will be selling the famous whole hog sausage from 1:30-4 p.m. Preorder by calling 605-729-2714 or 648-3155. Cost is \$5.00 per pound and sold in a one-pound ring or one-pound ground sausage package.

**Sacred Heart Monastery**

**Online offerings:** As we pray for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, we seek to extend our Benedictine Hospitality through online programs. Go to [www.yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-online-group](http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-online-group) for updated information on new topics, dates and registration information.

**October 9/** Online Lectio Divina, Fridays, October 9, 23 and 30, from 10-10:45 a.m. Meet online for Lectio Divina, a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader, Sr. Penny Bingham OSB at [pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org) or 605-668-6023, sending her your email address.

**Spiritual Direction/** Due to social distancing restrictions, we are currently offering spiritual direction online. Share your experience of God with an experienced companion-guide and intensify your spiritual journey. Scheduling is flexible, typically meeting once a month. Contact [benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org) or 605-668-6292 for more information.



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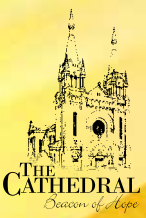
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