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Love in its perfect form is a pure gift from God



When I was a kid, I used to think if I just worked harder at building virtue (good habits) and did not give in to vices (bad habits), I could earn God's love. Well, it just doesn't work that way.

You see, God's love (also called charity) is a pure gift from him to be received and shared. The spiritual gift of love is the only type of love that fulfills the deepest longings of our hearts. Like all gifts, it must first be received and cherished, and then it allows us to love ourselves and others as God does.

Of all the possible virtues that are a gift from God, love is the greatest as St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." The type of love St. Paul is referring to is charity. Such a love is very different from what I mean when I say I love reading, nature, chocolate, human friendships, animals and rural life. I love these things because they bring delight to me on a natural level. The gift of each of these natural goods is to be enjoyed as God desires, but they can't compare to the amazing spiritual delights of joy and peace that come from God's very own life in us through charity.

This kind of love, God's love dwelling within us, satisfies our deepest longings. That is how incredible God's love is, that we actually share in the communion of love God the Father shares with the Son, and the Father and Son share with the Holy Spirit. That communion of love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is manifested to us by God the Father creating us in love, God the Son redeeming us in love, and the Holy Spirit sharing God's love with us through grace (spiritual gifts). It is true that we, too, can share in the communion of love of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in turn love others and ourselves with the gift of God's love.

Here is how spiritual love works: God gives us his spiritual love, and we

receive it, relish it, return it to him and share it with others and ourselves. And while we can't "earn" God's love, we can *dispose* ourselves to receive his love by choosing to follow his commandments and will, because that is what is best for us.

What is so awesome about God's love received and shared is that it seeks and delights in receiving and sharing what is good for the other. The fruits of such love produce wonderful interior spiritual delights which fulfill, enrich and produce a desire to share the goodness of God's love.

One can rightly say, it is so awesome to be "in love," meaning "in charity" because charity is the fulfillment of our purpose in life. It is an incredible experience when we as humans are raised above our human limitations by allowing God to fill us with his own divine life through grace and love as he loves. Through the years, I have come to discover that when I lose the focus on what I want and instead refocus outwardly toward God, receive his spiritual love, and then seek that for others, I am happier. This is what St. John Paul II referred to as the "law of the gift": by focusing more on others, I—perhaps paradoxically—am more fulfilled myself.

God the Father's love is shown in his desire to share the very life of charity that he, the Son and the Holy Spirit share with us. For his part, Jesus demonstrates his love by taking on all the sin of the world and offering himself, in his humanity, up for us to save us from sin by dying on the cross. As he himself put it, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). And finally, the Holy Spirit continues to love us by lavishing upon us this divine love, especially in the sacraments. God's grace—yet another term for this divine love—is given to us by the Holy Spirit in all of the sacraments, and in this way we see the Holy Spirit's love manifested.

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- 2 50th South Dakota Right to Life Convention, Sioux Falls
- 2 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 3 2:00 Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Brookings
- 6:00 Operation Andrew Dinner
- 4-7 Clergy Days, Arrowwood Resort Cedar Shore, Oacoma
- 16 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 17 5:30 Kick off of Young Adult Faith Formation, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 23 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 26 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 27 7:00 Confirmation, St. Patrick, Montrose, and St. Mary, Salem, in Montrose
- 29 6:00 St. Joseph Festival, Sioux Falls Convention Center
- 30 9:00 Through God's Love Conference, Sioux Falls Convention Center
- 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

November

- 2 6:30 Real Presence Radio Banquet, Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls
- 3 4:00 Reception with Archbishop Robert Carlson, Carlson Lodge, Broom Tree Retreat Center
- 4 Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota (CCFESD) Fall Board Meeting, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 3:00 Mass, CCFESD and St. Joseph Legacy Society, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 6 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

*Broadcast on Keloland TV or live stream via sfcatholic.org

Photo right: The Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at St. Mary Parish in Salem is a beautiful place to pray during October, the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed there each Thursday at 7 p.m. (weather permitting). (Photo courtesy of Maggan Krempges)



Photo above: Bishop Donald DeGrood installed Father Thomas Anderson as pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Benedict parishes in Yankton in September. (Photo courtesy of Carol Christensen)

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FOCUS alumni carry discipleship into everyday life

By Becca Thiry

What happens when a FOCUS missionary, who has spent intense time walking with college students, returns home and settles into normal life? A beautiful rhythm of inviting people into their lives and the life of the Church blossoms into that thing we keep referring to as “missionary discipleship.”

And an invitation to follow Christ is offered to everyone they encounter.

Mission forms roots

FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is a global ministry that has taken college Catholic Newman Centers by storm over the last 20 years. With over 800 missionaries in 180 college campuses, FOCUS is growing rapidly and making a huge impact on not just the United States but the world. Among those 180 locations, four universities in South Dakota benefit from missionaries serving on their campuses.

Founded by Curtis Martin in 1998, the mission of FOCUS was simple: launch Catholic students into lifelong Catholic mission. The goal? Win students’ hearts over to Christ, build them up into disciples, and send them into the world to preach the Gospel. This incredibly powerful and beautiful concept has transformed many hearts of fallen away and devout Catholics alike.

When you speak to most missionaries,

both current and alumni, they will tell you their hearts have been formed and changed just as much as those whom they were aiming to form. But what happens when Christ calls his missionaries into lifelong mission beyond FOCUS? No doubt there is an adjustment and identity shift when someone leaves an apostolate where everyone has the exact same goal in mind—get yourself and those around you to heaven. That goal is still the same, but it looks different when vocations, jobs, friends and locations change.

In the Diocese of Sioux Falls, there is a strong presence of FOCUS alumni: some grew up here and felt the desire to come home, others found themselves here for jobs, relationships, or just the love of the simplicity South Dakota offers. Whatever it may be, they are all doing different things and live their new mission in a unique and unrepeatable way.

Shifting gears

Many FOCUS alumni say things they learned in their time as missionaries they now carry with them into their daily lives. Among those alumni are Sean and



The Turgeon Family

Rachael Turgeon, both Sioux Falls natives and O’Gorman High School graduates. While attending different universities (Sean at the University of South Dakota and Rachael at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln), they both met FOCUS missionaries, had profound experiences, and felt the Lord call them to serve as FOCUS missionaries themselves.

Rachael first served at Wayne State University in Nebraska, and a year later, upon Sean’s graduation from USD, the two married and served for two years at the University of Colorado in Boulder. After a fruitful two years, they discerned it was time for them to return home to Sioux Falls and raise their children near family and back in the state they loved. For

them, life as alumni and being disciples of Christ points back to the parable of the paralytic being lowered into the house.

“The relationship of the friends and the paralytic man shows the faith that his friends had,” Rachael said. “It also shows the faith and trust he had to have in his friends. We actually don’t know if he had faith in Jesus, but he DID have faith in his friends. I think that relationship between the paralytic and his friends is what discipleship is, should be, and what we’ve seen in our lives. At certain points you can be either of those people: you can be the paralytic who needs to trust those around you to bring you to our Lord, or you can be the friends bringing the paralytic to Jesus.”

Discipleship isn’t a one-size-fits-all proposition; it looks different person to person.

“That story summarizes how we’ve experienced discipleship. Through friendships that didn’t begin for an end goal,” Sean said.

“Since coming home, sometimes discipleship looks like small group bible studies or praying with our friends or family,” Rachael added. “Other times it’s inviting people into our home. It’s meant to be organic and real, and I can trust that if our hearts belong to Jesus, then every relationship we have will be a call to discipleship.”

It’s easy for a former FOCUS missionary to get caught up in all the tools and formalities that were used on campus meant to help and serve missionaries and students alike, but the reality of being off-campus is exactly like Rachael said—relationships are much more organic and frankly a bit slower than the speed that is operated on while on a college campus.

“We live both roles now, sometimes as the paralytic and sometimes as the friends of the paralytic. We have family and friends that are living this to us,” Sean said.

The Turgeons also have two young children whom they strive to help know and love Christ and the Church; in the words of Sean these are now their disciples. A mentor and friend of the Turgeon’s shared some advice with them right as they were about to welcome their first child and depart from the FOCUS staff.

“In the words of Mother Teresa, ‘If you want to change the world, go home and love your children,’” Sean said. This is exactly what the Turgeon’s have striven to do post FOCUS.

“Since I’ve come back home to Sioux Falls, the way I’ve hoped to live out

discipleship is the long game where my children are experiencing a very real, lived-out relationship with Jesus within our home. I do really hope to change the world through my children,” Sean said.



Krystal Goodale (left) with her sisters.

Finding new missions

Another South Dakota native and former FOCUS missionary, Krystal Goodale, is originally from Chester and attended South Dakota State University. She then served three years at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, as a missionary. Krystal originally wanted to leave FOCUS and continue on to do foreign mission work but felt a strong pull from God to return to Sioux Falls.

“Some of the best things I received from FOCUS were prayer life and team life,” Krystal said. “I learned to keep a commitment to prayer or else everything else just falls to the wayside, and team life taught me how to build community with whoever God placed in front of me.”

Something unique to FOCUS opposed to other ministries is that each campus is given a “team.” A team is usually two men and two women who work extremely close together to pray, lead and disciple the men and women on their specific campus.

“I’ve learned that the friends and co-workers who are placed in front of me right now, although not my team, are the people that have been placed closest to me in certain ways. It’s taught me to accept people where they are at, and that we were given to each other to walk together. It’s small, it’s on such a smaller scale,” Krystal said.

She spoke about her decision to come home and how she found herself praying often for the people of this diocese and the diocese in general. It happened so much

she had to ask herself, “Why am I pouring so much time and energy into this place (Sioux Falls), but I don’t even live there?” She began to realize her desires were to be back here.

“Until you search out every corner of every place, there are always more people. There is always a possibility of Jesus putting a new person in front of you: a new soul, a new friend, another encounter,” Krystal said. “That exists in this diocese, that exists in Sioux Falls. It exists anywhere but I actually want to have those encounters at home. I want to pray for and intercede with people back home. It was really placed on my heart to the point where I was like ‘I don’t NOT want to do foreign missions and other things, but this is my invitation by God and this is what I want the most right now.’”

Neighborhood mission

A great gift from FOCUS is that it has taught many that we are here on this earth to encounter our neighbors, and not just our neighbors who think like us, pray like us or live like us, but to encounter the very person the Lord has placed before us.

The beauty of having so many alumni in the Sioux Falls diocese is not that they have the tools in the tool box to lead a bible study, form a small group, or fund-raise money, but that in every one of their own unique and different ways they are taking their formation and applying it to their season of life while trying to invite others along with them.

Discipleship isn’t one-size-fits-all. Regardless of how you have or have not been formed, Jesus is inviting you into a relationship with him and to share that relationship with others. Be not afraid!



FAITH vs. WORKS

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

by Wendy Royston

“Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:17)

Although the letter of St. James uses this phrase to help us understand the relationship between believing in the love of God and showing it to others, the statement often leaves us even more confused, wondering whether we can—or even if we must—earn the gift of eternal salvation.

“Can I work or earn my way into heaven? No, I can’t,” said Father Tom Hartman, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls.

Instead, the passage is intended to reveal the wholeness of Christianity.

“If we’re simply saying that we have this faith, but we aren’t actually modeling ourselves after the Giver—Jesus himself—then, in some ways that faith is worthless,” he said.

The passage from James continues: “Indeed someone may say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.” (James 2:18)

“By our very actions, we demonstrate” the love of Christ, Father Hartman said. “If those [works] are not there, do you really have faith? Have you really received the gift?”

Catholics in the Sioux Falls diocese are called to, as Bishop Donald DeGrood has proclaimed, *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God’s Love*.

“In the end, what is our reason” for doing good deeds, Father Hartman asked, encouraging that the motive simply be that “we want to be like the Giver. In the end, we want to continue to shape our hearts after the heart of Christ, who healed the sick, who comforted the poor, who consoled the widow or the adulteress—whatever it is, the Lord is really calling us to be the body of Christ.”

Mo Irvine, prison ministry missionary for the diocese, agreed. She referred to a passage from Pope Benedict XVI’s “Deus Caritas Est” to expand on the point:

“Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.”

“From this encounter with God, we are faced with a choice: to choose him or to not choose him,” Mo said. “In choosing him, we find ourselves in a relationship with Truth itself, and that changes us ... If we choose to live from the truth of who we are and who God is ... the personal relationship I have with God will seep into all that

I do, and it will inspire me to come outside of myself so that others might experience God's love and come to know him through their own personal encounter."

That sort of encounter comes from a place of holiness.

"In some ways, we are called to be sacraments ourselves—we are called to be outward signs that reflect the inward reality of Christ or the invisible grace. When our outward reality and our inward disposition come together in one, we're kind of this holistic person. This is ... truly being a Christian—our faith is this inward reality that takes place, and the outward sign is really our love. There's a beautifulness in this reality that God is calling us to, that our inward reality—the way in which we draw a picture of that is that way in which our works show," Father Hartman said. "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

Father Hartman acknowledged, too, that some who do not have faith do engage in acts of kindness toward others.

"Paul says, 'These three remain: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.' ... When we say, 'God is love,' in some ways, we are reflecting the divine by our very acts of love," he said. "That would give us great hope for people who love but maybe" have not yet come to the realization of God's presence in their lives. "It should give hope that they have the greatest of the gifts. We should continue to pray for them, that they receive the gift of faith, but also in thanksgiving that we have this person who has such a loving heart."

~ A gift to the Giver ~

Father Hartman explained that, although heaven is a free gift, we naturally seek to thank God for his divine gift, just as we often seek to repay friends and family for their generosity to us.

"Whenever someone gives you something, you report back to them how much you love it or how much you've used it," Father Hartman said. "In this case, we just want to continue to give God our merits and use that gift in the way that it was intended."

Just as an earthly gift-giver rejoices in knowing an object they shared with a loved one is being used to enrich that person's life, God wants us to make the most of the gift he gives, too.

"If my dad were to come in every day and see my laundry hanging on that Soloflex (he bought me), would he be a little disappointed that it's being used for my dirty laundry?" Father Hartman asked introspectively. "Or what would happen if he saw that I'm using it as it was intended and he sees that I'm working out and getting healthier? When I use a gift as it was intended—how much more it pleases the giver of the gift."

Father Hartman cautioned that God never takes away his gift of salvation—but that we at times choose to reject it by our actions.



Father Thomas Hartman, parochial vicar at
St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls

"We are given this great gift of our salvation, and the Lord says, 'I want you to use this gift for how it was intended,'" Father Hartman explained. "We do believe that, once we've been given the gift of salvation, it's ours to keep, but as a good father, if you give your son a baseball bat and he beats his sister with it. ... You're going to take it away" until the child shows that he is capable of using the bat as it was intended.

"We have to want the gift back and ask for it," Father Hartman said. "In time of serious sin, the Lord withdraws it to protect it. Of course, that's when we repent and the Lord says, 'I've just been holding onto this until you are willing to use it as it was intended.'"

As a prison ministry missionary, Mo works with a segment of the population best known by their worst works.

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son," she said, quoting Pope John Paul II.

Mo visits the incarcerated, helping them to see the hope of salvation even after serious faltering.

"It seems that many [inmates] know, at least mentally, they

are more than what they've done," she said.

Just as with the general population, however, prisoners sometimes struggle to balance the hopes and dreams they'd aspired to with the realities created by their actions and their consequences.

"It takes a strong person to be able to live from who they truly are as sons and daughters of the Father," she said. "There is a difference ... between knowing this truth mentally and believing that you are more than the sum of your weaknesses and failures."

Since assuming her current role, Mo said she has seen imprisoned men in various stages of faith—some of whom believe God is real but cannot fathom how he can want an intimate relationship with them, and others who have personal relationships with him.

"Conversion is a continual process of detachment from sin and that which leads us away from God," she said. "I've seen guys, while in prison experience peace and freedom from growing in relationship with God, who, once they get out, struggle to live from that same place on the outside, whether it's a drug addiction, lack of support from other faithful Christians, or simply being overwhelmed by the world."

Mo cautioned that this struggle does not indicate that the prisoners' faith was a façade, but rather that we are not intended to make faith journeys alone and keep our faith private.

Opening up about her own faith is a key to the conversion of prisoners, Mo said, but their own births into life with Jesus also strengthen her own relationship with him.

"Sometimes it's difficult to see our own goodness and that isn't unique to prison. When I get to see below the surface and encounter who God made them to be, it also renews a great hope in me that I, too, can be transformed if I surrender to God's will and presence in my life," she

said. "In my entire life, I've never met someone who didn't, at their core, want to be seen, known and loved. In my work, I'm given the space and time with these guys to look beyond the surface. They have allowed me to see the person that God created so intentionally and uniquely and I have the privilege of pointing out that truth and goodness to them."

One aspect of prison ministry that has surprised her was the inmates' realization of freedom within prison walls that often leads to organic evangelization.

"I'm not sure what it is that allows some of these men to be open in a unique way, if it's the environment or a more honest look at one's own humanity or a greater detachment from material things (even if not by choice), but I see a hunger for truth, a thirst for something that's real and deep," Mo said. "They face this tension of how they are currently living versus what they know they need to give up to be a Christian whole-heartedly. When a man chooses to step away from friendships, behaviors, and such that are contrary to the Christian life, people notice. I've seen other men start coming to religious activities and engaging in the difficult questions of life because the guy at the end of the tier lives differently—he has a freedom that isn't easily found in or out of prison."



Mo Irvine, Prison Ministry missionary for the Diocese of Sioux Falls

~ *Serving in your reality* ~

Father Hartman said all Catholics are called to some form of corporal works of mercy and to openness to smaller ministries.

"To really be able to respond to the grace of the Holy Spirit prompting us, we have to reflect [and ask the] Holy Spirit, 'Where are you calling me to serve and to do the works of God? ... Keep me open to be able to recognize in the moment your calling to serve the people of God.'"

God uniquely calls each person to holiness by giving us a model by which he intends us to use the gift of life and, while offerings of charity and works will not earn heavenly reward, they can merit a higher place in heaven.

“It’s still good to do these works. We aren’t going to earn our way into heaven, but our merits may earn us a higher place in heaven,” Father Hartman said. “Our Blessed Mother, by her charity and works, has earned her place at the right hand of the Father. [In Revelations], we hear that the apostles were all given ... thrones in the kingdom of God.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) supports this notion:

“We of ourselves are not able to merit anything, having received everything freely from him. However, God gives us the possibility of acquiring merit through union with the love of Christ, who is the source of our merits before God. The merits for good works, therefore must be attributed in the first place to the grace of God and then to the free will of man.” (CCC 426)

But Father Hartman cautioned that, in order for our works to be attributed to God, we must ensure they are not self-serving, nor actually serving some other “god.”

“‘As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,’” Father Hartman quoted the book of Joshua. “If you’re married, your primary vocation is that you’re married, (and focused on the needs of) your husband or wife and your children.

“Are we too busy as a family to serve the Lord? ... We have to really evaluate: where is our life—what direction is it taking us? Is it really in building up the Kingdom, or are we building up this perpetual cycle of (serving) the ‘sports god’?”

Individuals’ first spiritual obligations come to the family and the work that earns the family a living, and the rest is about balance.

Often, Christians, especially those in the throes of parenthood and professional responsibility, feel their contributions aren’t enough. In those times, Father Hartman encouraged Catholics to keep things in perspective.

Father Hartman shared a memory of his mother, who was at the time actively raising 12 children, telling his grandmother, “I’ve been so busy that I haven’t had time to pray.”

“My grandma would say, ‘Did you pray your morning offering? ... Then your whole day becomes a prayer,’” he recalled, reciting the prayer: “I offer to you my prayers, my works, my joys, my sufferings.”

Overall, he suggested keeping perspective.

“I’m called to live from that reality of where God has placed me. The Lord has put us in these places that we are called to act from our reality. I don’t want to underestimate work, because it is tied to our mission in the moral realm. This is where we are called to serve and to do these acts of charity,” Father Hartman said, challenging each Catholic to introspective prioritization. “Who is more our ‘family’ that we are called to serve? Our parish family—the body of Christ—is really part of our family that needs us to step up and serve the people of God in a particular way,” he said. “In the end, we need to say, ‘How do I serve the body of Christ before I serve’” elsewhere.

Father Hartman pointed out that each Mass ends with a call to the type of mission work Bishop DeGrood desires for the diocese.

“The Mass says to go out, to go forth and serve,” he said. “You’re called to take the gift that you’ve received from the Giver and take it out into the world.”

My grandma would say,

*Did you pray your
morning offering? ...*

*Then your whole day
becomes a prayer.*

Father Thomas Hartman

Would Mass be better if there was more variety?



Can you help me understand why so much of the Mass is repetitive? So many of the prayers are the same from week to week, and it seems like if there was more variety, it'd be more interesting to both Catholics and others as well.



Thank you for this honest question! It's true there is a good deal of repetition in the Mass, and it's common to wonder if less repetition would make it easier to keep our attention focused.

So in order to answer this question, I'd like first to explain a bit about the Mass prayers from a "big picture" perspective, and then we'll focus on the question.

At every Mass, there are two sets of prayers: the prayers of the order (in Latin, "ordo"), and the "proper" prayers. The prayers of the proper are those prayers that are "proper" to that particular Sunday or Feast Day (these prayers change with the Liturgical Calendar). For instance, the opening prayer (formally called the "collect") we pray changes from Sunday to Sunday and for the various saints whose feasts we celebrate.

On the other hand, the prayers of the order are those prayers that are the same from Sunday to Sunday or from weekday to weekday; at every Mass, they are the same. The Gloria is an example of this: whenever we pray the Gloria, the words are the same; they do not change because of the Sunday we are celebrating.

Both the "order prayers" and the "proper prayers," however, are set and predetermined in the book of prayers for the Mass, the Roman Missal. This is where our question this month is relevant, in that it's common for people—including Catholics—to ask about the heavy usage of set, formula prayers at Mass. Oftentimes people have in mind the adage that "familiarity breeds contempt," or perhaps they are thinking of their own temptation to say the words mindlessly, without really thinking about them or praying them.

If that's indeed the case, then why are the prayers of the Mass "set"?

I first want to note the importance of recognizing that merely saying words or saying them mindlessly isn't the

same as praying. This is definitely a temptation we need to be aware of. However, that doesn't mean using set prayers will necessarily result in mindless worship at Mass.

Consider this everyday example of formulaic language: the most common way spouses express their love for one another is with the simple phrase "I love you." I typically tell my wife "I love you" several times every day. Does the fact that I use the same phrase to express my love for her make my love any less real, my intention any less sincere? Of course not, even though it's certainly possible I might say the phrase mindlessly on occasion.

The same is true with the Mass. There's nothing inherently wrong with using the same words from week to week (or even day to day) when we're praying to God at Mass, anymore than there is anything inherently wrong with using the same words to express my love and affection to those I care about day after day.

But it's not just that we are able to avoid mindless repetition with the prayers at Mass. In fact, having the same words for Mass actually allows us to pray more fully. That is, the use of set prayers actually enables us to participate more fully and pray the Mass more easily.

Why? Because we already know what the priest is going to say, so we can enter more fully into the prayers he (and when appropriate, we) are saying. If the prayers of the Mass were all ad-libbed, it would be very difficult for us to enter into them, because we would need to listen to the words, understand them, and only then internalize them and make them our prayer. But because we already know the prayers being said, we can much more easily make them our own prayer.

And that's what the Church desires for us. The Mass isn't meant to be so much about us merely listening to the priest as he



prays with our occasional "chiming in." It's meant to be a communal prayer which he leads and we participate in, even when he's the only one speaking.

The Church wants us to be actively engaged in every part of the Mass, because it is meant to be our common prayer, even though we have different parts to pray, if you'll excuse the pun. None of us are meant to be merely spectators at Mass...we are all called to be active participants in it.

Think of a football team, in which the quarterback has a different role to play than the running back, but they both are playing the same game. Or an orchestra, in which the percussion has a different part than the violins, but both are playing the same song.

By knowing the words that are coming next at the Mass, it's easier for us to "pray it by heart" than if it were always different. And that's what the Church desires for us.

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

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Memorial fund gives dignity to the most innocent

By Renae Kranz

Babies are a precious gift from God to their families, but not all parents experience the joy of bringing their new little one home. Miscarriages, stillbirths and the loss of a newborn can leave parents and families stunned and unsure of the proper way to honor their child in death. In our diocese, there is help for parents looking for a way to honor and care for the child they've lost. One option is through the Angel Lee Cronin Memorial Fund.

Deacon Bill Radio carries out the ministry of honoring these children through this fund, thanks to the original efforts of now-retired Deacon Harold Pardew and a mother who lost a child. She asked Deacon Pardew to help her set up a fund to help others who might be in the same situation.

Several companies have partnered with the fund to help couples grieving the loss of a child who may not have the resources to provide a proper burial. Miller Funeral Home helps with arrangements, a casket is provided, a plot is provided at St. Michael Cemetery and a marker from Gibson Monument. Funds can also be used by families outside of the Sioux Falls area.

The Angel Lee Cronin Memorial Fund is made possible through contributions made by many people who have felt moved to help, and the funds are available to any couple who loses a baby before or during birth or even shortly after birth.

A spin-off of this ministry has grown from a desire to care for any child's remains. Deacon Radio said many times young mothers are mired in the grief of the moment and haven't had a chance to think about how to care for their child. Sometimes the child is instead disposed of as medical waste. He said often little guid-

ance or education is offered to give options for proper burial.

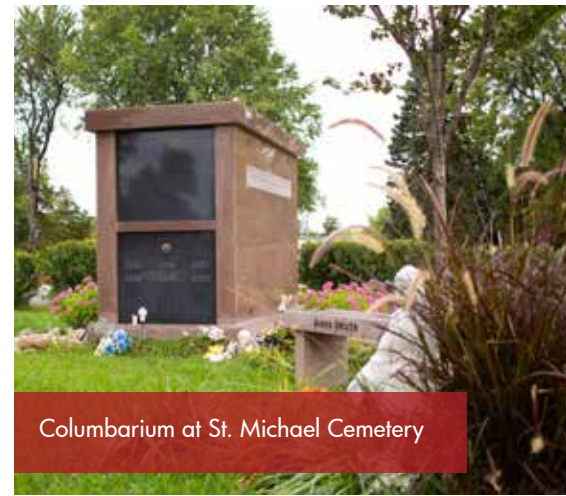
To meet this problem with love and dignity, a columbarium (a building with niches where remains are interred) was built at St. Michael Cemetery with funds contributed by both Sanford and Avera hospitals. The space is not limited to Catholics; all babies who have died can be buried there.

"Sadly, for so many years, all these babies were just considered medical waste and just disposed of with all kinds of other medical waste," Deacon Radio said. "Our goal is to minimize that and to eliminate it whenever we're able to."

Deacon Radio has been doing this most of his six years of ministry as a deacon. There are hundreds of babies in the columbarium now.

"Every month or two, we gather at St. Michael Cemetery to do a committal service for all the babies that have died and been saved for this proper burial," he said. "In a typical month when we do this committal service, we'll have anywhere from 30 to 50 babies each time we bury. Parents are free to come for that closure and to participate in that burial, and it's been just an incredibly emotional and touching ministry that I feel so privileged to just be a part of."

When Deacon Radio was first asked to get involved in this ministry, he said he immediately remembered the babies his mother had lost over the years, one of which was born alive but died within a couple hours. He later more fully understood how much that impacted her when they were having an anniversary party for his parents. During a game, guests were asked the question, "If you could talk to any one person in the world that ever lived, other than Jesus, who would it be?"



"When we got to my mother, she said 'I would like to talk to little Mary,' which was the baby that she lost a couple hours after birth," Deacon Radio said. "And it occurred to me that she's been married 60 years, and she has never stopped grieving, she's never forgotten this child, and how it's like that for so many women as they grow older and they remember those days. And I just felt like I just could not say no to this ministry."

This ministry has affected Deacon Radio and many families deeply over the years, at a time when comfort and guidance from others were key to healing.

"The emotions that are poured out of parents who come to the committal are really affirming for me that we are doing something to help them through this time," Deacon Radio said.

If you'd like to contribute to this ministry or need to use the services offered, call the Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish office (605-336-7390) and ask for Deacon Radio.

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Supreme Court case could cause pro-life shift

By Nick Michels

To paraphrase the author of the book of Ecclesiastes, there are no new sins. What mankind wrestled with as far back as Adam and Eve, it still wrestles with today. This reality comes to mind when one considers the following passage from the prophet Jeremiah:

“The people of Judah have done what is evil in my eyes, says the Lord. They have set up their detestable things in the house which bears my name, thereby defiling it. In the Valley of Ben-hinnom they go on building the high places of Topheth to sacrifice their sons and daughters by fire, something I never commanded or considered” (Jeremiah 7:30–31).

Like our ancient ancestors, we, too, have been sacrificing our sons and daughters. The only difference is that today we sacrifice them for a false concept of liberty. Since January 22, 1973, when our country’s highest court in *Roe v. Wade* invented a universal right to abortion in the United States Constitution, we have seen millions upon millions of our unborn brothers and sisters massacred in the womb. This is a disgraceful hypocrisy for a country that was founded upon an understanding that every human being has certain unalienable rights—chief among which is the unalienable right to life.

Here is the good news, though. The country’s highest court now has an opportunity to correct this 48-year blot on our nation’s history.

On May 17 of this year, the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear a very important case: *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s*



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Health Organization. Oral arguments are scheduled for December 1. This case concerns a Mississippi law that directly challenges the ruling in *Roe v. Wade* that there exists a constitutional right to abortion. If the court rules in Mississippi’s favor, there is a good chance that it will no longer recognize this so-called right, and will instead allow the states themselves to make that determination. Even short of overturning *Roe* completely, pro-life lawyers widely expected *Dobbs* to make significant strides for the pro-life legal movement.

There is good reason to be hopeful that the Supreme Court will overturn its prior ruling from 1973. For starters, many legal scholars, both pro-life and pro-abortion, recognize *Roe v. Wade* is terrible law: nowhere in the text of the Constitution does there exist a universal right to abortion. Additionally, the current makeup of the high court is heavy with so-called “originalist” judges, that is, those who recognize it is a judge’s job to declare what the text of the Constitution *actually* says or means and not what they think

the text *ought* to say or mean. And an originalist would recognize that the text of the Constitution does not actually say anything about a universal right to abortion.

Moreover, it’s worth noting something about the uniqueness of the history since *Roe v. Wade* was decided. Despite the ruling in that case, it has not been widely accepted by the American people. Forty-eight years later, its merits are still being debated both in the courtroom and in the public square. It is rare to encounter this sort of enduring and heated debate around Supreme Court decisions that are theoretically settled law. Given how controversial the issue is, and that our country was founded as a democratic republic, it is reasonable to believe that the Supreme Court would rather the issue be resolved going forward by the people instead of by nine, unelected officials.

It is also significant that the decision in *Roe v. Wade* rested, in part, on the fact that the Supreme Court justices at that time refused to make any sort of determination on when life begins, citing in part what they described as a lack of medical consensus. Important scientific advances have been made since that time that prove life begins at the moment of conception. In fact, no serious scholars try to argue from that position anymore. The efforts that have been made to save as many lives as possible (through bans on partial birth abortion, or bans on abortion for reasons of the child in the womb feeling pain) have served to educate society at large on the horrors of this practice—horrors that may well shock the consciences of those justices hearing *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

The Supreme Court begins its term every year in October, and it traditionally finishes its term at the end of June. Sometime in that period, it will make a decision on this case. Providentially enough, that is a period of nine months—the same amount of time it takes for a child to gestate in his/her mother’s womb.

I would implore all of us, particularly during this month of the Rosary, to take that time to pray fervently: pray for the unborn, for their mothers, for our Supreme Court, and for our country. Pray that the culture of life will prevail over the culture of death.



New religious community arrives in diocese

By Renae Kranz

What happens when you mix joyful religious sisters with curious high school and junior high students? A whole lot of opportunities for holiness!

Two Pro Ecclesia Sancta (PES) sisters, Sister Eileen and Sister Lynn, arrived in the Diocese of Sioux Falls in mid-summer to establish a new PES house in Sioux Falls at the invitation of Bishop DeGrood. Their mission (or charism) is to live and promote a vocation to holiness, reminding people of their call to be holy in all vocations. The sisters will be primarily working with youth, children and families, especially at O’Gorman Junior and Senior High.

The PES ecclesial family of sisters, brothers and priests was founded in Peru in 1992. Their name means “for the holy Church.” Over the years, they have established houses in Spain, Rome, Ecuador, Uruguay and the U.S. (first in California, then Minneapolis and now Sioux Falls).

Sister Eileen grew up in Lima, Peru, with one brother and a large extended family.

Her grandmother, who she saw pray every day, had a profound impact on her faith. Just before she turned 16, she met some PES sisters, and their youth and happiness caught her attention. At about that time, she had a deep experience with the Lord during a retreat, but she admitted she didn’t want to be a sister.

“I understood that the Lord loved me, and he wanted me to be a friend and that it was possible to have a friendship with Jesus,” Sister Eileen said. “Holiness became a reality.”

She continued to help the PES community, went to college for business, and generally led a happy life. But during her senior year she started to ask herself if this was all life had to offer.

“I had everything that I wanted. I was happy. I loved my school, what I was

studying, my work. But I think it wasn’t enough,” Sister Eileen said.

She said at that point the Lord put her in a situation where she had to think about what he wanted for her. Once she realized he wanted her to be a religious sister, she said yes, “very fast.” She joined the PES sisters and has had no regrets, only peace.

Sister Lynn grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with one older sister who she was very close to. She went to Catholic elementary and high school and met PES sisters while going to college in Minneapolis where she was studying to be a dietician.

While discerning her vocation, she felt the calling to the religious life, and after spending time with the PES sisters (including Sister Eileen), entering their order seemed like a natural fit. It helped that her older sister had also entered the order a year earlier. This was a challenge for their parents at first, but they quickly became joyful for their daughters once they learned more about Pro Ecclesia Sancta.

The PES community’s charism of living holiness drew Sister Lynn to the order. “It

was something I had heard before, we’re all called to go to heaven, but I never really understood what that means or how I could live that,” Sister Lynn said. “I thought it was just for the saints. They showed me and taught me how, even in my college life, I could strive for holiness in doing my homework well, in studying

or just being with my friends or roommates having a good time, in doing the little things in love and with the Lord. That really caught my attention. And of course their joy and their youthfulness and closeness to the Lord.”

Now coming to Sioux Falls has been a blessing for both of the PES sisters as they settle into their new home. They will be serving the students and faculty at both O’Gorman High School and Junior High by helping with the campus ministry



Sister Eileen and Sister Lynn, PES, outside O’Gorman High School. (Photos by Sister Cinthya, PES)

programs, prayer groups, having lunch conversations and large-group prayer, attending extracurricular activities, and helping the school’s leadership team with spiritual formation, just to name a few things.

Kyle Groos, president of Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools, said the sisters have been a huge blessing already. “Sister Eileen and Sister Lynn are wonderful examples to all of us and have quickly demonstrated practical ways of how we all can work to serve as ambassadors of God’s love.”

The faculty who have been working with the sisters are excited about the impact the sisters will have on students.

“Even though we are early in our school year, you can already see their impact on our students, staff and faculty,” Wade Charron, principal of O’Gorman Junior High, said. “Many of our students have never really been around religious sisters, so it’s fun to see the interaction between Sister Lynn and Sister Eileen and our students.”

“I think they expose students to the vocation of religious life and also the call for all of us to be holy,” Brian Stai, campus minister, said. “They carry a joy within them that is contagious and helps point people to God.”

If you’d like to hear more about the PES sisters, you can listen to the complete interview with them on the Catholic Views podcast at sfccatholic.org/catholic-views.



Sister Lynn spending time with students.



Does it really matter if I have a relationship with Jesus?

by Mikaela Pannell

Have you ever felt like you know a lot *about* Jesus, but don't necessarily *know* him? It's okay; you aren't alone.

If you are a student at a Catholic school or have gone to any religious ed classes in your lifetime, but haven't taken your faith any deeper than that, your relationship with Jesus might feel similar to one with a celebrity. You know all about them, but if you were to attempt a conversation or go out to eat together, you'd have no idea what to do.



Brady Wilson, graduate of O'Gorman High School

Brady Wilson, a Sioux Falls native and student at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, knows how it feels to have a surface-level relationship with the Lord. As a cradle Catholic and O'Gorman graduate, Brady felt that he knew a lot of information about Jesus and the Catholic Church, yet he didn't really know Jesus on a personal level.

"I knew a lot about Jesus, but I didn't know Jesus," Brady said. "I could tell you all these truths. I knew them in my head, but I didn't know him in my heart."

Getting close to Jesus was always a desire for Brady, though it wasn't easy to maintain. Throughout high school, he would go back and forth between living a Christ-centered life and living for himself, struggling with typical teenage vices. Attending yearly Steubenville conferences and having a deep encounter with the Lord at a Going Deeper retreat always relit the desire to

be close to Jesus, but the habits of daily life and the overwhelming thought of how the world saw him always pulled him away again.

When Brady went to college at Benedictine and was completely surrounded by faithful individuals and countless opportunities to encounter God, he came to the realization that a deeper relationship with the Lord was what he needed to focus on. He felt a pull by God to draw even closer to him, that he is "called to live a life that's radical...and to live like Jesus."

"When I walk into prayer, it's like seeing my best friend," Brady says. While it will always take a conscious effort, having a relationship with Jesus is the most beautiful and intimate of all.

Elena Giorgio, an Elk Point native, is a student at the College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska, in her final year of occupational therapy school. She is also engaged to be married this coming January. While she grew up in a strong Catholic household, Elena says that "I feel like my faith didn't really become my own until high school." She was exposed to the joy Totus Tuus missionaries had, which attracted and led her to attend D-Camp and eventually become a Totus Tuus missionary herself.

Although it did take time and effort to develop, Elena describes the relationship she shares with Jesus as "constant." High school and college years are filled with frequent change, which can be taxing on many relationships. But Jesus is always there. She discerned that a relationship with Jesus meant to "get personal with him, that he really did care about all of my worries and all of my concerns...that he knew my desires...he knew how to provide for me and my desires."

Elena explains that a relationship with Jesus doesn't mean everything in life goes smoothly, but you will have a joy and peace

that transcends anything this world has to offer. She has found that it is important to “be present” in all aspects of life—the highs and lows—and to find joy and gratitude in everything.

Relationships today are filled with near incessant communication by phone calls, texting, Snapchat, the list goes on and on. But God doesn’t have a cell phone or an Instagram account. He doesn’t sit and chat over a cup of coffee. How can a person figure out what he is saying when it’s hard to even recognize when he’s speaking?

Trish Irvine, a theology teacher at O’Gorman High School, has witnessed students grow in their relationships with God and offers wisdom to assist them when it’s not always easy.

“One thing we need to do is to begin to know the voice of the Lord,” she says. “What does he sound like when he speaks?”



Trish Irvine, theology teacher at O’Gorman High School

Reading Scripture, particularly the Gospels, can show us how the Lord speaks to humanity. When we know the Lord always speaks to us from love, then we can listen for his voice. Sometimes this involves sharing with a trusted friend or mentor about what is happening in prayer...or when you try to pray but feel you cannot. A great joy I’ve had is being able to mentor youth as they learn to follow the Lord and to be able to point to moments they share, saying, ‘That! This is what the Lord sounds like. He was speaking to you!’”

Trish is no stranger to the challenges of cultivating a relationship with Jesus. She went to public school, and though her home life gave her a solid foundation in faith, Trish felt alone amongst her peers in her pursuit of the Lord.

“Instead of really delving into my faith, I merely held off on falling into the vices more common for teens,” she recalls. “I loved the Lord, but I often framed my relationship as *‘I love you so I don’t do...’* instead of *‘I love you and so I will...’*”

She regularly participated in Totus Tuus and D-Camp throughout her teenage years, soaking in the short bursts of community that surrounded her during those events.

In order for a relationship to be healthy, effort has to be put into it. The Lord is in constant pursuit and will always show up, but it doesn’t always feel that way.

“The Lord is always seeking to be in relationship with us and always communicating himself to us,” Trish says. “This can be a good truth to cement in your heart when it seems like God isn’t listening or when we wonder if he cares.”

It’s important that we put in the effort to show up to be with him, too. Brady has made it a point to make sure he’s putting his best self into his relationship with the Lord, saying that he’s “not giving God my garbage time of the day, but giving him the best time...the time when I’m intentional and attentive to movements of the spirit.”



Elena Giorgio and fiancé John Daskiewicz

He’s found that setting the Lord as his priority is much more beneficial than trying to fit him in at times when he might be tired or not able to focus. Elena recalls that daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and an hour of prayer every day were “transforming” for her relationship with Jesus.

Elena, Brady and Trish all stress the importance of surrounding yourself with a community of people who are also striving toward the Lord and who desire to grow ever closer to Jesus. In today’s world, it is very important to walk with others around you who have the same goal—to get to heaven.

One mark of a healthy relationship is the ability to be comfortable together in silence. It allows for the deepening of intimacy and fosters further growth together. Often, quiet time is avoided at all costs.

“Sometimes we lack depth in our relationship with Jesus because we are unwilling to give him the time and space,” Trish says.

“We are already full of noise and our concerns and numerous other things that we don’t have room in our hearts and minds for the Lord. Incorporating intentional times of silence into your day and life can be helpful to hear the whisper of the Lord, to be aware of the nudges he offers, and to be able to reflect more on the reality surrounding you.”

Silence also allows for our thoughts and feelings to rise to the surface when they might otherwise be smothered by the noises and distractions of life.

It’s easy to seek closeness with the Lord when things are going wrong, but he also wants you to be with him in the good times, when things are going well. Just like you would tell your best friends and close family members about excitement in your life, the Lord should be told, too!

He wants to share in your joys in the same way your loved ones do. He wants to know all about your plans, hopes and dreams, as well as your fears, worries and concerns. And when the Lord is entrusted with those things, he always provides.

STRIKE OUT ON A DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE!

Pope Francis named this year as the Year of St. Joseph to honor Jesus' adopted father and to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX. St. Joseph is also the patron of our diocese. Have you done anything to mark this year yet? How about taking a pilgrimage?

Take a St. Joseph pilgrimage around the Diocese of Sioux Falls by visiting any of the nine St. Joseph parishes in our diocese. These parishes are spread throughout eastern South Dakota, so you should be able to visit at least a couple in your area. Feeling ambitious and in need of a road trip? Visit them all!

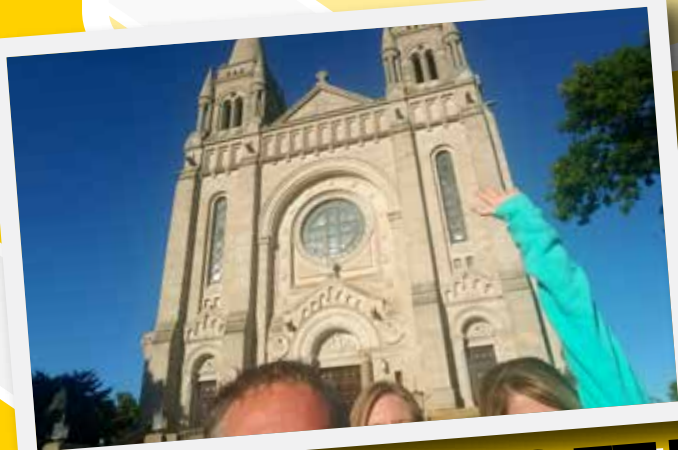
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Before you go, be sure to check the parish website (sfcatholic.org/parishes) or call the parish for information about when it is open. Many parishes are open during the day and are ready to welcome you!



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ABERDEEN – Darren and Julie Torrence will celebrate their 30th anniversary on October 5. They have 3 children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



BERESFORD – Kerry and Janet Lutter celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 24. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Teresa Parish.



BRANDON – Gerald and Sharon Bruggeman will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 21. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – Mike and Diane Bunkers celebrated their 35th anniversary on September 6. They have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



HARTFORD – Todd and Julie Ernster will celebrate their 35th anniversary on October 18. They have 3 children and are members of St. George Parish.



HURON – Alan and Sonia Thomas will celebrate their 55th anniversary on October 1. They have 2 children (1 deceased), 2 grandchildren and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



HURON – Theodore and Delores Wipf will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 7. They have 3 children (1 deceased), 1 grandchild and are members of Holy Trinity Parish.



MILBANK – Lyle and Janet Behlings will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 14. They have 7 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Lawrence Parish.



MILLER – Kenny and Sandy Werdel will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 23. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Ann Parish.



PLANKINTON – Don and Lori Jones will celebrate their 45th anniversary on October 2. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. John Parish.



PLATTE – Dennis and JoAnn DeBoer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on October 9. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter the Apostle Parish.



REDFIELD – Joe and Linda Keller will celebrate their 35th anniversary on October 4. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Bernard Parish.



ROSCOE – Valerian and Leota Goetz will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 18. They have 6 children (1 deceased), 17 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Rosanne Krier celebrated their 30th anniversary on September 21. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jim and Connie Seiler will celebrate their 50th anniversary on October 23. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Charles and Karen Boyum celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 30. They have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Brian and Tanya Dirks will celebrate their 25th anniversary on October 11. They have 2 children and are members of Christ the King Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Mike and Barb Hardy celebrated their 35th anniversary on September 26. They have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Steven and Tracie Fletcher will celebrate their 25th anniversary on October 12. They have 3 children and are members of St. Lambert Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Kevin and Teresa Davis will celebrate their 40th anniversary on October 24. They have 4 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Merle and Betty Jean Ankrum will celebrate their 68th anniversary on October 24. They have 6 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



TABOR – Steven and Donna Adam will celebrate their 55th anniversary on October 22. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



TYNDALL – Donald and Anna Mae Zimmerman will celebrate their 65th anniversary on October 15. They have 11 children, 38 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Leo the Great Parish.



TURTON – Thomas and Edith Bertsch will celebrate their 50th anniversary on October 16. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



WATERTOWN – Jerry and Kathy Williams celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 9. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



WATERTOWN – Richard and Imogene Helgeson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on October 22. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WATERTOWN – Dick and Robbie Jurgens will celebrate their 60th anniversary on October 7. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



WESSINGTON SPRINGS – Bob and Cindy Hine will celebrate their 45th anniversary on October 16. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



YANKTON – John and Sharon Kraft will celebrate their 25th anniversary on October 5. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

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

Send a color photo, your anniversary information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by **October 15** for inclusion in the November 2021 edition to:

The Bishop's Bulletin
523 North Duluth Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
or e-mail to:
rkranz@sfcatholic.org.



YANKTON – Clarence and Rose Hauger will celebrate their 65th anniversary on October 15. They have 5 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.



YANKTON – Francis and Mary Jane Metchenberg will celebrate their 70th anniversary on October 16. They have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

Mary's Choice 2nd Annual Charity Banquet & Silent Auction

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Friday, October 22, 2021

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Cathedral of the Epiphany Parish Hall

1000 Douglas St, Sioux City, IA

Get tickets online at <https://maryschoice.org>

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St. Nicholas in Tea is looking for someone with a love for Jesus and passion for the Church to serve as a Director of Evangelization and Discipleship.

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Conference offers guidance to living God-given mission

Have you been wondering what the diocesan vision of *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love* could look like in your own life? You have an opportunity to find out at the Through God's Love Conference on October 30 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. This day-long conference is designed to help you make your God-given mission a lived reality.

There is nothing more world-changing than a group of people, guided by the Spirit, who set out on mission together. It's been said that the Church does not have a mission. Rather, the Church is a mission, a movement of God's love, his mercy, and his truth that is lived out among the people of God.

We also have a mission, and the Holy Spirit is moving in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Big things are coming and have already begun through the people in our parishes and communities. Now is the time to take action on the desires that have



been stirring in your heart.

During the conference, you will hear from Bishop Donald DeGrood as he shares the origins of the diocesan vision and why it matters for you. There will be men's and women's panels along with speakers talking about Christian leadership (Father Jeff Lorig), prayer and a personal response to God's presence (Father Scott Traynor),

letting God do the heavy lifting (Eric Gallagher), and loving God with all your mind (Dr. Chris Burgwald). There will also be opportunities for worship, adoration and confession.

If you will be in town the night before the conference (October 29), don't miss the St. Joseph Festival at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Hundreds of Catholic families and friends from around eastern South Dakota will gather for carnival games, yard games, dancing, inflatables, bingo, crafts, carnival food and good old-fashioned fun to celebrate Pope Francis naming this year the Year of St. Joseph, who is the patron of our diocese.

This is a free-will donation event, and there will be concessions available for purchase.

For more information about the conference and to register, visit sfcatholic.org/discipleship/tgl. To learn more about the St. Joseph Festival, visit sfcatholic.org/discipleship/st-joseph-festival.

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Parish Dinners/Socials

October 3: Dad's Belgian waffle breakfast serving 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Christ the King school gym at 26th and Lake in Sioux Falls. Sponsored by Sioux Falls Serra Vocation Ministries to support seminarian education. All you can eat waffles with toppings and sausages. Takeout meals available. Free-will donation.

October 10: St. Joseph Parish, Grenville, fall bazaar, Sunday, serving from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with a menu of meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, squash, cole slaw, pie or angel food cake and coffee or juice. There will also be a fish pond and a chance game.

October 10: St. Mary Parish, Aberdeen, Fall Festival and dinner, Roncalli High School. Midway with games, silent auction and bingo from 2-7:30 p.m. Roast beef dinner serving from 3-6:30 p.m.

October 10: St. Boniface Parish, Idylwilde. **Annual fall supper has been cancelled.**

October 17: St. John the Baptist Parish, Lesterville/Sigel, Soup Kitchen on Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lesterville Community Hall. Menu includes soups, taverns, hot dogs and desserts. Bake walk, fish pond, Bingo and a raffle drawing at 3 p.m. Free-will donation. Come join the fun!

October 17: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Elkton, will host a roast beef dinner from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, glazed carrots, buns and pie. Adults \$12, children ages 6-12 \$5 and children under 5 are free. Country Store with baked goods and crafts.

October 24: St. Joseph The Workman Parish, Huntimer, annual soup and pie supper at Taopi Hall in Colton. Serving from 3:30- 6:30 p.m., including a bake sale and country store.

October 31: St. George Parish, Hartford, annual fall dinner, serving 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings, country store and raffle.

Recitation of the rosary planned

Friday, October 1 - The rosary is recited for the faithful departed on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Rosary Coast to Coast

Sunday, October 10 - Rosary Coast to Coast will be held at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

October 7-13 - Holy Trinity Parish, Huron, is hosting a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition from Thursday, October 7 until Wednesday, October 13 in the Confirmation room. Everyone is welcome. Please see the schedule of times the exhibition will be open by visiting HolyTrinityHuron.org.

Audio recording of Bishop's Bulletin for visually impaired

Audio recordings of The Bishop's Bulletin are available for the visually impaired each month. Deacon Roger Heidt lends his voice to bring to life the stories in the monthly magazine. If you would like to receive this

recording, contact Josh Easter at josh.easter@state.sd.us.

Pray at Planned Parenthood with the Jericho Wall group

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Monastery

October 1 - Online Lectio Divina, Fridays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 10-10:45 a.m. Meet online for Lectio Divina, a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader, S. Penny Bingham OSB at pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org/605-668-6023. Include your email address.

October 10 - Benedictine Oblate Orientation for new members will be held at Sacred Heart Monastery, Sunday, October 10 at 1 p.m. Oblates are Christian men and women of all faiths, learning Lectio Divina (holy reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation) and Liturgy of the Hours in the monastic tradition. If you are interested, please contact S. Patricia Heirigs at 605-668-6017 or patricia.heirigs@yanktonbenedictines.org.

October 16 - Monthly Contemplative Mornings. Meeting usually the third Saturday of the month, from 9-11:15 a.m. Contact S. Doris at doberembt@yanktonbenedictines.org/ 605-668-6022. yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings

Silent personal retreats - We are currently accepting fully vaccinated residential retreatants at the Peace Center on a very limited basis. You are welcome to contact us for reservations at 605-668-6292.

Catholic Family Services

Catholic Family Services Counseling - Are you dealing with difficult events in your life? We have professional, caring counselors available to provide individual, marriage, and family counseling. Please call us at 605-988-3775 to schedule an appointment.

Celebrating Me/Remembering You

Holiday Grief Program - Catholic Family Services will be holding a one-day Holiday Grief Program for children, teens and adults who have lost a loved one through a death. This program will be held November 6 from 10 a.m.-noon at 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. A time for games, activities, crafts, discussion. Ages 6-12 will attend the children's portion and ages 13-17 will attend the teen program. Adults will incorporate art as an expression of grief. Pre-registration is required as numbers will be limited. Call Catholic Family Services at 988-3775 for more information.

Holiday Grief Program - Catholic Family Services is honored to host: "*He is Stable*" - *A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace* on December 9 at St. Therese Parish in Sioux Falls. The evening will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow. Children welcome! Register by calling (605) 988-3775 or emailing cfs@sfcatholic.org.



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