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In times of division, let us turn to prayer



Bishop Donald E. DeGrood
Ninth Bishop of the Diocese
of Sioux Falls

One of the key insights from our diocesan synod survey is the importance of reaching out to inactive Catholics. We know statistically from records of sacraments, Mass attendance and participation in parish events that the number of baptized Catholics is much higher than active practicing Catholics.

One could rightly conclude there are various reasons baptized Catholics are no longer actively practicing their Catholic faith. Some have been deeply wounded by the Church, others lost confidence in Church leaders, disagree with Church teachings, have struggles with faith, are poorly educated in our Catholic faith or other reasons. Whatever the reason, it's important we pray for them and reach out to them to assist them in their spiritual journey.

As bishop, it is clear to me that at times the Church, even us Church leaders, have failed in various ways in teaching and living the core teachings of the Church. Some Church leaders and other Catholic leaders have strayed from Church teachings, promoting other interpretations of God's holy word and the teachings of Christ.

With theological or ideological differences spread so widely, it's no wonder hardship, confusion and wandering from the faith have occurred. For this I am sorry for the hardship this has caused any of you, your family and parish communities.

Despite the confusion and hardship of the past many years, I have confidence God will lead us to a future of hope. We know from history that when Christians have been persecuted, God strengthens faith in souls who can be dynamic witnesses of the Gospel to bring to light the deceptions of evil in our culture and the joy of the Gospel to all nations.

We, like others of the past, have been through trying times and it appears it

will grow more difficult, but if we draw closer to God, the forces of evil will not overcome us and we will be able to help others discover the truths God has revealed and his desire for the salvation of souls.

One such evil deception that has permeated America for the past 49 years is abortion. The deception is not only that someone has the right to take innocent human life, which consists of a human body and spiritual soul, but it is also the fallacy that individual rights take precedence over God's plan and the common good of society. Such deception misleads people to think "I can do whatever I want."

Over and over in society we see the effects of such self-focused decision making. Instead, we must continually remember the words of our Lord Jesus, and in this context, I think especially of his words from John's Gospel: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (8:31-32).

It is in the teachings of Christ, in other words, that we will find happiness, fulfillment and freedom, not in merely doing what I want.

In this trying time for people in our country over the great divide on the topic of abortion, it is my humble request that we all pray and work to defend innocent human life, whether that be the unborn, disabled, aged or any other person. May God aid us in doing whatever we reasonably can to assist mothers, fathers, and those who have had abortions to heal from the painful memories, and be healed, forgiven and restored to right ordering as God so desires.

May we also pray for those who believe abortion is acceptable and who participate in any way. May they come to know and love the truth of God's plan of humble reverence for all human life.

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- 14 5:30 Mass and potluck, St. Columba Parish, Mayfield
- 16 11:30 Discipleship Camp, Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene
- 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 17 1:30 Anniversary Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
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- 30 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

August

- 7-10 Seminarian Retreat, Broom Tree

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Corpus Christi processions announce the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Parishes around the diocese held eucharistic processions on Corpus Christi Sunday. These processions helped to kick off the National Eucharistic Revival in the United States. In the photo above, Father James Morgan, rector of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, led a procession around the Cathedral grounds in 100 degree heat, carrying the eucharistic Jesus in the monstrance.

Did your parish have a eucharistic procession? If you did, please send photos or videos to Casey at cbassett@sfcatholic.org. We will be using those photos and videos on the Eucharistic Revival website, coming soon.

If your parish is planning a procession or other activities during the Eucharistic Revival, please send those to Casey as well. May the eucharistic Jesus bless our revival!

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The Bread of the Presence reflects the face of God



How can I explain the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist when people ask about it?



We've been addressing this question as a series in this column, beginning with the May 2022 issue. The kickoff in June of the National Eucharistic Revival makes this summer the perfect time to really hone in on how to explain the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

In the last two months' columns, we've been looking at the deep biblical roots of the Mass in the Old Testament in order to see how the Mass did not appear out of thin air, but in fact has ancient origins in the Word of God. This month, we're going to begin an exploration of the final Old Testament roots of the Mass, which we'll explore in this series: the Old Testament showbread of the Temple, also known as the Bread of the Presence.

While this particular biblical root of the Eucharist isn't as well known as the manna in the desert, and certainly not as well known as the Passover connection, it nonetheless provides considerable illumination for our understanding of the Mass and the Eucharist, and how God once again was preparing his people for these gifts centuries before Jesus gave them to us. Let's dig in.

Most people are not only unfamiliar with the connection between the Eucharist and the Bread of the Presence, but with the Bread of the Presence itself as well. However, it's referred to several times in the Old Testament, and two instances in particular stand out. The first is the detailed description of the Bread of the Presence which we find in the book of Exodus.

In Exodus we read about the portable temple—the tabernacle—that Moses created according to God's specific instructions after the Exodus while the Israelites were in the desert at Mount Sinai. There were three sacred objects God commanded Moses to make and keep inside the tabernacle (Ex 25): the Ark of the Covenant, the menorah or golden lampstand, and the golden table of the Bread

of the Presence. All three were kept within the holy place of the tabernacle, with the ark in the most sacred space, the Holy of Holies. And according to Exodus (25:40), all three sacred objects were patterned after heavenly realities Moses saw in a vision on Mount Sinai.

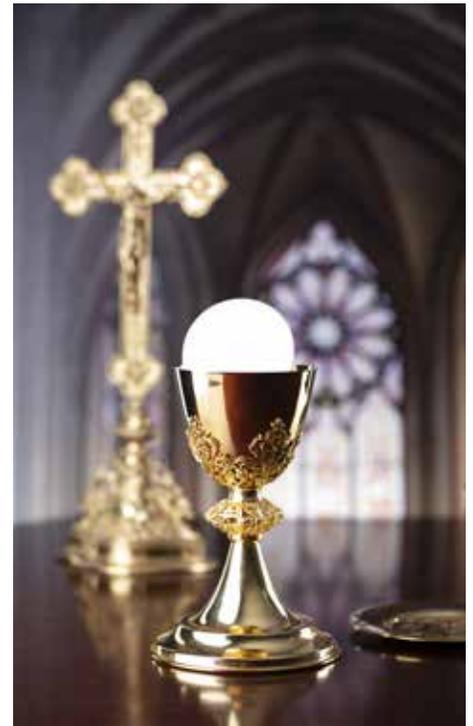
The third object is the one of interest to us today: the golden table of the Bread of the Presence. This table is detailed in Exodus 25:23-30. There, we read that this table is covered with pure gold, and with rings fastened to it so it can be carried with poles. Like the ark, it seems it is not to be touched. We also see that the table didn't hold just bread... there's reference to flagons and bowls—also made of pure gold—for the pouring of libations.

What are libations? Sacrificial drink offerings of wine. Jewish scholars have noted that while in other wine offerings, the wine was poured out by the priests, in this case, the wine was drunk in a sacred meal. So we have a table that is the golden table of the bread, and wine of the Presence, wine that was consumed by the priest!

A brief comment on the name of this bread. As I mentioned previously, it's sometimes translated as "showbread"... that's how the first major English translation of the Bible (the King James Version) translated the Hebrew term used. More modern translations use the form I've been using, "the Bread of the Presence."

But some scholars note the Hebrew word here translated as "presence" is almost always translated as "face" in the Old Testament, and therefore the most literal translation of the term is "the bread of the face." That is, this bread is the Bread of the Face of God. Somehow, the bread itself is a visible sign of the very face of God.

This understanding of the bread is confirmed when we recall when the bread was first given to the Israelites. As we read, the details are given in Exodus 25, but immediately prior to that, in Exodus 24, we read that Moses and the elders of the



people participated in a heavenly banquet on Mount Sinai, in which they beheld God and ate and drank (9-11).

So, we have this banquet, in which Moses and the elders saw God while they were eating and drinking, and immediately after, God commands Moses to build the golden table of the Bread of the Face. Scholars see in this that the bread was meant to be a kind of memorial of that heavenly banquet. Just as the tabernacle itself is a visible sign of the invisible heavenly place of God that Moses saw on Mount Sinai, so, too, is the earthly Bread of the Face a visible sign of the invisible face of God!

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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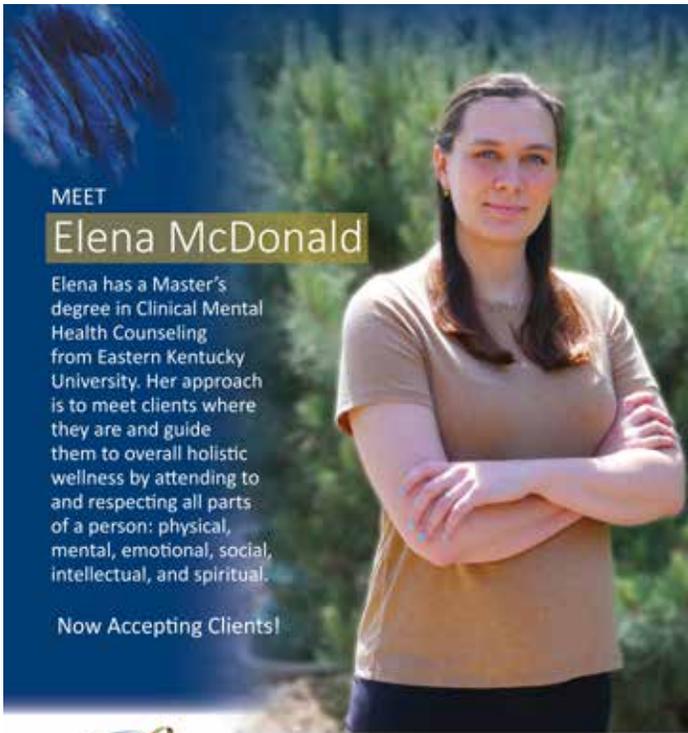
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We are all the Church,

the Mystical Body of Christ

By Laura Melius

What is the Church?

As Christians, this question can bring many images to mind. Perhaps it is the church building where we grew up or the building where we now worship each Sunday. Maybe we think of our Church leaders such as Pope Francis or our former popes who have led the Catholic Church through the centuries.

Or, maybe our definition of the Church is the parishioners, the family of believers, who gather in our parish each Sunday and every parish around the world.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) speaks about what the Church is in a variety of ways, including these: “The word ‘Church’ means ‘convocation.’ It designates the assembly of those whom God’s Word ‘convokes,’ i.e., gathers together to form the People of God, and who themselves, nourished with the Body of Christ, become the Body of Christ” (CCC 777). In other words, the Church is God’s family, consisting of all of us, those who are disciples of his son, Jesus. It’s critical that we understand what the Church is so we know the importance of our role in it and how we are to live that role.

A Church given and shared

While the Church was “born” from the side of Christ on Good Friday, as seen in the blood and water that flowed from his side, it was at Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit that the apostles began the process of sharing

the faith, with the Church spreading throughout the world. St. Peter, the “rock” on whom Jesus built his Church, became the first shepherd of the Church in Rome. Over the centuries, 265 popes have led the Church, with a great number of these leaders being recognized as canonized saints.

We recall the apostolic beginnings of the Church each Sunday when we profess the four marks of the Church—one, holy, catholic and apostolic. As “one,” we profess there is one Church that Christ founded with one mission for Christ. By “holy,” we are setting the Church apart for God, Jesus as Son of God, and the Holy Spirit. As “catholic,” we are not referring to the “name” of the Church, but to the original meaning of “catholic,” as in “universal,” Christ giving the fullness of the faith to the Church and the Church reaching out to all people, everywhere and for all time. Finally, as “apostolic,” we recall the start of the Church and remember its mission to preach the faith to all.

Our connection to our apostolic faith, this one faith handed down from the apostles, is a source of unity for Catholics. Our pope is the greatest visible example of this unity. Father Jordan Samson, pastor at Christ the King Parish in Sioux Falls, explains this further.

“The pope is a source of unity because we can point to his office,” he said. “Where Peter is, where Peter’s office is, is a guarantee of where the Church that Christ founded is located. Pope Francis holds the Chair of Peter, and for us as Catholics, we remain united to the Chair of Peter. We are also guaranteed that in matters of faith and morals, the Church is preserved from error by the Holy Spirit.”

Suzanne Semmler, director of religious education at Holy

Cross Parish in Ipswich, finds unity and strength in the Church's apostolic succession as a lay member of the Church.

"It is because we know the Catholic Church has carried through the centuries that makes it a faith that can withstand every trial that comes," she said. "It gives us reason to trust in God's plan for the Church and our lives."

Father Samson explained that although our Church leaders' main purpose can sometimes be misunderstood, our local priests and bishops have first and foremost been entrusted to preserve and pass on the faith in our parishes, not to make up new doctrines. Additionally, as they strive to lead the lay members of the Church in holiness, they are sustained by the prayers of the faithful.

"Every Mass, we pray for Pope Francis and Bishop DeGrood, not necessarily because we agree with every prudential or pastoral decision they make, but because they are guarantees that we are in the Church that Jesus Christ founded," Father Samson said. "We as clergy have a higher standard and ought to set examples of holiness. It doesn't mean we always do, but I guess that is why we pray for our leaders frequently."

Suzanne has made praying for Church leaders a priority and a habit in her daily life, as she recognizes they depend on our prayers in their battle against the influences that can distract us from our faith.

"We were taught as kids when you pass a Catholic church or cemetery to make the sign of the cross; for me that is a time to also say a Hail Mary for the pope and our bishops and others who guide us," Suzanne said. "I pray for the pope and our bishop by name asking that the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them."

Role of lay faithful

Under the guidance of the clergy, the Church's lay believers also have a responsibility to pass on and preserve the faith as the first apostles did through their evangelization.

"Parishioners reach so many people that priests and religious cannot," Father Samson said. "The work of the



Father Jordan Samson, pastor at Christ the King Parish, Sioux Falls

Church is meant to be carried out by the laity when they go out and live as Christians in the world."

"Evangelization isn't about age," Father Samson clarified. "It's about being alive in Christ and sharing that life with others. Granted, it can be helpful to have similar ages find common spaces to form friendships around common life experiences. But to put the responsibility of evangelization upon one age group would be too limiting."

We often think that great evangelization happens in planned events or spaces, but it can often happen in unexpected places. Suzanne has seen the children of her parish be quite effective evangelists in their friend groups, citing one recent example.

"Just the other day, I had a young lady, who is 8 years old, tell me that while she was at baseball practice, some of the kids were talking badly and it bothered her," Suzanne said. "She told them they shouldn't talk that way. She said she was scared at first, but she knew that Jesus would want her to tell them. I think that is one of the things we need to be teaching our kids, to be courageous in speaking to their





Suzanne Semmler, parishioner at Holy Cross Parish, Ipswich

friends about right and wrong. My hope is that when those young people are together and interacting, they will help each other be better and more loving.”

If the Church body—that’s us, the members of the Church—is to be ready to reach out to others effectively and consistently, Father Samson says that both daily prayer and regular receiving of the sacraments are vital to accomplish that mission, as well as an additional component.

“Parishioners strengthened by the Eucharist and regular reconciliation and strengthened by holy friendships can carry out the work of spreading the Gospel in their day to day lives,” he said.

If a parish’s members strive to be healthy in prayer and in receiving the sacraments, how can a parish help in the formation of these holy friendships?

Father Samson says this begins with building and strengthening relationships within the parish itself.

“As families come together to make a parish, the parish as a whole should feel like a larger family,” he said.

Although it may seem like a parish would naturally feel like a large family, that is not always the case, especially in our present transient culture. There can be several obstacles to achieving a family atmosphere.

One thing Father Samson has observed is that sometimes people can see themselves as perpetual guests in their own parishes, and they may not commit to investing in relationships or connections with fellow parishioners. He attributes this to several possibilities, such as approaching Mass attendance as merely an obligation, or attending different parishes based on one’s schedule. Families also move more and travel more than in past generations. All of these factors and more can play into a lack of healthy and supportive relationships within the parish.

“While it’s awesome to see people make Mass a priority by fitting it into their weekend when traveling, we also need to know we belong somewhere—that we have a home, a family. Something is missing when the full family isn’t there,” Father Samson emphasized.

Relationships build unity

The start of nurturing relationships can be quite simple, as our great-grandparents knew what they were doing when they gathered for picnics, sewing circles and other social



gatherings on Sundays with their fellow parishioners. Although Father Samson admits it might be cliché, Christ the King Parish serves coffee and donuts every Sunday morning after Mass.

“The weekly opportunity to catch up on a human level and build friendships has become a huge part of our life as a parish family,” he said.

Suzanne said the parish family at Holy Cross tries to nurture a family atmosphere by welcoming all families who walk through their doors and by offering ways for them to deepen their faith life as a family. The parish holds monthly fellowship after Mass for most of the year, and holds adult faith formation in the form of book studies or video series during Lent and Advent.

“We also offer an ongoing small group that gathers twice monthly throughout the year for anyone to come and share in a discussion about a particular topic. Prayer is a big part of that group,” Suzanne said.

Holy Cross Parish has encouraged their youngest members to form friendships, too, by forming a youth choir consisting of elementary-aged children.

“They are taught the Mass parts and some hymns, and once a month they are the choir for our Sunday Mass,” Suzanne said. “We plan to expand that opportunity to some of the older youth who would like to participate in the future.”

This support for parish families and the parish family as a whole is something Holy Cross Parish will continue to nurture.

“There is much more we can do to help families become little domestic churches within our parish, and I hope we can all work together to build and grow,” she said.

Called to imitate Christ

To stress the importance of the Church’s apostolic mission, Father Samson pointed to a quote by Father Luigi Giussani, a 20th century Italian priest and theologian, which reads, “Christ continues in history, in our times, within the mystery of the church....Therefore, the invitation to imitate Christ is addressed to all men, but first and foremost to us who have been baptized, as authentically indicated by the Church.”

In other words, if we have been baptized, we are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As the Church looks to the future, Semmler believes that we all need to strive to be bold in this mission.

“We need to be people who are not afraid to tell others about the love that Jesus has for us, and tell others that it is available to all God’s children,” she said. “Let them know that they are loved unconditionally and live that love by accepting each other wherever they are in their journey. At the same time, we need to be bold in speaking the truth of the Gospels. We need to be people of prayer, leaning on Jesus and Mary for our strength and be committed to our prayer for each other.”

Father Samson believes that the future Church will need to look at the faith through the correct lens and be ready to carry our daily crosses, as Jesus asks us to do, as we go forth as present-day apostles.

“We need to live faith as a way of life and not as a mere obligation,” he said. “And, we need generous hearts who involve themselves and follow the Catholic Church, even when it might be difficult.”

Now that you know who the Church is, continue on to the Missionary Discipleship story on the next two pages to learn how you can best help accomplish the mission given to us by Christ as his body.



Modern-day apostles: THIS MISSION IS OURS

By Laurie Stiegelmeier

Blessed Carlo Acutis used technology to bring God to the mission-field of the internet. In the book “Carlo Acutis, A Millennium in Heaven,” Father Will Conquer wrote that Carlo’s grandmother told him being a missionary is for the priest. Carlo replied, “But, Nonna, the priest does not know how to do all that. And besides, with all that he has to do in the church and the people he has to meet, he does not have the time. So, this mission is for me.”

Mary Jo Gallagher, parishioner at St. John Paul II Parish in Harrisburg, agrees because the laity have access to people and circumstances that our ordained and religious brothers and sisters don’t.

In 1965, Vatican II called for greater involvement of the laity. It is visible in ministries that parishioners participate in, such as greeters, ushers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. While these are good, there is more to the call for “the apostolate of the laity”

that we don’t easily see and must not overlook.

We are called to do the work of the apostles and have, according to the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, “a preeminent responsibility to make the divine message of salvation known and accepted by all men throughout the world” (n. 3).

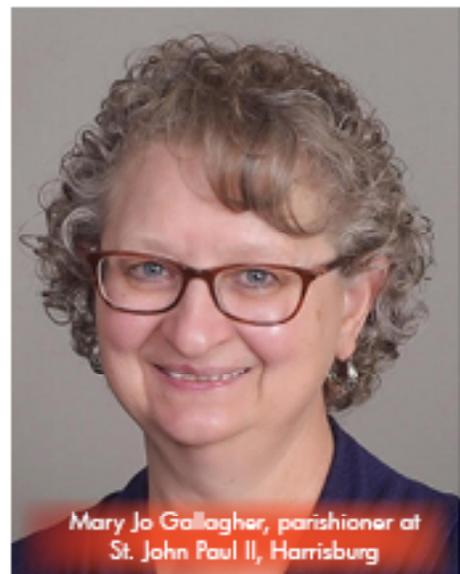
How do we fulfill this responsibility? In an address to seminarians, Father Michael Schmitz (of “The Bible in a Year” fame) states it simply, “Get baptized and start talking!”

Fulfilling our call

Our mission begins with baptism, but it’s important to remember we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit in confirmation and nourished with the Eucharist, helping us grow in our love for God and our fellow man, which is the heart of the apostolate of the laity.

“If we are convinced that Christ and the

Church are a treasure in our lives, then we will want others to have that treasure, too,” Mary Jo said. “We are to labor where we are called; we can’t do it all, but we can all do something.”



Mary Jo Gallagher, parishioner at
St. John Paul II, Harrisburg

Flo Hart, a parishioner at St. John de Britto in Britton, has known all her life that we are to evangelize.

"I love the Catholic faith so much that I feel if people aren't here, they are missing so much," Flo said. "In our world today, you've got to take a chance to talk about God because he's been taken away from so many, and so many people have never been given a chance to learn."

Stressing that being active in our faith, having a relationship with Christ, living a life of prayer, and frequenting the sacraments are of first importance, Mary Jo says there are many opportunities to share our faith if we are open and looking.

"It can be as simple as carrying a rosary or wearing a cross and being willing to witness when asked about it," Mary Jo said. "When approached by someone who is inactive, have a conversation with them, find out what's going on in their life, build that relationship and pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you. You'll know when the time is right to invite them back, and always offer to go with them. Pray for them by name that they will hunger and thirst for the Eucharist."

Use what you have

Today, we have an advantage over the first apostles because, in addition to personal encounters and relationships, we can reach large numbers of people instantly from our homes. We can follow Blessed Carlo's example and bring God to electronic media.

Flo invites people to Mass, then reminds them with her phone. "I bug people to go to church. I send texts on Saturday saying, 'It's Saturday and it's 5:00 somewhere!'"

"I'm on a quest to learn as much as I can about the Church and religion. I get so excited about everything I learn, and I talk to everyone about it," Flo continued, adding it is her belief that when we pray, we shouldn't ask God to do something for us, we should pray for him to show us how to accomplish it.

In addition to prayer, Flo sends information to the many people she has conversations with.

"If I learn that they have questions or if I think they should know about something, I send them a book about it," she said.



Upon learning that a Baptist didn't have knowledge of Lent, Flo signed her up for Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever" reflections and videos. Now that person contacts Flo to see if she's signed up for it.

"If I like it, you're going to get it," Flo said. "Who knows? Just one little thing you send might spark that fire."

Propping up vocations

In addition to the important mission of inviting inactive Catholics back and bringing all people into the body of Christ, we can't overlook the important work of fostering vocations. Mary Jo believes that when young people encounter priests and religious as real people and can build relationships with them, they become more open to discerning a vocation themselves.

She also says it is so important to have a deep respect for the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. "If we don't talk highly of these vocations and anyone—especially our youth—hear us talking poorly about priests especially, why would they want to look at that as a vocation?"

Three young people from Mary Jo's youth program are currently discerning vocations, and several others have, because of the time she invested in building relationships.

"I made myself available for them and their families if they needed someone to talk to," Mary Jo said. "We had many talks over a Coke, met up for daily Mass and just hung out."

At the parish level, Mary Jo has seen the Vocations Prayer said before every Mass and a group that met weekly to pray the Rosary for vocations.

"And pray for your parish priest," she said. "If your parish doesn't have a Seven Sisters group, try to get one going" (learn more at sevensistersapostolate.org).

Mary Jo suggests talking to young people about vocations to the priesthood and religious life, exposing them to youth camps and retreats before high school, inviting your parish priest for a meal, and letting your kids spend time getting to know him outside a parish setting.

"And above all else, pray. Pray for vocations daily, asking the Holy Spirit if there is someone to pray for particularly," Mary Jo says.

Our apostolic mission

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commanded the apostles to bear witness to him through their lives and preach the good news throughout the world. He promised they would not be alone because he would send his Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them.

Today that command is for us.

We have received the Holy Spirit and been given gifts to use. Combining the words of Pope St. John Paul II and Father Michael Schmitz, "Be not afraid" and "start talking." Become the modern-day apostle Jesus commanded you to be and declare, "This mission is mine!"

Reborn as sons of God, the baptized must profess before men the faith they have received from God through the Church and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God.

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1270

Natural Family Planning reignites courtship

By Elena McDonald

The gift of Natural Family Planning (NFP) is limitless and the beauty of it lies at its core goal: participating in the creative power of God. How incredible is that? We, people of the Lord, created in his image, are given the blessing and responsibility of procreation!

God's design for sexuality has two purposes: the gift of procreation and the love-giving between a man and a woman in a marriage union. NFP honors God's design for married life and sexuality by respecting and cooperating with our fertility rather than suppressing it or taking action to render the sexual act unfruitful. NFP can be used to both achieve a pregnancy and avoid it, giving the couple responsibility to decide when they are ready for children, how many children they can support, and when it is the best time to have another child.

We have heard these teachings and benefits of NFP many times before, but many questions arise. How does NFP affect the marriage relationship in reality? How does a married couple handle the times of abstinence? Do those times hurt the marriage? How do I talk to my partner about my thoughts, fears and desires regarding our fertility and sexuality?

If you've ever found yourself pondering these questions, I'd like to offer the mental health counseling and marriage counseling perspective on NFP, which can help to answer them.

Doctors John and Julie Gottman spent most of their lives studying married couples and their relationships. They studied couples of all ages, backgrounds, religions, socio-economic statuses, cultures, and even followed their journeys over decades to see how marriage and relationships change over time. Decades of research helped them identify relationship patterns and specific dynamics that predicted the success of a marriage with almost 100 percent accuracy. Based on their findings, they developed a world-famous methodology to marriage counsel-



Elena McDonald is a clinical counselor at The Lourdes Center

ing, The Gottman Method, a highly effective research-based approach to helping couples with marriage problems.

According to the Gottman's findings, there are a few things couples who have exceptionally healthy, happy, long-lasting and successful marriages regularly engage in or practice. They

called these types of couples *the masters of relationships*. Unhealthy and unhappy marriages, on the other hand, tend to lack these qualities completely. So, what are these things, and how do they relate to NFP?

Building love maps

Remember when you and your significant other just started dating? You were asking each other questions about your families, your favorite foods, places you want to visit, hobbies, music, and so on. You were getting to know your significant other and by doing so, you were building his/her love map. These love maps help us know our partner's likes and dislikes and help us grow closer in the relationship.

However, many couples tend to avoid certain topics (such as fertility and sexuality) or stop updating each other's love maps after a few years of marriage, thinking they already know everything there is to know about their partner. Masters of relationships, on the other hand, freely talk about the most intimate topics and continuously update each other's love maps because we all change, mature and grow as people, so our values, preferences and hopes change as well.

The NFP lifestyle requires and encourages couples to talk about their sexuality, sexual health, desires, children, and hopes and fears about pregnancy; thus, it promotes more intimacy and openness between partners, strengthening their union.

Rituals of connection

Masters of relationships also highly value and continuously engage in rituals of con-

nection, which are any special activities the couple participates in to express and celebrate their love for one another. Some examples include deep conversations, regular dates, a special hug and a kiss after work, anniversary celebrations, rituals around sex, and so on.

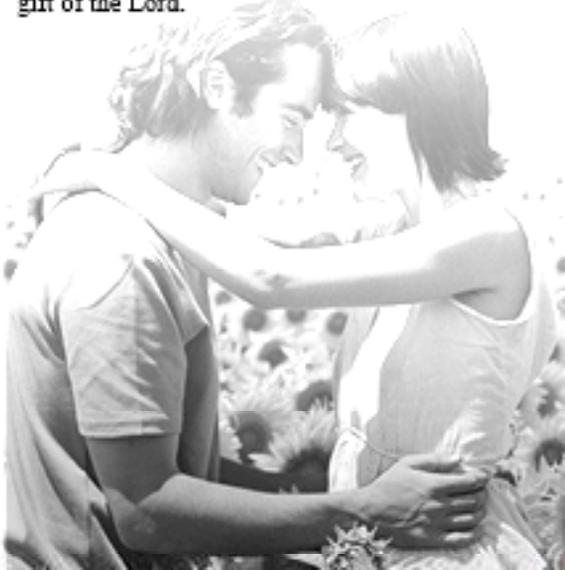
NFP not only encourages the couple to explore, engage and talk about their rituals related to sex, but also beautifully inspires other forms of intimacy and bonding during the times of abstinence. This in turn reignites the courtship. Every month a couple can go back to the sweet and tender phase of their relationship when they just started dating, and then get to experience the honeymoon phase all over again.

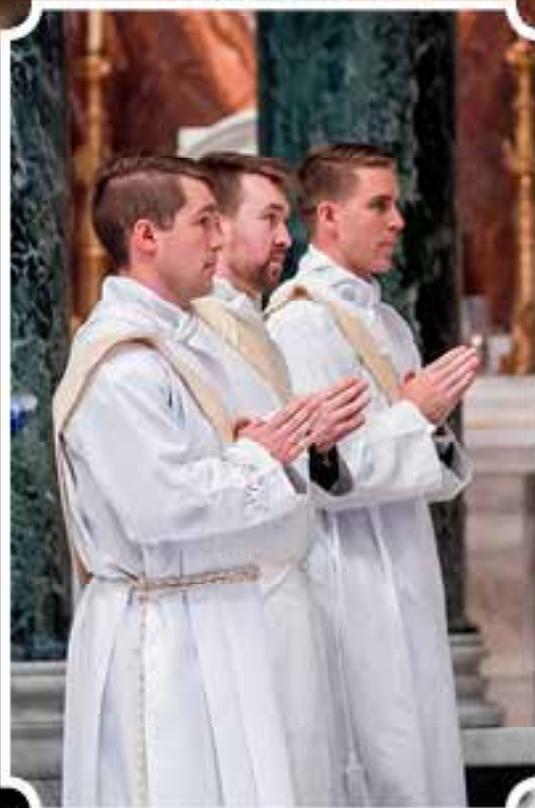
Shared meaning

Lastly, people in healthy and happy marriages develop sets of shared meanings pertaining to their values, beliefs, goals and dreams.

NFP inspires the couple to invite God into their marriage and grow in a relationship with him at the center. Through building love maps, rituals of connection, and relationship with God, husband and wife unite in the mutual responsibility of procreation and form shared meanings about family, unconditional love, faith, parenting and marriage. The NFP lifestyle deepens their faith and promotes couple communication on difficult, personal and existential topics, thus strengthening their relationship and marriage.

Natural Family Planning is not just a Church-approved set of guidelines to achieve or avoid pregnancy. It is a true gift of the Lord.





Ordination 2022 Priesthood

Three men were ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Sioux Falls on May 27 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Bishop Donald DeGroot was the ordaining bishop.

Reverend Nicholas Haiar | Reverend Mitchell McLaughlin | Reverend Zachary Schaeffbauer

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Collegiate convert: Graduate finds God at



Alfonso Erickson (center) with Bishop DeGroot and friend Seth Weibelhaus after graduation. (Photo courtesy of Joe Rutten)

by Wendy Royston

Alfonso Erickson chose Mount Marty University (MMU) due to its proximity to home, but he never imagined doing so would bring him closer to home than he could ever have dreamed.

“I was a bit hesitant when I first [enrolled], because I wasn’t Catholic, but they were so welcoming, and I just ended up desiring” to fill what he describes as a “spiritual emptiness.”

“I was just going along with life,” Alfonso said.

He knew God existed, but never had a relationship with him nor a pull toward any certain denomination prior to college. This spring, however, he completed RCIA and received his sacraments just a couple of weeks prior to graduating from MMU with a degree in criminal justice.

“I just feel better as a person, because my spiritual side is finally there,” he said.

“Going to Mount Marty and learning all of the Benedictine values at a Catholic college definitely played a role in my decision,” he continued. “But my friends really influenced my decision. Just seeing how God had impacted them and seeing how it made them ... a better person just kind of made me want to take that journey.”

Early in his freshman year, Alfonso noticed two of his dorm mates lived joy-filled lives, and he desired that sense of peace for himself.

“They just seemed to be always happy and seemed like they really had life figured out,” he recalled. “They said ... if they have any issues, they just pray and he [God] works it out. Seeing that and the joy that they had when they talked about him ... and how much they talked to him and how much that made their lives easier ... and how emotional they got talking about it” inspired him to pursue the life they modeled.

Seth Weibelhaus, head of MMU’s Catholic Club, and Mason Schleis invited Alfonso to join the organization. Often, he said, their small group discussions would spill over into dorm rooms and then into all of their interactions.

“If we were sitting in a restaurant, it would just come up, because they just love him that much,” Alfonso said.

Soon, he joined his friends at Mass, and his yearning deepened along with his relationships with Father Grant Lacey and Sister Rosemarie Maly.

“[MMU] didn’t *make* [non-Catholic students] go to church, but they welcomed us into their church even though we weren’t part of it,” Alfonso said. “That made my decision easy, because I wanted to be part of something. It was very powerful how they brought me in and made me feel very welcomed.”

As his faith grew, Alfonso said he reflected more on his past experiences.

“After listening to some [homilies], I would [realize] I wouldn’t be who I am today, or where I am, without that life-changing experience” of adoption at age 5, he said.

The more he began to know God, he realized his adoptive mother had modeled Christianity to him. She is a Catholic, but Alfonso describes her as leading her children in prayer, but never pushing an organized religion on them.

“She had a big influence [on me],” Alfonso said, explaining that

Mount Marty University

she modeled the love of Jesus as she fostered more than 50 children during his youth. "There was always room for more, and if she ever saw someone who needed help, she would always offer a helping hand and do anything she could to make their lives better."

Although he'd always admired her, Alfonso said he didn't fully appreciate his mother's sacrificial love until he heard Father Lacy say that "a mother's love for you ... and the care that you get just because they love you ... is always going to be a top-tier" experience.

Alfonso realized, as he heard that message, that "my mom probably prayed for me every night (even before adopting me) out of that terrible place" of abuse and neglect. "Now, reflecting back to that situation, I think there has to be God there. Our lives could be so much different, but thanks to a caring person who was sent our way and wanted to love us and take care of us" he and his sister were saved from further torture. "That's probably the most powerful moment [of my faith journey]."

Alfonso said realizing that is proof God loves his people even when they can't love him.

"I wasn't ready to receive the gift fully until my heart had been opened at college," he said.

Since his conversion, the joy of Alfonso's faith has inspired his biological sister, as well as the woman who adopted them and her biological daughter, to become more serious about their own spiritual lives. When he returns to Irene, they attend Masses together, and his younger sister has expressed a desire to also join the Church, he said.

Thankful for the graces he received by the decision to pursue an education close to home, Alfonso gives the glory to God.

"I'm just thankful for the experience that I had and the friendships I have formed. I met my friend [Jesus], and then he [Jesus] brought me to my friends."

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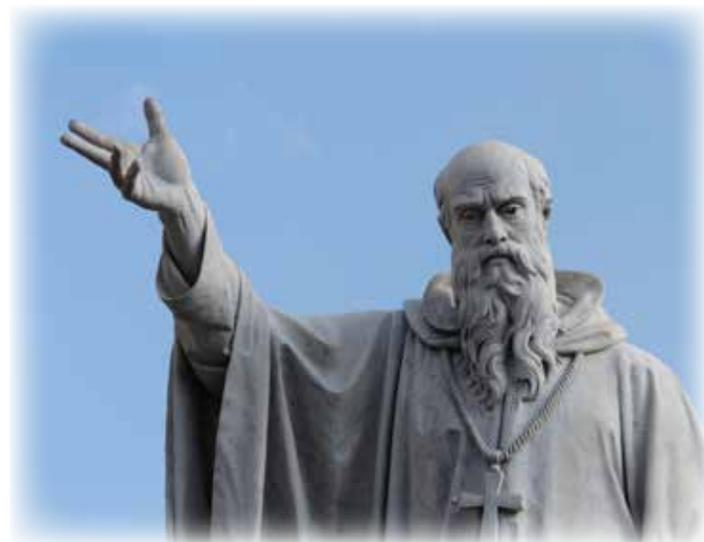
The Saints of Summer

By Elizabeth Johnson



The long, hazy days of summer may be “ordinary” time in the Church year, but the liturgical calendar for July and August reads like an All-Star line-up of the saints, including some heavy hitters like Mary Magdalene, Benedict and Maximillian Kolbe. Here’s a look at some of the key players on this heavenly roster.

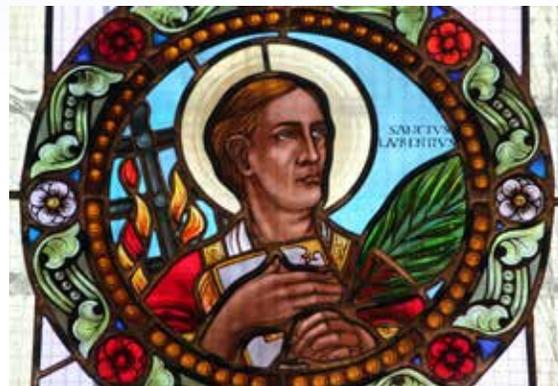
The Rules of the Game: St. Benedict (July 11) is called the Father of Western Monasticism. He tried living as a hermit, but his great piety attracted many followers and he soon had a colony of monks who wanted him to be their abbot. To guide his followers, he wrote what is now called “The Rule of St. Benedict,” which became the standard for all monastic life in the Western Church. His motto—a good one for us all—was “Ora et labora,” or “pray and work.”



Who’s on First?: St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) has the distinction of being the first person to announce the resurrection and the first person to proclaim the good news to the rest of the apostles. Despite her bad reputation—contrary to popular belief, she was NOT a prostitute—she also has the honor of being named first among the women who followed Jesus.

Get Yer Red-

Hots!: St. Lawrence (Aug. 10) was a deacon in the early Church with a sense of humor that was not appreciated by the Romans. When Roman officials demanded



that Lawrence turn over the Church treasures with which he was entrusted, he asked for time to gather the wealth. Rome was not amused when the “riches” of the Church gathered by Lawrence turned out to be beggars, cripples, the poor and the old to whom Lawrence had already given the physical riches he had.

As punishment, Lawrence was burned to death on a grid-iron. Determined to have the last word, the saint is reported to have told his torturers, “You can turn me over now. I’m done on this side.”

teered to take the place of a married man with a family. He stepped up to the plate and took the pitch meant for the other man—death by starvation and lethal injection. Pope John Paul II canonized him as a martyr in 1982.



Pinch-Hitter for

Christ: St. Maximilian Kolbe (Aug. 14) is the perfect example of what it means to “lay down one’s life for a friend.” This Franciscan priest from Poland was arrested in 1941 and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. When nine men were sentenced to die in retaliation for the escape of another prisoner, Maximilian volun-

“The sleepy like to make excuses.”
-St. Benedict

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ARTESIAN – Ed and Laurie Grassel celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 19. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and are members of St. Charles Parish.



BRANDON – Brian and Deborah Bertsch will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 5. They have 4 children and are members of Risen Savior Parish.



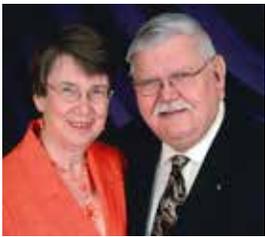
CLARK – Jim and Karen Kopriva will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 24. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – John and Deb Rausch celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 26. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



EDEN – Jim and Marilyn Sattler will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 21. They have 4 children (1 deceased), 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



KIMBALL – Wayne and Pat Woodraska will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 8. They have 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Margaret Parish.



MITCHELL – Tom and Jacque Schumacher will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 15. They are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – James and Connie Lynde will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 28. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MITCHELL – Duane and Nancy Willoughby will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 22. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Family Parish.



MONTROSE – LaVerne and Carole Raap will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 7. They have 7 children, 21 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Patrick Parish.



PIERRE – Keith and Janette Byer will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 4. They have 2 children and are members of St. Peter and Paul Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Rick and Mary Althoff will celebrate their 50th anniversary on 29. They have 10 children, 23 grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Richard and Diana Grosz will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 28. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bill and Sandy Merrick will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 7. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bill and Mary Nielson will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 9. They have 6 children, 13 grandchildren and are members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Bruce and Jean Conley will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 30. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Sue Thelen will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 15. They have 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and are members of St. Therese Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Tom and Cynthia Monnin will celebrate their 40th anniversary on July 24. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Randy and Jackie Hill will celebrate their 45th anniversary on July 2. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Michael Parish.



SIOUX FALLS – Jerald and Laree Giovannettone will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 5. They have 2 children and are members of St. Michael Parish.

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Sister Teresita Schaeftbauer dies at 87

Sister Teresita Schaeftbauer, 87, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died May 22, 2022, at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 27 at Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Presentation Convent. Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Shirley Ann Schaeftbauer was born April 5, 1935, in Herreid, South Dakota, to Susie (Weisbeck) and Frank Schaeftbauer and graduated from Herreid High School. She entered Presentation Convent January 1,



Sister Teresita Schaeftbauer

1955, and professed her vows August 10, 1957, receiving her religious name, Sister Teresita.

Sister Teresita received an associate secretarial degree from Presentation College

and a Bachelor of Science in education from Northern State University. She attended the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, in pastoral studies.

For five years she worked as a bookkeeper at Brady Memorial and Presentation hospitals in Mitchell and Aberdeen. She was also a librarian at St. Mary, Dell Rapids, and Sacred Heart, Miles City, Montana. For nine years, Sister Teresita dedicated herself to teaching at St. Mary, Sacred Heart and Roncalli in Aberdeen.

In 1980, she began 16 years of

parish ministry in St. Joseph Parish, Mobridge, and then St. Thomas Parish and Dakota State University Newman Center, Madison. After returning to Presentation Convent in Aberdeen, she enjoyed volunteering at Avera St. Luke's.

Sister Teresita is survived by her community family of Presentation Sisters; brother Frank (Sara) Schaeftbauer and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters Eileen Dais, Doris Lacher, and Roberta Goehring Liebelt and brother Duane Schaeftbauer.

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SISSETON – George and Mary Frerck will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 14. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and are members of St. Peter Parish.



TABOR – Stanley and Rita Schuch will celebrate their 65th anniversary on July 15. They have 5 children, 11 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 6 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



TABOR – Ken and Colleen Sedlacek will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 15. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



TURTON – Max and Heidi Williams will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 1. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



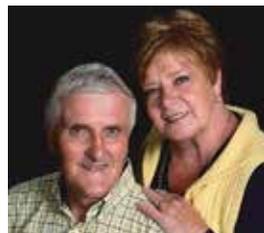
WAGNER – Ray and Bonnie Soukup will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 7. They have 5 children (1 deceased), 11 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.

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WATERTOWN – John and Nancy Blais will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 8. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



YANKTON – Dick and Theresa Kulbel will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 1. They have 5 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.



YANKTON – Bob and Cheryl Nagy will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 1. They are members of St. Benedict Parish.

Sister Mary Myles Schwahn dies at 90

Sister Mary Myles Schwahn, 90, School Sisters of Notre Dame, died April 26, 2022, at Notre Dame Health Care, Mankato, Minnesota. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 10 at Good Counsel Chapel in Mankato. Burial was in Good Counsel Cemetery.

Sister Mary Myles, the second daughter and second child in the Leopold and Katherine Schwahn family, was born November 3, 1931, in Emmons County, North Dakota. Two sisters and two brothers would later complete the family.

She attended St. Benedict School and was taught from eighth grade by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Following her graduation in 1949, she taught for one year at a small school near Strasburg, North Dakota.

After some discernment, she entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in June 1950 and professed her vows on July 17, 1952.

She spent 22 years as a classroom teacher in schools in North Dakota and Montana. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Mount Mary College in 1963 and a master's degree in religious education from Fort Wright College, Spokane, Washington, in 1973.

In the fall of 1974, Sister Mary Myles responded to a different call of church ministry, that of parish service in a variety of ways: religious education, family and adult education, parish administration, and pastoral ministry. Besides serving in North Dakota and Minnesota, she served several parishes in South Dakota, including St.



Sister Mary Myles Schwahn

Agatha, Howard, St. Joseph, Orient, and St. Liborius, Polo.

Following a sabbatical year at Gonzaga University in Spokane, and three years of service as parish minister in Howard, she accepted an invitation from Bishop Paul Dudley to be the parish administrator in

two mission parishes in north central South Dakota—Polo and Orient. She and a priest who covered four parishes worked together to coordinate liturgy and religious education programs and she served there for 14 years.

Sister Mary Myles retired to Good Counsel in 2013 and volunteered in several areas until becoming a resident of Notre Dame Hall in 2018.

Sister Mary Myles is survived by her sisters Kathy Reimer and Rose (Merritt) Powell, and her brother Larry (Maxine), nieces and nephews and her sisters in community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leopold and Katie (Nicholas) Schwahn, a sister, Imogene Schwab, and a brother, Aloys.

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Two Bishop's Charity events coming up in August

Two of the summer's most popular events are coming up in August: The Bishop's Cup golf tournament and Taste the Goodness. The Bishop's Cup, played at both Minnehaha Country Club and The Country Club of Sioux Falls, will benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, and Taste the Goodness benefits the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House (BDHH) Endowment.

Taste the Goodness – Saturday, August 6

The Taste the Goodness charity event for 2022 will be held in downtown Sioux Falls outdoors at the Avera IT building at 212 E. 11th Street.

The event runs from 5-9 p.m. Stroll from tent to tent and enjoy a variety of food, beer, wine and other beverages while listening to great music.

There will also be an auction, games and activities throughout the evening.

This event offers a chance to experience a fantastic evening of fun and fellowship while supporting those in our community who are in most need of our help.

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The entrance fee for Taste the Goodness is \$55 for a wristband that gets you unlimited access to food, beverages, games and more. Some games may require an additional fee. Must be 21 to attend. Advanced purchase tickets are \$49.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to ccfesd.org/events/taste-the-goodness.

The Bishop's Cup – Monday, August 22

Two formats are available for golfers and a new event has been added:

Play the Bishop's Scramble

This format is a four-person scramble with prizes awarded to the top two teams in

each flight. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score.

Play the Bishop's Challenge

This format consists of a four-person team. Each golfer plays their own ball, with the two best balls scored hole by hole. A crystal-cup traveling trophy will be awarded to the team with the low net score.

Play the 9-Hole Fun event

This is the perfect option for the “not-so-serious” golfer. This event will be held on the par 3, 9 hole executive course at The Country Club of Sioux Falls. It will be a four person scramble with fun activities and lots of prizes. Shotgun start begins at 2 p.m.

Want to be a sponsor?

Sponsorship opportunities are available for both events. To find out more about those opportunities or to register, go to www.ccfesd.org or call (605) 988-3765.



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Catholic Single Moms Group
KICKOFF

When
Saturday July 16th

Time
Breakfast and program to start around 9:15 after Daily Mass

Where
St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls

Childcare is provided!

Please RSVP by Saturday July 9th
call or text Jenna Blake @ (605)366-0160

Recitation of the Rosary

Friday, July 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.

St. Lambert Rummage and Book Sale

July 15-17 - St. Lambert Parish in Sioux Falls will hold a rummage and book sale at east 16th St. and Bahnson Ave. Sale times will be Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Shop for clothing, books, kitchen items, furniture, holiday decor, children's toys, man cave, games and more.

Search for Christian Maturity Retreat

July 22-24 - Registration is now open for the March Search for Christian Maturity Retreat held at Holy Spirit Church in Sioux Falls. Search is a student-led, Roman Catholic retreat. The weekend features talks, skits, music and opportunities to encounter Christ in the sacraments. All high school, college-age students and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact us by phone 605-371-1478 or by email Sioux-FallsSearch@gmail.com. Visit the Search website for more information and to register. www.siouxfallssearch.org.

Encounter Ministries Summer Intensive

Aug. 8-11 - Join us at Encounter Ministries Aberdeen satellite campus Summer Intensive, evenings 5-9:30 p.m. Get a taste of the joy, transformation and renewal that is at the heart of Encounter's mission!

- Night 1/Quarter 1: Identity & Transformation
- Night 2/Quarter 2: Hearing God's Voice & the Prophetic Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Night 3/Quarter 3: Power & Healing
- Night 4/Quarter 4: Inner Healing

Register at encounterschool.org/aberdeen.

Sacred Heart (Aberdeen) Marian Festival

Aug. 14 - Sacred Heart Parish in Aberdeen is sponsoring our annual Marian Festival at the parish hall at noon. Come enjoy this special event with foods from around the world cooked by our parishioners and a display of statues and images of Our Lady from many of her beloved titles. There will be plenty of door prizes and fabulous music. Please contact Chiara Wang at 605-225-7065 for more information.

Surviving Divorce program available

Surviving Divorce is a proven program of

hope and healing. It offers answers and guidance to the many issues surrounding divorce: shock, anger, parenting, annulments, remarriage and more. It brings the divorced through emotional healing, the power of forgiveness, and into a more vibrant relationship with Christ. Whether you are now separated or have experienced divorce weeks or years ago, this program is for you. It will be held Sundays, September 11-October 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Cost is \$45 and includes all materials. All are welcome, please invite those who may benefit. Scholarships are available. This program will only be held if we have a minimum of three registrants. Call Sheila at 605-237-9052 or the office at 605-886-4049 to register.

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.

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.

The Lourdes Center**Grief Bible Study - A Season of Hope.**

This will run for six weeks starting Wednesday, July 6 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Summer Grief Series: expressing grief in a healthy way

This program will run for three weeks starting Tuesday, July 12 from 6-8 p.m. Each week a different guest speaker will lead the group through a healthy, creative outlet for grief such as art, prayer, a craft and gentle exercise.

Please contact The Lourdes Center at 605-988-3775 for more information or if you would like to register for either of these programs.

Sacred Heart Monastery

July 1 - Online Lectio Divina, Fridays, July 1, 8, 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, Sr. Penny Bingham OSB at pbingham@yanktonbenedictines.org 605-668-6023. Include your email address.

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

August 24 - Registration deadline for Spiritual Enrichment Program: open to men and women who desire to deepen their relationship with God through monthly gatherings (by Zoom), selected readings, and a silent retreat experience (silent retreat scheduled at your convenience). Participants will meet once a month, September through April, on Saturday morning 9:30-11:30 a.m. for prayer and a facilitated group dialogue about the selected reading. For more information go to yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program or contact us: benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org or 605-668-6292.

Supervision for active Spiritual Directors - Please contact Sr. Jeanne Ranek at jeanne.ranek@yanktonbenedictines.org for more information.

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

Spiritual direction - Share your experience of God with an experienced companion-guide and intensify your spiritual journey. Scheduling is flexible, typically meeting once a month. Contact us to visit about online or in-person options at BenedictinePeaceCtr@yanktonbenedictines.org or 605-668-6292.

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JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS

7:30AM - 1510AM KMSD - MILBANK
 8:00AM - 1320AM KELO - SIOUX FALLS
 8:30AM - 94.5FM KGWD - SIOUX FALLS
 8:30AM - 91.3FM KSTJ - HARTFORD
 9:00AM - 88.9FM KSJP - ABERDEEN
 9:30AM - 930AM KSDN - ABERDEEN

OR ANYTIME ONLINE AT SFCATHOLIC.ORG/CATHOLIC-VIEWS



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Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls



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MONDAY

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BISHOP'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

MORNING

ROUND

7:30 AM SHOTGUN START
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AFTERNOON

ROUND

12:30 PM SHOTGUN START
 PLAYED ON MINNEHAHA COUNTRY CLUB
 AND THE COUNTRY CLUB OF SIOUX FALLS

9-HOLE

FUN EVENT

2:00 PM SHOTGUN START
 PLAYED ON THE PAR 3 EXECUTIVE COURSE AT THE
 COUNTRY CLUB OF SIOUX FALLS

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