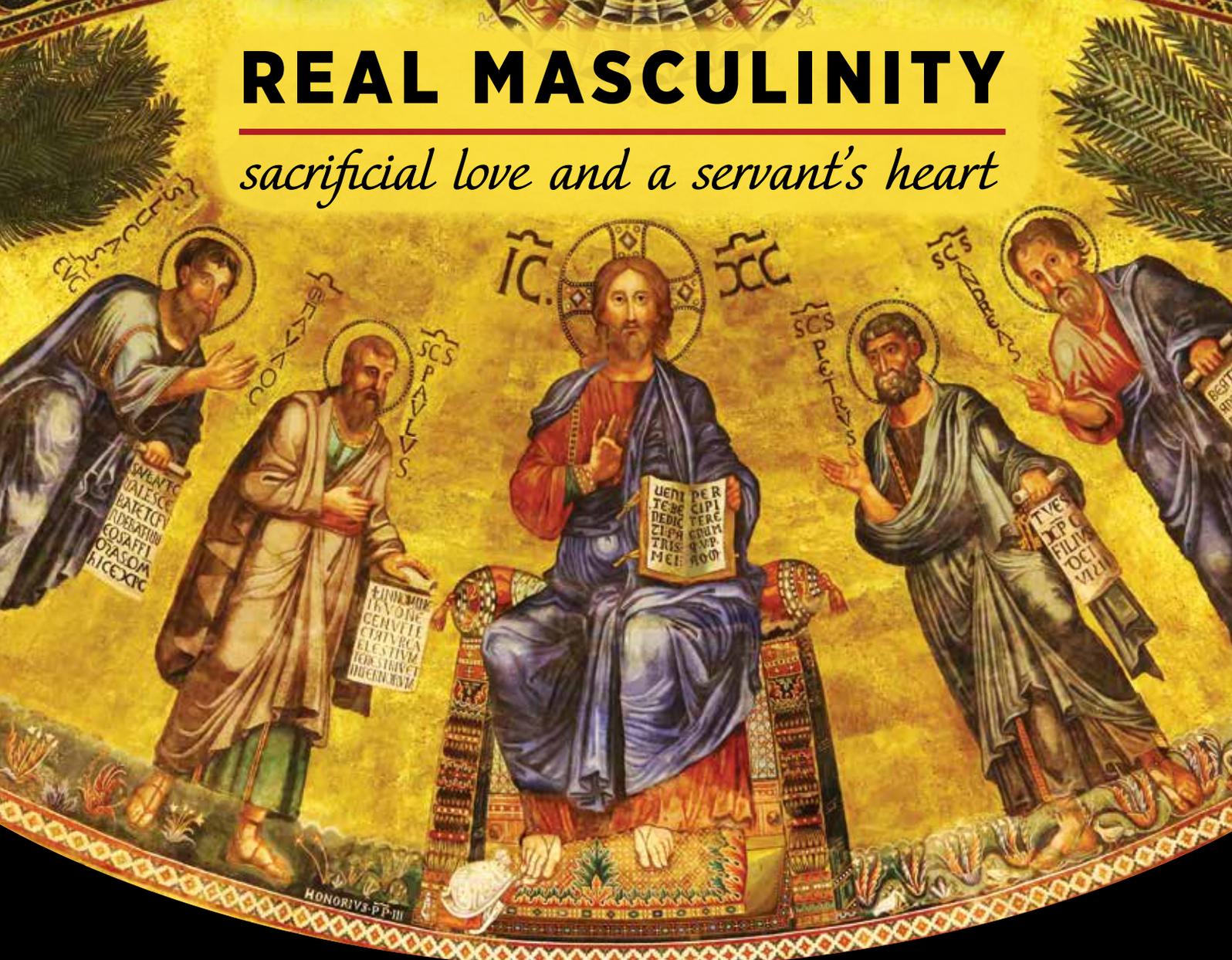




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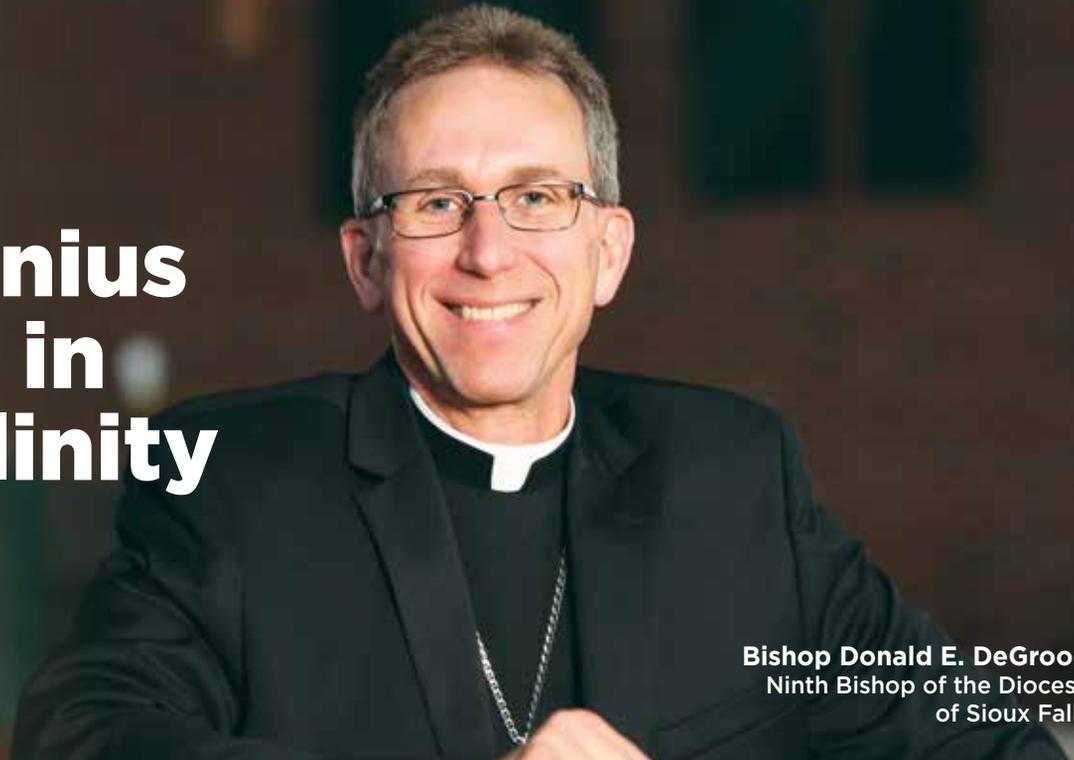
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# The genius of God in masculinity



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

One of my fond summer memories as a kid was rushing downstairs after being out in the barns or fields, and all five of us boys trying to wash our hands before dinner because we were starving. There was Dad trying to supervise us, and boy did he have his hands full as water splashed all over the sink and surrounding areas and, of course, on each other.

Every once in a while, we would instigate Dad by saying, “Show us your muscles,” and he would pull up his short-sleeve shirt and flex his arm muscles. My memory is of me thinking, “Wow, my dad is strong!” I suppose, like every little kid, I really thought my dad was stronger than my friend’s dad.

God made men with particular qualities for the good of others, much like he made women with particular qualities for the good of others. We learn from history that males were

the ones who were to be courageous in battle, provide for their families, protect wives and children, and guide important decision-making with their male giftedness.

To deny that God made the feminine genius and male genius uniquely different for the common good and as we receive at birth is to deny the reality of God’s goodness in how and who he made us to be.

In Genesis 1:26-31 we read that after God created Adam and Eve as male and female, he looked upon them as “very good.” The goodness of our unique maleness or femaleness is to be protected, preserved and celebrated for who God made us to be, not for what we might wish we were.

To live in truth is to live in reality as God knows it to be. Unfortunately, in the society we live in, there are so many attacks on how God designed us to be.

God’s call for each male is to be a godly man and seek the good of others through the unique gifts he brings to the family, society and the Church. Just as women are to be honored and revered for the way God made them and blessed them as his beloved daughters, so, too, men should be honored and revered as God made them to be as his beloved sons. It is when men live out their godly fatherhood as biological fathers, in a sacramental, committed marriage, and single men dedicated to the service of others, or as celibates for the service of others, that families, society and the Church thrive.

I invite you in joining me in prayer and promotion of the truth of God’s genius in males so that God can continue the good work he has done from those who have lived as godly fathers, so young boys can grow into godly men to lovingly protect, provide and lead in ways that reflect the fatherhood of God as he has designed it to be.

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Since the most recent publication of *The Bishop's Bulletin*:

Boundaries for the six deanery territories have been slightly adjusted to ensure that all parishes within each pastorate are in the appropriate deanery. This will go into effect on July 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Thad Pals, Chancellor

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Sept. 2022

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Feb. 2023

**02** Pastorate drafting

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## WHAT ROLE CAN YOU PLAY RIGHT NOW?

The most important thing being asked of you right now is to pray for the success of the Set Ablaze initiative and pastoral planning in our diocese. This is indeed the most powerful role we all have as Catholics.

The second most important thing you can do is learn as much as you can about the Set Ablaze initiative by visiting [setablazesf.org](http://setablazesf.org). You'll find a wealth of resources there to help prepare you to be able to assist your new pastorate.

Grounded in prayer and guided by what you've learned about the diocesan vision and Set Ablaze, your participation in discussions at public meetings will be vital. Please have an open heart ready to help your new pastorate meet the challenges of our time!



# THE SACRAMENTS OPEN DOORS TO A TANGIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

By Shannan McQuade

**I**t seems that the most common religious affiliation anymore is the “I’m spiritual but not religious” type or the religious “nones” (those who have no religious affiliation). Perhaps there is a draw to the meditative and contemplative aspect of spirituality that gives people a reason to step away from the world for a while, but, at the same time, they don’t want to be tied to what appears to be rigidity in organized religion.

However, if one was to merely rely on the spiritual encounters created by themselves, they would severely lack in the concreteness brought by the tangibility of the sacraments.

In Julian Carron’s book “Rediscovering Beauty,” he says that so often man is given “partial answers to reduced questions.” When we look at the world today, we can clearly see how so many of the questions man has about his very existence are pushed to the side and given partial answers, if out of necessity. This is seen in terms of morality, societal norms, and especially the question of his relationship with his Creator.

Society heavily favors relativism and the physical world in which people are often encouraged to do what best fits their desires, and the very concept of true happiness, and indeed truth, is distorted. We as humans have an innate desire for something beyond the physical, and our hearts long for something that is not of this world.

Father Brian Eckrich, pastor of the parishes in Milbank, Clear Lake, Big Stone City and Revillo, says that the human heart longs for the physical world but also more than just the physical world: whether we know it or not, we long for a physical Church and tangible encounters with grace.

## WHY A CHURCH?

Father Eckrich says very simply that we need a church “because we are physical beings.” Human beings are a body and soul composite, but the physicality of humans requires that we have a physical encounter and relationship with our Creator. Further, Father Eckrich said, “We, as human beings, have to do things at a particular time and place in order to accomplish things.” Therefore, the structure and habits that a physical church and the sacraments provide are necessary to establish and foster a relationship with Jesus Christ.

A physical church provides a specific time and space for us to encounter other people and establish relationships with others. Father Eckrich reminds us, “We are inherently social beings. We were not created for isolation or loneliness.” Alongside the desire to know something beyond ourselves and this world, we also desire for connection with others.

There is an important aspect of community that comes with being part of the Church. We are given companions to journey with us through the ups and downs of life and to guide us in our relationship with our Creator.

## THE TANGIBILITY OF THE SACRAMENTS

In his book “The Scent of Lemons,” Father Jonah Lynch discusses the ways in which social media and the internet have impacted how man forms and carries out relationships with other people. In the preface, he writes, “Three of the five senses cannot be transmitted through technology. Three-fifths of reality, 60 percent.” In a world that appears to be as connected as we’ve ever been, we so often miss out on three-fifths of reality. Thus, when we look at the cultivation of our souls, the tangibility of the sacraments plays a few different roles.

First, that tangibility leans into the innate human need to have a specific time and place to accomplish things. Second, the sacraments are a gift of profound love in which man has a tangible experience with God’s grace.

There is great importance in taking time for personal prayer in which we foster our own deeply personal relationship with the Lord, but the Lord loves us more than to leave us to our own devices. He gives us the sacraments that we might encounter him tangibly every day.

“The sacraments are the concrete way in which we receive sanctifying grace. Through the sacraments, we have certainty of God’s grace,” Father Eckrich said.

Offering an example, he said we can ask the Lord for forgiveness of our sins and pray a perfect prayer of contrition all on our own, but in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have the audible prayer of absolution that ensures us of the forgiveness of our sins.

The sacraments are what sets the Church apart. These are gifts we have been given to encounter the Lord through our senses. It’s a physical way in which our physical beings can encounter the Divine that is beyond ourselves.

## THE INVITATION

If we’ve already encountered the beauty of the sacraments, then what can we do to share that beauty with those who have yet to have this encounter?

We are first called to be a witness to Christ. Then, Father Eckrich encourages us to extend an invitation. In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, an apostolic exhortation on evangelizing to the modern world, Pope St. Paul VI writes, “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

Christ demonstrated in the Gospels from the very first invitation to the first disciples to “come and see” (Jn 1:39) that the most effective way to gain disciples is to witness to the goodness and joy of knowing Christ. So first and foremost, we are called to witness to the beauty of the Church and her sacraments.

Secondly and more concretely, Father Eckrich encourages us to invite others to the sacraments. “Practically, just invite them. It has to be an experience they have themselves.”

We must share our own personal experience of encountering Jesus in the sacraments, but also invite them to experience the beauty of the sacraments themselves. As part of our witness to the

Church, we must invite them to experience what it is that we experience.

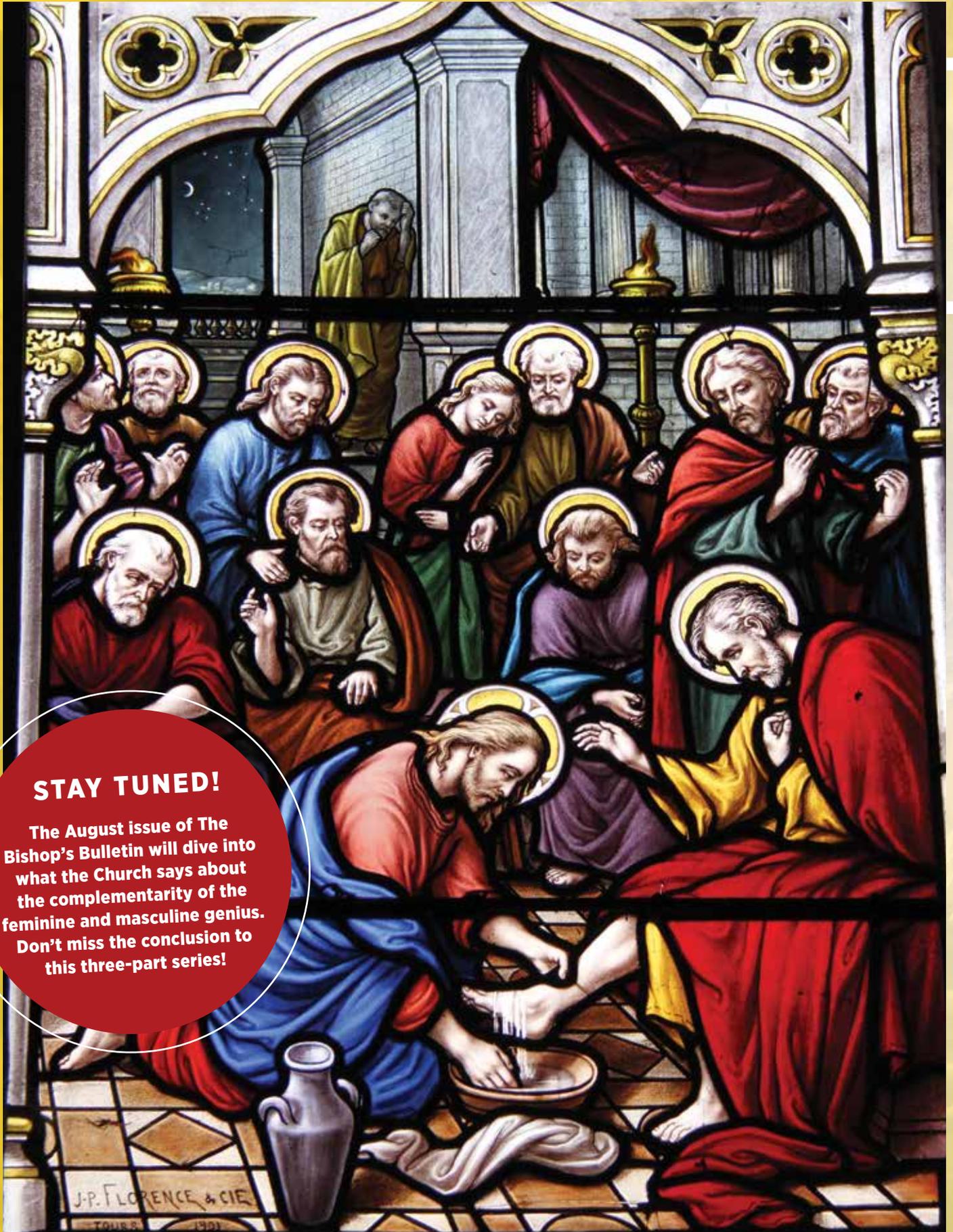
“If we live in a world of openness and tolerance, what about an openness to the one true God?” Father Eckrich said.

There may be someone who is willing to be open to encountering Christ and his Church but simply needs to be asked. Pope St. Paul VI begins *Evangelii Nuntiandi* by saying, “The presentation of the Gospel message is not an optional contribution for the Church. It is the duty incumbent on her by the command of the Lord Jesus, so that people can believe and be saved.”

If we know of and have encountered Christ through the gift of the tangible sacraments, then it is our duty to share those concrete encounters of God’s grace with others.



**Father Brian Eckrich** is pastor at Milbank, Clear Lake, Big Stone City and Revillo.



## STAY TUNED!

The August issue of The Bishop's Bulletin will dive into what the Church says about the complementarity of the feminine and masculine genius. Don't miss the conclusion to this three-part series!

# REAL MASCULINITY

## *sacrificial love and a servant's heart*

By Jake Geis

There's no shortage of things people argue about nowadays, but one topic in particular that is sure to bring up serious division is what it means to be a man and to be masculine. These debates vary from lively, congenial discussions to outright venomous disputes. Somewhere within this banter there must be a legitimate answer.

Secular society has two schools of thought on masculinity. One says a man should be domineering, commanding and subdue all under his feet. The other rejects that notion as toxic and espouses a passive, agreeable form of masculinity. In essence, one says man should be a brute, the other castrates the brute.

### START WITH THE CREATOR

Monsignor Charles Mangan, associate professor at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, notes that the problem with any theory spun out of secular culture is it lacks the principal source of truth—God. Both camps may contain correct elements, but when they eliminate the One who is truth from their calculations, they both miss the mark. The correct answer lies only in turning to the source. If you want to understand a work of art, a book or an architectural

wonder, you look to its creator. This means to define a man, you need to look to God.

“The Church does not have a singular, definitive document on what it means to be masculine,” Monsignor Mangan points out. “However, in turning to the ‘Theology of the Body’ (St. John Paul II’s series of teachings that shed light on this topic), we can come to see the plan God has for all of his children, both male and female.”

God created humans in his image and likeness, but two sexes—men and women. They do not oppose each other because they are both human. They can create life, which is one way that they are “like” God. They can’t do this on their own, but rely on the complementary aspects of the other’s biology to bring forth new life.

“Looking to the marital act, we see that the man gives, while the woman receives,” Monsignor Mangan says. “In this, we can see that the man’s role is active and to initiate. The woman then takes the gift and nurtures it in a way in which the man is incapable.”

As this complementarity is due to God’s plan and intention, it points to many other complementary attributes that are innate to the individual sexes. But the fall of Adam and Eve distorted our complementary roles; instead

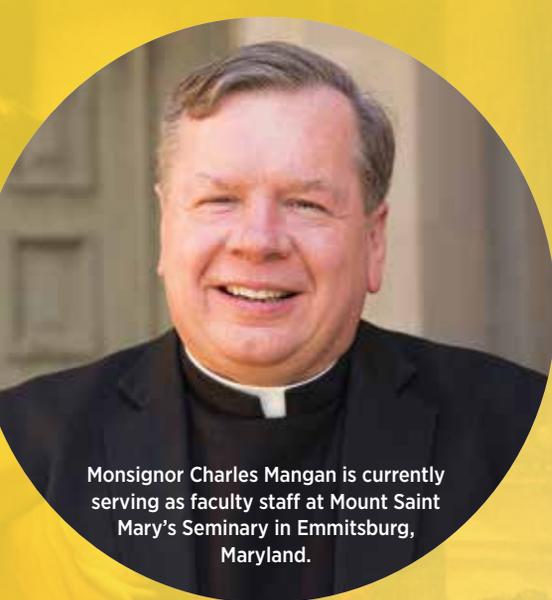
of complementing each other in total self-giving love, men and women are now at odds, with each of us abdicating our roles. If, then, we want to know what it looks like to be truly masculine, we need to turn to one not affected by the fall. We find that person in Jesus Christ.

### THE PERFECT MAN

Jesus blazed a path that all men long to follow, though few have the guts to walk. The Gospels show how he made everything he did a sign of love for his Father and the people he encountered. In these actions, we see the guiding tenets of his life.

Jesus’ first priority was connecting with his Father. We know he spent ample time praying, because the Gospels not only record many of his prayers but how he is constantly being interrupted while in prayer. God strengthens men, therefore the more a man connects with God, the stronger he will be.

Yet, Jesus did not lock himself in a room or live permanently in the wilderness. He reached out to others and built connections and relationships with them. Primarily, he associated with a dozen men, his Apostles, and among them three in particular: Peter, James and John. He lived with them, ate with them, conversed with them,



Monsignor Charles Mangan is currently serving as faculty staff at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

traveled with them—being part of that group was core to his public life. Through this, Jesus lived the principle that men make other men better as “iron sharpens iron” (Prv 27:17).

Yet among this group, Jesus wasn't iron, but a diamond sharpening the others. He exhibited his leadership not through dominance, but servitude. He did the work others didn't want to do, like washing feet. He spent hours on end teaching others, healing others and encouraging others. His life was outward focused, all the way to the Cross. Through his service, he engendered respect, which induced others to follow his leadership.

And he led without being a stone-faced stoic. Jesus is joyful and kind with those who society rejected, and compassionate towards the crowds who longed for a shepherd. His heart breaks at the death of his dear friend Lazarus, bringing him to tears. And he is stirred to anger at the desecration of his Father's temple, driving out the money changers through the use of force.

But in this, his emotions do not dominate him. Rather, they are a motivator he uses to bring about the correct action. Though frustrated with the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus never raises his hand at them. His voice, yes, but the Prince of Heaven's armies do not strike them down. Rather, he uses

their hard-headed refusals as a tool to bring important points of theology to the fore, so others listening to the conversation can learn the truth and believe in him.

This discipline of mind over body extends to his final action. He subjects himself to brutal torture and humiliation to save the people who rejected him. To accomplish this goal, Jesus not only shows his physical toughness to tolerate pain, but his mental fortitude by enduring this, rather than call upon his Father and be released from it. He grits his teeth and suffers through it for our sake. Many guys like to claim they are as tough as nails; Jesus proved he was tougher than the iron slammed through his body.

### LIVING OUT OUR CALLING AS CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN

Jesus showed us that a man should be prayerful and strive after the Father's will. He should be a servant leader who associates closely with other good men. A man should feel his emotions, but be disciplined to use them as motivators rather than be dominated by them. And he needs to be tough, because this world is out to get him and those he loves. What does that look like in our lives today?

Father Paul Rutten, pastor of St. Mary and Christ the King parishes in Sioux Falls and St. John Paul II Parish in Harrisburg, believes this happens when men turn outward. “Men need to sacrifice self for the sake of others. A man that cannot do that is a boy. He needs to be disciplined, active and willing to ‘hold the line’ in this world that is pushing against us.”

This is best exhibited in the home. “In our culture, men have passed the buck to their wives,” Father Rutten continued. “They’ve been told so many times that ‘anything a man can do, a woman can do better.’ Now they are believing it and abdicating their role as leaders.”

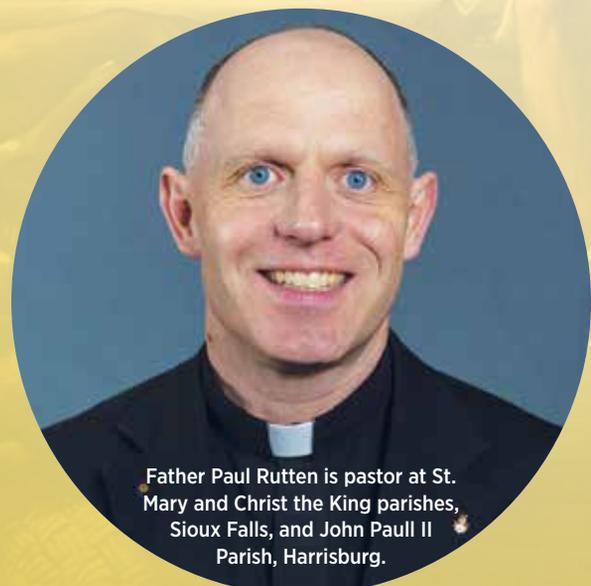
To list all the applications of this statement would be impractical. However, we can delve into some examples to illustrate how this may play out in your life.

*It's late at night and you're exhausted after a long day. You are about to sit down and relax when you notice your wife is still finishing household chores. A boy flips on the TV and tunes her out. A man gets up and helps her, only stopping when all the work is through.*

*You walk into your son's room to see he is watching a movie that's inappropriate for his age. You tell him to turn it off and he starts complaining. A boy decides it's not worth the fight and doesn't want his son to “hate” him for ruining the fun. A man puts his foot down, knowing that what's best in the long run overrules the short-term discomfort.*

*You're in college and you stayed out late Saturday night. Your alarm rings for you to go to Mass. A boy turns it off and skips Mass. A man gets out of bed and into the pew.*

*At the end of Mass, the priest lists a series of lay roles that need to be filled in the parish. A boy keeps his eyes down and hopes he doesn't get called on. A man volunteers for one that fits his abilities.*



Father Paul Rutten is pastor at St. Mary and Christ the King parishes, Sioux Falls, and John Paul II Parish, Harrisburg.



Tony Kayser is a parishioner at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls.

In each example, a man puts others first or future benefits over immediate comfort by exercising self-discipline. This is not our natural reaction due to the effects of the fall, but we grow in our ability to make the correct decision through connecting with God in prayer, which strengthens us. We also become stronger when we associate with other men who are growing towards God.

It's easier to help your wife, stand up to your children or make it to Mass if your friends do likewise. Christ brings us together to grow as men; Satan wants us separate. If you wish to be a better man, find men to be the iron that you sharpen against. As Father Rutten says, "(Men) need to be called into manhood, but our modern culture lacks a 'rite of passage' ... Men need good role models and our culture doesn't have them. Only a man can call a boy into manhood."

### TAKE UP CHRIST'S YOKE TO WALK AS A MAN

Reading this list may seem like a tall order. But it is imperative to recognize that our strength to complete all these tasks comes not from ourselves, but from Christ.

Tony Kayser, a father, husband and leader from Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls, sees the provider role as a fallacy. "As men, we think we are the provider, but we aren't. God is;

everything we have is a gift from God. Take that weight of being the money provider and give it to him."

Instead, Tony feels a man's role is that of a defender. "Men should focus on defending their family, Church and faith," he says. "This is the leadership role we are called to, which is a mental shift from the provider mentality." Through simply responding affirmatively to the little tasks God asks from us each day, our works can yield fruit 40, 60 or 100 fold.

This knowledge preserves us from a common problem for men today known as Atlas Syndrome, a term coined by psychiatrist Dr. Tim Cantopher. Men with Atlas Syndrome, like the Greek titan Atlas, feel the weight of the world on their shoulders. They believe if they can't provide it all, everything will come crashing down.

Compare this to Christ's yoke, which he tells us is light to bear. In Christ, we understand if everything we have is a gift, it's not up to us to ensure there is enough. Rather, we are just called to say yes to whatever God asks us to do. If we do that, God will make sure we have what we need.

And we must recognize that failing in one moment is not the end. The effect of our fall makes that almost inevitable. Instead, we take our failures as opportunities to improve. Look to St. Peter—the first to profess Jesus as Lord and the first to deny knowing

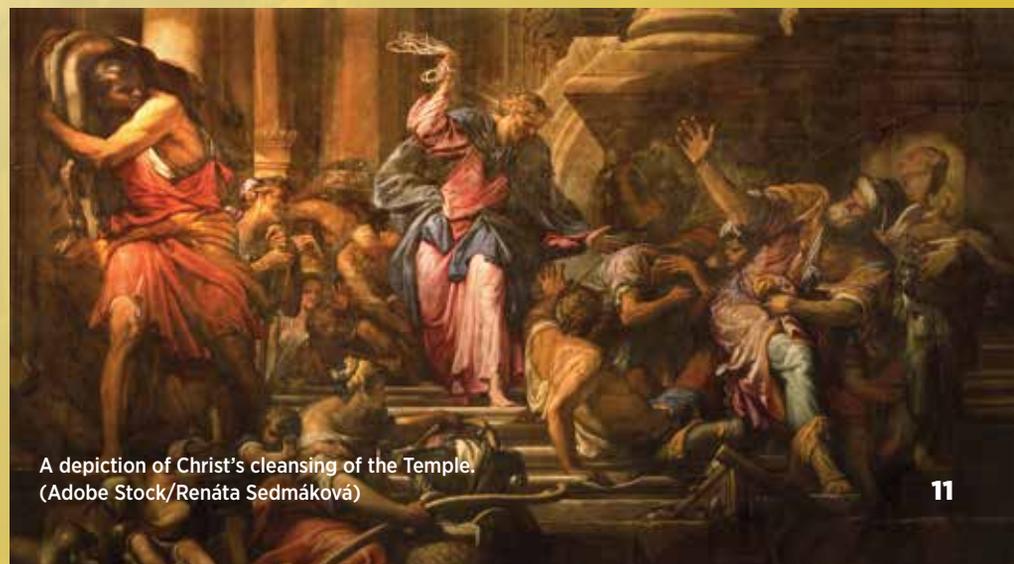
Jesus in his hour of need. He didn't stay mired in his denial, but when he turned his will completely to God's upon being filled with the Holy Spirit, he delivered the most fantastic homily on Pentecost Sunday, bringing 3,000 into the Body of Christ. It is not over when we falter, it is an opportunity to get up and try again.

### THE CALLING TO ALL

Any attempt to define masculinity or femininity via this post-Christendom culture is futile. True masculinity and true femininity were victims of the fall of Adam and Eve, and all world cultures throughout the ages have had a skewed understanding of them as a result.

Christ came to restore our dignity, both male and female. Through his work of the Immaculate Conception, God created the only perfect example of femininity to walk with Jesus, and the only perfect example of masculinity that the fallen world will ever see. But through them, we can grow into our true masculine and feminine natures, with the full expression coming with the resurrection of our bodies at the end of time.

Men, that door is open for you now. It isn't too late to accept the role of manhood—accepting its duties and celebrating its honors. Christ's gaze is upon you, asking you to join him in the greatest battle in history. Will you rise to the challenge? Will you answer his call?



A depiction of Christ's cleansing of the Temple. (Adobe Stock/Renáta Sedmáková)

# Men, abortion and the duty to protect life

By Michael Pauley

**O**n June 24, 2023, pro-life advocates in South Dakota celebrated the one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in the *Dobbs* case, which finally allowed our state to begin protecting vulnerable preborn children and their mothers from the violence of abortion.

Unfortunately, not everyone is celebrating South Dakota’s life-affirming laws. An activist group called Dakotans for Health has described these policies as an “extreme set of chains that now shackle every woman in the state.” The group is working to collect enough signatures to place a proposal before voters in the 2024 election that would add an extreme amendment to the state constitution, imposing unrestricted abortion on demand throughout pregnancy.

It’s become commonplace to hear abortion framed as a “women’s rights” issue, while laws protecting preborn children are maligned as policies designed to “oppress women.” For example, following the *Dobbs* decision, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders tweeted, “Overturning *Roe v. Wade* and denying women the right to control their own bodies is an outrage ...”

The deceptions contained in this kind of rhetoric should never go unchallenged. The preborn child is a genetically unique, living and whole human being who is distinct from her mother and father. About half of preborn children who are aborted are female, sacrificed in the name of advancing “women’s rights.” Furthermore, a growing body of evidence reveals that a large percentage of abortions occur because women are coerced by others—often by men—which makes the talk about “autonomy, rights and choice” sound hollow indeed.

Unfortunately, the cumulative effect of such messaging has cowed many men into silence on abortion. Writing in the Washington Examiner (May 9, 2023), author Ericka Ander-

sen describes the social dynamic: “When it comes to this contentious conversation, men are usually excluded. Whether it’s the decision to abort or space to grieve the loss of a child, secular feminists are clear: Keep your mouth shut.”

Christian men are not immune to this social pressure, and an untold number have become emotionally detached from the abortion issue. Yet our Church challenges us to do better. We’re called to embrace our responsibility as men to protect vulnerable women and children.

There is perhaps no better role model for this than St. Joseph, who acted decisively to protect the lives of Mary and Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew (2:13-14), we read of an angel of the Lord appearing to Joseph “in a dream” and enjoining him: “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” We then read that Jo-



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seph rose and departed with Mary and Jesus “by night” for Egypt. The implication is clear: Joseph didn’t wait around to seek a second opinion before undertaking an arduous and dangerous journey to a foreign country. He responded in faith and left immediately in the middle of the night.

One men’s group that has shown great leadership for protecting the preborn is the Knights of Columbus. On both the national level and here in South Dakota, the Knights have proven themselves to be men of action through their aid for pregnancy resource centers, help for disabled children, support for pro-life marches and rallies, and many other initiatives.

Appropriately, the Knights of Columbus look to St. Joseph for inspiration. In 2021, in honor of the “Year of St. Joseph” declared by the Holy Father, the Knights produced an inspiring documentary exploring the life of St. Joseph, his powerful intercession and the virtuous example he sets for all men. Entitled “St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father,” the documentary can be seen on the Knights of Columbus website ([www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)), FORMED and YouTube.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, interviewed for the documentary, commented: “To be a righteous man means to be a man of courage and to be a man of sacrifice—that is to say, sacrifice your own interests for the good of another. This is an important aspect of St. Joseph. I think we’re at a moment in society where men are afraid to stand up for what is right. The example of St. Joseph teaches us that we become free, we really find ourselves, when we have the courage to live for others.”

In South Dakota, men have an opportunity to stand up for life by defending children from the threat of abortion. In 2021, the last full year before *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, 192 preborn girls and boys perished from abortion in our

state. If the radical abortion amendment becomes part of our state’s constitution in 2024, this legally sanctioned, unfettered killing will once again return to South Dakota.

There are several actions men of faith can take to safeguard our pro-life laws. First, support the work of the Life Defense Fund (LDF), an organization set up specifically to defeat the radical abortion amendment. Visit the LDF website at [www.lifedefensefund.com](http://www.lifedefensefund.com) where you can sign up to volunteer and make a donation.

Second, sign up for the newsletter of the South Dakota Catholic Conference at [www.sdccatholicconference.org](http://www.sdccatholicconference.org), so you can receive important updates on how our local church is working to protect life. Also, if you’re inspired by the work of the Knights of Columbus, consider joining them. You can learn more by talking to a KofC member in your local parish or visiting the South Dakota Knights of Columbus online at [www.kofcsd.org](http://www.kofcsd.org).

One defense against the cultural prejudice that seeks to silence men on the abortion issue is to maintain fellowship with men of courage and compassion who refuse to comply with today’s reigning ideologies. Pope St. John Paul II said that Christ “assigns as a duty to every man the dignity of every woman.” Let us ask for the intercession of St. Joseph, that we would have the courage to fulfill that noble commission.



**Michael Pauley** is the executive director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference.

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# Why do we need the Church?

Q

*I know both Catholics and non-Catholics who have asked me at different times about why we need the Church.*

*Can you give me some thoughts on how I might reply to them?*

A

This is an excellent question, particularly as we undertake the restructuring of our parishes into pastorates, and how it changes what this will mean for how we live our lives as Catholics in eastern South Dakota. Such a significant restructuring could easily prompt Catholics to ask this question, perhaps for the first time.

So, why *do* we need the Church? Or to put it another way, what is the Church *for*? In order to fully answer these questions, we need first raise an even more foundational one: why do we *have* the Church? Where did the Church come from?

The answer to this question is straightforward: Jesus. Jesus created the Church. But what, exactly, *is* it, and why did he create it?

Here it's important to make a crucial point: the way that most Catholics subconsciously think and talk about the Church is too limited. For most Catholics, "the Church" is essentially synonymous with "the pope, bishops and priests," i.e., the hierarchy. In fact, according to the official teachings of the Church as found, for example, in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "the Church" includes all of the baptized, not just the ordained.

So, "the Church" refers to the ordained, those in religious life and the laity as well. The Church, then, is the community of disciples of Jesus. Again, though, it's important to note that the Church is not created by Jesus' disciples, but by *him*. The Church is not a club, formed by its founding

members: the Church is a family, formed by the Father, his Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Just as God formed his family in the Old Testament by calling certain people to himself and entering into a relationship with them, so, too, did he do the same in the New Testament: he calls all people into his family, a family that he has established as his own by a solemn covenant.

Now we are in a position to return to our earlier questions: Why? Why did he create the Church, and why do we need it? What is it for?

The answer to these questions is the same: to enter into and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

According to the New Testament, it is in the Church—in the community of disciples—that we encounter Jesus Christ and grow in relationship with and knowledge of him. It is in the Church, especially in the sacraments, that we are joined to Jesus Christ and become a member of his Body, rooted ever more deeply in him. It is in the Church that we deepen our understanding of Jesus and his life-giving, life-changing teachings. It is in the Church that we receive and grow in our deepest identity: beloved daughters and sons of God himself.

The Church, then, isn't a social group, a civic club or a league: it is the family of God, given to us by him so that we might enter into and grow in relationship with him. In John's Gospel (15:5), Jesus told us that apart from him, we can do nothing, i.e., nothing of eternal significance, and it is in his Church that we are a part of him, that we are joined to him as branches are joined to the vine (Jn 15:4).

As we enter into this new stage in the life of our diocese, let us give God thanks and praise for the gift of his Church and his invitation to us to find him in it.

Be sure to check out the additional resources at [sfcatholic.org/answer](https://sfcatholic.org/answer).

If you have a question you need an answer to, email [rkranz@sfcatholic.org](mailto:rkranz@sfcatholic.org).

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## Father Tony Klein

**Father Tony Klein is our featured priest this month. He was born and raised in Sioux Falls and has two older sisters. He was ordained May 29, 2020, and is currently serving as the chaplain of Bishop O’Gorman High School as well as the vocations advocate for the diocese. He also assists at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph when needed.**

### **Q** *How did you get your call to the priesthood?*

I had a few ideas of what I wanted to do when I was growing up, but different doors kept closing and I was more and more drawn to the seminary. I had considered the priesthood a bit as a kid—particularly through serving Mass and praying a prayer for vocations at our parish and at home. Once I was in seminary, I started to learn much more about what the priesthood *is*, and not just what a priest *does*. So after a couple years in seminary, I was pretty sure that I really wanted to be a priest.

### **Q** *What did you do before the priesthood?*

I went to seminary right after graduating high school. But while in high school, I was involved in choir, theater and soccer. Had I not pursued the priesthood, I probably would’ve done something with math.

### **Q** *Is there a particular part of Catholicism that really fascinates you?*

I love history (which doesn’t mean I’m “good” at it). I’ve found it very helpful to know that I am a part of something much bigger than what is visible to the here and now. Hearing the stories of people in the history of the Church—from the martyrs of Rome to the priests on the prairie—has given me a perspective that my life, while full of dignity, is very small in comparison to the history of God’s salvation. It also makes me realize how important it is to pass on what has been passed down to us.

### **Q** *Who was most influential in your life?*

I am fortunate to have had great role models in the faith, especially in my family. My parents and sisters were all great examples of how to integrate a life of faith into everyday life. My sister Laura (now Sister Mary Colette) probably affected me most because she started taking her faith more seriously at a time when I was also asking more questions about God, life and the Church.

### **Q** *What’s your favorite part of being a priest?*

There are many things I like *doing* as a priest—everything from the sacraments to going to parishioner sporting events. However, the more I learned about the priesthood as the one to offer sacrifice to God on behalf of the people, the more I was drawn to the priesthood. So my favorite part really is celebrating the sacraments, especially celebrating Mass.

### **Q** *What’s the most challenging thing?*

I like solving problems, but sometimes I can’t. It’s a challenge to see people go through difficult times and not be able to “fix” their situations. In the long run, it is a gift to see them endure their difficulties well with God’s grace and grow in holiness, rather than just having the difficulty removed in the first place.

### **Q** *Who is your go-to saint? Why?*

Blessed Miguel Pro. He’s the first saint I learned about with whom I felt a real relatability. His time period

(20th century) and location (Mexico) are very close to us, and I was inspired at how he maintained peace and his sense of humor in the midst of horrible religious persecution.

### **Q** *What do you do in your spare time?*

I like to cook, read, play basketball and spend time with my family and friends, especially brother priests.

### **Q** *What is something most people don’t know about you?*

I love to play piano!

### **Q** *How can your parishioners and people of the diocese best help you be a great priest?*

Remember our humanity! We have the grace of Holy Orders, but that doesn’t destroy our humanity. We can’t do everything.

### **Q** *If you could have supper with anyone from history (besides Jesus), who would it be and why?*

St. John Henry Newman. I love his writings, am inspired by his love for truth, and greatly admire the courage of his conversion. I would love to learn from him over some fish ‘n’ chips!

Curious about a particular religious vocation? Visit [sfatholic.org/vocations](http://sfatholic.org/vocations) to learn more about discerning God’s call for your life.

# We hardly ever see each other

**HE SAYS:**

*We hardly ever see each other*

Elaine works a traditional office job, while I work the third shift at a manufacturing plant. So I try to plan “together time” before I go into work, but she resists.

**SHE SAYS:**

*My job is very demanding*

When I get home, I’m tired and just want to relax and have an easy dinner. I don’t feel like planning activities or outings on weeknights. Steven is raring to go at that time of day.

We’re guessing your problem is less about a low quantity of time together and more about a low quality of it. Consider that some couples can maintain close and happy relationships even when forced to be physically separated, while other couples, though physically together, live emotionally separated. What makes the difference?

Above all, both parties have to want intimacy, and both must be willing to make sacrifices to obtain it. And their respective sacrifices might be different.

For instance, Steven, it’s a good thing to want quality “together time,” but your vision of what that looks like might be quite different from Elaine’s. You might see it more in terms of planning and “doing” things together, while she might see it more in terms of curling up and just “being” together. Both can be healthy ways to nurture a relationship, but what if one way is easier for you and harder for her and vice versa?

If you both want to be happier and more enriched by the presence and gifts of the other, then the challenge to each of you is to look for ways to stretch toward a middle ground.

Elaine, it sounds like you’re not really opposed to planning activities and outings in general; it’s just that it’s too much for you on weekday evenings. So, Steven, maybe during the week you can start generating some ideas and plans for the weekend, and even bounce them off Elaine. But do it gently and briefly while relaxing together.

**A few other tips:**

- Look for ways to expand the number of quality minutes you have. For example, even five overlapping minutes in the kitchen

making sandwiches can provide an opportunity to check in with each other. It doesn’t have to be deep talk. What matters is to ask, to listen and to care.

- Read or listen to the same book during your commutes. Even though you won’t be together when you’re reading, it’ll still be a “just the two of us” activity that you can talk about later together.
- “Be humble, gentle and patient, and accept each other with love.” (Eph 4:2)



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**DELL RAPIDS** – Jeff and Amanda Geraets will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 25. They have 8 children and are members of St. Mary Parish.



**HARTFORD** – Mike and Patty Fitzmaurice will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 7. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



**LESTERVILLE** – Bob and Janice Rada celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 30. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



**MOBRIDGE** – Leslie and Janice Marndernach will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 27. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.



**PIERRE** – Richard and Dianna Menning will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 8. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and are members of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.



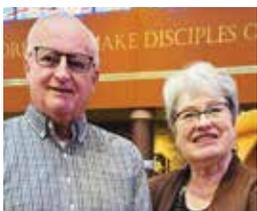
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**SIOUX FALLS** – Brandon and Jennifer Barkus celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 6. They have 2 children and are members of Christ the King Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Jim and Julie Deis will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 20. They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



**SIOUX FALLS** – Dan and Beth Jennings will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 21. They have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of the St. Lambert Parish.



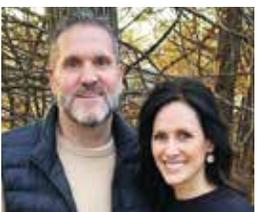
**TEA** – Bob and Jeri Braunschmidt will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 21. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Nicholas Parish.



**WAGNER** – Ron and Judie Dilts celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 22. They have 4 children, 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and are members of St. John the Baptist Parish.



**YANKTON** – Paul and Kathy Harens will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 7. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are members of Sacred Heart Parish.



**WATERTOWN** – Darin and Missy Baumberger celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 20. They have 3 children and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



**WATERTOWN** – Pete and Bridget Bauman will celebrate their 25th anniversary on July 18. They have 4 children and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish.



**WATERTOWN** – Bill and Susan Crawford will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 14. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



**WEBSTER** – Dennis and Bernadette Kurkowski celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 16. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are members of Christ the King Parish.



**WESSINGTON SPRINGS** – Richard and Linda Easton will celebrate their 60th anniversary on July 6. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Joseph Parish.

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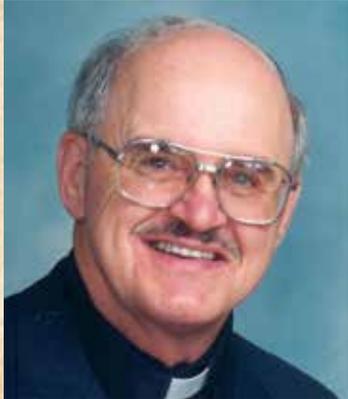
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# Diocesan priests celebrate anniversaries

## 60th Anniversary



**Father Denis Meier**

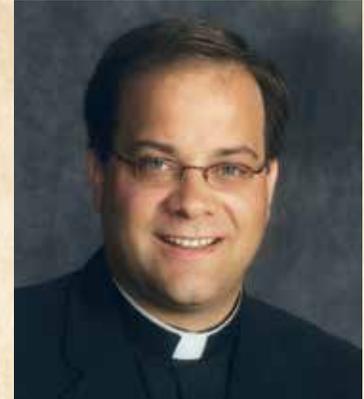
Father Denis Meier was ordained on May 23, 1963. He served as chaplain for the National Guard and is a Desert Storm veteran. He also served the Mother of God monastery for 15 years as chaplain. He is a retired priest of the diocese and currently resides in Watertown.

## 25th Anniversaries



**Father David Stevens**

Father David Stevens was born in Falls Church, Virginia. He was ordained on June 26, 1998. He has served in many parishes and as a chaplain with the South Dakota Air National Guard. He serves as parochial vicar for St. John the Evangelist, Arlington, Pius XII Newman Center, SDSU, St. Thomas More, Brookings, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elkton, St. Francis de Sales, Estelline, and St. Paul, White.



**Father DeWayne Kayser**

Father DeWayne Kayser was ordained on June 26, 1998. He has served in various parishes around the diocese, including St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Madison. He currently serves as chaplain at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.



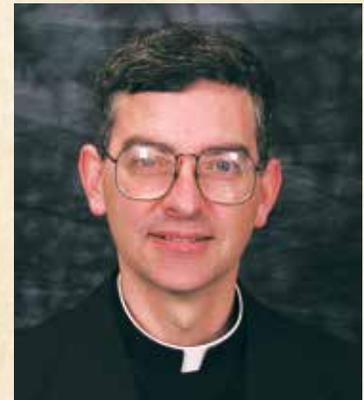
**Father Chistianus Hendrik**

Father Chistianus Hendrik was ordained on Oct. 14, 1998, as a religious order priest with the Priests of the Sacred Heart (Dehonians). He serves as pastor at St. Catherine, Big Bend, St. Joseph, Fort Thompson, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Stephan.



**Father Christopher Hughes**

Father Christopher Hughes was ordained on June 26, 1998. He serves as parochial vicar at St. Mary, Bryant, St. Michael, Clark, Blessed Sacrament, Florence, St. Henry, Henry, Holy Rosary, Kranzburg, Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown, and Immaculate Conception, Watertown.



**Father Doug Binsfeld**

Father Doug Binsfeld was born in Ortonville, Minnesota. He was ordained June 26, 1998. He has served at various parishes around the diocese, including parishes in Flandreau and Webster. He serves as parochial vicar at St. John de Britto, Britton, Sacred Heart, Eden, St. Joseph, Grenville, St. John the Baptist, Rosholt, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Sisseton, St. Peter, Sisseton, Immaculate Conception, Waubay, and Christ the King, Webster.

## Religious sisters of the diocese celebrate jubilees

### *Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aberdeen*



#### **Sister Annrita Johnson**

Sister Annrita Johnson will celebrate her 75th jubilee. She served as a nursing instructor at Presentation College. She also co-founded a homeless shelter for women and children and ministered on the Pine Ridge Reservation. She is currently retired and resides in Aberdeen.



#### **Sister Paulette Garry**

Sister Paulette Garry will celebrate her 70th jubilee. She taught elementary and junior high students in schools throughout South Dakota and Minnesota. She is currently retired and resides in Aberdeen.



#### **Sister Gabriella Crowley**

Sister Gabriella Crowley will celebrate her 70th jubilee. She worked with the poor, homeless and newly arrived immigrants throughout her life. She is now retired and assists with prison ministry.

### *Benedictine Sisters, Mother of God Monastery, Watertown*



#### **Sister Mary-Lambert Skalsky**

Sister Mary-Lambert Skalsky will celebrate her 70th jubilee. She was an elementary teacher, hospital administrator and a social worker. She has served Mother of God Monastery in several leadership positions over the years.



#### **Sister Benedicta Long**

Sister Benedicta Long will celebrate her 60th jubilee. She was involved in health care as a nurse aide, and she served the parish in Elkton as a sacristan, assisting with religious education classes and sacramental preparation for 25 years.

### *Benedictine Sisters, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton*



#### **Sister Marlene Stetz**

Sister Marlene Stetz will celebrate her 60th jubilee. She has ministered in education, computer technology, pastoral care and as a companion to the elderly. She now spends her time baking and showing hospitality to those seeking spiritual enrichment in the Peace Center.



#### **Sister Michaeleen Muhovich**

Sister Michaeleen Muhovich will celebrate her 60th jubilee. She has served as a medical technologist, teacher and psychologist. She is now serving in reception at the monastery.



#### **Sister Delores Rush**

Sister Delores Rush will celebrate her 70th jubilee. For 32 years, she served as an elementary teacher in Nebraska and the Dakotas. She also ministered to the elderly in Lincoln, Nebraska, and served as sacristan at the monastery. She is now retired and resides at the monastery.

# Two popular charity events return this August

The summer is about to get a lot warmer with two staple charity events coming up in August. Taste the Goodness, occurring on Aug. 5, benefits the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House (BDHH) endowment. The Bishop’s Cup, occurring Aug. 21, benefits the Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene.

## TASTE THE GOODNESS - SATURDAY, AUG. 5

There are a lot of things that can make any given Saturday night memorable. But there’s only one Saturday night where you can find them all in one spot. Held outdoors in downtown Sioux Falls at the Avera IT building, expect food, craft beer, fine wine, exceptional bourbon, games and much more.

What makes this night truly legendary is the fellowship shared by volunteers and attendees alike. Under the lights of downtown Sioux Falls with fantastic music drifting through the air, one can expect an atmosphere where new friendships are forged and old ones are rekindled.

In the midst of all this, attendees know they are supporting those in the community who are most in need.

“Taste the Goodness is a fantastic event, not only because it benefits the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, but because it brings our community together to serve a common purpose,” said Madeline Shields, BDHH executive director. “Funds raised through this event provide life-saving necessities to our most vulnerable citizens through shelter, food, showers, clothing and, equally as important, compassion, dignity and respect to all who seek shelter under our roof. This is a gathering of all people who want to make a difference; staff, guests, volunteers are working side by side to change lives for the better. We couldn’t be more grateful and blessed to be a part of this wonderful event.”

The entrance fee is \$55, which includes unlimited food, beverages and games. Some games may require an additional fee. Advanced purchase tickets are \$49. All attendees must be at least 21.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [ccfsd.org/events/taste-the-goodness](http://ccfsd.org/events/taste-the-goodness)

## THE BISHOP’S CUP - MONDAY, AUG. 21

Two popular formats return for golfers participating in the event:

*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 lowest net score.

*The Bishop’s Challenge:* In a four-person team, each golfer will play 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 lowest net score.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship opportunities are available for both events. To find out more or to register, go to [ccfsd.org](http://ccfsd.org) or call 605-988-3765.



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**Recitation of the Rosary**

**Friday, July 7** – 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.

**Parish rummage and book sale**

**July 14-16** – St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls, will hold a rummage and book sale at East 16th Street and Bahnson Avenue on July 14-15 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and July 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for clothing, books, kitchen items, furniture, holiday decor, children's toys, man cave items, games and more.

**Yahweh Shalom Conference**

**July 22** – Yahweh Shalom 46th Annual Summer Conference “Come Consoler of My Heart” with Fr. Anthony Ouellette, held at Sacred Heart Parish in Yankton. This conference is a series of reflections on the working of the Holy Spirit through the celebration of the Holy Mass. The day begins at 9 a.m. and concludes with 7 p.m. There will be Mass and healing prayer. Register with Jane at (605) 940-4101, cottonwoodfrm@santel.net or online: www.siouxfallscharismatic.com. Walk-ins welcome.

**Couple's conference**

**Sept. 22-23** – Mission Blueprint presents “Tighten the Knot” Couple's Conference. It will begin on Friday night as a fun date night with wine and cheese, cake, dancing and fellowship, followed by a day conference on Saturday with keynotes and discussion on the love you chose, the love of God in the sacrament of marriage, and the oath you made to your spouse. Re-connect, re-focus, re-commit! For more info and to register, go to www.mission-blueprint.org.

**Women's conference**

**Oct. 14** – Mission Blueprint presents “Defining Beauty” Women's Conference. This conference will tap into the inmost part of femininity: the heart. “Defining Beauty” will help women understand their beauty, how to transmit it to the world in God-like fashion, and come to know they are the crown jewel of all creation. For more info and to register, go to www.mission-blueprint.org.

**Pray at Minnehaha County Courthouse 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 the Minnehaha County Courthouse 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.

**Sacred Heart Monastery**

**July 7** – Online *Lectio Divina* at 10 a.m., Fridays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28. Meet online for *Lectio Divina*, a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader, Sr. Doris Oberembt OSB at [doberembt@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:doberembt@yanktonbenedictines.org). Include your email address.

**July 20** – Contemplative Mornings – Meeting third Saturdays, from 9-11:15 a.m. Contact Sr. Doris at 605-668-6022 or [doberembt@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:doberembt@yanktonbenedictines.org), or visit [yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings](http://yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings) for more information.

**Aug. 20** – Registration deadline for Spiritual Enrichment program. Monthly online gatherings held September through April for facilitated dialogue on selected reading. The program includes a silent retreat scheduled at your convenience. For more information, go to [yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program](http://yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program) or contact [benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org).

**Silent Personal Retreats** – We are currently accepting fully vaccinated and boosted residential retreatants at the Peace Center for individual private or guided retreat time. You are welcome to contact us for reservations at 605-668-6292 or [yanktonbenedictines.org/silent-personal-retreats](mailto:yanktonbenedictines.org/silent-personal-retreats).

**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](mailto:BenedictinePeaceCtr@yanktonbenedictines.org) or 605-668-6292.

**The Lourdes Center****Summer Grief Series**

The Lourdes Center will be hosting a Summer Grief Series on three evenings in July from 6-8 p.m. each day. Dates and topics for this series are: July 11, Painted Prayers, learn to use art as a form of prayer; July 18, Men in Grief, an evening for men who are grieving; July 25, Miscarriage/Infant Loss, an evening for those who have suffered miscarriage and early infant loss. Registration is required. Free will donations accepted. Call The Lourdes Center at 605-988-3775 to register.

**Held Grief Series**

This eight-week grief series will begin Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 6-8 p.m. The series will blend education and faith surrounding the loss of a loved one through death. Each session will allow for small group discussion according to your particular loss (loss of a child, spouse, parent/sibling). Registration is required. Free will donations accepted. Call The Lourdes Center at 605-988-3775 to register.

**Mater Ecclesiae Monastery****Public Eucharistic Adoration:**

All are welcome for eucharistic adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the monastery chapel. Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Daily Holy Mass:**

Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.

**Prayer Requests:**

It is our pleasure to support you in prayer. Please contact us with your requests. Phone: 605-336-2374  
Website: [www.perpetualadorationsisters.org](http://www.perpetualadorationsisters.org)

**Gift Shop:**

We invite you to visit our religious gift shop at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery just behind the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Is the Lord calling you to support our mission?**

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