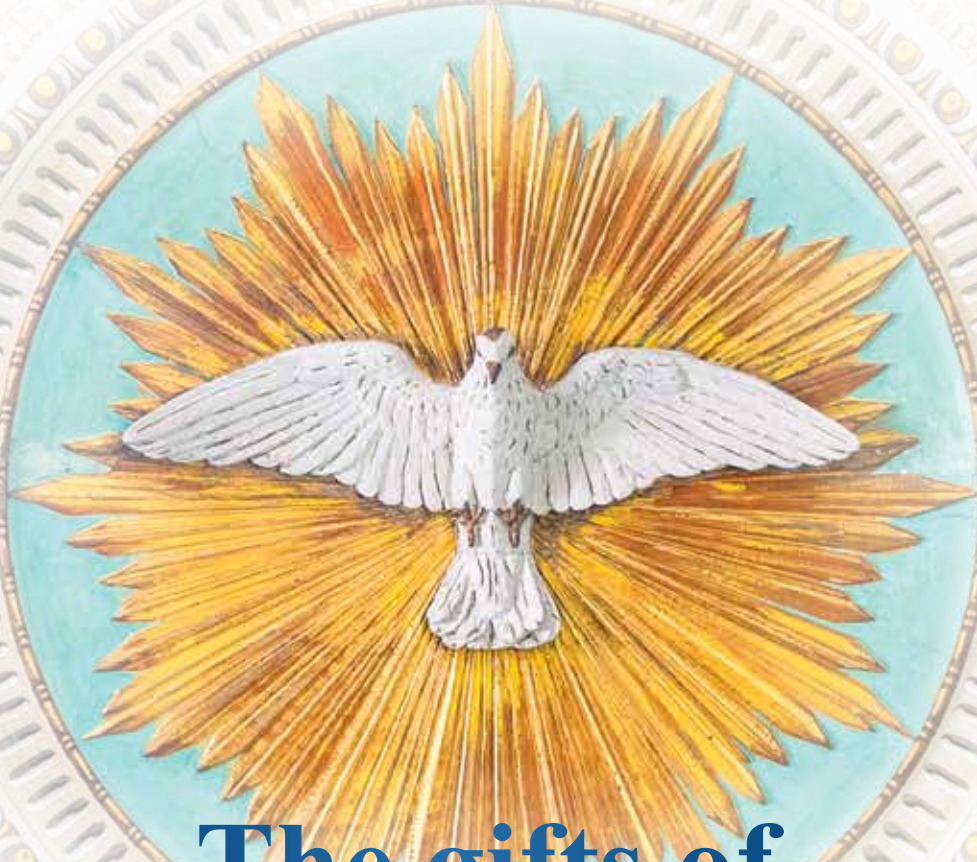




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Bishop Donald E. DeGrood
Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls

As a kid, I had no clue that the Holy Spirit was a real person and the third person of the Trinity with God the Father and God the Son. I remember during Confirmation preparation learning about the supernatural grace that is given in the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude and fear of the Lord. While I cannot adequately put into words what I experienced during Confirmation, I can say it was a spiritual interior infusion of grace that was given to me, not something another human or I could create.

Receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit resulted in deep spiritual peace and joy. For me, the gifts of the Holy Spirit were, and are, true and real.

I was different interiorly having received new spiritual insights, strength and reverence for God that were purely supernatural.

Every time I receive God's love through the grace poured forth through the Holy Spirit, I am "most myself" in peaceful communion with God and others. It is a foretaste of what heaven will be when we will have the perpetual fullness of divine intimacy. They are an outpouring of God's love for me and all of us, which derive from the loving communion of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We first received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. In Confirmation, those gifts are strengthened. If we are open each day to the supernatural

indwelling of God's love for us through the gifts of the Holy Spirit (the supernatural cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude or the supernatural theological virtues of faith, hope and love), we flourish humanly and spiritually.

When I wonder how much God really loves us by sending the Holy Spirit to us, I am reminded of Romans 5:5, "The love of God has been poured into our hearts ..." and John 14:17, "for he dwells with you and will be in you." Oh, what a gift it is to be so incredibly loved by God personally and to have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, the giver of divine life through grace.

If you are open to learning more about the Holy Spirit, I encourage you to read the book "The Holy Spirit, Fire of Divine Love" by Father Wilfrid Stinissen, OCD.

If everyone in our diocese is open and disposed to God's love through the Holy Spirit, then the parish planning process of Set Ablaze will be spiritually fruitful for many people, now and in the future. We will flourish humanly and spiritually in ways beyond what we currently are, and we will be a great help to others to experience the peace and joy of having God be alive in and through us and share in the communion of charity with God and others.

I encourage us to pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon everyone in our diocese, that everyone will be open to the Holy Spirit. May all our efforts of pastoral planning in each of your pastorates and schools be led by the Holy Spirit working through each of you. It is my hope that our understanding of the Holy Spirit, our personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, and humble prayers asking the Holy Spirit to be poured forth on us will infuse all our minds and animate our actions.

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- 1 9:30 Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern SD executive meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 2 Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern SD board meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 3 4:30 All Saints' Day celebration for inmates & families, Mike Durfee State Prison
- 4 10:30 Confirmation for Sacred Heart and St. Benedict parishes, Yankton
- 4 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 5 11:00 Institution of Acolyte for Permanent Diaconate Candidates, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 7 5:00 Mass and Operation Andrew Dinner, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, Northern State University, Aberdeen
- 8 5:30 Mass and Operation Andrew Dinner, Pius XII Newman Center, South Dakota State University, Brookings
- 9 11:00 Priest Council, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 12 - 17 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops General Assembly, Baltimore, Maryland
- 25 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 28 - Dec. 3 Yankton Deanery travel
- 29 5:15 Mass and Operation Andrew Dinner, St. Thomas More Newman Center, University of South Dakota, Vermillion
- 30 2:30 St. Paul Seminary & St. John Vianney Seminary board meeting

DECEMBER

- 5 5:15 Mass and Operation Andrew Dinner, Christ the King, Sioux Falls
- 7 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center

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Sharing your graces: A POWERFUL WAY TO EVANGELIZE

By Ali Jakos

When I hear the word *evangelize*, I immediately clam up.

I correlate evangelization with knocking on people's doors and setting up a table at the fair to ask people if they know Jesus. And I'm probably not alone in those thoughts. We see examples of poor evangelization all around us, and it tends to turn us away and make us say, "I don't want to be that person." So we convince ourselves we are not called to evangelize because we don't know what *good* evangelization looks like.

Evangelization is less about getting someone to convert to Catholicism than it is helping a person see the Lord's love for them. We can share the Lord's love by walking with those around us, by being Christ to them. More tangibly, we evangelize by giving witness to what the Lord is doing in our own lives.

Have you ever seen a young kid on their birthday or Christmas, bursting at the seams with excitement at the gift they received? They are so excited to receive the toy

they've been asking for; they hold the gift tight and squeal with glee. Throughout the next few days, they no doubt tell anyone who will listen about their gift, and their joy is contagious, especially to the giver.

We are meant to be like the child, and our gifts are the graces God gives us throughout our daily lives. Any aspects of our lives that stir our hearts are gifts from God, be it the first breath we take when we wake, the songs of birds, a delicious meal, or reassuring words. God has carefully woven our lives so those things might happen for us, for me and for you. And like a child, we should hold onto those moments, and we should share those moments with those who are willing to listen. Our joy and our gratitude in those moments can be contagious.

TAKING THE STEP

When we start to see how the Lord is working in our lives, and we practice sharing those graces with others, the Lord may call us to do and share more. We may receive promptings from the Lord to say or do something we are not used to, and those promptings are often followed by pressure—pressure to succeed and to perform perfectly. Our pride takes over, and we assume all responsibility for whatever the outcome.

Mike and Tammy Mitzel from Aberdeen have started Restoration Ministries of South Dakota, a ministry dedicated to teaching and equipping all Christians to be missionary disciples. The first time Mike was called by the Lord to take the step from sharing graces to actually praying with someone was six years ago. He didn't know the woman the Lord pointed out to him. He had never met her, but the Lord wouldn't stop nudging Mike to pray with her.

She had cancer, and Mike needed to pray with her.

Mike remembered the feeling. "Immediately I'm pressuring myself about the outcome. What if nothing happens? What if she doesn't get healed of cancer? Like somehow I'm responsible for whatever's going to happen in that prayer," he said.

So often, when we are invited by the Lord to participate in something bigger than ourselves, we assume all responsibility. We forget we are only one instrument in the orchestra, only a small piece in the puzzle. But if we allow the Lord to breathe into us, we can make beautiful music.

Mike chose to allow the Lord to use him. He approached the woman and asked if he could pray for her.

"We prayed a few times, and she didn't feel anything," Mike said. "She didn't have warm tingles all over, or some sense that something had changed in her body."

But as they were finishing the prayer session, Mike felt the Lord's desire to tell the woman that the Lord was well pleased with her. Mike recalled, "I looked at her and I said, 'I believe ... that the Lord wants you to know that he is well pleased with you.'"

Mike received the message from the Lord, and he responded by sharing that message. When the woman received the message, she was immediately relieved. Mike recalled, "Her eyes welled up, her muscles softened, and she squeezed me. She was crying and said, 'I needed to hear that.'"

It doesn't necessarily matter whether or not the person we pray for or share with has a profound experience, but we still expect it. It's our human nature. If we are going to do something, we desire a response.

Mike assumed that he was going into a situation for the sole purpose of physical healing when really, she needed to know that the Lord was well pleased with her. Nothing else mattered.

Like Mike, we can find ourselves placing expectations on the Lord. We can easily assume that we think we know what he is up to, when in reality, we have no idea what his plan is. And in truth, we don't *have* to know what the Lord intends.

The lesson was impactful for Mike. "It gave me some freedom to not worry so much about what's going to happen or not going to happen, to just say 'all I have to do, if the Lord is calling me to pray with that person, is to pray with that person.'"

Sometimes we can fall into the temptation that we are not good enough or ready enough for what the Lord calls us to, but Tammy encourages us to let those worries go. "It's

about our loaves and fish-es. It's not about waiting until I'm in a good mood or more holy. Just step out and give the Lord your loaves and fish, and he does the rest," she said.

We need to remember that the Lord can use us in whatever state we are in, so long as our desires align with his. If we give him what we have available, our loaves and our fish, he will multiply them. The Lord makes us enough.



Mike and Tammy Mitzel.

SO HOW DO WE START?

Our calls to missionary discipleship may look completely different. Mike and Tammy run into people they are called to pray for almost everywhere they go. I hope that is not my calling quite yet, and maybe you're like me. The idea of asking to pray with someone often causes me to shut down, turn away and let the moment slip away. How do we defeat that fear?

For starters, most of us are not called to be missionaries in foreign places to complete strangers. We are called to be missionaries right where we are, to serve in the fields the Lord has placed us in, be it our jobs, our parishes or our towns. But how do we do that?

Tammy has a simple beginning for us. "Start with naming people who are in your life and pray for them. Ask God to reveal to you what story or Scripture they need to hear or what gift you can share with them. Then ask them if they'd like to hear a story you feel God wants to bless them with."

And what if they say no?

We often fear rejection. Our pride gets in the way, and we allow our fear of the person's response to take over. We need to acknowledge that, if we are shut down when we ask someone if we can pray with them or give them a message, it is not a rejection of us. When we turn down something God wants to give us, it is not a rejection of the messenger. God will continue to pursue the person through other means.

Let's fight the fear and the lies with truth. God can use me, here and now. He can use you, here and now. Our worth is not defined by what we do. We do not have to perform to be loved. We don't have to control the outcome. All we have to do is love those we are with and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

Evangelization can be as simple as sharing a grace the Lord has given you. When we acknowledge the good the Lord is doing in our lives, our *faith* is increased. And when we share the joy we receive from those graces, our *joy* is increased.

We step into our roles as missionary disciples and affirm our identity as God's beloved when we share the good he is doing in our lives. It is through sharing our graces that we start to see just how much the Lord loves us, and we solidify our identity in him, not in the world.

Do not be afraid of what you are called to tomorrow. We are called to live in the present, and you are fully equipped for what the Lord is calling you to do today.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit animate our faith

By Laurie Stiegelmeier

Grandpa loved giving gifts—and he loved having us find them. We’d unwrap and open a huge box only to find another gift-wrapped box that also contained another gift-wrapped box ... until we finally found the main gift in a small package. There were gifts within gifts, and as the paper flew and boxes were turned aside, Grandpa smiled and chuckled with joy.

Baptism is sort of like that—the Most Holy Trinity is delighted to bestow gift upon gift on us, all wrapped up for us to find in that one sacrament.

Opening the gifts

The sanctifying grace of Baptism takes away original sin, heals our wounded nature, and allows us to share in the divine life of the Trinity. We receive three theological gifts: *faith* in God and all the Catholic Church teaches, *hope* for eternal life, and *love* of God and our fellow man. Four moral virtues allow us to grow in goodness; these are rooted in the theological virtues and all other virtues are grouped around them.

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, **prudence** is right-reason in action. It allows us to discern what is the

true good in every circumstance.

Justice is distinguished by consistent right-thinking and upright conduct toward our neighbor. **Fortitude** strengthens our resolve to avoid evil and choose good. **Temperance** allows us to moderate our use of created goods; it gives us mastery over our wills and desires.

And there’s still more in the one “big box”—the Holy Spirit also gives us seven gifts. These are permanent dispositions that make us docile to follow his promptings. They perfect the virtues, and the beatitudes flow from them.

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that four of these gifts direct our intellect. **Wisdom** allows us to know the purpose and plan of God, establish right order, and be *peacemakers*. **Understanding** is spiritual sight; with it, we clearly “see” the truths of God and faith and become *pure of heart*. **Knowledge** allows us to make reasonable use of material goods and to deny ourselves if they would become an obstacle to our salvation; this denial allows us to *mourn* meritoriously. **Counsel** is sometimes called **right judgment**; it is the ability to account for our stewardship of the people and time, talent and treasure God has put in our life; it leads us to be *merciful*.

Three more gifts direct our will toward God. **Fortitude**, also a virtue, is sometimes called **strength** or **courage**. It allows us to persevere, to overcome fear when confronting injustice, and to firmly believe all that Jesus taught. It causes us to *hunger and thirst for justice*. **Piety** leads us to complete trust in God; to honor and respect him and all those he has put over us, such as parents, teachers and employers. **Meekness**, which is power under control, flows from this gift. **Fear of the Lord** ensures our awe and reverence before him; it also helps us submit to God’s will and become *poor in spirit*.

Baptism is only the beginning

Baptism is the gateway to life in the Spirit according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Later, it is necessary that the Holy Spirit completes the grace and strengthens his gifts through the sacrament of Confirmation.

Father Joe Vogel, parochial vicar in Pastorate 15, said that a baby’s need for the gifts is small, but as a child grows, the need becomes greater as temptations and pressures of the world increase.

“When the need is bigger, we need bigger gifts. Ask for them,” he said.

“If we can’t ask for the gifts, we miss so much joy in life. We are beloved children, and we can always ask our Father for what we need.”

Confirmation equips us to become a true witness of Christ; the anointing we receive makes us belong to him and enrolls us in his service forever. According to Father Michael Schmitz (of “Bible in a Year” and “Catechism in a Year” fame), fanning the gifts into flames, transforming the Church, rescuing souls, spreading and defending the faith, becoming part of the mission of Christ and never being ashamed of him comes to us through Confirmation.

Spiritual muscle-building

When Father Vogel asks his Confirmation students whether he or Arnold Schwarzenegger have more muscles, they answer that Arnold does. But Father Vogel tells them they both have the same amount.

“What’s the difference? Arnold has found a way to develop the muscles he was given to become the person he is in his environment. That’s how we need to develop the gifts we are given by the Holy Spirit,” he said.

To build our spiritual muscles, Father Vogel advises slowing down. “We can’t be too busy being busy—God will rarely hit a moving target. We must be alone and honest with God even if that means we don’t like what he’s doing, even if it means shaking our fist in frustration. Quiet, pondering and honesty leads to adoration and gratitude. And hang around the right people—pray to God for good friends.”

Spiritual Director Teri Kemmer recommends a routine prayer life, silence with God, Mass, frequent reception of sacraments, faithfulness to Church teaching, grace and constant communication with the Holy Spirit.



St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican friar and priest in the 13th century.

“Attentively listening and faithfully responding allows the Holy Spirit to sanctify us, to make us holy and docile to his workings in our hearts,” she said. “As daughters and sons of God, we should desire and pray fervently for the spiritual gifts.”

Experiencing the Spirit

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Holy Spirit as the interior master of life, a gentle guest and friend who inspires, guides, corrects and

strengthens our life in Christ. More than knowing the names of the virtues, beatitudes and gifts, we must recognize and know this gentle friend in our daily life.

Anticipating the interview for this article, this thought came to Father Vogel: “I can’t talk about the Holy Spirit from a book, but I can from my experience.” Reflecting on his life shows him the Holy Spirit was with him often, helping him to do the difficult things.



Teri Kemmer and her husband Jeff with their children and grandchildren, from left: Ezra, Phebe, Nik, Teri, Jeff, Zak and Axel.

“My learning of the Holy Spirit is from experience and often comes in the worst times of life,” Father Vogel said. With one semester of seminary left before ordination, his pregnant sister died suddenly. The baby was taken by cesarean section and survived.

“I had no idea what to do, we had said a million rosaries and I was angry at God. I sat in the chapel crying, ‘Why? Why?’—and here comes the Holy Spirit,” he said. “I told God, ‘I quit.’ I didn’t quit God, but I told him, ‘I quit expecting you to explain everything you do and why.’ I learned at that moment that I don’t always have to have answers. My job is to be with people; we’re loved by God, and that’s all we need.

“I always think of the Holy Spirit as a counselor and advocate,” Father Vogel added, illustrating it with this experience: While sidewalk counseling at the abortion clinic in Sioux Falls, a policeman told them they had to leave because they were trespassing. The law they were obeying had changed, and the case went to trial.

“In court, whenever I didn’t understand what was going on, I asked our

lawyer if he could help me understand, because he knew both sides,” Father Vogel said. “The Holy Spirit knows both sides and I learned from the Lord, through the interpreter (Holy Spirit), that I need someone who knows both sides and is there. I need an interpreter, a paraclete, to guide me.”

He also learned that when you don’t know what to do, stop, breathe three times and say, “Come Holy Spirit, I need your love, your interpretation in me, because I know you will always love me and be at my side.” The Holy Spirit was with the sidewalk counselors, who won the case.

Father Vogel sees the Holy Spirit, the presence of God, in living for other people and loving sacrificially, just as the Father who sent his Son to die for us. He describes the power and love of the Holy Spirit as a parent seeing their baby for the first time and feeling they would do anything—even die—for that child.

“The love—that WOW—you have for that child, that’s the love of the Holy Spirit,” Father Vogel said. “It’s beyond human power, love without measure.

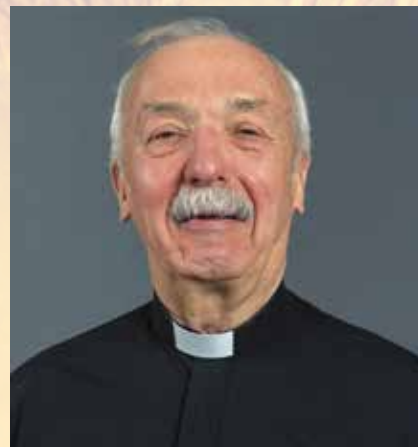
Breathe that thought in: that’s the Holy Spirit in me and you. He’s always been there, always will be.”

“We sense God’s promptings in our heart as he calls us to action,” Teri said. “These promptings of the Holy Spirit happen frequently in prayerful Christians and increase and become clearer as our faith life grows. The Holy Spirit has always been active in my life; however, it was not until I put time and effort into building an intimate relationship with him that I was awakened to the first glimmer of the gifts he had awaiting me.”

Teri added that her life changed dramatically after reading “True Devotion to the Holy Spirit” by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez. “It introduced me to a whole new world and set me on fire for Christ. The Holy Spirit is within all the baptized in Christ, but he is awakened within us as Christ reveals himself to us.”

Evidence of the Spirit’s gifts

Teri said we know we are operating in and through the power of the Holy Spirit by the perfections he forms in us, and by the fruit he bears in our lives: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. She said we are given opportunities daily to grow in them.



Father Joe Vogel is parochial vicar of Pastorate 15.

“The more we cooperate with the Holy Spirit’s inspirations, the more the Spirit bears fruit in our lives, and the more we exhibit them,” she said, adding that yielding to the Holy Spirit’s guidance brings peace, security and tranquility, and allows us to travel triumphantly along the paths of life that take us to eternal joy.

“The fruits of the Holy Spirit are proof of his gifts in our lives,” Father Vogel said. “You’re going to be joyful; you’re going to be loving. We don’t get to the fruits because we’ve always had everything we want. It’s because God said ‘no’ and ‘wait,’ and we say ‘not my will’ and ‘I quit’ and ‘you don’t have to explain.’”

And there’s still more

Teri explained that while the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are given to us to keep, charisms (additional spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit) always benefit other people. According to Catholic teaching, it is the faith of the Church that each person possesses one or more of the charisms. “It is one of the ways that God enters the world to build and strengthen the Body of Christ through our assent and cooperation,” she said.

Although there is not an official list of charisms as there is for the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, many people see these as examples of charisms: prophesy, exhortation, tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, faith, working of miracles, discernment of spirits and hospitality.

“They are given to one, or to some, not to everyone equally,” Teri said. “A friend once shared that ‘as many needs as there are in the Church, are the number of charisms.’”

“In the kingdom of love—God’s kingdom—we always have all we need. Some may have some of this gift and some of that, but we always have all we need,” Father Vogel said. “We always get what we need when we need it the most.”

Baptized in the Spirit: It’s personal

“As the Holy Spirit equips us for mission, he touches us each uniquely,” Teri said. “Once you have encountered Christ personally, you are forever changed.”

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit and encounter with Jesus Christ, referred to as “Baptism in the Spirit,” is *personal*. It marks the beginning of a closer union with God; the individual begins to know, love and serve Christ in a *personal* way.

Two primary personal encounters with Christ ignited Teri’s faith and activated her charisms. “The first was a Holy Spirit Retreat while I was still on active duty in the Army. As the priest laid hands on me and prayed for healing, I rested in the Spirit and awoke fully restored and healed of a long-term affliction.

“The second was at my first Encounter Ministries School of Healing Conference,” Teri continued. “As I was prayed over, I received an overwhelming increase in faith, joy and holy boldness. I immediately went forward boldly proclaiming Christ’s healing power and the good news of the Kingdom of God. As I continue to pray, listen and step forth as prompted by the Holy Spirit, I witness miracles in the name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

“Are you ready to defend your faith?” Teri asked. “A good indication that you have been baptized in the Spirit is an affirmative response to this question: ‘If you were brought up on charges for being Catholic, would they find enough evidence to convict you?’”

Be sure to open—and use—every gift you were generously given.

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allows us to know the purpose and plan of God, establish right order, and be *peacemakers*.

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What does evangelization look like?



I appreciated your recent columns about what it means for laity to be missionaries, but I'm wondering if you can elaborate a bit on your answer in the second column to the question of "How do we, as laity, do that?" Can you say more about what evangelization looks like for the ordinary Catholic lay person?



Great question! One of the challenges with talking about evangelization is that there is so much to say that sometimes it can be difficult to offer something that is both concise and meaningful. So I welcome this question as an opportunity to say a bit more about that all-important question: "How?"

By way of an answer, let's look to *the* evangelist, Jesus himself. And while there are multiple passages in the Gospels that would be helpful for our question, my favorite one is from Luke 24, verses 13-35, in which we read about Jesus joining two disciples as they are leaving Jerusalem for the nearby village of Emmaus.

What we find in this account is Jesus evangelizing these two disciples by employing an array of methods, some of which seem completely ordinary, but all of which have the same goal: to help this couple realize the truth of who Jesus is. As Jesus "walks with" them in a literal sense, he is also "walking with" them in a spiritual or evangelical sense—leading them to an encounter and deeper relationship with him.

This "walking with" is an age-old approach to evangelization that the Church has always used, following this

example set by Jesus himself. Today, it often goes by the word "accompaniment," but whatever the term, the method goes back to Jesus himself: meeting people on their journey through life and "walking with" them, with the goal of leading them to him.

Back to Jesus' many methods of evangelization by way of accompaniment. A close read of this passage reveals Jesus using all sorts of ways to accompany these two disciples. It's almost like he has an "accompaniment toolbox," and he deftly employs the right tool at the right time.

And this is a full toolbox. If you give this passage a close read, you'll see that Jesus uses these methods (and perhaps even more) as he walks with these disciples:

- He draws near to them
- He simply walks alongside them
- He listens to them
- He asks them questions
- He rebukes them
- He opens the Scriptures to them
- He reveals himself to them in the Eucharist
- He restores their hope
- He converts them
- He leads them to return to the apostolic Church

What fascinates me about what this passage tells us about evangelization is that there are so many ways by which we can lead others closer to Jesus. Far from being a “one size fits all” or “cookie cutter” approach, we find in the Road to Emmaus a much broader approach to evangelization, one in which both words and deeds are essential.

It’s important here to remember another principle from Scripture: we all have a different part to play in the work of evangelization. As St. Paul noted in 1 Corinthians 3: while one person may plant, another may water; while one may lay the foundation, another may build.

In other words, I ought not presume that it is my task to walk with a given person from the very beginning of their spiritual journey all the way to its end. And given that, my task is to use the most appropriate “tool” for where they are on their journey. (For more on the steps we all take on our spiritual journey, I recommend the story on the Pathway of Discipleship from the April 2022 edition of The Bishop’s Bulletin, which can be found online at sfcatholic.org/bishopsbulletin.)

So, with some it may be that we are called to simply walk with and pray for them, with others to ask questions and

listen, with others to offer the mercy of fraternal correction, with others to open for them the Scriptures, with others to lead them to encounter the Lord in the sacraments, and so on.

Taking this approach to evangelization into account, the goal for ourselves is threefold: 1. to accompany each person I encounter in my daily life; 2. for as long as the Lord desires; and 3. using the methods most likely to help them take the next step on their spiritual journey.

This is ordinary, everyday evangelization, which all of us are called to and capable of. May we respond to the Lord’s call and trust in his strength as we walk with others closer to him.



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The importance of the body after death

By Father Michael Wensing

Each year, I like to make two cemetery pilgrimages apart from any burials I have done during the year: one at the end of May, which is Memorial Day, and the other at the beginning of November, which begins with All Souls' Day on the 2nd of the month. These pilgrimages are to places of my ancestors or influential people in my life who have died and await the final resurrection of the dead. I pray, I remember and I express gratitude to them and to God for their life and influence on earth.

I do this because I have faith that the dead, whether in purgatory or in heaven, are still conscious of our reality on this side of the veil of death. Thus, I also ask them to pray for me, but I especially pray for those who are still on their journey in purgatory.

Purgatory will come to an end as a reality at the end of the world and the final judgment and resurrection. So, I say it is a positive journey in the meantime to the gates of the kingdom of heaven.

Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR, in a conference for us priests once at Mt. Marty University, said: "If I died tomorrow and woke up in purgatory, I would be happy despite the pain of any purification because I know my ultimate destiny was decided—eternal life in heaven." He proclaimed a positive attitude despite the temporal suffering of purification involved, the making of a saint before entry into heaven.

To be in heaven is to be sanctified, saintly. The logic is that we would be in a state of charity and understanding so that we can commune eternally with all the other citizens of heaven, human or angelic. And we want to commune most with Jesus Christ and be in his eternal light.

I had to correct a friend who once wished a neighbor who died that he might be, of course, in heaven, but he hoped that neighbor would be on a different planet, and they would never have to meet. The healing of purgatory should have him and his neighbor in charity and peace with each other for all eternity once in heaven.

The cemeteries I now visit also have cremated remains interred. This is a more recent development. From the beginning of Christianity, the traditional practice was earth burial of the body. It came from Jewish practice and was thought to imitate the burial of Christ and gave great respect to the body, which St. Paul said had been the temple of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul

spoke of the body being sown in corruption and rising incorruptible (1 Cor 15), indicating the resurrection of the body.

Some of the early Roman pagans in the first centuries, in their hostility to the Christians and thinking earth burial was necessary for Christians to rise some day, would burn the bodies of certain Christians or leave them exposed in the open for the vultures. But the Christians affirmed that no human intervention could thwart the divine work of resurrection, and sometimes they could place a relative value to body burial.

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna" (Mt 10:28). Yet, from apostolic times, Christians followed the Semitic practice of burial and, by and large, abstained from cremating their dead. But because of the relative value of body burial for future resurrection, as we mentioned above, cremation was allowed in some centuries when there were extraordinary circumstances, such as the plagues of the Middle Ages.

As the memory of ancient persecutions and disrespect for the bodies of Christians subsides in the collective consciousness of the Christian church, cremation is both allowed and, in fact, we find it increasing in practice. The Roman Catholic Church changed its policy of no burial rites for the remains of the deceased in 1983 to allow cremation if it is not seen as a sign of disrespect for the body or corpse. It has a short rite for the remains at funerals. The often-quoted passage from Genesis at funerals—"remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return"—seems to fit cremation, which hastened the process.

While on assignment in parishes, I had to persuade some who opted for cremation to have their loved one buried in a consecrated or dedicated cemetery, which was not always an easy task for me. We respect the final remains in whatever form they might take, and burial or interment has been a Judeo-Christian tradition since the first century. Another reason for burial of the remains is we have a "location" for our future visits, memories and prayers like the following:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



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Aberdeen, Presentation Heights

Sr. Suzanne Cotter- Sept. 18; Sr. Darlene Gutenkauf- Oct. 31; Sr. Joan Reichelt- Feb. 26; Sr. Jean Huntimer- Jun. 4; Sr. JoAnn Sturzl- Jun. 6

Aberdeen, Sacred Heart

Norman Hartung- Oct. 28; Richard Faflak- Nov. 17; Linda Allbee- Jan. 18; Carole Nelson- Nov. 30; Beverly Geist-Johnson- Dec. 1; Ruth Brown- Dec. 10; Lisa Kissner- Dec. 12; Archie Daly- Dec. 15; Daniel Pennington- Jan. 15; William Reuschlein- Jan. 30; Donna Ryman- Feb. 1; Dorothy Berg- Feb. 3; Marilyn Lehr- Feb. 3; Lawrence Hartze- Feb. 12; Patricia Zens- Feb. 27; Rose Ann Waldt- Mar. 11; Ruth Gourneau- Mar. 18; Juletta Smith- Apr. 14; Janice Rausch- May 12; Karen Weis- Jun. 19; Trey Hofer- Jul. 18; David Azure- Jul. 27; Frances Gab- Aug. 26

Aberdeen, St. Mary

Barbara Schwan- Sept. 15; Thomas Perrizo- Sept. 24; Cecilia Kiefer- Oct. 18; Eileen Mattern- Oct. 21; Viola Lorenzen- Oct. 23; Michael Hatzenbeller- Oct. 29; Ida Reis- Nov. 3; Ronald Leighty- Nov. 11; Dennis Moser- Nov. 26; Carole Nelson- Nov. 30; Delores Grote- Dec. 3; Dolores Green- Dec. 9; Barbara Hoerner- Feb. 1; Margaret DesCamps- Mar. 8; Donald Kessler- Mar. 30; Susan Barker- Apr. 16; Eugene Kline- Apr. 18; Rose Fix- Apr. 20; Eric Olson- May 7; Thomas Piatz- May 9; Frederick Giovannettone- Jul. 4

Aberdeen, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center

No deaths recorded.

Alexandria, St. Mary of Mercy

Marylys Paulsen- Nov. 21; Rose Wagner- Nov. 24; Velma Wagner- Jan. 9; Bobbie Aulner- Feb. 28

Alexandria, Monastery of Our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph

No deaths recorded.

Arlington, St. John

Remington Bickett- Sept. 4; Bob Lee- Jan. 21; Kathy Reed- Jun. 6

Armour, St. Paul the Apostle

Larry Kelly- Oct. 25; Pam Wagner- Jul. 10; Edward Kolecka- Jul. 12; Francis Thury- Aug. 28

Beresford, St. Teresa of Avila

Robert Bickett- Oct. 12; Alma Richard- Apr. 10; Fay Hendricks- May 20; Kerry Lutter- May 29; Betty Kaltenbach- Jul. 10

Big Bend, St. Catherine

Rattling Leaf/Fire Cloud- Sept. 1

Big Stone City, St. Charles

Lucille Kockx- Jan. 13; Donald Reiffenberger- Jun. 15; Eunice Schmiege- Aug. 18

Bowdle/Hosmer, St. Augustine

Teresa Daniels- Apr. 12; Virginia Oster- May 18

Brandon, Risen Savior

Dan McInerney- Oct. 6; Wanda DeBoer- Oct. 15; Shirley Anderson- Nov. 11; Timothy Heinemeyer- Nov. 20; Brad Gullickson- Dec. 24; Barbara Coulter- Feb. 14; Theresa Mertens- Apr. 22; Christy Payler- May 3; Richard Knobel- May 24; Dahlia William- Jul. 12

Bridgewater, St. Stephen

Marie Weber- Feb. 14; Bernard Weber- Aug. 19

Brookings, Pope Pius XII Newman Center

No deaths recorded.

Brookings, St. Thomas More

Alvaro Estrad-Aguilar- Sept. 21; Donna Nagel- Sept. 24; John Fink- Oct. 20; Patricia Sloan- Oct. 28; William Mielke- Nov. 4; Sadie Mersch- Nov. 13; Mark Langland- Nov. 15; Cecilia Carlson- Nov. 22; Ambrose Warborg- Dec. 10; Jaylen Reyes- Dec. 28; Vanya Wicks- Dec. 30; Roland Couser- Jan. 22; William Rook- Mar. 7; Steven Keppen- Mar. 9; Maynard Keimig- Mar. 13; Marlene Mock- Apr. 10; Linda Enright- May 30; Cheryl Foster- Jul. 31; Daniel Kondziolka- Jun. 5; Skye Kondratuk- Jun. 9; James Klosterman- Jun. 16; Mary Moriarty- Jun. 24; Donald Frederick- Jun. 18; Donald Kenefick- Jul. 15

Bryant, St. Mary

Mary Marten- Dec. 8

Canton, St. Dominic

Jeannette Koch- Oct. 6

Centerville, Good Shepherd

Myrna Van Ede- Jan. 4; Janet Schaefer- Apr. 8; John O'Gorman- Jun. 29

Chamberlain/Pukwana, St. James

Edith Thaler- Sept. 3; James Krebs- Sept. 20; Shirley Novak- Oct. 11; Rodney Fuegen- Oct. 17; Charles Meyer- Dec. 7; Everett Hopkins- Jan. 5; William Petrak- Feb. 28; Salley Meyer- May 13; Rollin Smith- May 18; Albert Engelhaupt- Jun. 16; Francis Andera- Jul. 24

Clark, St. Michael

Anthony Schmitt- Nov. 25; Clarice Duenwald- Dec. 24; Elizabeth Freeburg- Feb. 23; David Clausen- Apr. 7; Marie Hamann- Apr. 22; Louise Kittelson- May 25; Erlene DesLauriers- Jun. 23

Clear Lake/Gary, St. Mary

LaDell Goodroad- Apr. 5; Irene Webber- May 19

Colman, St. Peter

James Park- Dec. 3; Marlys Anderson- Jun. 17; Palmer Nebben- Jul. 2; James Merges- Jul. 3

Dakota Dunes, St. Teresa of Calcutta

Kevin Hoffman- Apr. 26; Jordan Lange- May 27; Margie Doyle- Jun. 16; Elizabeth McManaman- Jun. 26

Dante, Assumption

Marlene Skorpik- Oct. 27

Dell Rapids, St. Mary

John Schwebach- Sept. 5; Clarence Welbig- Oct. 4; Logan Gaspar- Oct. 21; Anna Mae Eulberg- Dec. 2; Darlene Nelson- Dec. 25; MaryAnn Velde- Jan. 2; Jerald Weiland- Jan. 24; Jackie Tool- March 9, Marjorie Gunn- Mar. 12; Mavis King- Mar. 18; Delores Klein- Mar. 21; Dolores Salviola- Mar. 25; Larry Eining- Apr. 30; Kaye Geraets- May 9; Norman Hauglid- May 23; James Weiland- Jul. 13

De Smet/Iroquois, St. Thomas Aquinas

Susan D'La Rotta- Nov. 25; Lois Larson- Jan. 15; Pearl Coughlin- Feb. 6; Brett Schmidt- Feb. 19; Annie Moeller- Jun. 15; Mary Widman- Aug. 18

Dimock/Ethan, SS. Peter and Paul

Melvin Schlimgen- Sept. 9; Darlene Hohn- Dec. 13; Doris Schlimgen- Jan. 31; Jason Tiede- Feb. 25

Eden, Sacred Heart

Arlene Streier- Sept. 23; Richard Schlekewy- Oct. 9; Frederick Steiner- Nov. 5; Cindy Michlitsch- Feb. 12; MaryAnn Opitz- Feb. 14; Doran Schlekewy- Feb. 26; William Rust- Apr. 29; Alyce Michlitsch- Apr. 30; Mary Dunn- Jun. 23; James Sattler- Jul. 6; Timothy Determan- Aug. 16

Elk Point, St. Joseph

Elva Connelly- Sept. 5; Thomas Malloy- Jan. 13; Elaine McInerney- Jan. 13; Becky Jolin- Feb. 3; Alice Murphy- Feb. 7

Elkton/Aurora, Our Lady of Good Help

Timothy Bartscher- Apr. 3; Michael McDowell- Apr. 9

Emery, St. Martin

Eugene Berg- Aug. 21

Epiphany/Spencer/Farmer, Church of Epiphany

John Zens- Jul. 18

Estelline/Castlewood, St. Francis de Sales

Mary Yoder- Jul. 3

Eureka, St. Joseph

No deaths recorded.

Faulkton/Seneca/Orient, St. Thomas

Dolores Clement- Nov. 2; Robert Kaiser- Oct. 11; Mary Ann Golay- Oct. 25; Arthur Hardie- Nov. 30; Rosella Hansen- Dec. 10; Edward Switzenberg- Mar. 3; Cody Baloun- Mar. 5; Helen McKay- Jul. 15; Starla Wager- Jul. 25

Flandreau, SS. Simon and Jude

Lois Gaspar- Apr. 8; Marlys Burns- Jul. 26; Gladys Kreber- Jul. 28

Florence, Blessed Sacrament

Kathryn Asfeld- Apr. 7

Fort Thompson, St. Joseph

Rio Owen- Sept. 1; Elmer Rockwood- Oct. 26; Donald Grey Owl- Dec. 4; Earleen Red Bird- Dec. 14; Kermit Sargeant- Dec. 25; Shane Fallis- Feb. 12; Erik Dolezal- Mar. 12; Raydin Thompson- Mar. 23; Lorenzo Obago- Apr. 4; Ethan Big Eagle- Apr. 15; Toney St. John- Apr. 20; Donald Standing Soldier Jr.- Apr. 20; Angelica St. Pierre- May 5; Ryan Obago- May 20; Garrett Hawk- Jul. 1; Mabel Horned Eagle- Jul. 14; Heaven Baker- Jul. 16; Dakota Fallis Sr.- Aug. 24

Garretson, St. Rose of Lima

Barbara Anderson- Sept. 28; Patricia Turner- Oct. 1; Wendy Pierret- Nov. 5; Marcella Brown- Apr. 15; Irvin Schreurs- May 3; Vernon Bergin- May 31; Marjorie Sakry- Jul. 14

Geddes, St. Ann

Glen Huggins- Nov. 5; Leona Bruner- Aug. 9; Beverly Melmer- Aug. 22

Gettysburg, Sacred Heart

James Brown- Sept. 16; Mildred Simon- Oct. 3; Shirley Brink- Nov. 2; Beverly Metscher- Jan. 9; Roger Simon- Jan. 11; John Holzhauser- Jan. 29; Randall Hegstrom- Mar. 6; Larry Griese- Apr. 8; Marlys Schneider- Apr. 15; Robert Gesinger- May 1; Darrel Simon- Jul. 29

Grenville, St. Joseph

Ronald Grajczyk- Sept. 11; William Jaskulka- Nov. 4; Mary Ann Ewalt- Jan. 3; Roman Okroi Jr.- Feb. 7; John Gaikowski Sr.- Apr. 16; Jeanette Okroi- Dec. 17; Kenneth Kampa- Jul. 18

Groton, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

David Kampa- Nov. 18; Edwin Nehls- Mar. 8; Robert Oliver- Jul. 2; Leslie Dohman- Jul. 26; Ruth Pray- Aug. 18

Harrisburg, St. John Paul II

Sharon Soukup- Feb. 8

Hartford, St. George

Marilyn Siemonsma- Oct. 3; Dorothy Spielmann- Oct. 18; Mary Lou Lusch- Nov. 14; Mary Krause- Nov. 16; Lowell Miles- Jan. 6; Ronald Sechser- Jan. 10; Iona Sechser- Mar. 28; JoAnn Miles- Jul. 3; Bernadette Even- Aug. 29

Henry, St. Henry

No deaths recorded.

Herried, St. Michael

James Weisbeck- Apr. 7; Roxanne Aberle- Aug. 22

Highmore/Harrold, St. Mary

Betty Heckenlaible- Jul. 16; Gerald Schaefer- Jul. 29

Hoven/Onaka, St. Anthony

Mildred Simon- Oct. 3; Doris Zweber- Oct. 12; Jeanette Schaefer- Oct. 11; Genevieve Tank- Nov. 25; Irma Duenwald- Nov. 30; Viola Hoven- Jan. 21; Tricia Schmidt- Feb. 7; Alex Singleton- Feb. 15; Lynette Singleton- Feb. 25; Thomas Frost- Mar. 2; Gerald Hartung- Mar. 8; Roger Kraft- Jun. 20; Sharon Haverty- Aug. 18; Eleanor Schmidt- Aug. 29

Howard, St. Agatha

Ralph Buthe- Sept. 8; Michael Leary- Sept. 12; Lavon Dornbusch- Feb. 7; Curtis Dornbusch- Jul. 26

Humboldt, St. Ann

Lori Puthoff- Dec. 19; Lyle Zimmer- Dec. 21; Theodore Holmes- Jan. 4; Noah Holmes- Jan. 9; Josephina Marcell- Mar. 15; Kathleen Petri- Mar. 26; Debra Reyes- Apr. 7; Eugene Irvine- Jun. 26

Huntimer, St. Joseph the Workman

Charles Iddings- Feb. 15; Dorothy Baumberger- Jul. 7

Huron, Holy Trinity


Madelyne Saarie- Oct. 10; John Schnabel- Oct. 10; Gary Graff- Oct. 15; Katherine Wigington- Dec. 5; Beverly Kempf- Dec. 12; Leona Hedge- Dec. 14; Ann Marie Montgomery- Dec. 30; Sean Burger- Jan. 2; Gregory Eining- Jan. 20; Paul Aylward- Jan. 22; Mary Ann Dorris- Jan. 24; Alexander Velazquez Torres- Feb. 12; Phyllis Worrall- Feb. 28; John Wallman- Mar. 25; James Dixon- Mar. 27; Karen Hamman- Mar. 30; Judy Kalahar- Apr. 1; Estrellita Cardona-Hernandez- Apr. 14; Robert Halter- Apr. 15; Ann Schied- May 5; Darlene French- May 19; Marita Montgomery- May 22; Richard Roy- May 27; Pamela Winegar- Jul. 29; John Paul- Aug. 15; Vern Olmsted- Aug. 17; Evelyn Gresdahl- Aug. 22; Florence Bockorny- Aug. 26; Dolores Rowan- Aug. 27; Mary Hemstreet- Aug. 28

Idylwilde/Mayfield, St. Boniface

James Heirigs- Sept. 19; LuVerne Mammenga- Apr. 6; Grace Schiefen- Apr. 20; Glenna Andersen- May 8

Ipswich, Holy Cross

Edward Kirschenmann- Sept. 13; Delores Schumacher- Oct. 3; Donald Perrion- Nov. 18; William Geditz- Nov. 22; Darline Hammrich- Nov. 27; Bernard Thares- Dec. 2; Charlott Schaub- Dec. 5; James Barondeau- Dec. 11; David Braun- Feb. 23; Kenneth Weber- Apr. 18; Franklin Hammrich- Jun. 29



Jefferson, St. Peter

Jock Rollison- Oct. 12; Anthony Honomichl- Oct. 17; Richard Offerman- Dec. 10; Tyler Hudelson- Apr. 10; Elaine Trudeau- May 29; Benjamin Honomichl- Jul. 20

Kimball, St. Margaret

Gary Thayer- Sept. 25; Rodney Fuegen- Oct. 17; Robert Blasius- Mar. 8; David Leheska- Jul. 8; Terry Bely- Aug. 2; Agnes Piskule- Aug. 4

Kranzburg/Waverly, Holy Rosary

Mary Stricherz- Sept. 17; Larry Turbak- Dec. 4; Linda Lenards- Apr. 30; Ramona Spartz- May 29; Nadine Goens- Jun. 21; William Comes- Jul. 21; Marie Jankord- Aug. 11; Bernard Lindner- Aug. 25

Lake Andes, St. Mark

Margaret Gilreath- Sept. 4; Evelyn Patocka- Apr. 13; Amy Hoilien- May 15; Dennis Hoilien- May 15; Dawn Zephier- Jul. 8

Lennox/Worthington, St. Magdalen

Mary Gorrell- Sept. 13

Leola, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Donna Weig- Sept. 10; Wade Lechner- Jun. 28

Lesterville/Sigel, St. John the Baptist

Steven Kotalik- Sept. 20

Madison, St. Thomas Aquinas

Thomas Leisinger- Oct. 19; Patricia Sloan- Oct. 28; Dale Lauck- Dec. 15; Duane Miller- Dec. 27; Kelly Hyland- Dec. 30; Richard Minnaert- Feb. 18; Ronald Minnaert- Mar. 16; Leo Wolf- May 18; Jean Collignon- Jun. 7; Jack Kieffer- Aug. 5; William Johnson- Aug. 31

Marty, St. Paul

Dakotah Leroy-Mendez- Sept. 1; Eva Aquash- Sept. 3; Naoma Waters- Sept. 13; Myron Rainbow Jr.- Dec. 13; Antoine Cournoyer Jr.- Dec. 26; Richard Hare Jr.- Jan. 1; Angela Roubideaux- Jan. 25; John Cournoyer- Feb. 20; Jeanette Willcuts- Apr. 4; Timber Cournoyer- May 23; Zenjo Wolfchild- Jul. 1; Dawn Zephier- Jul. 8; Eric Flood- Jul. 17; Jonathan Antelope- Aug. 23

Marty, Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

No deaths recorded.

Mellette, All Saints

Ernestine Kramp- May 22; Susan Hammer- Jul. 27; Thomas Carda- Aug. 10

Milbank, Daughters of St. Mary of Providence

Report not submitted.

Milbank/Wilmot, St. Lawrence

Melvin Schuchard- Nov. 12; Samuel Folk- Nov. 29; Velma Wollschlager- Dec. 16; Maureen Dinter- Dec. 20; Bill McKernan- Jan. 1; Kathy Boerger- Jan. 3; Rose Kelly- Jan. 5; Dean Parker- Feb. 21; Margaret Lindberg- Feb. 23; Delores Nordquist- Mar. 6; George Folk- Mar. 12; Shirley O'Brien- Apr. 3; Pamela Wojahn- Apr. 8; Darlene Gefre- Apr. 10; Juliann Jegala- May 15; Connie Hill- Jun. 6; Evelyn Gannon- Jun. 10; Francis Van Sambeek- Jul. 21; Douglas Lindberg Jr.- Aug. 21; Collette Krakow- Aug. 26; Anne Berkner- Aug. 30

Miller/Wessington, St. Ann

Dot Hanson- Oct. 18; Tina Danielson- Nov. 12; Audrey Campbell- Jan. 11; Wallace Baker- Feb. 21; Beverly Oligmueller- Feb. 22; Scott Oligmueller- Mar. 8; Judith VanZee- Mar. 29; Joseph Fanning- Apr. 27; Robert Schroeder- May 28; Mark Kluthe- Jul. 27

Mitchell, Holy Family

Margaret Schlawffman- Sept. 27; Jean Lambrecht- Oct. 9; Jill Krietlow- Oct. 20; Helen Pollreis- Nov. 18; Sheila Loecker- Nov. 21; James Horstman- Nov. 29; Timothy Fitzpatrick- Dec. 9; Theresa Fuerst- Dec. 14; Kathryn Lebert- Dec. 23; Tami Morgan- Jan. 4; Margaret Pierson- Feb. 19; Janice Ebersdorfer- Mar. 15; Mary Hatwan- Mar. 19; Dianna Kummer- Mar. 30; Rose Bies- Apr. 29; Gregory Bollock- May 19; Ellen Mason- May 26; Suzanne Korzan- Jun. 18; Mary Alexander- Jun. 19; Donna Myers- Jun. 28; Lawrence Vetter- Jun. 29; Shirley Wuertzer- Jul. 6; Kaye Hauser- Jul. 14; Douglas Janzing- Jul. 16; Mary Kight- Aug. 15

Mitchell, Holy Spirit

Stephan McEntee- Sept. 21; Shirley Nagel- Sept. 25; Sharon Max- Oct. 18; Warren Peer- Oct. 30; Virginia Casey- Nov. 12; Esther Effling- Nov. 24; Raymond Mentele- Dec. 1; Joyce Tuschen- Feb. 2; Bonnie Krcil- Feb. 11; Darlene Lauer- Feb. 26; Grace Radke- Mar. 10; Karen Totton- Apr. 12; Delmar Koch- May 7; Mark Franey- May 25; Lawrence Vetter- Jun. 29; Shirley Wuertzer- Jul. 6; Christine Fritza- Jul. 15; Elda Keeton- Jul. 24; Warren Zens- Jul. 28; Joe Vasek- Aug. 19

Mitchell, Pro Ecclesia Sancta Brothers

No deaths recorded.

Mobridge, St. Joseph

Carol Baer- Oct. 3; Myrna Holzer- Oct. 21; Jack Perman- Nov. 23; Rose Holzer- Nov. 25; Sharon Dady- Jan. 18; William Voller- Jan. 31; Lester Kosters- Jun. 1; Carol Collignon- Jun. 22; Arlyce Wientjes- Jul. 9; Belinda Holzer- Jul. 29

Montrose, St. Patrick

Violet Healy- Mar. 30; Mary Lounsbury- Aug. 30

Onida, St. Pius X

Mary Rawstern- Oct. 2; Mark Senftner- Oct. 15; Robert Pierce- Jan. 13; Eva Severson- Feb. 4

Parker, St. Christina

Marvin Lee Pascoe- Sept. 30; Betty Jorgensen- Jan. 31; Paul Harms- Mar. 20

Parkston/Tripp, Sacred Heart

Russel Kurtenbach- Sept. 10; Lenora Boehmer- Oct. 25; Adele Boddicker- Nov. 28; Walter Caldwell- Dec. 12; William Murtha- Dec. 22; Ralph Thuringer- Dec. 29; Louis Murtha- Jan. 27; Janice Ebersdorfer- Mar. 15; Norbert Nolz- Mar. 21; Lorraine Montefering- Mar. 31; Frances Murtha- Apr. 8; Lyna Beryl Wittenhagen- May 25; Wallace Stirling- May 29; Celine Fergen- Jun. 17; Joyce Leischner- Jun. 17; James Heck- Jun. 21; Franklin Bintliff- Jul. 8; JB Weber- Aug. 1; Willard Schoenfelder- Aug. 2; Elmer Walz- Aug. 20; Annella Hohn- Aug. 25

Pierre, SS. Peter and Paul

Kathleen Wright- Sept. 29; Jeremy Dodson- Oct. 10; Richard Tobin- Nov. 11; Thomas Kotilnek- Nov. 29; Margaret Lusk- Dec. 16; Joe Silvers- Jan. 3; Alan Weinheimer- Jan. 12; Delores Cichos- Jan. 27; Beverly Gallagher- Mar. 5; Kathryn Howard- Mar. 8; Patrick Paulsen- Mar. 13; Randolph Seiler- Apr. 17; Barb Kaufman- Apr. 20; Mikel Holland- Apr. 23; Sheila Bonrud- May 17; Birkley Ries- May 26; Albert Engelhaupt- Jun. 16

Plankinton/Mt. Vernon, St. John

Edwin Krell- Sept. 12; James Mayclin- May 3; Robert Geuther- Jun. 11

Platte, St. Peter the Apostle

Gabriel Leader- Sept. 16; Sharon Foxley- Sept. 19; Laura Larsen- Oct. 30; Marie Anderson- Jan. 1; Peggy Wall- Jan. 8; Eugene Westendorf- Feb. 17

Polo, St. Liborius

Elizabeth Schlechter- May 29; Colleen Leer- Jun. 16; Richard Harges- Jul. 13

Ramona, St. William

Rosemary Nelson- Nov. 8; John DeRungs- Nov. 10; Jerome VanVooren- Feb. 9

Redfield, St. Bernard

Margaret Gruenwald- Sept. 20; Ronald Bourassa- Oct. 17; Joann Fallon- Nov. 5; Donovan Whitley- Nov. 14; Norita Rice- Nov. 17; Barbara Schaffer- Nov. 29; Annette Wanner- Jan. 4; Linda Cleberg- Feb. 7; Joan Mueller- Feb. 10; Crystal Appel- Feb. 18; Geraldine Robinson- Apr. 22; Robert Haider- Jun. 5; Julie Sanders- Jun. 6; Maureen Bob- Aug. 5; Terrance Mackey- Aug. 6; Raeleen Heffernan- Aug. 7; Tammy Dudley- Aug. 27

Reville, Annunciation

No deaths recorded.

Roscoe, St. Thomas the Apostle

Erma Meier- May 14

Rosholt, St. John the Baptist

Dennis LeClair- Nov. 20; Ardith Kraus- Dec. 23; Dennis Hokanson- Mar. 16; Dennis Kraus- Jul. 16; Marlene Brandenburger- Aug. 8

Salem, St. Mary

Harlan Gross- Sept. 16; Jeanette Koch- Oct. 6; Robert Schnider- Oct. 25; Dolores Kolbeck- Dec. 1; Helene Heiberger- Dec. 17; Darla Atsma- Dec. 30; John Staebell- Jan. 6; Alice Boesen- Jan. 9; Linda Morehead- Feb. 28; Gordon Deters- Mar. 31; Rose Bies- Apr. 29; Gail Roling- May 11; Richard Luehn- Jun. 16; Daniel Schwans- Jul. 12

Scotland, St. George

Jerald Nelson- Oct. 6; Gerald Ritter- Oct. 23; Carolyn Thaler- Apr. 16; Russel Ireland- May 18

Selby, St. Anthony

No deaths recorded.

Sioux Falls, Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Robert Fiegen- Sept. 10; Marjorie Tapken- Sept. 20; Patrick Fitzgibbons- Oct. 1; Vernon Jensen- Oct. 3; Robert Kunkel- Oct. 21; Harlan Bauer- Nov. 28; Inez Eastman- Dec. 10; Gerald Toomey- Dec. 16; Carole Marsh- Dec. 24; James Frankman- Dec. 26; Marilyn McCollar- Jan. 1; Jessica Fields- Jan. 20; Dean Rallis- Jan. 25; Richard DeVaney- Feb. 26; Darlene Denevan- Mar. 4; Karen Janssen- May 15; Matambi, Siriyake- Jun. 2; Terrance Zacher- Jun. 15; Brenda Frankman- Jun. 23; Atem Kiir- Jul. 13; Norman Vander Woude- Jul. 28; Dorothy Nash- Aug. 13; Thomas Wilson- Aug. 16; Thomas Haight- Aug. 18

Sioux Falls, Christ the King

Ramona Lewis- Sept. 14; Joseph Josten- Oct. 2; Marleen Flannery- Oct. 20; Frances Potter- Nov. 14; Richard Jamison- Nov. 17; Rose Mary Shafer- Dec. 20; Dale Cota- Jan. 1; Joe Baldwin Silvers- Jan. 3; Kenneth Vanderloo- Jan. 21; Marie Theresa Miller- Feb. 17; Elvira Severson- Feb. 28; Maria Kajzer- Apr. 11; Esther Gregorson- Apr. 21; Charles Gerner- Apr. 21; Michael Marnach- May 10; Helen Wiese- May 12; Marion Bonnstetter- May 28; Clayton Speiser- Jun. 1; Mildred Thury- Jun. 7; Mildred Hicks- Jun. 20; Julie Schmidt- Jul. 29

Sioux Falls, Holy Spirit

Jane Kemp- Nov. 21; Beth Ann Sorenson- Dec. 16; Donald Stoltz- Jan. 6; Rosemary Moser- Jan. 14; Sharon Soukup- Feb. 8; Joyce Senden- Mar. 1; William Corcoran- Mar. 25; Daniel Beacom- May 24; Sophie O'Connor- Jun. 1; Charles Hemmer- Jun. 19; Jean Mescher- Jun. 20; Dolores Norberg- Jun. 28; Jane Wingert- Jul. 8

Sioux Falls, Mater Ecclesiae Monastery

No deaths recorded.

Sioux Falls, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Angelica Enriquez- Nov. 21; Amildo Blanco- Jun. 13; Jorge Delgado- Jul. 15

Sioux Falls, St. Katharine Drexel

Michael Timmerman- Feb. 19; Joshua Howe- Feb. 20; Joseph Rowe- Feb. 20; Kevin Ordalen- Aug. 31

Sioux Falls, St. Lambert

Betty Erickson- Sept. 14; Dorothy Dempsey- Oct. 6; William Rogers- Nov. 15; Mark Wilfarht- Dec. 11; David Woodley- Dec. 28; Rose Mary Rogers- Feb. 2; Gerald Andrews- Feb. 25; Rosemary Flint- Mar. 27; Willis Gerth- Apr. 7; Judith Papke- Apr. 13; Paul Kelly- May 24; Nancy Larsen- Jun. 11; Mavis Hurley- Jun. 15; Victoria Gilbert- Jul. 2; Herbert Dohman- Jul. 11; Verna Wallenberg- Jul. 31; Mathilde Fanning- Aug. 12; Mary Burggraff- Aug. 20; Orphadel Bruggeman- Aug. 24; Mary Beacom- Aug. 27; Kimberly Adamson- Aug. 28

Sioux Falls, St. Mary

Chad Wolles- Sept. 2; Marcille Wallner- Sept. 19; Bernard Schliesman- Oct. 7; Elaine Roberts- Oct. 26; Roger Oltmanns- Oct. 29; Thomas Steedle- Dec. 13; Jill Healy- Dec. 13; Richard Westhoff- Dec. 21; Marion Albers- Dec. 21; Mary Waddell- Dec. 28; Elizabeth Redl- Jan. 22; Joan Rysavy- Feb. 4; Nora Van Hove- Feb. 8; Daniel Anderson- Feb. 19; Frederick Monick- Feb. 22; Donald Turgeon- Mar. 3; Patricia Gillen- Mar. 19; Audrey Jones- Mar. 31; Donald Kuhle- Apr. 15; Allen Olson- Apr. 28; Robert Burns- May 27; Gary Siska- Jun. 16; Rammy Rasmussen- Jun. 18; Loretta Johnston- Jun. 26; Jane Barnett- Jul. 27

Sioux Falls, St. Michael

Stephen Oswald- Sept. 11; John Reilley- Sept. 20; Dorothy Larsen- Oct. 31; Mary Jensen- Nov. 5; Dale Bauer- Nov. 8; Shirley Reilly- Nov. 11; Marko Minga- Nov. 20; Sandra Bork- Nov. 29; Jean Conley- Dec. 14; Edward Colella- Dec. 20; Francis Beuckens- Dec. 27; Marie Gordon- Jan. 7; Jane Schulte- Jan. 16; William Bulit- Jan. 17; Pamela Hartman- Jan. 21; Laura Boik- Jan. 28; Brian Thill- Jan. 31; William Merrick- Feb. 8; Lucille Keleher- Feb. 12; Barbara Poppenga- Feb. 22; Elmer Bangasser- Feb. 25; Dolores Cink- Mar. 16; Mary Ellen Melanson- Mar. 18; Ken Miller- Mar. 20; Nancy Church- Mar. 29; Debra Reyes- Apr. 7; John Meade- Apr. 13; Karlene Boelter- Apr. 23; Shelley Burns- Jun. 8; Michael Body- Jun. 9; Yvonne Moos- Jun. 24; Eugene Irvine- Jun. 26; Mary Hasselmann- Aug. 4; Gerald Morgan- Aug. 10

Sioux Falls, St. Therese

Grace Persing- Sept. 20; Kathleen Erickson- Oct. 19; Lois Aulner- Oct. 22; Louise Johnson- Dec. 14; Joyce Keller- Jan. 17; Genevieve Weiler- Feb. 7; James Lindner- Mar. 22; Steven Tramp- Jun. 8; Sharon Glenn- Jul. 6; Jay Newberger- Aug. 8

Sioux Falls, Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters

No deaths recorded.

Sisseton, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Isaiah Horne Sr.- Oct. 27; Rosemary White- Dec. 14; Tamara Goodteacher- May 9; Carmen Wilkie- Jul. 25; Kessa Mireau-Christopherson- Aug. 18

Sisseton/Velben, St. Peter

James Forrette- Nov. 26; Ardeth Simon- Jan. 1; Donald Christopherson- Apr. 20; Shirley Schreiner- Apr. 28; John Stewart- Jun. 6

Springfield, St. Vincent de Paul

Charles Hornstra- Nov. 8

Stephan, Immaculate Conception

No deaths recorded.

Stickney, St. Mary

Florence Nelson- Jan. 30; Florence Hughes- Mar. 30

Tabor, St. Wenceslaus

Henry Zimmerman- Oct. 3; Donald Carda- Oct. 6; Lawrence Hejna- Oct. 8; Rebecca Boyer- Dec. 28; Stanley Schuch- Mar. 25; Marvin Hruska- Jun. 17; Gail Kortan- Jun. 27

Tea, St. Nicholas

Nathan Vaca- Oct. 24; Tanya Nichols- Dec. 25; Therese Dardis- Feb. 9; Ellen Krell- Apr. 22; Ruth Craig- Apr. 25; Diane Obr- Jul. 2

Turton, St. Joseph

Patrice Williams- Mar. 16

Tyndall, St. Leo

Mark Sedlacek- Sept. 16; Evelyn Soukup- Dec. 11; Hilda Tycz- Dec. 12; Edward Humpal- Dec. 21; Harvey Fridrich- Feb. 11; Margaret Kniffen- Feb. 13; Keith Rothschadl- Mar. 21; Mae Rothschadl- May 29; Mary Jo Schneider- Jun. 7; Cheryl Hisek- Jun. 11; Warren Ronke- Jul. 12; John Rothschadl- Jul. 29

Vermillion, St. Agnes

Sally Manning- Nov. 25; Barbara Kronaizl- Oct. 7; Joseph Donahoe- Oct. 15; Marilyn Isaacson- Jan. 14; Dennis Hjermstad- Apr. 23; Edmond Ouellette- Jun. 27; Albert Rosenbaum- Jul. 12; Gail Paulson- Jul. 27

Vermillion, St. Thomas More Newman Center

No deaths recorded.

Wagner, St. John the Baptist

John Harmon- Aug. 27; Francis Cuka- Sept. 24; Florence Kokesh- Nov. 1; Karen Wunder- Nov. 21; Erin Schroeder- Dec. 13; Joseph Babcock- Jan. 6; Stanley Swatek- Feb. 26; Keith Schroeder- Apr. 19; John Stastny- Jul. 11; Francis Doom- Jul. 11; Robert Soukup- Jul. 28

Wakonda, St. Patrick

Audrey Peterson- Apr. 6; Vivian Hovden- Aug. 13

Watertown, Holy Name of Jesus

John Gebhart- Sept. 7; Agnes Blais- Oct. 27; Coletta Buchholz- Nov. 3; Eleanore Cryan- Nov. 6; June Carlson- Nov. 12; John Stransky- Nov. 14; Arlis Fox- Dec. 9; William McCarthy- Jan. 1; Teresa Ward- Jan. 11; CariDee Foley- Mar. 12; Lorraine Beaudry- Mar. 16; LeRoy Beaudry- Mar. 17; Lewis Feuerstein- Apr. 6; Sherry Cordell- May 2; Joni Melin- Jun. 3; Victoria Hallauer- Jun. 22; Patricia Wensing- Jul. 18; Leona Hendrickson- Horn- Jul. 29

Watertown, Immaculate Conception

Stan Urban- Oct. 8; Nancy Bell- Oct. 16; Catherine Foster- Oct. 23; Greg Zimprich- Oct. 25; Louella Godes- Oct. 30; Roylene Deville- Nov. 21; Marlys Stricherz- Nov. 23; Don Haag- Dec. 6; Janice B. Stricherz- Jan. 2; Doug Lukonen- Jan. 9; Jeanette Mack- Jan. 26; Richard Briggs- Feb. 9; Barb Endres- Feb. 24; Robert Bisping- Mar. 12; Bonnie Wollschlager- Mar. 16; Robert Falk- Mar. 18; Jeannie Weekly- Mar. 28; Jane Boettcher- Apr. 8; Theresa Endres- Apr. 8; Ronald Johnson- Apr. 13; Rita Weber- Apr. 19; Dr. Ed Larson- Apr. 22; Thomas Lohr- Apr. 26; Nadene Mahaffy- Apr. 30; Maxine Owens- May 5; Jennifer Ries- May 5; Steven Coyle- May 29; Barb Stricherz- Jun. 5; Donna Dolen- Jun. 13; David Deville- Jun. 17; George Bernard- Jul. 1; Mary Cunningham- Jul. 12; Patricia Wensing- Jul. 18; Lynford Maag- Jul. 21; Dale Kranz- Aug. 18; Domina Cordell- Aug. 30

Watertown, Mother of God Monastery

Sr. Mona Kirwan- Nov. 6; Sr. Jeanne Giese- Nov. 28; Sr. Rose Palm- Feb. 28; Sr. Diane Miller- Jun. 25

Waubay, Immaculate Conception

Rosemary Gaikowski- Sept. 24; Marcy Jorgenson- Sept. 29; Diana Beisch- Jan. 13; Louise Pruszinski- Jan. 22; Esther Zirbel- Jul. 22

Webster, Christ the King

Loretta Dylla- Sept. 25; Kimberly Carlson- Sept. 27; Louis Kulesa- Nov. 24; Leo Becht- Dec. 16; Diane Porter- Jan. 23; Eli Porter- May 1; Derek Zenk- Jun. 17; Donna Wik- Jun. 17; Joan Rumpca- Jun. 22; David Gollnick- Jul. 2; Sibylla Opitz- Jul. 12; Ann Pingle- Jul. 12; Benedict Boyer- Jul. 15; Robert Clemen- Aug. 3

**Wessington Springs/Duncan,
St. Joseph**

Caroline Larson- Dec. 18

Westport, Sacred Heart

Thomas Dosch- Sept. 2; Donald Van
Dover- Sept. 2; Ronald Huettl, Sr.-
Aug. 4

White, St. Paul

Earl Pomrenke- Nov. 7; Bradley
Barron- Jan. 1

White Lake, St. Peter

Mary Munson- Oct. 17; Madonna
Nightingale- Apr. 24

Woonsocket, St. Wilfrid

James Sandness- Sept. 17; Wayne
Steichen- Nov. 2; Martin Roach- Nov.
22; Shirley Weeldreyer- Nov. 25;
Franz Luthi- Nov. 28; Harlan Goudy-
Jan. 18; Marlene Howard- Jan. 26;
Steven Jackson- Apr. 19

Yankton, Sacred Heart

Patricia Christensen- Sept. 14; Mary
Gullikson- Oct. 17; Lois Hauger-
Oct. 22; Matthew Tereshinski- Oct.
22; Norma Hlavac- Oct. 25; Milford
Ekeren- Nov. 2; Linda Hoelsing- Nov.
4; Jade Rembold- Nov. 6; Terry Carda-
Nov. 7; Sharon Kleinschmit- Nov.
13; Roger Shreve- Nov. 20; Wendy
Hawkins- Dec. 23; Steven Hawkins-
Dec. 23; JoAnn Krejci- Jan. 3; David
Staton- Jan. 12; Pearl Lyons- Jan.
14; Dennis Mitchell- Feb. 2; Patricia
Robinson- Feb. 16; George Adam-
Mar. 30; Shirley Bienert- Mar. 31;
Tina Gratzfeld- May 22; Donald
Kaufman- Jun. 2; Dean Specht- Jun.
15; Marlin Slagle- Jun. 20; Joanne
Dreesen- Jun. 29; Jason Arens- Jul.
22; Kenneth Dolejsi- Aug. 3; Lynda
Zwetzig- Aug. 11; Milton Merkwan-
Aug. 30

Yankton, Sacred Heart Monastery

Sr. Valerie Cheney- Oct. 29; Sr.
Dorothy Olinger- Dec. 26; Sr. Ann
Kessler- Feb. 1; Sr. Madonna Schmitt-
Mar. 20

Yankton, St. Benedict

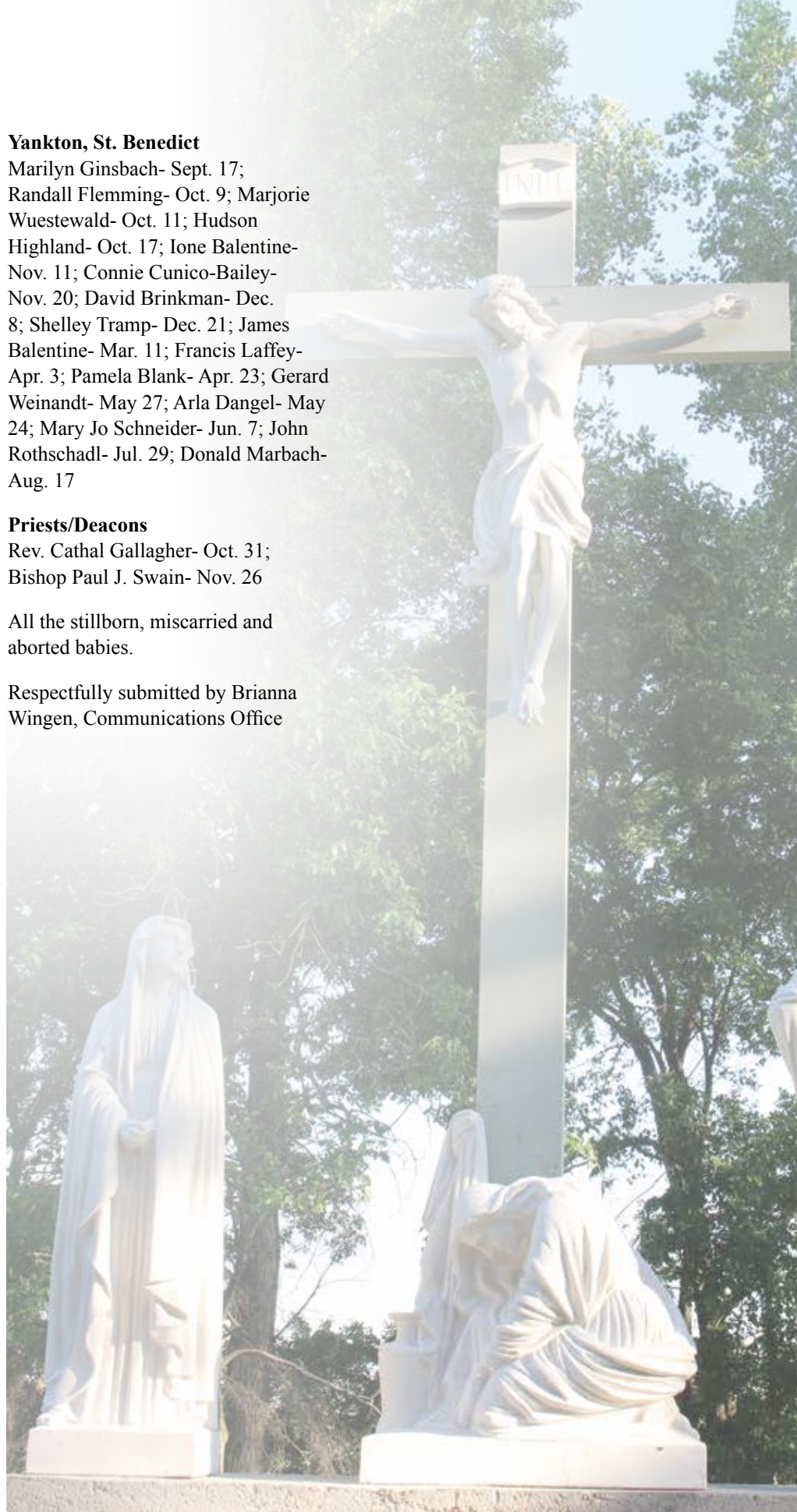
Marilyn Ginsbach- Sept. 17;
Randall Flemming- Oct. 9; Marjorie
Wuestewald- Oct. 11; Hudson
Highland- Oct. 17; Ione Balentine-
Nov. 11; Connie Cunico-Bailey-
Nov. 20; David Brinkman- Dec.
8; Shelley Tramp- Dec. 21; James
Balentine- Mar. 11; Francis Laffey-
Apr. 3; Pamela Blank- Apr. 23; Gerard
Weinandt- May 27; Arla Dangel- May
24; Mary Jo Schneider- Jun. 7; John
Rothschadl- Jul. 29; Donald Marbach-
Aug. 17

Priests/Deacons

Rev. Cathal Gallagher- Oct. 31;
Bishop Paul J. Swain- Nov. 26

All the stillborn, miscarried and
aborted babies.

Respectfully submitted by Brianna
Wingen, Communications Office



What is the purpose of the Necrology?

The necrology appears every year in The Bishop's Bulletin, and its purpose is far more profound than a simple informational listing. As a spiritual work of mercy, praying for the dead is an important part of our Catholic faith and should be an important part of our personal relationship with Christ. We believe our prayers can be of tremendous benefit to those souls who have passed on and no longer have the opportunity to make sacrifices and pray for their own good.

Uniting the names of our departed brothers and sisters to the Mass is the fullest expression of praying for the dead. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is Christ's perfect sacrifice offered to the Father again. It is the pinnacle of our prayer here on earth and the ultimate well-spring of God's grace.

Outside of the Mass, the Church has various prayers that we can offer up for the faithful departed. Some prayers to consider are the Litany for the Faithful Departed, the Chaplet for the Dead and the Litany of the Saints. Consider also offering a fast or other sacrifice for departed souls.

These prayers are not without some benefit to us as well. God often allows our dimming love for our departed brother or sister to well up inside us again, renewing our memory of them and giving us strength in our toils. He often grants the grace of softening our hearts to those, both living and departed, who may have wronged us. Finally, our capacity for love is deepened when we return the gift of kindness in sacrifice and prayer to departed souls who showed us kindness during their earthly lives.

Consider that many of the names found in the necrology may have few or no one left to offer up prayers and sacrifices for them, much less keep their memory alive. Therefore, it falls to you, the living faithful, the Church Militant, to take the names found in this necrology and unite them to your private prayers, sacrifices and to Masses throughout the year.



An angel frees the souls of purgatory by Ludovico Carracci. Public Domain

Prayer for the holy souls in purgatory

by St. Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.

Amen.



SURROUND YOUR MARRIAGE WITH OTHER GOOD MARRIAGES

By *Mikaela Pannell*

Marriage is not for the faint of heart. Couples need support. We live in a time when, now more than ever, marriage is under attack. Whether it's cyclic broken families, pornography, cohabitation, infidelity or even just plain old indifference, Satan has many ways to break down marriages.

That's why it is so important for married couples to have friends who are also married. We aren't in this

fight alone! Being in a sacramental marriage puts a target on your back, and surrounding yourself with others who are also under fire makes the fight much more manageable.

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

Living out the sacrament of marriage isn't as simple as signing a paper and then sharing a home and last name. It's an entire way of living. The two spouses become one person and live every

day with the goal to get each other to heaven. Unfortunately, that's not how most of society views marriage.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states: "Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries ... The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life" (CCC 1603).

One reason couples should surround

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themselves with other like-minded couples is that there is a mutual understanding of what it takes to strive for a holy marriage. You just get it, because ultimately you’re all working toward the same thing. Marriage is a unique relationship, and it’s impossible to completely understand what it’s like unless you are married yourself.

Proverbs 27:17 says, “Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another.” In this case, couples can sharpen each other. Married friends who hold similar values to you and your spouse are great accountability partners in a multitude of ways. They help you to nurture a strong faith life and provide a fresh perspective into living out your marriage vows in everyday life.

If both parties have children, your friendship can be a source of encouragement when you’re struggling with everything that comes along with being a parent. If hard times come up and you feel like throwing in the towel, they will be there to remind you of the promise you made to God and your spouse. Likewise, you can “sharpen” them when their marriage is feeling a little dull.

FOSTER FRIENDSHIPS

There is something to be said about individual friendships for women between fellow wives, and for men between fellow husbands. Both sexes have distinct, complementary roles within marriage. While each relationship is unique, the general role of a wife is to nurture/be the heart of the home, and the general role of the husband is to protect/be the head of the home.

In the catechism we read, “Each of the two sexes is an image of the power and tenderness of God, with equal dignity though in a different way. The union of man and woman in marriage is a way of imitating in the flesh the Creator’s generosity and fecundity” (CCC 2335).

It’s important for me to spend time with other wives, because it allows me to foster my feminine role as a spouse. Similarly, it is essential for my husband to spend time with other husbands for the purpose of strengthening his masculine role as a spouse. Being part of a small group where there is encouragement and support in your vocation can be incredibly beneficial in the journey toward holiness.

WISDOM AND NEWNESS

It’s also a good idea to have friends in similar stages of marriage and different stages of marriage. My husband and I have couples friends with marriages of varying lengths. Some have been married for a much shorter time than we have, others for substantially longer, while most are in a similar stage as we are.



Mikaela Pannell and her husband Jordan with their two children, Melody and Titus.

Our newlywed friends remind us of the excitement and fresh-facedness of first entering the sacrament. After being married for a while, it can be easy to get caught up in the busyness of life and let your marriage become less of a focus. Second to your relationship with the Lord, your relationship with your spouse should be right at the top of the list of priorities.

When we begin to lose focus in our marriage, remember the words of Jesus: “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh ... so they are no longer two but one flesh” (Mt 19:5-6).

Veteran couples are full of wisdom that can be shared for the benefit of younger couples. They’re familiar with typical challenges that arise within marriage and have insight for working through those issues successfully. Tragically, many couples nowadays come from broken families, so they don’t have an immediate marriage to look to as a model. If you and/or your spouse didn’t grow up seeing the sacrament lived out, find it now! Befriend an older couple at church, or get to know your friend’s parents if they’ve got a solid relationship.

MARRIAGE IS NOT AN ISLAND

Having a core group of married couples in your life, especially ones who share faith and values, is a very important part of nurturing your own marriage. It’s been said that “no man is an island.” Well, neither are marriages. So seek out other married couples, and watch how your own marriage will grow.

Father Timothy Cone

Father Timothy Cone is our featured priest this month. He was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Both his parents served in the U.S. Air Force. He is the second youngest, having three sisters and one brother. He was ordained May 31, 2019, and serves as parochial vicar of Holy Cross (Ipswich), St. Thomas the Apostle (Roscoe), Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Leola), St. Michael (Herreid), St. Joseph (Eureka), St. Anthony (Selby) and St. Joseph (Mobridge).



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

I knew from around the time I was about 7 years old that our Lord was calling me to be a priest. In fact, I remember the exact moment. I was at a Sunday Mass at the cathedral out in Rapid City where I grew up. Usually my mom would whisper in my ear the prayers we were supposed to say and when, but this particular Sunday she didn't. When it came time for the Consecration, when the priest held up the host, I remember thinking, "Okay, I need to pray now." So I prayed for what seemed like a good while. Then I thought, "Okay, I'm done." Then the priest went on as normal. But in that moment, it felt as though the priest was waiting for me to finish praying before going on. Something shifted in my heart at that moment. It forever changed my heart, and I knew instantly that our Lord was calling me to do what that priest was doing. As I grew "older and wiser," I ended up running from the Lord for a while, but I realized that no matter how far I ran from him, he wouldn't stop pursuing me. Only he could give me the happiness I was looking for. I was made for him.

Q *What did you do before the priesthood?*

I was a musician prior to joining the seminary. At the time, my goal was to pursue a master's degree and doctorate in choral conducting and eventually be the director of choral activities at a major university somewhere. I had previously worked as music director at Sacred Heart Parish in Yankton for a couple of years. I also spent some time out in Buffalo, New York,

doing some odd jobs, including working in a jewelry store and, on my days off, substitute teaching in the nearby school district trying to get my foot in the door for a music teacher position.

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

God's providence! Nothing happens by accident. When you are earnestly desiring to do our Lord's will for your life, you're always in the right place at the right time. I heard a priest talk about devotion to the Blessed Trinity on EWTN once, and he said, "When you are devoted to our Lord, you do more purely by accident than anything you actually set out to do." That has been the story of my life!

Q *Who was most influential in your life?*

This is a tough question, but, honestly, I'd have to say it has been the priests that I have had in my life over the years, whether as spiritual directors or as confessors.

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

Preaching and spiritual direction. I love helping others go deeper in their faith. Nothing gives me more life than being around others who want more of our Lord in their life.

Q *What's the most challenging thing?*

Getting out of my comfort zone. Deacon James Keating gave a talk while I was in seminary, and I'll never forget what he said: "Your bride will ask for your death ... the death of your own ego." Just as in marriage, husband and wife are called to total self-sacrificial love. The same is true as a priest. My bride is the Church, and she continuously asks for my death, the death of my ego and what I want for her sake. Just as Christ loved the Church and laid his life down for her, I am called to do the same. Though it is not always easy, it is always worth it.

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

I have a crew of them! St. Charbel, Padre Pio, St. Therese, St. Peter and the archangel Raphael. What I love about these guys is that they each have their own particular gifts that they have given to serve our Lord, and they never forget to remind me to just be myself and not anyone else. I don't have to try to copy their lives, but for me to be as authentically "me" as I can, on fire with the love of our Lord.

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

I am a big-time birder! I love birdwatching. I'm always on the lookout for what's flying around anywhere I go, rain or shine, even in the winter. During the summer, I am also a weather enthusiast. I've studied meteorology off and on since I was a kid. I also enjoy playing the violin and watching a good hockey game.

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

I lived in England for about three and a half years when I was growing up. It was during the most formative language learning years (2-6 years old), so for a good number of years afterward, I had a really thick British accent.

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

Pray for me and invite me over for a meal or a card game or an event happening in your family. I want to be a part of it. I don't do well inviting myself over.

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

The baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi. Most people don't know that he was also a priest. I would love to ask him about his vocation story. I am also a huge fan of his music, and his violin concertos are my all-time favorite to play.

Curious about a particular religious vocation? Visit sfcatholic.org/vocations to learn more about discerning God's call for your life.

Dell Rapids St. Mary Catholic School blesses cornerstones

The two cornerstones of the new St. Mary High School in Dell Rapids were unveiled and blessed during a ceremony on Oct. 11. Father Shane Stevens, pastor of the pastorate that includes St. Mary Parish and Schools, and Father Scott Miller, parochial vicar for the pastorate, opened with prayer and Scripture as a crowd of Dell Rapids residents and school kids witnessed the

event that moves the school another month closer to its opening.

The original 1910 cornerstone from the old high school building is set on one side of the main entrance, while the cornerstone representing the new school building is set on the other side. Betty Cooper, granddaughter of the Bunkers family who gave the original stone to the school in 1910, was on hand to unveil the original stone.

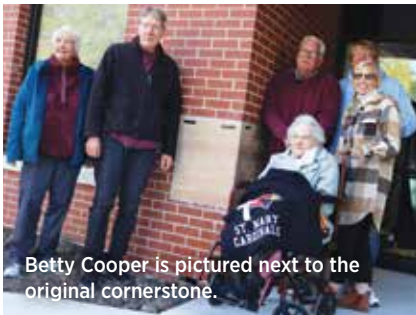
Father Stevens has led the Generations to Generations Campus Renewal project at St. Mary Catholic Schools over the last several years and is immensely humbled by the work and progress so far. He said the building “is a testimony to our faith, our trust, and the promises of God and the goodness of each other.”



Father Shane Stevens, assisted by Father Scott Miller, blesses the new cornerstone.

“My sincere hope is that generations of kids and families coming through these buildings will take a look at these stones and remember the generosity, the love, the risk of generations past, and be grateful,” Father Stevens said. “And in our Catholic tradition, pray for our students, especially after I’m long gone.”

The building is expected to be completed in January 2024. Stay tuned for more information in future issues.



Betty Cooper is pictured next to the original cornerstone.



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November 7, 2023
A Glorified Wound
- An educational mini-series led by The Lourdes Center on the topic of emotional healing and faith.

December 5, 2023
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ABERDEEN – Jim and Debra Reecy will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Nov. 30. They have 1 child, 5 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



BRITTON – Charles and Donna Stehly celebrated their 65th anniversary on Oct. 27. They have 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. John de Britto Parish.



DELL RAPIDS – David and Diane Hansen will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Nov. 30. They have 4 children, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



FAULKTON – Bill and Joyce Kalkman celebrated their 70th anniversary on Oct. 12. They have 6 children, 20 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Parish.



HARTFORD – Bill and Carolyn Zortman will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Nov. 5. They have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and are members of St. George Parish.



MADISON – Doug and Marcie Spielmann will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Nov. 24. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



MITCHELL – Dave and Rexanne Thuringer will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Nov. 24. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Spirit Parish.



SALEM – Tom and Carol Peterson will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Nov. 24. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



SIoux FALLS – Deacon Henry and Christine Knapp will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Nov. 30. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and are members of St. Mary Parish.



YANKTON – Dale and Terri Thunker celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oct. 13. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are members of St. Benedict Parish.

ANNIVERSARY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please see next page for changes to the anniversary page

We accept anniversary submissions for the following anniversary years: 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75. We include them in the issue of the month of the anniversary or the following month's issue. Submissions received for later issues will not be included. Photos will only be included in the sfcatholic.org website edition.

Send a color photo, your anniversary information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by Nov. 6 for inclusion in the January 2024 edition to:

The Bishop's Bulletin
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Real Presence Radio Network
presents as keynote speaker at the annual fundraising banquet

Bear Woznick
Thursday, November 9
Sioux Falls, SD

Bear Woznick is the host of motorcycle based reality TV show, "Long Ride Home with Bear Woznick." He is also the host of EWTN's "The Bear Woznick Adventure" radio show heard by millions each week on over 500 radio stations as well as Sirius FM, global shortwave, internet radio and YouTube. He is a Benedictine Oblate at the Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit Monastery on the North Shore of O'ahu, Hawaii.

Bear's life message transparently communicates the thrills and spills of life lived in the quest of abandonment of God. His life inspires people to rise to the unique challenge and purpose that God has for them in every dimension of their lives.

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Changes are coming to make room for marriage and family life

If you haven't noticed already, our society is dramatically changing, and usually not for the better. People are becoming less religious and families are struggling. In a recent Pew Research Center poll, *only 22 percent* of Catholics (not atheists, *Catholics!*) said that being married was extremely or very important to living a fulfilling life, and *only 31 percent* said the same about having children.

That is a shocking statistic!

On top of that, according to a CARA study earlier this year, 92 percent of priestly vocations come from intact families who practice the faith. All of these statistics demonstrate the dire need to support marriage and family life, not only to encourage more vocations, but also to have many examples of healthy marriages and families that encourage other couples in their own marriages and to build up the Catholic faith in general. As the Church has repeatedly proclaimed, the family is the building block of both society and the Church; you might even say, as goes the family, so goes the world.

With all of this in mind, we will be making some changes to The Bishop's Bulletin beginning in January 2024. We want to do what we can to offer information and inspiration regarding marriage, families and dating well. We want marriages to flourish and young people to find the spouse God has in mind for them. Because of the limited number of pages we have available, these are the changes you'll see:

- A marriage/family section will be permanently added to offer stories on these topics.
- A section for how to date well, find your spouse and understand the dignity of your body will be added. This will be a good section to share with your children and grandchildren!
- The current method of displaying anniversaries will change to be incorporated into the marriage/family section. No photos will be used in the Bulletin; only names, parishes and anniversary dates will be listed.
- The full listing of anniversaries will be displayed on the diocesan website at sfcatholic.org, including photos and number of children (just as they have been previously). A QR code will be in the Bulletin each month to take you to the full listing of anniversaries.
- The same guidelines will apply to anniversary information, so watch each month for deadline dates for submissions.

We hope these changes will show our readers both the wonderful couples who have been married for many happy years and many ways to make their own marriages better so they, too, can enjoy many years together in holy marriages.

We'd love to hear from you about topic ideas, so if you have ideas for stories on the topics of marriage, family and dating well, please email those to cbassett@sfcatholic.org.



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A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace

Tuesday, December 5th from 6:30-8:00 pm
St. Therese Catholic Church, Sioux Falls

Featured Presenters:
Father Kevin O'Dell and Stephanie Spader Pavlik



THE LOURDES CENTER

The evening will include presentations about how to find the light of Christ in the midst of our darkest times from grief due to the death of a loved one. Warm your heart and soul with a candlelit ceremony, hot chocolate and the anticipation of Christmas.

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Relics of St. Jude draw large crowd

In September, St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Sioux Falls, hosted a public veneration of the relics of St. Jude. The event, which included veneration throughout the day and Mass in the evening, drew a large crowd from all over the diocese.

St. Jude, one of the Twelve Apostles, is the patron saint of lost causes and is known as the apostle of the impossible. His well-preserved forearm bone has been making a journey across the United States. There are many miracles attributed to his intercession. Check out the pictures from St. Katharine Drexel Parish in case you missed it.



Scan the QR code to see more pictures from the event.

Bishop DeGrood joins Sioux Falls Life Chain

The month of October began with Respect Life Sunday on October 1. It kicks off a month devoted to respecting life at every stage.

According to the USCCB, “Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.”

Bishop Donald DeGrood is pictured with Jacks for Life from South Dakota State University as they participated in the Sioux Falls Life Chain. (photo by Jacks for Life)



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Experience Jesus' life through one of the Magi



The 27th annual Christmas at the Cathedral promises to offer viewers an unforgettable experience. Six performances are scheduled for Dec. 14-17 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

This year's theme, "The Heavens Declare," tells the story of Jesus' birth and life through the eyes of one of the Magi.

"The Magi laid it all on the line in their pursuit of truth," said Mark Conzemius, producer and director of Christmas at the Cathedral. "They were courageous, convicted and committed to a journey that required sacrifice, patience and trust. And even though they were not affiliated with Jesus or his Jewish faith, their life's work of studying the stars, science and Scripture led them to the son of Joseph and Mary. They knew that they had arrived. They knew that they could stop looking for something else. They had discovered the Messiah!"

Actor Mark Christopher Lawrence, known for his role on the NBC series "Chuck," will join this year's cast, along

with featured soloists Shelley Jennings and Carlos Santiago, both of whom are Nashville recording artists. Dan Goeller will return as music director and conductor to create what's sure to be a must-see concert.

Christmas at the Cathedral supports the ongoing care and maintenance endowments for two local beacons of hope: the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House (an emergency homeless shelter) and the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

Tickets sell fast. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit ccfesd.org.

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Come join us for Mass, take a tour, and learn all about our amazing schools! See below for the list of schools and Mass and tour times.

NOVEMBER 12TH-18TH, 2023

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- O'Gorman High School**, Wed, Nov 15Mass at 10:15am, tour to follow at 11:15am
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- St. Lambert Elementary**, Fri, Nov 17Mass at 8:30am, tour to follow at 9:15am

Recitation of the Rosary

Friday, Nov. 3 – 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.

Inaugural Magnificat

Nov. 4 – The Sioux Falls Women’s Prayer Breakfast will be held at St. Therese Parish Hall on Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Magnificat is a prayer meal that is based on the beautiful meeting of the Visitation between Our Lady and St. Elizabeth. The meal will include a speaker, music, prayer, fellowship and delicious food. Come be uplifted! Tickets are \$17.50. RSVP by Oct. 27 to Erin at (605) 595-4584 or magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/sd-sioux-falls/.

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop

Nov. 11 – St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls, is hosting the Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. It will be led by Irene Change and Deacon Denny Davis. Centering prayer is a gentle, silent method of consenting to God’s presence and healing action. Call Denny at 712-574-6201 or Irene at 605-261-2025 with questions.

Annual Prison Christmas Packages

The SD Prison Chaplains Association is once again asking for donations for those incarcerated. Christmas is a difficult and lonely time for inmates, and this small gesture lets them know they are not forgotten. For some, it is the only gift they will receive. Please join us in this beautiful act of charity and corporal work of mercy to “visit the imprisoned.” Donations can be sent by Nov. 30 to SD Prison Chaplains Assoc., Christmas Sacks, 601 W. 57th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Please write Christmas Sacks in the memo line or give electronically at convergeheartland.org/give and choose SDPCA Christmas Sacks. For more information, visit the Prison Ministry link on the Sioux Falls Diocese website, sfcatholic.org/prison-ministry. Email Mo Irvine at prisonministry@sfcatholic.org with questions.

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.

Parish Dinners

Nov. 5 – St. Thomas More Parish, Brookings, will hold its parish dinner from 10:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Serving turkey, dressing, potatoes and much more. Carry-out meals are available. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at the parish office.

Nov. 5 – St. John the Baptist Parish, Rosholt, will hold its annual Sausage Fest at the Rosholt Community Center on Main Street. Serving from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sausage, baked potatoes, kraut, beans, salad, desserts, buns and a beverage. Carry-out meals available. There will also be a goodie walk and a raffle. Cost for adults is \$12.00, ages 6-12 \$6.00 and under 6 is free.

Nov. 11 – St. Patrick Parish, Montrose, will have their soup and pie supper at the parish hall from 4:30-7 p.m. Carry-out will be available.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Nov. 3 – Online *Lectio Divina* at 10 a.m., Fridays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17. 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@yanktonbeneditines.org. Include your email address.

Nov. 18 – Contemplative Mornings – Usually meeting on the third Saturdays, from 9-11:15 a.m. Contact Sr. Doris at 605-668-6022 or doberembt@yanktonbeneditines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings.

Nov. 27 – Registration deadline for our Advent retreat, which will be held on Zoom on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Go to yanktonbeneditines.org/advent for information on the topic, registration and costs.

Silent Personal Retreats – Reserve space for your silent private or directed individual retreat. Vaccination and boosters required. Contact us at yanktonbeneditines.org/silent-personal-retreats or 605-668-6292.

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The Lourdes Center

A God Who Knocks – The Lourdes Center will be presenting a four-week series exploring the impact of emotional wounds and opening the door to God’s healing love. This series will be held on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning Nov. 7. Register for this series at www.thelourdescenter.com. Please call 605-988-3775 with any questions.

Holiday Grief Program – The Lourdes Center is honored to host “He is Stable: A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace” on Dec. 5 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Sioux Falls. The evening will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief and a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow. Children are welcome! Register by calling (605) 988-3775 or emailing tlc@sfcatholic.org.

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