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# God is with us on the pathway to heaven



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

**L**ife as we all experience it is filled with ups and downs, joys and sorrows, good days and bad, life and death. As we make our journey on the pathway toward Holy Week and Easter, we are spiritually invited and can experience the fruitfulness of the ups and downs of this holy time of year.

With Jesus' glorious entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and Holy Thursday when he instituted the holy Eucharist and priesthood, we experience the spiritual fruitfulness of God's true goodness and the sacraments that flow from his love to provide for us until the end of time.

Good Friday enables us to experience the depths of God's unconditional love by taking on our sins and the sins of the whole world to save us from our sins and the consequences of them. The Church reminds us of how personal is Jesus' love for each of us in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

*"Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony, and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us." (CCC 478)*

Take note, my good brothers and sisters, of these words of the catechism: Jesus knew and loved us *each* as he underwent his Passion and death. As he was dying on the cross, he was thinking of and loving me... and you. Oh, the wonders of divine love!

Consider, too, Jesus' words on the cross that we hear on Good Friday: "I thirst" (John 19:28). As Mother Theresa has beautifully taught, Jesus here speaks not only of his physical thirst, but also of his spiritual thirst, his thirst for each one of us and our love. She wrote that this phrase of Jesus' means, "not only

he loves you, even more—he longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always even when you don't feel worthy. Even if you are not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes—he is the one who always accepts you."

And then, it is only in the long wait from Good Friday to the Easter Vigil that, through Jesus' death, new life comes to fruition in his resurrection from the dead.

The important lesson for each of us is to remember that in the good times and bad, God is always with us and that our pathway to heaven will be filled with ups and downs, but the downs can be very fruitful for our own spiritual growth and that of others.

I hope you enjoy this month's Bulletin on the Pathway of Discipleship, which helps us on our pathway to heaven. While our ups and downs may have different joys and sorrows, our journey and deepening friendship with God enables us to grow into our next stages of discipleship.

It is my hope and prayer that the remainder of this Lent, Holy Week and Easter will be filled with a lot of grace and blessing for everyone in our beloved diocese. May our hearts grow in the love of God so we in turn can love with a godly love (charity) as beloved disciples.

I truly am so blessed to be your bishop because our Lord has given me his great love for all of you!

In the love of God,

+ DeGrood

## April

- 2 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph\*
- 5:30 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Dinner, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 8:00 Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools Extravaganza, Meadow Barn, Harrisburg
- 3 1:00 Confirmation, Holy Spirit and Holy Family parishes, Mitchell, at Holy Family
- 6 6:30 Confirmation, Risen Savior, Brandon
- 7:00 Sacred Arts Series and blessing of the new continuo organ, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 9 10:00 Confirmation, St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison, Epiphany, Epiphany, St. Agatha, Howard, St. William, Ramona, in Madison
- 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph\*
- 13 6:30 Mount Marty University youth night, Marian Auditorium, Yankton
- 14 7:00 Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 15 3:00 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 16 8:30 Easter Vigil Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 17 7:30 Easter Sunday Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph\*
- 20 6:30 Confirmation, Sacred Heart and St. Benedict, Yankton, St. Agnes, Vermillion, St. Patrick, Wakonda, Good Shepherd, Centerville, St. Teresa, Beresford, at St. Benedict, Yankton
- 21 6:00 Operation Andrew Dinner at St. Thomas More Newman Center, USD Vermillion
- 23 4:30 Mass at St. George, Scotland
- 6:30 Mass at St. Wenceslaus, Tabor
- 24 11:00 Confirmation, St. John the Baptist, Wagner, and Assumption, Dante, in Wagner
- 2:30 Confirmation, St. Paul the Apostle, Armour, St. Mark, Lake Andes, St. Paul, Marty, in Armour
- 28 3:00 Mass, Immaculate Conception, Watertown
- 30 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph\*

## May

- 1 2:00 Confirmation, St. Boniface, Idylwilde, St. George, Scotland, St. John the Baptist, Lesterville, St. Wenceslaus, Tabor, St. Leo the Great, Tyndall, St. Vincent de Paul, Springfield, in Tabor
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The Most Reverend Donald E. DeGroot, upon receipt of the decree of excommunication by the Most Reverend George J. Lucas, archbishop of Omaha, decreed the incardination of Deacon John Dahlseid as a permanent-deacon of the Diocese of Sioux Falls;

and, having received confirmation of suitability and good standing with the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, assigned Deacon Peter Cote to diaconal ministry at Christ the King Parish, Sioux Falls.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew K. Althoff  
Chancellor

## Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

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# CHRISTLIFE SERIES

## SETS FAITHFUL ON

### *missionary path*

By Marcus Ashlock

**M**issionary discipleship starts with a desire to have a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. We have an internal need to find our place in this world; however, only through Christ and the outpouring of love and charity to those around us can our place truly be found.

Worldly pursuits cause a void in our lives, but nothing will ever fill the void completely. Only through the steadfast love of Christ, and our daily relationship with him, can there ever be enough light to illuminate all the darkness we experience in the world.

It feels easier said than done, especially when the evil one fights back to disrupt our walk with Christ. How can you put on the armor of God when the world brings you to your knees?

Quite simply, by growing closer to our Lord and helping others do the same. The ChristLife series can help guide us on that journey.

## QUESTIONING GOD WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES

A decade ago, tragedy struck the Mitzel family of Aberdeen, causing questions of faith to arise in both children and mom and dad alike. They were a Catholic family who worshiped and prayed together, seeking God in their daily lives, and who were rocked to the core of their beliefs as they sought to repair the damage the tragic event had caused.

“I had a lot of anger in me for many years, and I started to question why God would allow something like that to happen,” Steve Mitzel said. “My son was a seminarian at the time and he ended up leaving the seminary because of it. Both of my older sons were so faithful and now they are questioning if there is a God.”

Steve explained how prior to this, he and his wife Brenda were a part of the Engaged Encounter, on the parish council for 15 years, and Steve was a member of the Knights of Columbus. They both felt as if they were doing the right things as faithful Christian parents. However, after his family’s situation, he slipped away from actively participating in his faith.

“There’s the devil and evil on earth, but we prayed for God to keep our children safe. Why did he not keep him safe?” Steve said. “There was a lot of questioning and I kept going to church, but it became mechanical, very robotic; I was doing it more for the kids. This leads to more questioning and, after seeing and hearing agnostic and atheistic information, you can start to cloud your mind.”

We’ll come back to the Mitzel’s story in a moment.

## SEEKING AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

More than three years ago, Deacon Pat Derrington, who serves at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls, was looking for something new to enrich the yearly RCIA program. He wanted to provide the candidates an opportunity to have a true conversion experience.

“Sometimes you can talk with or spend time with someone and you know they have had a conversion experience,” Deacon Pat said. “This put me on a path to find what we can do, or how could we modify the RCIA process to give people the opportunity to have an encounter with Christ.”

A Facebook message from members of a former parish said St. Mary Parish in Sioux Falls was offering a seven-week series called *Discovering Christ*. He reached out to the program director and became interested.

“I thought, this was something! What really piqued my interest was it was not just a seven-week course, the ChristLife series was three courses in one, and a way to grow a community of missionary disciples,” Deacon Pat said.

The three-part ChristLife series guides participants in *Discovering Christ*, *Following Christ*, and then *Sharing Christ*. Each part is seven weeks long, providing participants a way to encounter Jesus and renew their daily walk with him.

“The *Discovering Christ* part gives people an opportunity to renew their excitement, enthusiasm and sense of joy they once felt.” Deacon Pat said. “In the *Following Christ* part, you thoroughly examine your prayer life. Are you spending time in scripture? It helps flesh out your life and brings Jesus more into the everyday ebb and flow of one’s daily life. Finally, *Sharing Christ* is where we learn to go out and tell others.”

Deacon Pat knew this series would help his RCIA candidates have that encounter they needed to experience Christ and learn to grow in him, to build a relationship with Jesus and learn how to evangelize, bringing others to Christ.

Once the series took root, it expanded past the initial use in the RCIA program and became an annual series for anyone—couples or singles, members of any parish, as well as for Christians and even atheists. The first year, 100 people attended the first part, *Discovering Christ*. More than 90 people have made it through the third and final part. Deacon Pat says everyone is welcome to begin a relationship with Jesus.

## A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Deacon Pat describes the series outcomes in his parishioners’ lives as an awakening moment. Some participants who have completed the series have had a transformational experience. Julie Deis, of Holy Spirit Parish and a participant in the ChristLife series, describes her experience in the same terms.

“It hit me hard, am I living the Bible? Am I truly living God’s words? Am I helping? Am I being caring and empathetic? Am I being of service? It really woke me up,” Julie said. “The ChristLife series was kind of an answer. What was amazing is it shared things we already know, but we don’t pay attention to. It was like a veil lifted and all of a sudden you see God in everyone around you; realizing you’ve always had the capability of sharing God with them.”

Julie said sometimes you can see that some people are unsure of the series when it begins and are considering why they are attending. Julie and her husband, along with other veterans of the series, begin to pray for the participants so they may open their hearts and minds to God’s presence and learn to grow in Christ’s love. According to Julie, there comes a point where they turn a corner and start to experience a renewed relationship with Jesus.

## RETURNING TO FAITH

“My soul was in the desert and I was a robot going through the motions because of my family and kids, I was going to church because of them,” Steve Mitzel said. “I only went to the ChristLife series because my wife wanted me to. Little by little, the iceberg started chipping away and then it began to melt. All of



A group in attendance at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls during the *Discovering Christ* series.

a sudden, I was thinking ‘I needed to get back my relationship with Christ.’ I went to the series with no expectations and it just happened.”

Steve said Brenda’s faith never faltered during their family’s ordeal and subsequent relocation to the Sioux Falls area. Their children are slowly coming back to their faith at their own individual rates. His goal was to be a role model for his children, especially his sons who are questioning the very existence of God.

“Now they say, ‘Wow! Dad is hanging in there. Mom has always been the rock; she hasn’t waived at all; but Dad’s kind of hanging in there,’” Steve said. “I’m hoping through my example, in time they, too, will come back to faith.”

If you are feeling the pull of the Holy Spirit calling you to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, the ChristLife series can put you on that path. Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls will be offering the full ChristLife series starting in January 2023. If you want to have a personal encounter with Christ or want to experience the series in hopes of bringing it to your own parish, please contact Deacon Pat Derrington at Holy Spirit Parish to enroll in the 2023 series.

“It is well worth the time and investment, if only for yourself, and you don’t have to move on to the second or third parts,” Julie said. “*Discovering Christ* will immerse you into an understanding of who the Holy Spirit is, what his role in our life plays and how he brings us closer to Christ. Not everybody wants to have a personal relationship with Jesus, and that’s okay; but to me, a personal relationship is what makes my faith real.”



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THE PATHWAY OF

# DISCIPLESHIP

WALKING WITH OTHERS ON THE WAY OF FAITH

By Laurie Stiegelmeier

Jesus had a mission in mind for his disciples, and at the beginning of Luke chapter 10, he sent the 72 out ahead of him.

*He [Jesus] said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Luke 10:2)*

Nearly 2,000 years later, we are asked to be part of the laborers Jesus is asking for. We are the lifelong Catholic missionary disciples whom Bishop DeGrood is calling to go out, through our Lord's love.

## PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

To help us labor more easily and effectively, the Diocese of Sioux Falls is developing a model they are calling the Pathway of Discipleship. These are 11 stages or thresholds of growth in relationship with God that can be summarized with the concepts of *win*, *build* and *send*.

Dr. Chris Burgwald, director of discipleship formation, explained that we want to win people to Jesus, build them up as disciples of Jesus, and send them out to win more disciples for Jesus Christ. "It's the work of evangelization since the beginning of the Church," he said, "and we're all called to do it."

Father Scott Traynor, vicar for clergy and lay formation, said anything we can do to grow in our relationship with God will help us bring others to God.

"I need to be a disciple to make disciples," Father Traynor says. "The more I know the Pathway of Discipleship, the more intentional I can be in encouraging others and in befriending others with God's love. This is the new evangelization: the power of faith coming alive in people's lives."



Photo left: Cecilia, Marah, Shane and Augustine Van Deist

Photo below: Alaina Cuka, Lumen Christi formation coordinator for the diocese



“Everyone should know about the Pathway of Discipleship,” Shane Van Deist of St. Lambert Parish said. “The foundation of all of it is a desire to know, love and serve Jesus Christ. As disciples out in the world, it gives us tools to diagnose what is needed from us or from the Church. All of us will feel promptings from the Holy Spirit, and it can be intimidating to know how to respond; the pathway gives us tools for the desire we feel. It gives language to the process that says every one of us is called to be a missionary disciple.”

Shane also emphasized that the words *missionary* and *disciple* must go together—as a missionary we go out and share what we are receiving as a disciple, prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Everyone goes through the 11 stages on the Pathway of Discipleship in the same order, but the time between the steps can vary greatly from person to person and sometimes, due to life events, a person may even go backward or may move forward through more than one in a short time. Father Traynor said since we are all unique and unrepeatabe people, our relationship with God is also unique and unrepeatabe.

“We all go through the stages at our own pace, and we can go backwards—each person’s experience makes a difference,” Dr. Burgwald said. “When it comes to helping others, it’s more of an art than a science. When I’m helping to deepen people’s relationship with Jesus, I need to have a sense of where they are. It’s like a coach helping someone be a better player—the coach needs to know the level the player is at before they can encourage them to move forward.”

He furthered the analogy with the example that perhaps one player was struggling to dribble the ball while another was scoring 20 points per game. Each would be coached differently; the same is true for spiritual development.

Lumen Christi Formation Coordinator Alaina Cuka said we’re made for community, and we’re challenged to grow through the witness of others. We can use thresholds of conversion as a tool to discern where we are, but we don’t reach a stage of completion; we can waver between stages or go backwards.

“It can be a tool to use to discover where another or we ourselves are in that journey so we can offer a potential next step,” Alaina said.

Shane has had a front row seat watching people become disciples in many different fields. His first opportunity to model discipleship was to male athletes as a football coach at the University of South Dakota. He has worked at the parish level, chancery level, as a FOCUS missionary and in family life and friendship. He said someone is always modeling discipleship for us, and we are modeling for others.

“We don’t stop being disciplined when we are discipling,” Shane said. “Part of the genius and wisdom of this language is that we don’t wait to be a pro; there’s humility in knowing that none of us is perfect. And I’ve found it fascinating that we are going to fluctuate back and forth throughout our life.”





### Pre-Trust

A person likely has no connection with an individual Catholic or the Church and likely harbors suspicion or outright hostility toward Catholicism.



### Trust

A person has a positive association with Jesus, the Church (Catholic schools), or a Catholic. This is not the same as active personal faith.



### Curiosity

A person is intrigued by or desires to know more about Jesus or his teachings. This is passive interest, and the person is not yet open to change.



### Openness

A person admits to a general need or desire for personal and spiritual change. This is not the same as a commitment to specific changes.



### Seeking

A person moves from being passive to actively seeking to know the God who is calling him or her. The seeker is engaged in a spiritual quest.

## WIN

The first stage, in which a person likely has no connection with an individual Catholic or the Church and may have suspicion or outright hostility toward Catholicism, is *Pre-Trust*. Father Traynor advises building trust through attentiveness and kindness.

“Be reliable, consistent and available. Be a good human being,” he said. “Take a sincere and unrelenting interest in others. Listen for how God is trying to work in their lives. But remember that only God can move a person from one step to the next step. Our job is to create a favorable environment for the person to receive this grace from God.”

Father Traynor finds opening conversations with “tell me about your experience of God” has been fruitful; people don’t seem intimidated by it and will share. He then takes a sincere interest in their response to how they are receiving God’s initiative of love. He cautions that we should always have reverence and humility in our interest in a person’s deepening relationship with God.

“That’s the nature of love, to know and care about others,” he said. “We need to ask God to give us a supernatural love for those we meet.”

When a person has a positive association with Jesus, the Church, Catholic schools, or a Catholic, they grow into the *Trust* stage. This may lead to *Curiosity*. At this threshold a person is intrigued or desires to know about Jesus or his teachings but is not yet open to change. Curiosity can only happen when trust is achieved, but it is a passive stage because the person is not yet open to change.

*Openness* is an admission to a general need or desire for personal and spiritual change but does not imply a commitment to specific changes. When a person moves from being passive to actively trying to know the God who is calling him or her and is engaged in a spiritual quest, the threshold of *Seeking* has been reached.



Father Scott Traynor, vicar for lay and clergy formation in the diocese



# BUILD

The *Decision* is made in faith to follow Jesus as an obedient disciple in the Church. This brings about a new life and marks a major turning point in the life of a disciple. The person who has reached the decision stage is won for Christ and is ready to be built up through this and the next two steps on the Pathway of Discipleship.

A *Beginning Disciple* starts to follow Jesus, begins turning from sin and has a strong desire to grow spiritually. A *Growing Disciple* develops a heart for God and is willing to make sacrifices to personally grow. He or she lives the habits of the Christian life.

“The pathway of discipleship is a tool to assist someone to be a better disciple; we need to learn to know what to provide to further someone’s growth,” Shane said. “In the early stages, we need to continue to earn trust and show people what Jesus and the Church are about. Further along, people need tangible opportunities to live their relationship with Jesus, to serve and share. This might be asking them to lead a Bible study and helping them to share the Gospel message.”



# SEND

A *Commissioned Disciple* has decided to personally answer the call to take part in the mission of the Church by sharing the Good News and is ready to be sent out to do so. In Mark’s Gospel, the man freed from possession by a legion of demons is an example. After driving out the unclean spirits, “Jesus told him to ‘go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.’ Then the man went off and began to proclaim in the Decapolis what Jesus had done for him; and all were amazed” (Mark 5:19-20). After Pentecost, the apostles and disciples won, built and sent more missionary disciples into the world by boldly proclaiming what they had witnessed in their relationship with Jesus.

Sent out to evangelize, a *Disciple-Maker* has helped another person to commit their life to Jesus as a disciple and is willing to make sacrifices to help another person to grow spiritually. Finally, when a person is fully equipped for lifelong Catholic mission and has helped others become disciple-makers, who in turn have produced a strong third generation of disciples, they have become a *Spiritual Multiplier*. This person wants to give as a gift the gift they were given.

These identifiable stages or mile-markers exist, and we all go through them. “Not everyone arrives at the last stage of spiritual multiplier in their lifetime, but we’re all called to it and called to help one another to it,” Dr. Burgwald said.



**Decision**

The decision, in faith, to follow Jesus as an obedient disciple in the midst of the Church, which brings about new life.



**Beginning Disciple**

A person begins to follow Jesus as a disciple, starts turning away from sin, and has a tangible desire to grow spiritually.



**Growing Disciple**

A person develops a heart for God, is willing to make sacrifices in order to personally grow, and lives habits of the Christian life.



**Commissioned Disciple**

A person has decided to personally answer the call to take part in the mission of the Church by sharing the Good News.



**Disciple-Maker**

A person has helped another to commit their life to Jesus as a disciple and is willing to make sacrifices to help another person to grow spiritually.



**Spiritual Multiplier**

A person is fully equipped for lifelong Catholic mission and has helped others become Disciple-Makers, who in turn have produced a strong 3rd generation of disciples.

# WALKING WITH OTHERS

In training the missionary disciples of Lumen Christi, Alaina focuses on the thresholds of conversion as a tool for those who desire to evangelize others and to meet people where they are on their journey to Christ.

“It’s a way to check ourselves to make sure we’re asking questions and offering suggestions that allow us to walk with people rather than dragging them along or pushing them to where we think they should be,” Alaina said. “We need to understand where Christ is leading them.”

The idea of walking with people on the Pathway of Discipleship is repeated by Dr. Burgwald.

“I love Luke’s account of the road to Emmaus,” Dr. Burgwald said. “Jesus walks with the disciples in their journey. Before he tells them anything, he asks questions. Before that, he listens, and before that he walks with them. It’s an art, a skill we can grow in; practice makes perfect. The more time you spend listening intentionally, the better you get at it.”

“I don’t talk about what *I* want to talk about,” Father Traynor said. “I listen so I know what *we* talk about, who I refer them to, what book I put in their hand.”

Dr. Burgwald, Father Traynor, Alaina and Shane all emphasize that the pathway of conversion is not about labeling people or categorizing them. It’s about helping them make the next step. It’s about how we can best serve someone one-on-one in relationship with the love of Christ.

“The main pushback I get is that we’re putting people in a box, labeling them,” Alaina said. “This is not a labeling system; the goal is always to encounter people to help them have a deeper relationship with Jesus.”

Labeling can go the other way. We may assume that people who always attend Mass or go to Bible study are further along the pathway than they are. Alaina said knowing the thresholds of conversion is important.

“It’s a good accountability tool for focusing on the other person and truly encountering them and training ourselves to meet them where they are,” Alaina said.

It is important to know that knowledge of the Pathway of Discipleship and the work of evangelization is not reserved for priests or for people in charge of faith groups or those who work in faith-formation positions within the Church. It is the work of every baptized Christian. We are each called by our baptism to increase the harvest, to help our brothers and sisters in Christ grow in their love for God so we all may reach the eternal happiness of heaven.

“It’s the path we’re all on—to become fruitful disciples helping others to be fruitful disciples,” Dr. Burgwald said. “Ask God to show you where people are, and how to help them move along the pathway to greater discipleship. God gives the growth, but I can cultivate the soil, fertilize, water and make favorable conditions for God’s grace.”



*Dr. Chris Burgwald, director of discipleship formation for the diocese*

**IN THE COMING MONTHS,**  
the diocese will be providing additional  
teaching and resources to help people  
better understand and implement this  
model. Stay tuned for more!



# What does the Church teach about other Gospels?



*Can you explain why the gospel of Thomas is not accepted as a true gospel, and why the Catholic Church does not recognize it, or include it in bible publications?*



To begin with, it's important to note these gospels and other documents like them do in fact exist, and they are not modern forgeries. Truth be told, there are many, perhaps even dozens, of documents that claim to tell us about what Jesus did and/or taught. So why aren't they included in the Bible along with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?

To answer this question, it's helpful to answer the related question, why *are* Matthew, Mark, Luke and John included in the Bible? If there were several documents claiming to tell us about Jesus and his teachings or deeds, what differentiates these four?

It's essential to begin by noting that the decision of which documents to include within the Bible was made by the Holy Spirit working through the bishops of the Catholic Church. As bishops met, the Holy Spirit was present, ensuring only the documents that were actually inspired by God would be included in the Bible. So at the supernatural level, God was guiding the process.

At the human level, the bishops used a variety of criteria to determine which documents were inspired and therefore belonged in the Bible. Among those criteria are apostolicity (written by an apostle or with the consultation of the apostles), widespread usage at Mass in the early Church (being read at the liturgy in many places throughout the Mediterranean world where Christianity first grew), and in conformity with the faith of the Church (nothing at odds with the already clear teaching of the early Christians).

The four Gospels we find in our Bibles all meet these criteria: there is good evidence they were written either by an apostle (in the case of Matthew and John) or in consultation with the apostles (Mark with Peter and Luke with several of them), they

were read at Mass throughout the early Church, and there is nothing in them contrary to the teachings of the early Church.

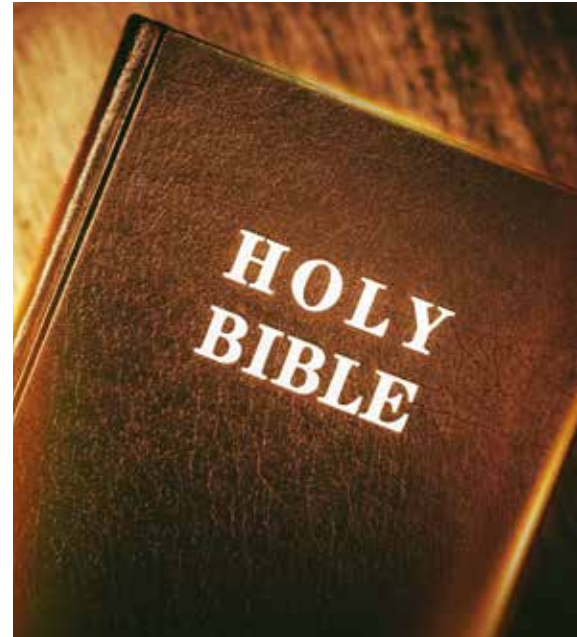
The corollary of this is that other documents that claim to tell us about Jesus and/or his deeds or teachings lack at least one of these criteria, and hence were determined by the early Church to be not inspired by the Holy Spirit. In some cases, a document was in conformity with the Church's teachings and even was read at Mass in some places, but because it was not apostolic, it was not regarded as inspired and therefore is not found in our Bibles. So there are early Church documents that are informative and enlightening about early Church belief and practice, but they are not inspired.

In other cases, though, most or even all of these criteria are absent, and hence these documents tell us little truth about Jesus or his teachings and deeds. That's the case with the document raised in this month's question, the gospel of Thomas.

Even though the document claims to be written by Thomas the Apostle, there is no evidence this is actually the case. In fact, the evidence indicates this document was written no sooner than A.D. 150, well after both Jesus' death and the lifespan of any of the apostles, including Thomas. The earliest reference we even have to this document is actually from the 200s, so it could be well later than even 150.

In addition, the teachings described in this document reflect not the beliefs of ancient Christians, but of a group called the gnostics. The word "gnostic" (the "g" is silent) means secret, and this group claimed to know Jesus' "actual" teachings, which were sometimes in agreement with what we know to be the gospel truth (pun intended!) but at other times were seriously at odds with that truth.

Specifically in the case of the gospel of Thomas, it closes with this stunning verse:



*Simon Peter said to him [that is, Jesus], "Let Mary [Magdalene] leave us, for women are not worthy of life." Jesus said, "I myself shall lead her in order to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every woman who will make herself male will enter the kingdom of heaven" (gospel of Thomas, 114).*

Yes, you read that correctly. According to this document, women are unworthy of heaven, and would first have to be changed by Jesus into a man in order to enter into God's glory, a doctrine which, to put it mildly, was not the one taught by the early Church!

This is just a sketch, but hopefully is enough to explain not only why the gospel of Thomas isn't in the Bible, but why it shouldn't be regarded as true at all. Thankfully, we do have the four biblical Gospels that do indeed faithfully relate to us the life, deeds and teachings of Jesus, whose death and resurrection we are about to celebrate.

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# Cultivating the Easter season throughout the year



By Jacob Geis

**T**he rhythm of South Dakota is set to the many seasons we experience. Winter precedes spring, which heralds the I-90-is-torn-up-again seas—oops, I mean summer. Summer fades into fall and then winter comes again. All of us navigate the weather changes to accomplish our everyday tasks, only considering them when selecting between a coat or a jacket, or when we have to make small talk.

The liturgical seasons often receive the same (or lower) level of interest from Catholics. Aside from the sacrifices that denote Lent, we generally don't realize it's a new season until we hear "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ" instead of the "Alleluia." We recognize it during Mass, but one day later it's Monday, just like every other Monday. We jump for joy on Easter Sunday, but unless we have work off, Easter Monday doesn't elicit glee. Yet, both are part of the Easter season.

The antidote to this apathy may come from an agrarian example. After all, Jesus used crops and livestock for many of his parables. I'm guessing it wasn't just because his contemporary audience could relate, but that he knew growth and cultivation were innately linked to the way he made us.

## The seasons within the seasons

For rural folks, the changing weather patterns are only overarching seasons, laid upon a natural rhythm as old as Adam and Eve. Compared to the urban consistency

of 8 to 5, farming is a series of seasons, each directly determines all the activities and thoughts of the day. The onset of winter marks the start of purchasing season, where fertilizer, crop chemistry and supplies are acquired on whatever side of December 31 makes our tax accountant happy. This flows into equipment prep, where the cobwebs are blown from disks and planters and grease is applied.

The real work starts when the spring thaw allows field work and pre-emerge spraying. Between April showers the crop is planted, and when we finish at the onset of summer, it's time for a little breather. Of course, summer brings "worrying about drought" season, which fades into early fall's "worrying about frost" season. So, farmers keep their minds busy by overlaying that with another equipment prep season, this time on the combine and grain wagons.

Fall coincides with the high point of the year—harvest. Here we collect and store a year's worth of labor. As that last truckload dumps at the elevator, there's a contentment in a farmer's heart that's difficult to describe.

## Living the whole experience

Harvest is also the time when non-farm family members swing in to help. Don't get me wrong, pitching in is greatly welcomed! But without the investment in the entire year's work, one only appreciates the thrill of big equipment and the mountain of flowing grain. When that moment passes, it's back to the world of climate control, consistent hours and monotony. Harvest becomes like the child's toy, played with on occasion, captivating the imagination, only to be placed on the shelf when finished.

Yes, for the farmer, harvest is thrilling and the highlight of the year. However, it is

intrinsically connected with the planning and cultivation of the crop. Harvest is the pinnacle of a cycle that carries the farmer through life.

Which brings us back to Easter and the liturgical seasons. The raising of a crop is only a sign that reflects the life Christ offers us through his Church. To truly experience the joy of Easter requires investment not just that Sunday, but throughout the Lenten season and Holy Week.

Holy Week, in particular, prepares us for Easter Sunday by unfolding the story of Christ's Passion in a visible, interactive way. We wave branches on Palm Sunday, only to join in the chorus crying "Crucify him," just like the people of Jerusalem. The intimacy and compassion of Holy Thursday, illustrated by the humility of feet washing, ends abruptly with the stripping of the altar. That empty feeling permeates Good Friday, the only day each year where Mass is not celebrated. The unconventional service, lacking the elements of the Mass, feels disjointed, illustrating how our lives can become disjointed without Christ.

By comparison, the exuberance of Holy Saturday fills those empty spaces in our soul. The fire, the Easter candle, the image of light breaking through the darkness exhibits the revolutionary power of Christ's triumph over death. After this celebration, when one attends Mass on Sunday morning, the world feels right again.

If you haven't attended every one of these services during Holy Week yet, make this the year you do. Walking with Christ through every service profoundly changes the way you view Easter Sunday. Don't just ride in the combine; plant and tend your spiritual journey. By doing so, the joy of Christ's resurrection will carry with you beyond Sunday, through the rest of the Easter season.

# Father David Krogman

Father David Krogman is up for this month's vocations Q&A. He was born in Adrian, Minnesota, to Buck and Rita Krogman. He attended grade school in Lismore and high school in Adrian, Minnesota. He has 10 brothers and sisters and 14 nieces and nephews. His parents came from very large families so he has 65 first cousins. Father Krogman was ordained May 29, 1981, and currently serves as the chaplain at Avera McKennan Hospital.

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

I thought about the priesthood when I was in grade school. I didn't become serious about a vocation until I was in college. Because I graduated from a Lutheran college, I was required to take religion classes and began studying my faith at a deeper level. When I was working in Minnesota, a gentleman who I worked with had been in seminary. He asked me if I ever thought about a vocation and if I did, I should give it a try. He also told me to give the seminary two years, then I would know. I took his advice, and I am glad I did.

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

I love history. I enjoy the history of the Church, studying about the holy men and women of our faith and how the Holy Spirit moved in their lives. I enjoy studying the various councils that have occurred and events that have resulted in reform. I enjoy learning about the various religious orders of women and men who have done so much for our universal church throughout the centuries.

## Q Who was most influential in your life?

My mom and dad and my grandmother, also the late Father Joe Murphy, Father Gary Ternes, and my classmate Father Greg Frankman. We were together at Sacred Heart in Aberdeen, which was a very good and holy experience for me.

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

My favorite parts of being a priest would be celebrating the Mass and administering the sacraments.

## Q What did you do before the priesthood?

I had several jobs before entering seminary. I was a chicken killer for Campbell Soup Company. I also worked on construction on Interstate 90, a hospital orderly, a waiter, and a bartender. My degree is in criminal justice and sociology, so I got a job in the state of Minnesota investigating fraud, mostly welfare fraud.

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

St. Anthony: I attended St. Anthony grade school in Lismore, Minnesota, and was given a novena to St. Anthony at my confirmation. I was 11 years old at the time and since then have prayed this prayer almost daily. I found the prayer to be comforting, especially when I was an Air Force chaplain serving in the first Desert Storm. St. Anthony is more than just the saint who we pray to for lost items.

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

I read, swim and also like to go to pawn shops and flea markets.

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

In my 41 years as a priest, I have led 16 religious pilgrimages as the spiritual director or as a host in Europe and Asia. God willing, this September, the pilgrimage will be to the world-famous passion play in Oberammergau (Germany).

## Q How can we best help you become a better priest?

The continued prayers of the faithful are most helpful.

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

I would choose Pope St. John XXIII. I would like to hear his take on how he sees the beautiful documents and the works of Vatican II being implemented in the 21st century. St. John XXIII also had a reputation for being jovial, and I believe a meal with him would be quite enjoyable!

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of Discipleship

By Matt Crosby

**M**acy Hajek, a Lumen Christi missionary in the Dell Rapids area, has followed a path that many other Catholics follow. It was a path that has helped her deepen her faith, change her way of living, and perhaps even helped her consider a different career choice.

Now, in her missionary work, she walks with others on the same path—the Pathway of Discipleship.

## SEEING HER OWN PATH

Macy was introduced to the Pathway of Discipleship as part of her training for the Lumen Christi summer program in 2021. She is now a year-round missionary working with her teammate, Clare Dvoracek, in the Dell Rapids St. Mary Catholic Schools during the week and hosting outreach activities in area parishes at other times.

The majority of their service takes place through mentorship, Bible studies and events. Macy says the opportunity to participate in one-on-one mentoring with junior high/high school girls and witnessing their growth is among the most rewarding aspects of work as a Lumen Christi missionary.

“It’s such a tangible example of God working,” Macy said.

Knowing the various stages of the Pathway of Discipleship has given her a better understanding of her own faith formation. She can see more clearly how she moved from stage to stage.



Macy Hajek, a Lumen Christi missionary in the Dell Rapids area



Macy (back right) spends a fun day with a group of kids during Lumen Christi summer missionary work in the diocese.



“Also, it’s allowed me to love people better for where they are.”

As for her Lumen Christi missionary work, the Pathway of Discipleship is a helpful model to determine where students are in their faith journey and process, and how the missionaries can help the students. Collaborations with students have incorporated knowledge of the pathway but with a less formal approach.

“One of the girls I am discipling, she has moved through the different thresholds and pathways, but it wasn’t something we necessarily talked about,” Macy said.

“For the longest time, I think it was just kind of happening, and I didn’t really know it was happening,” she said. And that understanding led Macy to realize that for a significant amount of time, she would describe herself in the curiosity/openness stage.

“I was, in a way, open to following it, but I was not necessarily living it out and actually making changes in my life to pursue a relationship with Christ,” she said.

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit and Macy was spending more time at home, she began to place a greater priority on her faith life.

“I moved more into what we would call the seeking and the decision point, where I am no longer just receiving information, but I am putting it into practice in my life,” she said, “and deciding for myself to seek Christ first and make the decision to follow him.”

At that point, she noticed a more rapid spiritual progression, moving to the stages of discipleship. For Macy, this desire for growth includes turning away from sin and instead pursuing activities such as retreats and Bible studies.

“After learning about the pathway, I’d say the biggest impact it’s had is being able to see more clearly the way God has been working and guiding me deeper into relationship with him,” Macy said. “It provided a language to the stages I’ve gone through in becoming a follower of Christ.”

As a missionary, her movement along the pathway includes a sacrifice of time and other priorities in order to pursue Christ, eventually sharing Christ with those around her, and teaching others how to share Christ.

## ENCOUNTERS ON THE WAY

When it comes to living out her faith, the pathway has changed the way Macy encounters people.

“Depending on where they may be in their journey can help determine what to share with them that would be most helpful, like a personal story or more teaching about the Church,” she said.

## NEW PATHS

While striving to live the faith in all aspects, access to the Pathway of Discipleship and additional discernment have also influenced Macy’s career path. She plans to study psychology when she returns to college this fall for the start of her junior year and hopes to earn a master’s degree in order to pursue a career in Catholic counseling.

“Through missionary work and getting to work one-on-one with students was kind of where I discovered I really like that, and switching to psychology is where I’m headed,” she said.

Wondering what this Pathway of Discipleship is? Page back to the feature story beginning on page 6 to find out.

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# Interrupt boundary violations to keep kids safe

By Alison Conemac

When we talk about maintaining a safe environment in our Catholic institutions (in our parishes, schools and ministries), we desire to keep everyone, especially children and vulnerable adults, safe from harm and abuse. One of the best tools for preventing abuse begins far before abuse starts. It begins with boundaries.

Often the first signs of abuse show up as boundary violations. Yet it can be such a challenge to interrupt boundary violations that can be a grooming tactic before abuse starts, especially sexual abuse. We don't want to appear rude or accuse another of bad intentions if in fact the boundary violation is a mistake or has no bad intention. How do we respond when we see something that leaves us uncomfortable?

A resource now available for our annual awareness curriculum for Safe Environment comes from the national Knights of Columbus as a series of videos on prevention and responding to abuse. In one of the videos titled "Responding to Boundary Violations," Dr. Monica Applewhite walks us through three ways to interject in three general scenarios: physical boundary violations, trying to get a child alone repeatedly, and text or private messages sent to a child.

Starting with physical proximity and polite language, Dr. Applewhite encourages the adult to interrupt a physical boundary violation like tickling, excessive affection, or inappropriate conversation. If that interjection doesn't stop the behavior, directly addressing the other adult with assertive explanation or direction on what is expected is encouraged. If the adult refuses to abide by the boundary the parent or guardian requests, insistent direct confrontation is essential.

Dr. Applewhite offers many scenarios and examples of how to step in when an adult tries to draw your child to be alone with them away from the group, and she has excellent advice for ground rules and reinforcing ground rules for a child texting or messaging with those older than their age group.

Often it can feel rude to directly confront another adult regarding their behaviors, but your interjection to correct a behavior is not something to feel bad about—it's an essential step to stop inappropriate behavior. An adult refusing to change their behavior when you interject is a serious concern and may require direct and seemingly impolite confrontation to ensure an inappropriate behavior with a child is stopped. It can be helpful to request a commitment from the adult that they will not continue the behavior.

Boundary violations are steps a perpetrator initiated before overt sexual abuse to gain a rapport with or access to a child. We commonly refer to this as *grooming behavior*. You have the ability to block access, politely confront, and impolitely confront any adult whose behavior concerns you around your child or another child whom you are with or responsible for.

Direct confrontation is not the same as accusing someone of



abuse. An adult with no bad intention will receive your reminder and change their behavior.

At first it can feel uncomfortable to set these boundaries for your child, but over time it becomes much easier, and it teaches your child how to set boundaries for themselves when they are outside your supervision and in their future relationships.

"Responding to Boundary Violations," featuring Dr. Applewhite, can be viewed on our diocesan safe environment page at [sfcatholic.org/safe-environment/resources](http://sfcatholic.org/safe-environment/resources) or directly on the Knights of Columbus safe environment page at [kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program](http://kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program).

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# Sister Mary John Scheuren dies at 89

Sister Mary John Scheuren OSB, 89, died February 22, 2022. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated February 26 in the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel at Sacred Heart Monastery. Burial was in the monastery cemetery.

Agnes Pauline Scheuren was born May 11, 1932, to John and Caroline (Kubal) Scheuren of Wagner, South Dakota. She was the youngest of three children and attended public school until high school. She then was enrolled at Mount Marty High School in Yankton.

After her graduation in 1950, she entered Sacred Heart Monastery and became a novice on June 29, 1951, and received the name, Mary John. Sister Mary John made her first profession on June 29, 1952, and her perpetual profession on June 29, 1955.

Sister Mary John spent her life teaching music and English while working toward

her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Marty and later a Master of Music degree from the University of Nebraska in 1967. She also spent time at Florida State University continuing her study in music theory.

Her first ministry assignment was in 1953 in Tabor, South Dakota. After that, she spent time at schools in Salem, South Dakota; Glen Ullin, North Dakota; York, Lincoln, and Omaha, Nebraska; Pueblo, Colorado; and Mount Marty College in Yankton from 1969-1975 as a keyboard and theory instructor.

She spent her life's work helping others create music and understand the discipline and practice music takes.

Sister Mary John is survived by her Benedictine community, her sister-in-law Beverly Scheuren of St. Petersburg, Florida, and several nieces and nephews.



Sister Mary John Scheuren

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Dr. John Scheuren, and her sister Sister Theresa Scheuren, OSB.



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# Portable organ to be unveiled at cathedral concert



The final event of the 2022 Sacred Arts Series will showcase a new feature for the Cathedral of Saint Joseph—a continuo organ. On April 7 at 7 p.m., the concert will celebrate the arrival of the small new portable organ for the front of the cathedral and the beginning of the project to replace the main cathedral organ in the choir loft.

Bishop DeGroot will bless the new continuo organ, and skilled instrumentalists and vocalists will perform, along with the Cathedral Choir.

Small organs like this new arrival are often called “portative” organs (because they can be moved easily where they are needed), or “continuo” organs (because they often play the continuo part of Baroque and Classical music, along with cello or other bass instruments).

The performance will showcase the small organ’s ability to make music in the front of the cathedral, alone, and in interesting combinations with other musicians.

“This is an exciting time for the cathedral and our diocese,” Father James Morgan, rector of the cathedral, said. “Having a handmade concert organ may not seem like such a big deal, but for the cathedral as the hub of sacred liturgy and worship in our diocese, as well as the cathedral’s identity as a civic landmark that draws people from all over, this instrument elevates our status within the sphere of the sacred arts and sacred music. In the end, it’s all about giving greater glory to God.”

There will be a brief pre-concert presentation from Juget-Sinclair organ builders, a world-renowned company based in Montreal. They will describe their organ building methods and their plans for the new cathedral organ, which will begin construction in 2024.

This is a rare opportunity to hear about the fascinating process of building an organ, and learn about the centuries-old crafting techniques used by Juget-Sinclair.

A reception will follow the concert.

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**APR. 29 - 30, 2022**

**SCHOOL OF HEALING**  
**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
411 3RD AVE SE  
ABERDEEN, SD 57401

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Friday, April 29th</b>	<b>Saturday, April 30th</b>
5:30pm - Registration	9:00am - Registration
9:30pm - Evening Concludes	10:00pm - Evening Concludes

**7-10PM**  
**HEALING SERVICE**  
Saturday, April 30th  
(The Healing Service is Free & Open to the Public)

**COST: \$65**  
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**Recitation of the rosary**

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

**Friday Fish Fry during Lent**

St. Joseph Parish, Grenville, is hosting all you can eat fish fries from 5-7:30 p.m. March 4, 11, 18 and 25, and April 1 and 8. Cost for 12 and up is \$15, 8-11 is \$8, 7 and under eat free. Menu includes pollock, shrimp, cheesy hashbrowns, baked potatoes, coleslaw, salads, fresh baked bread, homemade desserts, coffee and lemonade. Weekly kid's prizes, 50/50 drawing, gun raffle.

**Catholic Daughters Luncheon/Tea**

**April 9** - The Catholic Daughters St. Christina Court 2336 presents a salad luncheon and card/game party Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, 140 W Brian St, Tea, SD. Tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations available by calling Diane at 605-360-4679 or Jeri at 605-359-4068.

**Women at the Well retreat**

**April 23** - Women at the Well Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat, Saturday at St. Michael Parish, Sioux Falls, between 8 a.m.-noon. Retreat begins with 8:15 a.m. Mass, then speakers, Sunday Scripture study, music and fellowship. Come as you are and join us to learn more about our Catholic faith. The retreat is open to all women from all parishes and denominations. Registration is not required and there is no fee. Contact Paula Jones at [pjjkeeper@sio.midco.net](mailto:pjjkeeper@sio.midco.net) or 605-214-4951 for more information.

**Catholic Daughters Luncheon/Sioux Falls**

**April 30** - The St. Michael and St. Katharine Drexel parishes Catholic Daughters Court Mother Teresa presents the "Tour of Tables" spring luncheon, Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the St. Michael Parish multi-purpose room in Sioux Falls. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth and under 4 years are free. Reservations for groups of four or more are available by calling 605-366-2563. Tickets are available at the door or St. Michael and St. Katharine Drexel parish offices after April 14.

**May Crowning of Mary in Aberdeen**

**May 1** - Sacred Heart Parish in Aberdeen is hosting a May Crowning of Our Lady at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Marian hymns will be sung while processing out of the church after Mass to the Marian Garden. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring your favorite flowers. Please call Chiara at the parish at 605-225-7065 if you have any questions.

**Marian retreat set for June**

**June 11** - Sacred Heart Parish in Aber-

deen is hosting a "33-day to Morning Glory" Marian retreat for either renewal of consecration or first-time consecration. The first meeting starts June 11 at 9 a.m. at the parish hall. The rest of the retreat days are June 12, 19, 26 and July 3 and 10 at 12:45 p.m., with consecration day held July 16 after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Please bring your own book if you are renewing your consecration, or get a free book at our first meeting. Call Chiara at the parish at 605-225-7065 if you have any questions.

**Family Camp at Broom Tree**

**June 24-27** - Join us for an all-inclusive Family Camp experience! This camp, directed by Sean and Jenn Dalton and Father Scott Traynor, offers your family a great opportunity to get away from the busyness and distractions of daily life to grow together in your relationship with each other and with God. The weekend begins June 24 at 5 p.m. and ends June 27 at 1:30 p.m. For information on costs and to register, go to [broomtree.org](http://broomtree.org) or call 605-263-1040.

**Pray at Planned Parenthood with the Jericho Wall group**

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

**Audio recording of Bishop's Bulletin for visually impaired**

Audio recordings of The Bishop's Bulletin are available for the visually impaired each month. Deacon Roger Heidt lends his voice to bring to life the stories in the monthly magazine. If you would like to receive this recording, contact Josh Easter at [josh.easter@state.sd.us](mailto:josh.easter@state.sd.us).

**The Lourdes Center**

**A God Who Knocks**-The Lourdes Center will be presenting a six-week series exploring the impact of emotional wounds and opening the door to Gods healing love. This series will be on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. beginning April 6 at The Lourdes Center, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Cost for the six-week series is \$50. Register at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com). Please call 605-988-3775 with any questions.

**Sacred Heart Monastery**

**April 1** - Online Lectio Divina, Fridays, April 1, 8, 22 and 29 10-10:45 a.m. Meet online for Lectio Divina, a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader, Sr. Penny Bingham OSB at [pbingham@yanktonbeneditines.org](mailto:pbingham@yanktonbeneditines.org) 605-668-6023. Include your email address.

**April 14-17** - Paschal Triduum Retreat. Enter the silence and experience the rich liturgies of Holy Week with the monastic community of the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton. This retreat begins 4 p.m. April 14 (Holy Thursday) and ends with noon dinner on Easter Sunday. For more information go to [www.yanktonbeneditines.org/triduum-retreat](http://www.yanktonbeneditines.org/triduum-retreat). To register, e-mail [BenedictinePeaceCtr@yanktonbeneditines.org](mailto:BenedictinePeaceCtr@yanktonbeneditines.org) or call 605-668-6292 before April 9.

**April 23** - Monthly Contemplative Mornings. Meeting usually the third Saturday of the month, 9-11:15 a.m. Contact Sr. Doris at [doberembt@yanktonbeneditines.org](mailto:doberembt@yanktonbeneditines.org) 605-668-6022. [yanktonbeneditines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings](http://yanktonbeneditines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings).

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

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

**Notices**

The DISC Mission Grant application forms for 2022 are now available. Any mission or Catholic organization in the national or international community may apply. Past grants have ranged from \$250-\$1,000. The grant application is now an online-only application and is due April 30. Please list Dawn Wolf in the DISC Member Name field and the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls in the DISC Member (Arch) Diocese field. You can find the application at <http://www.discinfo.org/membership/bishop-richard-pates-mission-grant/>. Grants are typically awarded in mid June to early July.





# JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS

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



OR ANYTIME ONLINE AT [SFCATHOLIC.ORG/CATHOLIC-VIEWS](http://SFCATHOLIC.ORG/CATHOLIC-VIEWS)

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