



Catholics receive the Body of Christ during weekday Mass celebrated by Father David Esquiliano at Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City. (Globe photo by Dawn Prosser)

Fewer Catholics, more ‘nones’ provide challenge, great opportunity

By **RENEE WEBB**
Senior reporter

In the United States, less adults are identifying as Catholic while the number of “nones” – those with no religious affiliation – are on the rise.

A “religious landscape” report issued Oct. 17 by the Pew Research Center found Catholics have slipped from 23 percent in 2009 to 20 percent today. Nones jumped from 17 percent in 2009 to 26 percent in 2019. In the report, the makeup of the nones category not only included the 17 percent who listed “nothing in particular” when it comes to religious belief but also 4 percent atheist and 5 percent agnostic.

Reaction to numbers

Father David Esquiliano, rector of the Cathedral of the

Epiphany, said the news is concerning but he views it as an invitation to action.

Reflecting on the new evangelization as called upon by St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, Father Esquiliano said “this is a great opportunity for us.”

“We certainly have to keep working with people in our pews already and make sure they are nourished so they don’t go looking for nourishment anywhere else, but that is an invitation to go out and reach out to people who have left any faith,” he said.

While Father Mark Stoll, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Cherokee and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Holstein, was not surprised by the numbers but was saddened.

“What I’ve seen in parish life and in my ministry, you see trend of smaller families and people drifting away. Some of the

efforts we have been making over the years don’t seem to be working,” said the pastor.

Looking ahead, Father Stoll said the priests have been talking with each other and with the Office of Evangelization about other efforts they can make to evangelize and revitalize the parishes.

“That’s one of the goals of Ministry 2025,” he noted. “We know we have work to do.”

Father Bruce Lawler, pastor of All Saints Parish in Le Mars, noted it can be a little disheartening to see so many young people practice minimally or not at all.

“A tradition of living the Catholic faith that might go back generations in their family will die with them and their

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In this issue, we salute all veterans and we focus on two of our priests whose ministry placed them alongside the brave men and women of our country’s military. Please pray for our veterans now and on Veterans Day.

Military chaplains serve **GOD** and **COUNTRY**

Msgr. Seifried finds meaningful ministry in chaplaincy

By **DAWN PROSSER**
Editor

Msgr. Kenneth Seifried served his country and the church for 28 years as a U.S. Army chaplain before returning to the Diocese of Sioux City 20 years ago. He was able to see nearly every corner of the globe and minister to fellow soldiers of every denomination.

A native of Manson, the then Father Seifried was ordained at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in 1963. Armed with Holy Orders and a master’s degree in education, he began a seven-year full-time teaching career at Kuemper High School in Carroll. The young priest was serving the church and teaching Peace and Justice, Western Civilization and Church History.

His father fought in World War I (on the German side), and his three brothers served in the military. Young Father Seifried had the itch to serve and to see something outside of northwest Iowa.

“I wanted to get out of the cornfields of Iowa,” he said. “It took me five years to convince Bishop Mueller to let me (leave and join the military). He said I could go right before he retired. I wanted to see the world; see what’s out there.”

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Father Barrett made difference in shipmates lives

By **RENEE WEBB**
Senior reporter

Just a few years after his ordination to the priesthood, Father Miles Barrett said it was a Lutheran minister who asked him to consider serving in the Navy Reserves because they needed priests.

“He was God’s messenger so to speak,” recalled the now retired U.S. Navy chaplain, who had earned his pilot’s license in 1979 before he was a priest. “I thought I’d enjoy going to Alaska as a priest/bush pilot and supply sacraments. But God had other ideas and his idea still let me be in aircraft of all types and serve his children who didn’t have sacraments available each week.”

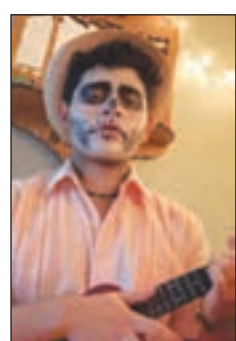
After this native of Sioux City graduated from Briar Cliff University in 1972 with a degree in vocal and instrumental music education, he taught at the elementary, high school and college level for five years. He finished most of a master’s in music from the University of Michigan.

Upon his Feb. 20, 1982 ordination, his first assignments were as assistant pastor at Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City, Sacred Heart Parish in

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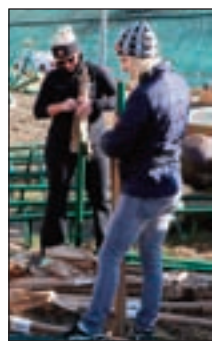
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children, simply atrophying due to lack of practice,” he said. “On the other hand, the situation invites us to look deeply at the message we preach and rediscover why it is relevant, why they need to hear it. And then find a way to present it.”

Hispanic stats

The latest Pew study also revealed the percentage of Hispanics who say they are Catholic dropped from 57 percent in 2009 to 47 percent in 2019. Hispanic nones rose from 15 to 23 percent during that time and those identifying as Protestant rose just 1 percent to 24 percent.

“I don’t think there is a single culprit – definitely culture; we have taken God out of life,” said Father Esquiliano, noting that faith is no longer a priority for many people. “When it is no longer a priority, it is easy to set aside.”

He also said priests and all people in the pews must ask themselves if they have failed in some way, adding, “Perhaps we have not been so welcoming. Perhaps we haven’t really reached out.”

Father Michael Cronin, parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish in Storm Lake and Sacred Heart Parish in Early, said with an increasing number of Hispanics being second and third generation they are becoming more enculturated.

“It makes sense that they will follow the same trends as the rest of society,” he noted, adding that a challenge he sees with Hispanic youth is they primarily speak English but then go to Spanish Mass with their parents and grandparents. “Since they don’t fully understand Spanish, it is harder for them to learn about the Catholic faith and to remain active Catholics.”

Responding

Bishop Walker Nickless addressed the Pew report in his letter published Oct. 24 in *The Catholic Globe*. You can find it online at www.catholicglobe.org.

To get the word out about the study, in his homilies the weekend of Oct. 26 and 27 Father Stoll spoke to his congregation Bishop Nickless’ article. At the parish level, the pastor said they are also trying to offer programming that helps to inspire the faith such as the film viewing and youth rally just held in Cherokee.

“The challenge is reaching out to those who have left the church, to try to bring them back,” Father Stoll acknowledged. “The only option a lot of us priests have is when a couple comes when they want to get married, have their child baptized or have a child preparing for a sacrament like Communion.”

Because their time with many parishioners is limited, he said they must make every opportunity count.

Father Lawler agreed that sacramental preparation may present an opportunity to speak one on one with individuals or families who don’t otherwise practice the faith or support the parish.

“Beyond that group, there are true fallen-away Catholics who we must find other ways to reach,” he said.

At this point rather than a specific program, Father Esquiliano said creating a welcoming environment and reaching out



Father David Esquiliano explains there is great opportunity to welcome Catholics back into the pews. (Globe photo by Dawn Prosser)

“We do not gather to worship a God who is far away, we gather to worship a God who is among us.”

– Father David Esquiliano

to others, is something the parish is trying to embrace, and he hopes all members of the parish family join in.

“A priest by himself will not be able to bring all these people back to the church,” he said, again stressing the importance of an inviting atmosphere. “We could have thousands of programs, but if we don’t welcome them, they won’t stay.”

Seeing the bright side, Father Esquiliano said there are many parishioners who want to get involved in helping to run programs and helping others come back to the church.

Father Esquiliano asks the faithful to remember how far Christianity has come since its inception.

“It started with 12 men. Now we have to go out again, perhaps out of our comfort zone,” he said.

The real presence

A Pew survey from August revealed that 69 percent of self-identified Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They view the bread and wine as mere symbols of Christ’s body and blood. Furthermore, the survey found that many Catholics did not know the real presence is a church teaching.

Father Esquiliano called that revelation a bit scary considering it is a core belief of the church.

“If we cannot see what is different in the Catholic Church, why would I go to that church?” he asked. “We are the only one with Christ in the Eucharist. He is in every single church, present in the tabernacle. We do not gather to worship a God who is far away, we gather to worship a God who is among us.”

To help solve the problem, the priest said there is a need for more eucharistic adoration, more reverence in Mass and the faithful to see a love of the Eucharist by the priests.

Father Cronin noted that he and his pastor, Father Brent Lingle, have preached about the Pew study related to the real presence “explaining how Jesus is really present and how the way we worship influences people’s perception of that presence.”

In the high school youth group at St. Mary’s, he said they are following a semester-long curriculum that helps students to look at the visible and invisible realities of grace, with the goal of deepening their appreciation for Mass and have held discussions with parishioners about what adult faith formation activities to provide.

“For us to believe in the true presence, we need to act as if Jesus is truly present,” said Father Cronin. “There are a number of things we do as Catholics that make it harder to believe in the real presence.”

He has been in parishes throughout the diocese where Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have referred to distributing bread and wine rather than the body and blood. The parochial vicar also believes more could be communicated about not receiving Communion when in grave sin.

“It is harder to communicate the value of the Eucharist and Jesus’ presence when we go to the altar and receive Communion, irregardless of our actions and sinfulness,” said Father Cronin, who noted that how people attend Mass in the way they dress, arriving on time and completing one-hour fast can add to the reverence and help express the value given at the altar.

Father Lawler believes the defective understanding of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist – thinking it’s just a symbol – is the weakened understanding of sacraments in general.

Someone joining the church recently asked him why more Catholics don’t bother to drink from the chalice if they truly believe what is taught about the Eucharist.

“That’s a good question, and I think this observation reflects the fact that the present, practicing generation does not have a good understanding of sacraments to pass on to a generation that had an even poorer understanding,” Father Lawler said.

Father Stoll said they must continue to think of ways to stress the belief in the real presence. For instance, when parents meet for information about first Communion services it can transition into “a teachable moment” to help them realize the real presence.

“Reaching out to those who have left, though, is a big challenge. Sometimes we don’t even know who they are,” he admitted. “It will be a long process.”

Father Stoll is also of the mindset that this will have to be a group effort.

“The bishop can’t do it by himself. The priest can’t do it by himself. The DREs can’t do it by themselves. That’s why we will be reaching into Catholics that are in the pews right now to encourage them to help and encourage them to do what they can even in their homes – the domestic church,” he said.

Looking to the future

“Our challenge as a church is always to read the sign of the times and confront the realities of the age in which we live,” Father Lawler said. “Obviously, the big change is to bring the Gospel to those who are nominally connected or truly outside the church – or any church. We need to learn how to evangelize.”

Despite sobering statistics, Father Esquiliano remains hopeful about the future of the church.

“Especially because it’s not my work as a priest, it is God’s work. He is the one who sent us to bring people to him,” the rector said. “I know he’ll be guiding it. I just need to allow myself to be guided by him.”

The priest recalled the words of St. Augustine: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

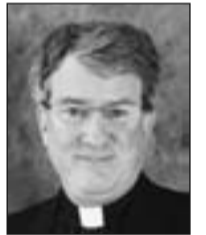
“We must remember that everyone is searching for something,” said Father Esquiliano. “They are looking for God even if they do not know it. We need to pray for them, that they will find that rest and the only one who can offer it is our Lord.”

In the process of thinking about those who have left the church, Father Cronin noted it can be easy to panic and forget about the good things that are happening. In his own parishes he cited 15 adults who are volunteering to help at a student retreat and five young adults who are in RCIA.

“Every week I have conversations with parishioners who have meaningful experiences at Mass, who then use those encounters with Christ to guide them the following week,” Father Cronin said. “The church has always been the steward of God’s graces and she will continue to provide this ministry to all who seek Christ.”



Fr. Stoll



Fr. Lawler



Father Michael Cronin distributes the Body of Christ at St. Mary Parish in Storm Lake. (Submitted photo)

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Funeral Mass for Jake Pick held in Le Mars

The father of Father Tim Pick, Jacob “Jake” Pick, 84, of Le Mars, died Oct. 22, 2019. Mass of Christian Burial was October 26 at All Saints Catholic Parish – St. James Church in Le Mars. Father Timothy Pick was the celebrant and Deacon Paul Gengler assisted. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Le Mars.

Jacob Gregor Pick was born on December 31, 1934 to Arthur and Frances (Deiterman) Pick in Union Township in Plymouth County, Iowa. He graduated from Union Consolidated School in 1954. After graduation, he completed some courses at the University of Iowa. Jake married Rose Marie Howell on April 20, 1960 at St. James Church in Le Mars. They were residents of Oyens until 1974 when they moved to Le Mars. Jake

worked for the Le Mars Daily Sentinel in the composing and printing department. He then worked as a linotype operator for the Sioux City Journal until taking early retirement to be a primary caretaker for his daughter, Jane.

Jake was a past Grand Knight of Trinity Council #1466 of Le Mars and a former past president of the Le Mars Little League. He was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and a longtime member of the I-Club. Jake loved the Green Bay Packers and the New York Yankees. He and his wife, Rosie were season ticket holders for Iowa football for over 30 years and traveled to many of the Hawkeye bowl games. Jake was a rosary leader and lector for many years at St. James Church. Most of all, Jake was a devoted hus-

band, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Family and his faith were most important to him.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Rosie Pick of Le Mars; son, Father Timothy Pick of Breda, daughter, Jolynn (Randy) Hoffman of Le Mars, son, Todd (Kim) Pick of Le Mars, five grandchildren, Matt (Kristen) Hoffman of North Liberty, Nick (Stephanie) Hoffman of Dallas Center, Megan Hoffman and special friend, Troy DuBay of Urbandale, Alex (Kristi) Pick of Cedar Rapids, and Emily Pick of Le Mars, IA; seven great-grandchildren, Landon Hoffman, Will Hoffman, Juliana Hoffman, Brielle Hoffman, Myla Hoffman, Khloe Hoffman and Ali Sjulie; one brother, Robert Pick and his wife, Karen of Le Mars, a sister-in-law, Sandra Pick of Correctionville, and many nieces and nephews.



Pick

Reflecting on vocations, fidelity to God

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
This week, the first full week of November, is National Vocations Awareness Week. We take a moment to remind ourselves how important it is for each of us to find and follow the divine gift of our vocation.

What do we mean by "vocation?" A vocation is God's call to follow him to heaven in a particular way. The most important aspect of our individual vocation comes from holy baptism. Every baptized person is called personally by God, just as Jesus called the twelve Apostles – "Come, follow me" (e.g., Mt 4:19).

The unchanging foundation of our baptismal discipleship is our participation in Christ's own divine life (see Rom 6:4, Col 2:12, etc.). Jesus Christ saves us, not merely by our imitation of him, but most especially by sharing his own life with us, so that we can be made holy, from the inside out! Vatican II called this the "universal call to holiness."

All of us, then, who are baptized, receive ministry from church, for our own sanctification. All of us are members of the church, of the mystical body of Christ who saves the world. All of us, therefore, have specific roles to play in the life of the church, proclaiming, worshipping, and loving with Christ. In these roles, we become Christ's hands and heart, so that he may use us (vessels of clay though we are) to sanctify others.

The second sense of "vocation," then, refers to the individual path within our shared baptismal call to holiness, by which we participate, according to God's will for our life, in the church's mission.

The "big three," the most common and essential vocations, are these: married life (meaning God's definition of marriage, not the world's), clergy (bishops, priests, and deacons), and religious life (the various forms and orders of consecrated life for men and women). A fourth path may also be mentioned, even if it is not technically a separate vocation, namely, the single life, which may be either temporary or not.

What is essential in each of these distinctive paths is our fidelity to the call of Christ. The fidelity of husbands and wives to each other, and to their children, in spite of temptations and opportunities otherwise, loudly proclaims God's fidelity to his "spouse," the church, and to all his children. The fidelity of the clergy to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, celebrate the sacraments, and love every person with the heart of Christ, simply and without preference or partiality, loudly proclaims the saving work of Christ still alive and active through

the church.

The fidelity of the religious to their vows and their radical rule of life loudly proclaims the possibility, and the invitation, to follow Christ. And the fidelity of single people in the lay life to live the Gospel rather than conform to the culture or selfishness loudly proclaims

the power of grace to elevate and purify every movement of the human heart. The church needs all these people to be faithful disciples, each in their own individual path, to function fully and be healthy.

Several of my recent Globe letters have pointed out how urgent it is becoming, that we embrace the "narrow path" (Mt 7:13) with greater commitment and zeal. We have not, by and large, succeeded over the past five or six decades in converting hearts and minds to Christ. In spite of many earnest efforts, many good intentions, and the heroic fidelity of a few, we have accepted a rather low standard for our own fidelity in our vocations. We need to raise the bar.

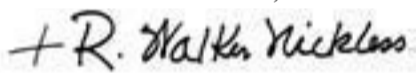
Christ calls us to follow him without reservation or compromise, and he gives us all the grace we need to do so. The path may be narrow and steep, and it does mean turning aside from the "broad and easy way" of drifting and not challenging ourselves or each other, but it is the only path that leads to heaven.

Each one of us has this double, personal, call from God: to be holy, and to follow him in one of the Church's distinctive paths of holiness and commitment. Listen to the voice of God! Hear, and follow, and become holy! And please pray in a special way that our young men may seriously consider going to the seminary to discern the call to priesthood.

All vocations are important, but at this time in our diocese, we need priests. Please encourage your sons, grandsons or any young men you may be aware of who show signs of holiness to consider the priesthood.

Finally, please pray for me to be a more faithful and holy bishop, just as I pray daily for all of you. God be with you every day.

Your brother in Christ,



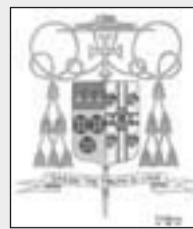
Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless
Bishop of Sioux City

P.S.: I've all but given up on my favorite Denver Broncos, but, you know, miracles do happen!



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Bishop Walker Nickless



Bishop Nickless' schedule from Nov. 7 to 24

November 7	Storm Lake – Presbyterate Day, 9:30 a.m., St. Mary Parish hall
November 8	Sioux City – Catholic School Foundation Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Chancery office
November 10-14	Baltimore, MD – United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's General Assembly
November 15	Early – Presbyteral Council meeting, 10:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Parish hall
November 16	Granville – Celebration of Mass and Confirmation, 5 p.m., St. Joseph Parish
November 17	Remsen – Celebration of Mass and Confirmation, 1 p.m., St. Mary Parish
November 18	Sioux City – Department Leaders meeting, 2 p.m., Chancery office
November 19	Sioux City – Holy Spirit Retirement Home Board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Chancery Office Sioux City – Fall dinner with Bishop's Briar Cliff University Scholarship recipients, 6 p.m.
November 21	Sioux City – Priest Pension Board meeting, 11 a.m., Chancery office
November 24	Sioux City – Celebration of Mass and Confirmation, 2 p.m., Holy Cross Parish-St. Michael Church

MercyOne Gala

Bishop Walker Nickless leads prayer during MercyOne's Gala held Nov. 2 in Sioux City. (Globe photo by Dawn Prosser)



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“Our partnership with the Dagama School for Physically Disabled Children in Luanshya is an example. There, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi are providing educational opportunities for disabled Zambian children and ensuring they receive loving care. Their efforts restore hope and encourage self-confidence. It’s an incredible outreach, and it’s transforming the lives of these precious boys and girls.”

Cavnar added that the Dagama School’s mission would be necessary even if the superstitious fears that lead to the persecution of children with disabilities and their families could be overcome.

“Most Zambian families live in ramshackle homes and work as day laborers or subsistence farmers,

barely eking out a living. They struggle to provide basics like food and shelter, so they could never afford the special therapies or medical treatments children with disabilities often require. The Dagama School plays a critical role in meeting those needs. Our goal is to support their efforts — to ensure the children get the special care,



educational opportunities and healthy meals they need.”

Cross Catholic Outreach provides a similar level of support to many other Catholic missions overseas, including several that also specialize in providing care for children with disabilities (see feature on the Touch of Life mission in Ecuador on the



The religious sisters in Zambia are finding ways to restore hope and joy to children with disabilities living in poverty and isolation. U.S. Catholics are supporting this ministry through Cross Catholic Outreach.

opposite page). In each of these cases, Cross Catholic Outreach relies on donations from U.S. Catholics to support the work.

“I mentioned how families struggle financially to meet even their most basic needs. Sadly, a lot of Catholic missions in developing countries face similar stresses. They lack sufficient funding and desperately need resources,” Cavnar said. “That’s where Cross Catholic Outreach comes in. We share the hardships of these missions with U.S. donors, secure financial support and ship in the resources they need. Over the years, thousands of compassionate U.S. Catholics have rallied to provide help and the impact has been incredible. We can do the same for

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Cross Catholic Outreach’s range of relief work to help the poor overseas continues to be recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S. and abroad.

“We’ve received more than 100 endorsements from bishops and archbishops,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). “They’re moved by the fact that we’ve launched outreaches in almost 40 countries and have undertaken a variety of projects — everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor. The bishops have also been impressed by Cross Catholic Outreach’s direct and meaningful response to emergency situations, most recently by providing food, medicines and other resources to partners in Haiti, El Salvador and areas of Belize impacted by natural disasters.”

Archbishop Thomas Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, supported this mission,

writing: “It is a privilege for me to support Cross Catholic Outreach. This organization funds ministries to our neighbors in need in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and the Pacific. Through the generosity of so many, the love of God is made visible to many who are coping with the most difficult of daily living conditions.”

In addition to praising CCO’s accomplishments, many of the bishops and archbishops are encouraged that Pontifical canonical status was conferred on the charity in September 2015, granting it approval as an official Catholic organization. This allows CCO to participate in the mission of the Church and to give a concrete witness to Gospel Charity, in collaboration with the Holy Father.

“Your work with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is a strong endorsement of your partnership with the work of the Universal Church,” Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco said. “By providing hope to the faithful

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For many children, this gift of compassion has transformed lives of fear and pain into a joyful journey with our loving God.

"Disabilities like Diana's can lead to terrible hardships for children living in developing countries. There are

Once bullied in school, Diana is now experiencing nurturing love at the Catholic mission, and she is flourishing.

"I like to study, dance, sing and to have fun!" Diana agreed, sharing another wide grin.

"...every person is worthy of love, and we want every child to feel safe, experience joy and have hope for the future."

Jim Cavnar and Cross Catholic Outreach staff members take time to celebrate this success, but they remain focused on an even greater



Diana and her mother Jenny (at left) come from an impoverished community in Ecuador, but they have found love and support through a local Catholic mission serving children with disabilities in their area.



cultures and communities that reject children who aren't perfect — who are different. Some even consider them cursed," shared Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, one of the leading relief and development ministries empowering Catholic missions overseas. "Fortunately — and thanks to the many American Catholics who support Cross Catholic Outreach — we are able to empower the priests, nuns and Catholic lay-leaders who have a heart for these children and are eager to help them. We can give those dedicated servants of God the resources they need to bless and change lives."

Diana's life has improved dramatically as a result of the compassionate care she has received, according to her mother, Jenny.

goal — ensuring that children with disabilities in other developing countries share the benefits Diana has received.

"For example, Glenda needs our help too. She has cerebral palsy," Cavnar explained. "Her mother works as a housekeeper. She came to the mission unable to walk, but we're determined to help her overcome that hurdle. We want to help the staff to do more and to reach more children in need — not just here in Ecuador but in other parts of the world where extreme poverty puts those children and their families at a major disadvantage."

Halfway across the globe, for example, children in Africa need help too. In Zambia, Cross Catholic Outreach is working to support a

Catholic mission serving children suffering under the superstitious belief they or their family are cursed (see feature a story on the opposite page). There, with the help of American donors, Cross wants to fund critical services and end the harmful cultural beliefs.

There are programs needing support in Haiti, Ethiopia and Malawi too.

Cavnar says he is confident that as more American Catholics become aware of the incredible work priests and nuns are pursuing to help the disabled, they will be eager to provide support.

"The Catholic Church has always taken the lead in showing mercy to those who are vulnerable, who struggle or who are treated unjustly, and I believe efforts to lift up the poor and disabled — sometimes even rescuing them from abusive or dangerous situations — will inspire many U.S. Catholics to join our cause," he said. "Missions like these

manifest a core Catholic value — that life is sacred. We believe that every person is worthy of love, and we want every child to feel safe, experience joy and have hope for the future."

To have an even greater impact on Catholic ministries serving children and young adults with disabilities, Cavnar encourages people to become Mission Partners with Cross Catholic Outreach. Mission Partners contribute a set amount monthly, which is particularly helpful to priests and nuns operating overseas missions because it provides a reliable flow of resources needed to ensure important outreaches will continue.

"Of course, we are grateful to everyone who supports these Catholic missions. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference," Cavnar said. "These children and young people face incredible challenges, but working together, we can improve their lives and offer them hope for the glory of God."

How to Help

To fund Cross Catholic Outreach's effort to help the poor worldwide, use the postage-paid brochure inserted in this newspaper or mail your gift to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01471, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. The brochure also includes instructions for becoming a Mission Partner and making a regular monthly donation to this cause.

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Day of the Dead celebrates loved ones

By **DAWN PROSSER**
Editor

“For Latinos, family is one of the most important values, and that doesn’t end with death. Every year, on the occasion of the Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, families set up altars at home with pictures of their loved ones who have died, the food that they liked, flowers and other mementos,” explained Father David Esquiliano, rector of the Cathedral of the Epiphany and a native of Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

More and more Catholic schools in the diocese have been including Day of the Dead celebrations as part of the school observances as their Latino populations are growing. It has been a way to educate the non-Latino students about the tradition and even invite them to participate and remember their own loved ones.

It is a celebration that starts the night of Nov. 1 (All Saints Day) and continues to Nov. 2 (All Souls Day).

“On All Souls Day, families go to the cemetery to visit the tombs of their loved ones. Masses are celebrated at all cemeteries that day as well, so that families can join in prayer,” Father Esquiliano continued, noting the tradition goes beyond creating an altar.

“Remember it’s not scary or sorrowful,” Allison Beumler told the students at the Holy Cross/Blessed Sacrament Center in Sioux City. “It’s a time to think about, remember and pray for loved ones.”

Beumler is an English as a Limited Language educator for the school and for Mater Dei Schools. She organized assemblies at each center and worked with administrators and students to construct “ofrendas” or altars at each school for the Day of the Dead observances.

“Remember the altar outside of the gym to help us remember our deceased loved ones. Be sure to bring a picture to remember,” she said to the students, where nearly 16 percent are classified as Latino.

She brought up fifth grade student Axell Guerrero during the assembly, who made a sugar skull to explain to his classmates that he made the skull at home using sugar, meringue and water. It wasn’t a skull to be scary; the skull represented departed loved ones.

Beumler also organized a similar assembly at Mater Dei School and had several “madrinas,” Latina mothers who explained the Day of the Dead traditions to the students at that Sioux City school.

The ELL educator showed a brief video, brought colorful displays that included a picture of Coco from the popular Disney movie that most students recognized immediately.

At St. Mary’s School in Storm Lake, it was the first year that the Latino students had the opportunity to explain to their classmates what Day of the Dead meant to their families. The older students visited individual classrooms throughout the preK-12 school. St. Mary’s is over 40 percent Latino and 56 percent non-Anglo.

“Students in our newly-formed multicultural group have enthusiastically taken ownership of the Día de los Muertos project and have worked hard on the display in our school hallway,” noted 6-12 Principal Ryan Berg. “It looks amazing and clearly shows the pride the students have in their culture. We look forward to future opportunities we have to recognize special cultural events.”

Academic Success Center Educator Marianne Kesten was pleased that her ELL student Alfonso Galvan wore traditional clothing from Veracruz for St. Edmond’s Homecoming. Galvan explained he was characterizing Catrino or Catrino with makeup



Monica Suarez speaks to students at Mater Dei School, Immaculate Conception Center in Sioux City about traditions associated with the Day of the Dead. (Submitted photo)



An altar was set up at Holy Cross School, Blessed Sacrament Center to remember the beloved dead.

and clothing from that state. He wanted to explain the tradition of Day of the Dead to his new classmates as he is a relatively new transplant to the United States.

“The Day of the Dead (sic) is one of the most important traditions in Mexico, and as a way to honor our ancestors we make altars with their favorite food and traditional candies,” he wrote.

St. Edmond’s fifth grade students in Mrs. Rachel Reynoso’s class also recognized the Day of the Dead with art projects including skull drawings.

At St. Rose of Lima School in Denison, the students made drawings of the traditional skulls, decorated skull sugar cookies and decorated altars.

Sioux City Bishop Heelan’s Dual Language Academy erected an altar for Day of the Dead and held a fall festival for all families on a Saturday with crafts with a theme centered around the important Latino event.

Also, at the chancery in Sioux City, diocesan employee Grace Zavala created an ofrenda for the employees at the chancery to bring in photos and mementos of their deceased loved ones and deceased clergy.

In addition to remembering loved ones and learning about Latino culture, the Día de los Muertos can also be an exercise in strengthening faith.

“Our Catholic faith is sacramental by its nature. We use physical items to share and make present God’s grace,” ex-



Alfonso Galvan, a student at St. Edmond School in Fort Dodge, wears traditional clothing of Veracruz to tell fellow students about the Day of the Dead. (Submitted photo)

plained Storm Lake St. Mary’s School Chaplain Father Michael Cronin. “In the celebration of Día de los Muertos, we use physical objects to remind us of the faithful who have preceded us in death. Altars remind us to pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, and to prepare ourselves for the eternal life that is to come.”

The history behind the Day of the Dead practices go back many years but have Christian roots, thanks to early Christian missionaries.

“This, while originally a pre-Hispanic tradition, was Christianized when missionaries from the Old World came,” said Father Esquiliano. “People who already believed that their deceased ones were not completely dead, finally understood that it was because Christ had conquered death.”

SLSM brings light to Africa – shares with alma mater

By **KATIE BORKOWSKI**
Staff reporter

STORM LAKE – A class of 1983 St. Mary alumna brought light to remote areas of Malawi, Africa, through Watts of Love this fall.

Deanna (Hammen) Langworthy shared her experience with St. Mary High School students Oct. 18 in Storm Lake.

“They don’t have light,” she said. “It is so dark you cannot even see your hand in front of your face. I have never experienced blackness like that.”

Watts of Love

Langworthy was introduced to Watts of Love by Nancy Economou, the founder. The organization initiated its first solar light pilot project in February 2013 on Ilin Island in the Philippines.

“Watts of Love brings light to the poorest of the poor in third world countries,” said Langworthy. “These are people who are so poor that they make our homeless look like they have it well off.”

Her group flew into Lilongwe, Malawi, before traveling to the smaller villages where they brought lights. Father Fernando Aguirre, the priest for Benga Catholic Parish, which Langworthy’s group partnered with while in Malawi. The translators were juniors and seniors in high school.

“They cook in the dark by a fire that they have hopefully been able to get going with grass,” said Langworthy. “They spend one third of their income on finding light. Nancy, who has an engineering mind, created the lights to save these people. They won’t have to spend



Deanna Langworthy shares her Watts of Love experience with Storm Lake St. Mary High School students. (Globe photo by Katie Borkowski)

money on light – kerosene, grass or paraffin.”

Each person who went on the trip raised money to buy lights to deliver to the communities in Malawi. Each light cost \$50. The group delivered 1,037 lights to eight villages. Langworthy explained the group had a lot of rules to abide by to be safe when delivering the lights.

“You have to do it (deliver) fast because you have to do it under the radar,” she said. “We had two weeks to light up 1,037 homes. It was exciting that we did that.”

Some of the people receiving the lights traveled, mainly walked, 10 to 15 miles. They would sit in the African sun for hours to wait to get their light, noted Langworthy.

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Contemplative Prayer
in Service of the Church



“I wish to be wholly silent,
wholly adoring, so that I may
enter into Him more deeply
and be so filled with Him that
I can give Him through prayer
to those poor souls who are
unaware of the gift of God.”

— St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, OCD

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HEADED TO DENTAL SCHOOL Immigrant lives out American dream

By **KATIE BORKOWSKI**
Staff reporter

STORM LAKE – Jorge E. Ceballos, a native of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, is pursuing his dream of becoming a dentist. He is living out the dream of his parents for a “better future” in the United States.

“I immensely thank God for the family, friends, state of health and opportunities that I enjoy today,” said Ceballos, who is a senior majoring in biomedical sciences at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake.

He is the son of Jorge L. Ceballos and Yuselys Chavez and a parishioner at St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. His brother Victor Ceballos went to Kuemper High School in Carroll and is now studying in England.

“My parents came to the U.S. looking for a better future,” said Ceballos. “They wanted the newer generation to enjoy what they could not. My parents came first, through Mexico, and established the conditions to bring my brother and I over. It was all a legal process. They brought us later.”

Ceballos and his brother came to the United States four years ago knowing no English at all. He graduated from Carroll High School.

“I attended the institution for only three months, which didn’t allow me to master the language,” said the college student. “In spite of that, and with the support of my family, I decided to start college at DMACC (Des Moines Area Community College).”

He took between 18 and 21 credits each semester at DMACC. Ceballos obtained A’s in most of his classes. He pointed out two classes lowered his GPA because they were online classes, and “I didn’t know how those worked. There is no online teaching in Cuba.”

Ceballos later transferred to BVU since it is close to Carroll.

“BVU offered very good scholarships based on my academic standing,” he said.

A biomedical sciences undergraduate degree is what he needs to meet the requirements and prepare to enter dental school.

“I want to be a dentist,” said Ceballos. “I shadowed doctors at Carroll Dental Associates (CDA),



Ceballos



Jorge Ceballos is a biomedical sciences major at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. He aims to be a dentist one day. (Submitted photo)

which helped me get convinced that I want to pursue a career in dentistry.”

He has a Dental Assistant Trainee License, which allows him to do more “hands on activities” at a dental clinic while still an undergraduate.

“I am currently in the Dental School Application process, through which Dr. Marie G’Sell, and her dad Dr. Martin Halbur from CDA have guided me,” said Ceballos. “I greatly appreciate their help.”

His goal is to attend the College of Dentistry at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., to continue his education. After that he wants to help others, thanks to an international internship.

“I did a dental internship in Argentina last summer, which was an amazing experience,” said Ceballos. “Dentistry is my passion, and after that, helping underserved communities is my goal. I disagree with the idea of people being medically unattended just because they can’t afford it.”

SEMINARIAN SPEAKS

This is part of a continuing series introducing the seminarians of the Diocese of Sioux City to readers of *The Catholic Globe*. If you would like to adopt a seminarian – either with prayers or care packages – contact Father Shane Deman at demans@scdiocese.org or (712) 233-7522.

Name: Peter Khoan Van Pham

Home parish: Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City

Son of: Paul and Mary Dan Van Pham

High school graduate: Namninh (Vietnam) High School, Namdinh, 1997

College degree: Open University, Saigon, 2005, majoring in the study of Southeast Asia and Conception (Mo.) Seminary College, 2015, majoring in philosophy and theology.

Name of seminary currently attending: Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis

Year in seminary: Theology I

How you discerned God was calling you: God is almighty. He unceasingly loves me and calls me to the priesthood. I cannot resist loving him.

Most important thing you have learned from your parents: Love God and be kind to everyone.

What the priesthood means to you: Living in an intimate relationship with God in order to serve and pray for others.

What gives you hope: Jesus

Favorite image of Jesus: The Good Shepherd

Something about you people would be surprised to learn: I play volleyball and ping pong.



Anointing Mass

As Father Paul Eisele anoints Larry Ruhland (right), Ruhland's grandchildren – Bergen Vacura, 12th grade; Zoe Vacura, 8th grade and Libby Vacura, 5th grade – all students at Gehlen Catholic School in Le Mars, pray for him. (Submitted photo)

Heelan to present musical Drowsy Chaperone

Bishop Heelan High School will present “The Drowsy Chaperone” a hilarious parody of musical comedies Nov. 7-9 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Heelan auditorium.

Performers are: Eric Lohr as Robert, Asia Keane as Janet, Truman Osborn as George, Sarah Beumler as Mrs. Tottendale, Christopher Krogh as Man in Chair and Foster Johnson as the Drowsy Chaperone. A host of other singing characters appear.

The story centers around the Man in the Chair as he listens to his favorite musical, the fictional 1928 hit

The Drowsy Chaperone. As the record begins, the show comes to life in his living room, complete with every cliché character from the early era of American Musicals and the Man’s thoughts on the music, and actors.

The Heelan musical’s move to November means the annual play moves to spring, according to Emily Bonnema, theater director. The Heelan productions were swapped on the school calendar because of strained schedules of student performers. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

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THINK ABOUT IT

Still try to make converts?; Does Mass need a congregation?

By FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. At the Second Vatican Council, Catholics were told that we should accept non-Catholics as our "separated brethren" and that we shouldn't be overly concerned if they don't want to join the Catholic Church. But I was taught since childhood that the only way to salvation was through the Catholic Church. Why the change? (Texarkana, Texas)

A. It would be a misreading to think that Vatican II does not encourage bringing people to the Catholic faith. The church still honors Christ's Great Commission (Mt 28:19): to make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

One need only look at the council's Decree on Ecumenism, which states that "our separated brethren ... are not blessed with that unity which Jesus Christ wished to bestow on all those who through him were born again into one body. ... For it is only through Christ's Catholic Church, which is 'the all-embracing means of salvation,' that they can benefit fully from the means of salvation" (No. 3).

But that leaves the question as to how the church should go about bringing those people into the church. In March 2019, speaking in predominantly Muslim Morocco, Pope Francis rejected proselytism, which I would take to mean forced or pressured conversion, coupled with a lack of respect for the religious faith of others. In Morocco, Pope Francis quoted from a 2007 homily in which Pope Benedict XVI had said, "The church grows not through proselytism, but through attraction, through witness."

As for those who believe that only Catholics can be saved, that is not the church's teaching. True, all salvation does come through the death and resurrection of Jesus, but the Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly says, quoting Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church:

"Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience – those too may achieve eternal salvation" (No. 847).

Q. When I attended parochial school, we were taught that a priest could not say Mass by himself and needed at least one other person as his "congregation." But lately I have been told that priests are required to celebrate Mass every day, even if there are no other people present. Which is correct? (Milladore, Wis.)

A. Actually, neither statement is completely correct. Let me explain. As to whether a priest can celebrate Mass without a congregation, the church's Code of Canon Law, reflecting the fact that the Eucharist is primarily an act of public worship rather than a private devotion, says, "Except for a just and reasonable cause, a priest is not to celebrate the eucharistic sacrifice without the participation of at least some member of the faithful" (Canon 906).

The code leaves it to the priest to measure the "just and reasonable cause," and I will tell you what I do. Most days, even as a retired priest, I have Mass obligations at one or another parish.

But let's say that it's a day when I'm not obligated, and it happens to be the anniversary of the death of one of my parents. I would consider that a "just and reasonable cause," and I would celebrate Mass all by myself at the desk in my apartment.

I would feel completely comfortable doing so particularly since, in answer to your second question, a priest is encouraged to celebrate Mass every day even though he is not required to do so.

Here's what the code says about that: "Remembering always that in the mystery of the eucharistic sacrifice the work of redemption is exercised continually, priests are to celebrate frequently; indeed, daily celebration is recommended earnestly since, even if the faithful cannot be present, it is the act of Christ and the church in which priests fulfill their principal function" (Canon 904).

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.

ESSAY

How do you think Christians should prepare for the days of the Son of Man?

CHILDREN'S STORY

Jesus details the days of the son of man

By JENNIFER FICCAGLIA
Catholic News Service

One day, the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come.

"The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed," Jesus said, "and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you."

Afterward, Jesus described for his apostles the days of the son of man.

"The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it," Jesus told his friends. "There will be those who will say to you, 'Look, there he is,' (or) 'Look, here he is.' Do not go off, do not run in pursuit. For just as lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be (in his day). But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation."

Jesus added that the days of the son of man would be similar to the days of Noah and also to the days



of Lot.

"They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all," Jesus pointed out. "Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building; on the day when Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them all."

"So it will be when the Son of Man is revealed," Jesus said.

"On that day, someone who is on the housetop and whose belongings are in the house must not go down to get them, and likewise one in the field must not return to what was left behind," he said.

He reminded his friends what happened to Lot's wife when she

turned around to see the city of Sodom's destruction: She turned into a pillar of salt and lost her life.

"I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed; one will be taken, the other left. And there will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken, the other left," Jesus added.

"Where, Lord?" the apostles asked.

"Where the body is, there also the vultures will gather," Jesus replied.

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Luke 17

Q&A

1. Where did Jesus say the kingdom of God is?
2. What did Jesus say the days of the son of man would be like?

PUZZLE

In the New Testament, there are many different titles given to Jesus. Match the title for Jesus with the Scripture passage in which the title appears.

Good Shepherd	John 6:35
Emmanuel	John 1:29
Bread of life	John 10:14
Lamb of God	Matthew 1:23

Answers: See page 15

FEATURED SAINT

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was born into a wealthy French family in 1769. She joined the Visitation nuns until the French Revolution, when she returned to her family.

She entered the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1804, and she led a missionary trip to Missouri in 1818. There she founded the first free school west of the Mississippi River.

Despite poor health and the hardships of frontier life, she succeeded in serving Native Americans and founded a school for them. She died in 1852, and we honor her on Nov. 18.

BIBLE ACCENT

'Son of man' meaning in New Testament

There are many places in the Bible where the phrase "son of man" can be found. In the Old Testament, it often was used to refer to human beings. For example, throughout the Book of Ezekiel, God refers to the prophet Ezekiel as "son of man."

In Daniel 7:13-14, the prophet Daniel referred to a "son of man" in describing his vision from God.

"I saw coming with the clouds of heaven One like a son of man," Daniel said. "When he reached the ancient of days and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his

kingship, one that shall not be destroyed."

A note in the New American Bible says some scholars believe "son of man" in this instance refers to the Messiah, while others say it could mean God's people as a whole.

In the New Testament, however, the phrase "the son of man" definitely refers to Jesus, who used it to describe himself.

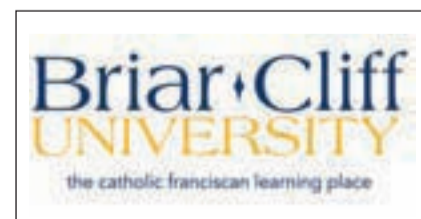
"Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham," Jesus said in speaking to the tax collector Zacchaeus in Luke 19:9-10. "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

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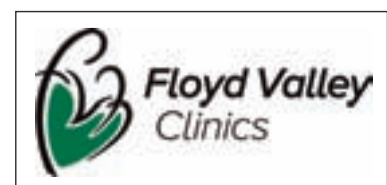
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RITE OF LECTOR



Nine men in formation for the permanent diaconate received the Rite of Lector from Bishop R. Walker-Nickless Oct. 26 with an anticipated ordination in 2021. (Globe photos by Dawn Prosser)

Anticipated ordination for nine in June 2021

By DAWN PROSSER
Editor

Nine men participated in the Rite of Lector Oct. 26 at Sacred Heart Church in Early with Bishop Walker Nickless during morning prayer with the deacon community. The men are one step closer to an anticipated ordination to the permanent diaconate in the summer of 2021 to the permanent diaconate.

Each of the nine were technically “instituted in the ministry of reader” as part of the rite by the bishop.

“As lectors and bearers of God’s word, you will assist in this mission, and so take on a special office within the Christian community,” Bishop Nickless said. “You will proclaim that word in the liturgical assembly, instruct children and adults in the faith and prepare them to receive the sacraments worthily.”

Those preparing for the diaconate were asked by the bishop to meditate on the word so that they can have a “deeper love of the Scriptures.”

Each candidate knelt before the bishop and was handed the Bible as the bishop said:

“Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people.”

Those instituted in the Rite of Lector were:

- Frank Boever, Spencer
- Pat Brockhaus, Holy Cross Parish, Sioux City
- Don Evans, Humboldt
- Bruce Helleseth, West Bend
- David Lamar, Madrid
- Hector Mora, Storm Lake
- Jamie Sitzmann, Kingsley
- Doug Heeren, Remsen
- Fred Shellabarger, Mater Dei Parish, Sioux City

According to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, a deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or “orders,” of ordained ministers in the church: bishops, presbyters and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the church and to the world of Christ, who came “to serve and not to be served.”



Pat Brockhaus of Holy Cross Parish in Sioux City receives the Bible from the bishop.

The entire church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-church.

Deacons can baptize, conduct marriages outside of Mass, visit the sick, assist at Mass and perform many other duties for the church. They are assigned parishes by the bishop of their diocese.

Transitional deacons are deacons studying for the priesthood. Deacons not studying for the priesthood are permanent deacons.

In 1980, the Diocese of Sioux City had four permanent deacons. In 2018 the number grew to 55 ordained permanent deacons, a growth of 1275 percent. The number of priests in 1980 was 228 and in 2018 the number shrunk to 113.

MLTF CREDITS STILL AVAILABLE Donors impact schools and students with tax credits

By DAWN PROSSER
Editor

“We feel good seeing our tax dollars, through the MLTF, stay here locally helping students in our community, parish and school,” said Jack and LaVon Holton of Le Mars.

The Holttons participate in the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation program where they reduce their State of Iowa tax liability and help Gehlen Catholic School simultaneously. Hundreds of donors are participating and are helping every Catholic school throughout the Diocese of Sioux City.

A contribution is made to MLTF and the participant enjoys a 65 percent tax credit off their State of Iowa tax liability. In some cases, a federal deduction can apply as well. Individuals, C- and S- Corporations can participate. Diocesan Director of Stewardship and Communications Susan O’Brien said there is still time to participate in the calendar year 2019.



“We have tax credits available for those who would like to give in cash, grain, stocks or IRAs,” she explained. “Now is the time to talk to your tax advisor, your school’s development director or call our office at the diocese.”

In addition to donors enjoying significant tax advantages, schools can offer generous tuition packages for low- and middle-income families, making a Catholic education available to more students.

“We have been blessed with slight enrollment gains for seven years in a row. Before that, we had been fairly stable in enrollment and the birth of the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation in 2006 has definitely been a factor,” explained President John Steffes of Kuemper Catholic Schools in Carroll. “I am very confident in saying that many families would not be at Kuemper without this important program. We thank the many faithful donors who support MLTF, and so support the choice of Catholic education in Iowa.”

State legislation for the School Tuition Organizations to help all private schools in the state was passed in 2006. MLTF is the STO for the Diocese of Sioux City.

The Holttons agreed that the MLTF program has attracted new families to the Gehlen system, as well as assisted in retention of existing students in the Le Mars Catholic school, raising money for tuition.

“Many families today cannot afford to send their children to our Catholic schools without the tuition assistance through the MLTF program,” they said.

All families apply for MLTF tuition scholarships through a private third-party firm in the early spring for the following school year, so that their financial information remains confidential. Applications are available on-line in English and Spanish. Unfortunately, the need of all families in the diocese is greater than the funds available. Schools and parishes offer local scholarships to help close this gap.

Bishop’s Education Fund (BEF) Scholarships are also awarded through this process, which is funded through the Together as One program, formerly known as DAA (Diocesan Annual Appeal). These scholarships are awarded to middle income families in an effort to assist more families to finance a Catholic education.

The Catherine Birzele scholarships are also awarded through the on-line application process.

For questions about participating in the MLTF program, contact your local Catholic school, or contact O’Brien at (712) 233-7513 or log on to www.scdioocese.org. Only a limited amount of credits are available.

“Any size gift is acceptable and will help you as well as your school,” O’Brien explained. “You can participate with \$300, \$3,000 or \$300,000. It all helps and we want to make sure we sell all of our credits by Dec. 31.”



Meinen Theology Room

Father Dennis Meinen thought he was invited to Heelan High School for a tour last week. He was surprised to see the sign on the door that the theology room was dedicated in his honor. The room was anonymously donated by a family that has had a long-time association with Father Meinen. Many of the donors’ family members were Heelan graduates. (Submitted photo)

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Father Miles Barrett offers a retirement salute in front of Old Glory Oct. 2012 at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, N.J., after Mass. (Submitted photos)



Father Barrett witnesses God at work

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Spencer and Corpus Christi Parish in Fort Dodge. During his service as parochial vicar at St. Cecelia Parish in Algona, Father Barrett joined the Navy Reserves in 1986.

He served as pastor at St. Cecilia Parish in Sanborn and Hartley for three years before Bishop Lawrence D. Soens let him go active duty in the U.S. Navy at the age of 41.

At that point, Father Barrett had no idea how long he would serve in the military “yet the Holy Spirit year to year just drew me more in tune to the troops and their families. Families were sacrificing so much for others to have the freedom and liberty Americans enjoy and other countries desire.”

Ministry at sea

The Navy detailer sent him to the 1st Battalion 12th Marines artillery where he served the whole expeditionary brigade and follow on tour he was serving on the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk where he celebrated two Masses daily and was available to counsel the 5,500 troops on board as well as ministering to the ten other ships within the battle group.

“Within its battle group of 10 ships, as a Roman Catholic priest, I enjoyed the whole 10-ship mission field flying 10 hours per week on the ‘Holy Helo’ – flying between ships for Mass, confessions and sacramental preparation,” said Father Barrett. “What a great way to get to church.”

On ships too small to land upon, he’d be lowered in a “horse harness” as a sailor discharged the static electricity the blades made with rubber gloves and a steel rod grounded a line to the deck before the chaplain’s feet hit the deck in pitching seas.

“I loved it,” Father Barrett said. “What a great way to arrive at Mass. That alone could increase vocations – it sure inspired prayer in me.”

The Navy sent him back to school at age 45 for another master’s degree in pastoral studies focused on medical ethics and just war theories. Prior to and beyond 9-11 he served in the DC area for 39 months at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., as the hospital’s ethics chairman. He later was the first ethics fellow doing research and teaching midshipmen to make ethical decisions at the U.S. Naval Academy in 2003-2004.

Throughout his 26-year military ministry, he served throughout the world.

Serving children of God

“I rejoiced in children of God found in Iraq, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Bahrain, Australia, Hong Kong, Guam, Spain, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Kuwait and the USA as all are children of God,” said the decorated vet who received two Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, a U.S. Coast Guard Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, various presidential unit and campaign awards as well as the American Red Cross Lifetime Award.

Father Barrett said he enjoyed his three U.S. Marine Corps tours, the last being in Iraq, covering Army and Air Force troops as well.

“My Iraq deployment was the most dynamic and fruitful even with the 149 shipmates who died in 2007 to 2008, who sacrificed their lives and thousands more who were wounded for life, left without limbs, PTSD and mental health challenges – for all of us to have the privilege of freedom of religion and speech here in America,” he said. “A freedom that is not free if you value their sacrifice.”

In Iraq, the chaplain said his time was filled with monthly baptisms, first Communions, confirmations and marriage prep. Enlisted and officers alike as they left Iraq after six months told Father Barrett they had never grown so much in their faith. They thanked him.

“That was God’s Spirit in the desert mov-



Father Barrett using a Bradley Track Vehicle for confessions in Iraq.

ing among 149 shipmates who sacrificed their lives, moving us all to our true center and Christ’s love presence in our lives, between weekly Bible study, daily Mass and the memorial services of fellow shipmates,” he said.

Because it was so fruitful and spiritually enriching, he asked to extend back-to-back years. After 9-11 he served as Command Chaplain on the USS Bonhomme Richard with 2,700 service members – 1,200 Navy sailors and 1,800 Marines that went from San Diego to Kuwait. He called that time and his service in Iraq the most fruitful of his military service.

The ministry has given him many memorable experiences and times when he knew he made a difference. He recalled one experience when he was visiting an Army National Guard service member in the Al Asad Iraq MASH unit. The serviceman, on his second tour in Iraq, lost his legs from the knees down due to an improvised explosive device. All others in the Humvee had died. The doctor and nurse thought he wouldn’t make it because he had lost his will to live because of survivor’s guilt and his unknown future.

But then God stepped in, with the help of the chaplain.

Power of God’s love

“Well he encountered Christ in the sacrament of the sick, reconciliation and a little counseling prayer so I left seeing a normal good-spirited wounded soldier not knowing how far he turned around while he encountered Christ in the moment,” said Father Barrett, who noted the man did survive and thanked them and the medical personnel. “Now that’s one of many God-incidents; but, it shares the power of God’s love in the sacraments and a moment as a service member experiences such with a priest who he/she knows shares the same sacrifices and risks day and night. Both are being a servant of God and country.”

Father Barrett retired as a Commander, O5, but insisted the title means little more than a rank. As a chaplain he found it a blessing to serve all and generally be welcomed by all – enlisted and officers alike.

Today he lives in Cape May, N.J., covering for active duty priests who need a base, ship or hospital covered for a month or two. He also lends his priestly service to St. John Neumann and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parishes in Cape May. Having received additional pilot training, he has served as a flight instructor, SAR pilot, counter drug pilot, check pilot, mission pilot, transport pilot and chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol since 2009; as well as the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Air on direct operational status for local missions. He is active in the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 44, Knights of Columbus and had helped with the annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage several years.

“God has been too kind and generous within my life and pulled me through deployments healthy and safe from harm over the years. For that, I’m most grateful and wish more young men would give the priesthood a chance,” Father Barrett said. “The fruitfulness of his love is amazing. And it’s never boring.”

Msgr. Seifried recaps military ministry

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And leave he did – he left spent months in Colorado Springs, Colo., then off to Brooklyn, N.Y., for basic training, and then on to Ft. Benning, Ga., Airborne School, then back to Colorado Springs. The young chaplain was then headed for war.

“There’s no atheists in foxholes”

Chaplain Seifried was deployed to Vietnam in the midst of the controversial Vietnam War to serve the young military, Catholic or not.

“The (Catholic) chaplain was there to celebrate the Catholic Mass, etcetera, and to provide for all others. If you told a soldier you were Catholic, most said ‘That’s fine.’ And they didn’t care. Some would say they were Lutheran or whatever and you’d find them a Lutheran. Give them the choice,” Msgr. Seifried said of his role as chaplain.

Msgr. Seifried illustrated the hunger for religion during wartime: he was serving at an artillery base in Vietnam and they were under fire. He had just presided at a Mass in the field for the soldiers when the chaplain was presented with a young man who was wounded.

“The kid was hurt. He saw the cross on my helmet. He pulled out a rosary, St. Christopher medal and scapular. I told him I was Catholic, too. He said, ‘No, Father, I’m Southern Baptist.’ (The Protestants) wanted the presence of the Lord. They wanted the material things of God with them,” Msgr. Seifried said, explaining the wide use of Catholic devotionals amongst Protestants in wartime.

The retired chaplain explained that in a combat zone, religion and faith were extremely important to the soldiers.

“They were scared over there,” he reflected. “When you are being shot at, you all got religion. Yep. ‘There’s no atheists in foxholes.’”

Msgr. Seifried said the commanders liked the Catholic chaplains “because they knew what they stood for” and “they were easy to talk to.” The Catholic chaplains were the first pick of chaplains by the commanders and he was quite proud of that fact.

Nothing was easy about serving in Vietnam or during the time of the Vietnam War. Obviously a chaplain doesn’t carry a weapon but he wears a uniform just like all soldiers, airmen or seamen. However, the war was so unpopular that the military were not treated well at home.

“In the United States, you couldn’t wear a uniform on the street. No one wore their uniform on the street. It was looked down upon. There was no appreciation. There were no thanks,” Msgr. Seifried said. “That all changed with the Gulf War. There’s more thanksgiving now.”

Serving around the world

After the difficult and meaningful year serving the faith needs of the soldiers in Vietnam, Father Seifried moved on to other assignments with the army.

He did realize the dream of that young priest to get out of Iowa and see the world while serving the church and the military. He counted 18 moves in his 28 years of service.

He was a student at the Army War College in Pennsylvania.

Attended U.S. Army Chaplain School.

He served in the Chaplain School.

He had two tours in Korea.

Two tours in Germany.

He served six months in Cuba.

He went to Suranam, South America.

He went skiing in many countries.

He flew into Haiti on a private military jet.



Chaplain Seifried (front left) in cold weather training in Fort Drum, N.Y.

He shared an umbrella in Morocco with Grace Kelly. Yes, THAT Grace Kelly.

He lived in and visited lots of places, but explained Germany was his favorite because it is safe, has good food and “everybody drives fast.”

Highlights of the military career

When asked about the highlights of his service to the country as an army chaplain, Msgr. Seifried relayed a story about serving in Korea.

“Soldiers were without the modern conveniences of living while stationed in the countryside camp sites. They were without TV, autos, family and living in barracks. They could have gone off post and got into a lot of trouble,” he said. “But many looked back into their upbringing and returned to the church for support. Many came back to their faith. It was a most positive ministry and I stayed six extra months.”

The chaplain also said he enjoyed the structure of the military and the preparedness for most any situation that he might encounter in pastoral situations.

“If there’s a problem in the military, there was an answer. If I came across someone with a psychological problem and if I thought they were suicidal, they sent them in. They took it on my word,” he said, noting in a parish such situations may be more complex to handle.

Monsignor comes home

The young priest from Manson was elevated to monsignor and was made a chaplain in charge of 400 other U.S. Army chaplains while serving in the military. He had also been head of the chaplains of U.S. Forces in Korea.

“I logged 400,000 miles in the air over a six-year span,” Msgr. Seifried said of his final years in the army, checking on his chaplains under his care.

The army chaplaincy had a policy called the Open Door, meaning, “chaplain open the door and get out of the office to your soldiers” – which of course Chaplain Seifried did.

After 28 years Msgr. Seifried had earned the status of a full colonel in the army, but it was time to go home to the diocese where he started.

“It was time to return to the diocese, to parish ministry while I was still marketable in the civilian world,” he said.

In 1998 he left Ft. McPherson in Atlanta, Ga., for the cornfields of Iowa. He was assigned to serve as pastor in Granville and president of Spalding Catholic School for seven years. Later, he served St. Joseph Parish in Milford before retiring at 72 years of age – two years beyond the standard retirement age for priests.

Today Msgr. Seifried keeps a very busy schedule presiding at in various parishes plus weddings and funerals. He is also a fixture at high school athletic events. The monsignor also admits to frequenting area auctions for fun. There are no plans to slow down. He also substitute teaches in the local high school a couple days a month.

“My health and faith in God are my priorities,” he said with a smile.



Then Father Ken Seifried (right) celebrated a field Mass with New York City Cardinal Cooke in the central highlands of Vietnam. (Submitted photos)

BRIEFS:

UPDATE: Biden denied Communion at Mass during stop in South Carolina

FLORENCE, S.C. (CNS) – Former Vice President Joe Biden attended the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony Church Oct. 27 and when he presented himself to receive the Eucharist was refused by the pastor. "Sadly, this past Sunday, I had to refuse holy Communion to former Vice President Joe Biden," Father Robert Morey wrote in a statement responding to queries from the Florence Morning News. "Holy Communion signifies we are one with God, each other and the church. Our actions should reflect that. Any public figure who advocates for abortion places himself or herself outside of church teaching." At the heart of that teaching is Canon 915 of the Code of Canon Law which states that holy Communion should not be given to two groups of persons: those who are excommunicated or interdicted, and those "who obstinately persist in manifest grave sin." After the incident with Biden was publicized, the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware, issued a statement saying: "The church's teachings on the protection of human life from the moment of conception is clear and well-known." It said Wilmington Bishop W. Francis Malooly has "consistently refrained from politicizing the Eucharist and will continue to do so. His preference, as with most bishops, is to interact with politicians individually who disagree with significant church teachings."



At national meeting, Latino priests affirm care for poor, peers

WASHINGTON (CNS) – At a meeting for Latino priests, gathered clergy spoke of the need to look out for one another as brothers and affirmed the need to walk with the poor. When the National Association of Hispanic Priests – ANSH for its acronym in Spanish – met in New York Oct. 7-10, priests from across the country discussed topics such as the need for fraternity and care among their peers, and also tending to those who are suffering in their home parishes. Referencing the Letter to the Hebrews, Auxiliary Bishop Octavio Cisneros of Brooklyn said a priest is chosen from among men to serve the people, yet priests also are human and have qualities and de-

fects, as other human beings do, but a priest is called to walk with his people until the person's final destiny. But a priest also is part of that group of people and must feel as one of them, he said. Only if a priest feels part of the church, he can walk with confidence, he said. A priest can't enjoy the beauty of the church if he feels like the center of everything, he added, and a priest can't be a priest without being close to people. Jesus is the best example of this, he said. When a priest heads out looking for his own interests, he can become distant from the people of God, he said.

Amazon governors, meeting after synod, support 'green economy'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Governors from eight Amazonian states in Brazil and Peru meeting at the Vatican agreed that the Amazon is threatened and called for a "green economy" that would allow people to generate income without destroying the forest. In a daylong meeting at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences Oct. 28, the governors made short presentations about steps they are taking toward sustainable development and problems they face. The meeting came a day after the end of the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon. While the synod provided an assessment of the environmental, climatic, social, cultural and church-related situation in the Amazon basin, state governors are the ones responsible for seeking local solutions, Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, chancellor of academy, told Catholic News Service. In a declaration issued at the end of the meeting, the governors committed to "sustainable development of the Amazon based on a green economy, zero illegal deforestation, defense of the rights of indigenous people and traditional populations ... and the concept of integral ecology." The governors called for a "new model of sustainable development based on giving value to environmental assets" and international support for strengthening an "Amazonian bioeconomy."



UPDATE: Getty Fire impacts Catholic university, schools, retired sisters

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The Getty Fire that began whipping through mountain communities west of Los Angeles during the early hours of Oct. 28 caused the closure of several local Catholic schools, the evacuation of students and staff at

Mount St. Mary's University and a call for the retired sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to shelter in place. By Oct. 29, the fire had burned more than 600 acres and was 5 percent contained, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department. Several neighborhoods were under evacuation orders, and at least eight homes had been destroyed. In Washington Oct. 30, the chairman of the U.S. bishops domestic policy committee weighed in on the tragedy of the fires and those being severely affected. In a statement, he offered his own "heartfelt prayers" and urged Catholics around the country "to support, through their petitions and concern, the efforts at extinguishment and recovery taking place throughout California in response to these fires." "It is in solidarity with our brother bishops in California, who have voiced their desire for prompt relief, that I encourage all appropriate public parties and the faithful to be generous in their financial support of these recovery efforts," said Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

Cardinal Czerny's courageous past in El Salvador remembered

TORONTO (CNS) – It may be 30 years since Cardinal Michael Czerny left the Jesuit-run Central American University in El Salvador, but it's not a place that has forgotten him. Canada's newest cardinal was on the scene in San Salvador shortly after the coldblooded murder of six Jesuits Nov. 16, 1989. The massacre of the priests, plus their housekeeper and her teenage daughter, at their university residence came during El Salvador's brutal 12-year civil war. Despite the lingering dangers, then-Father Czerny, a Jesuit, assumed the director's role of the school's Human Rights Institute, a position that was held by one of the murdered priests, Father Segundo Montes. "He assumed the defense of those rights with courage at the end of the civil war," said Jesuit Father Rodolfo Cardenal in an email to The Catholic Register. Such courage continued to show as Cardinal Czerny – born in Czechoslovakia and educated and ordained in Canada – played an important role in the trial of the government soldiers responsible for the murders. "Thanks to his contacts in the international community, a distinguished group of personalities attended the trial and then testified to the procedural fraud that had been committed," said Father Cardenal, a professor of theology at the university.



In war, human dignity must be protected, pope tells military chaplains

By JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY – Military chaplains are called to educate the consciences of members of the armed forces so that even in war, the opposing side is not viewed merely as "an enemy to be destroyed," Pope Francis said.

Meeting with participants of a course on international humanitarian law for military chaplains Oct. 31, the pope said the intrinsic dignity of those on the opposing side of a conflict, who are "created by God in his image," too often is forgotten.

But "respect for the dignity and physical integrity of the human person, in fact, cannot depend upon the actions they have done, but it is a moral duty to which every person and every authority is called," he said.

The Oct. 29-31 conference focused on the theme, "The loss of personal freedom in the context of armed conflicts: The mission of the military chaplain."

In his address, the pope said that people detained in conflicts are often "victims of violations of fundamental rights," including "abuse, violence and various forms of torture and cruel treatment that are inhuman and degrading."

Civilians, he added, are also innocent



Pope Francis welcomed Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio along with clergy of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, at the Vatican on Oct. 23. (Photo courtesy of the Archdiocese of the Military)

victims of kidnapping and murder in these conflicts.

"Among these, we can count numerous men and women religious of whom we hear nothing more, or who have given their lives for their consecration to God and their service to others, without favoritism or nationalistic bias," the pope said.

Military chaplains, he said, have a duty to ensure that the norms established by international humanitarian law be accepted by the men and women in uniform they are entrusted to serve.

The ethical foundation of those norms, he

said, "must be properly and rigorously respected and enforced," especially when it comes to detainees, "independent of the nature and gravity of the crimes they may have committed."

"Let yourselves be guided by the words of the Gospel: 'I was in prison and you came to me,'" the pope said.

Pope Francis said that as "servants of Christ in the military world," chaplains should be visible witnesses of "that universal love which brings one person closer to another, no matter what the other's race, nationality, culture or religion may be."

"You are in their midst so that those words, which war contradicts and nullifies, can become a reality, so that they can give meaning to the lives of so many, both young and not so young who, as military personnel, do not want to be robbed of human and Christian values," the pope said.

Mass on the first day of the conference, Oct. 29, was celebrated by Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, which supports military ordinariates around the world.

Cardinal Ouellet said that in today's "rationalistic and relativistic age," it is easy "to look for purely human or political solutions" to issues regarding international humanitarian law.

In doing so, he added, Christians can run the risk of "neglecting the resources of grace and faith."

"Instead of turning to prayer and trust in God, we tend to act on our own and rush out scattered like a retreating army. Unfortunately, that is also true in the church and the synodal processes!" the cardinal said.

"May the Holy Spirit give us a renewed capacity of listening and discernment to progress in the discovery of new juridical instruments to safeguard and protect people deprived of freedom," he said.

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Border Mass

People hold flags and wooden crosses as they attend Mass Nov. 2, 2019, in El Paso, Texas, on the U.S.-Mexico border with the three border dioceses of El Paso, Las Cruces, N.M., and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. (CNS photo/Ivan Pierre Aguirre)

Students, parents and parishioners make Sacred Heart playground happen

By **RENEE WEBB**
Senior reporter

More than three years in the making, a new playground project at Sacred Heart School in Sioux City is taking shape.

According to the school's principal, Kate Connealy, volunteers – parents, parishioners, staff and Briar Cliff University students – helped to assemble a new playscape that features equipment for students ranging in age from pre-K to eighth grade. It includes traditional playground equipment with slides, monkey bars and swings as well as fitness focused areas with climbing activities.

In addition to the playscape, ultimately the new playground project will include an area with picnic tables as well as a soccer field and basketball court that will be fenced in and secure.

"Students have been limited to playing on the cement (parking lot) or the older playscape area," said the principal. "The safety and security with a fenced in area will be great and grass to play on. They've never had a grassy area; it's always been cement."

This project initiated after a school parent, Dustin Lieber, expressed concerns to Connealy about the lack of playground space for the students.

"He said, 'I think you need a better play area for your kids – playing on the cement is not great,' which I agreed with," she recalled.

Lieber, who owns Lieber Construction, said his wife Melissa was the one to mention the hill behind the school.

That's when he began to research the land and learned the church owned that property. From there he began to explore how to dig it out to create a safe play area for the students. He also met with Ryan Callaghan, another par-



Parents and parishioners of Sacred Heart School and Parish in Sioux City help assemble new playground equipment. (Globe photo by Dawn Prosser)

ent, who did some of the engineering work for the project.

Because of the hill, the school had basically been land-locked, but Lieber donated his services to move the dirt and grade the surface to create level ground for the project.

"There is a tremendous amount of space," he said. "There is enough room to make a soccer field or the kids can just run around and play tag."

Knowing his children and other students will be able to play safely makes this project "the most satisfying of anything I've ever done in my life," noted Lieber.

Before work began on moving the dirt, Connealy said they got it approved by the diocese and the city, then they started raising funds

for the equipment.

"It's been three of our school fundraisers for a total of \$90,000 over three years," said the principal.

The school's annual fundraiser is a Read-a-thon where students get sponsors. They spend an entire day reading together in the gym.

"It's important the students played a vital role in making this happen," said Connealy, who also extended gratitude to everyone who donated their time, talent and treasure to the project. "They are excited about it and have been patiently waiting for the project to come to completion."

A playground committee made up of parents helped design the playground and select equipment. They opted to include a field for

soccer and football along with the basketball court because those are the activities the students play at recess.

In addition to serving on the playground committee, Jennifer Bass, was among the parents to help put the new playscape together Oct. 24 and 25.

"This will provide a safer environment for the kids and offer more things to engage their imagination," she said. "Everyone is excited to get it completed and make use of the land."

Bass is excited that most of the students in the school will get to see the fruits of their labor.

Brad Mollet, parent, was on hand to assist with the playscape assembly. He stressed the fact that Sacred Heart offers a nice mix of academics, spiritual activities and leisure time. The enhanced play area will help with the recreational component.

Jackie Kelly, another parent, decided to lend a hand because she was excited for the students to have the new equipment.

"They have so much room now. This will be an amazing addition to the school," she said. "My kids have known for the last couple of years that their fundraisers have been going to this. It made them more excited about their fundraisers knowing this was the goal."

Sacred Heart's older playground equipment will continue to be used for the next year or two, noted Connealy, until the new project is complete with the addition of soccer field and basketball court. They hope to work on the field and court next spring and summer.

"The kids may not know what they accomplished yet, but when they get out there start playing on it, all of the kids who were a part of this will look back and will realize what a special undertaking this was," said Lieber.

Northwest Iowa food pantries brace for donations

By **KATIE BORKOWSKI**
Staff reporter

Although the United States is the wealthiest nation in the world, there are always individuals and families in need of a little help 12 months out of the year. Food banks and pantries throughout the Diocese of Sioux City are gearing up for the approaching holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, when the spirit of giving is at its height. Subsequently, the end of the calendar year is often the busiest for northwest Iowa food pantries.

Christian Action Program

The Christian Action Program at Immaculate Conception in Cherokee has been in operation since the 1960s, noted Teresa Westcott, parishioner. The organization operates out of the basement of the parish house on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"Two women in town started it," said Westcott. "It has been handed down to many other people. It has all been volunteers and donations. Whatever comes in is what we give out."

The number of items a family can take depends on the size of the family. The families leave with a grocery cart full of groceries. Westcott explained the program serves about 100 families a month.

"Right now, we are working with the food bank in Sioux City to buy food cheaper when we have money donated to buy food," she said. "The Hy-Vee Warehouse and the grocery store give us a lot of groceries. Everything else is from the people in the community."

The volunteers are from four different churches including Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish.

In the past, the Christian Action Program offered a turkey at Thanksgiving and a ham at Christmas. They are still working on what will happen at the holidays this year to help the needy families and individuals who need food.



Volunteers box food at Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc. in Sioux City. (Submitted photo)

Food Bank of Siouxland

According to Linda Scheid, executive director at Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc., donations have already started rolling in for the holiday season.

"This is our busiest time of year, so we've been trying to prepare for some time," she said. "Mostly internal work to be ready for increased demand."

For those donating food, Scheid wanted to remind them to donate in advance. For example, she said, if a turkey is donated "to us the day before the holiday, it cannot reach anyone in need until after the holiday. It must be put on the inventory and added to an order for an agency, which is a process of several days."

Scheid also wanted contributors to remember people need to eat 365 days a year, and "we work so they have that option."

Since the Food Bank of Siouxland has a large warehouse, running out of space is not a problem for them. Scheid explained the organization does not serve individuals and families directly. Special events happen at their agency partners like Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, etc.

"We definitely see more need for helping hands, sorting food primarily," said Scheid, who added there

has been an increase in the need for food. "Our fiscal year ended Sept. 30, and it was the biggest year in our history - 2.6 million pounds of food distributed."

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Outreach

The people of Buena Vista County are served by Upper Des Moines Opportunity Outreach in Storm Lake. The organization offers many programs and services including a food bank/food shelf.

Income eligible clients are offered a variety of food and non-food items, which may be accessed once a week. Items available depends on the supply.

"We are getting ready for Thanksgiving," said Maggie Reyes, outreach specialist. "We will have a program for our families. We are working with Fareway and Hy-Vee to see if we can get vouchers, so we can buy meals for Thanksgiving – turkey, mashed potatoes, etc. We are hoping to do this for the families to have a nice Thanksgiving."

Kim Hickman, SaDSS specialist at Upper Des Moines, noted they are preparing for the holidays by ordering more food through the Food Bank of Iowa.

"We are hoping to help 20 to 25 families for the holidays," she said.

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SLSM alum shares experience

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Genuine happiness

The most moving part of the Malawi experience for Langworthy was ministering to the Albino tribe "whom are hunted to be killed because of the color of their skin."

"To see first-hand the persecution that our albino brothers and sisters in Christ experience every hour of every day, while still maintaining a strong faith in God and his provision, was profoundly life changing," said Langworthy.

Additional parts of the trip that impacted Langworthy include the "genuine" happiness of the children and seeing the work of the Benga Catholic Parish in Malawi, which she said is amazing.

"They (the children) literally had nothing – no toys, no books, minimal clothing," she explained. "Yet you never heard them cry, whine or fight. They were just happy. Here in America we have so much that we have inadvertently created a culture of wanting more."

The Benga Catholic Parish has a partnership with Watts of Love and not only allowed the delivery of lights to 1,037 of the "poorest of the poor people in Malawi, but it is going to help us light up more as Watts of Love is committed to providing solar lights to all of the albinos of the Benga Parish in Malawi," Langworthy pointed out.

Encouraging students

At the conclusion of her presentation, Langworthy shared a video of her trip to Malawi and answered questions from the St. Mary's students.

As an alumna of St. Mary's, Langworthy said she will "always be grateful to St. Mary's for the fine education I received and the morals that were taught."

"As a high school student, it could seem like going somewhere as far away as Africa seems like something too big to attempt," she said. "The same could be said about writing a book and getting it published. By sharing about my experiences both in the mission field and being a published author, I hope I was able to encourage them (the high school students) to not limit their dreams or what God may be calling them to do."

Grace and Peace

Not only did Langworthy travel to Malawi this year, she also had her book, *Grace and Peace* published. She donated a copy of the book to the library at St. Mary's School so the students would have a chance to read *Grace and Peace*.

Langworthy's book tells her story and shares "the message that you don't have to be perfect to have peace. The path to peace rests in accepting God's grace into your life and living it daily."

"Many people who believe in God still struggle with having peace in their lives," said Langworthy. "Our world is very fast and there always seems to be more and more required of us, which in turn tends to make us more and more stressed and devoid of peace."

The author came face to face with death, which forced her to look at her life and reconsider her true relationship with God.

According to the book's website, "*Grace and Peace* inspires its readers to move from a place of complacency in their relationship with God."

To find out more about *Grace and Peace*, visit the website at www.graceandpeacebook.com. To find out more about Watts of Love or to donate money to buy a light, go to www.wattoflove.org.

Langworthy is available to share her Malawi experience with others to spread the news of Watts of Love. She can be contacted by phone at (402) 301-7003 or by email at graceandpeace.dl@gmail.com.

'There's no atheists in foxholes'

When senior reporter Renee Webb and I were working on our articles this week about Father Barrett and Msgr. Seifried for our Veterans Day issue, we knew we had dynamic duos – God and Country, Barrett and Seifried, Priest and Soldier. We were confident they would have great stories to tell. We were elated when they said yes to our requests for interviews. And oh yes, they would share photos from their time in the service. Jackpot.

Our eyes were opened by their vast experiences, their education, honors and worldwide travel. To be honest, I knew Msgr. Seifried before from his visits to my office at 300 E 3rd Street and I had dined with him at the Regatta Grille. He had told Mark and I about his desire to see the world and join the military. I knew it would be fun to interview him in person and learn more about his time away from the diocese.

I didn't know monsignor served in Vietnam. I just knew he was a career chaplain and asked him to speak once at a school Veterans Day program. I didn't know monsignor wore a helmet and was shot at in an artillery base. I didn't know he tended to wounded soldiers who were scared and "found religion" in the war zone.

"There's no atheists in foxholes," he

reminded me. I bet not. He shared a fantastic professional photo with us that we reprinted in this issue of a Mass where he celebrated with a Cardinal out in the field in Vietnam. It made it real to see his pictures of him in uniform and to interview him about ministering to soldiers in combat.

We didn't know Father Barrett's full story since he lives in New Jersey and we don't run into him in Northwest Iowa. He served in Iraq as well as other places. He told Renee he suffered as many soldiers died in 2007 and 2008, yet found his ministry to be fruitful in that time. Father Barrett also had the world open up to him and ministered to people and children from numerous countries. I only knew him as a picture in the diocesan directory. A military priest I didn't know. However, shared pictures of himself in fatigues sitting in a helicopter hearing confessions of soldiers, seamen and marines. The military branches didn't matter but the pictures made him real.

I knew my own father served in the Korean War and was deployed before mom

and dad's first wedding anniversary. We have a little lamp table that he sent to mom for a gift that we keep in the den that I know was that anniversary gift. He never talked about it much throughout my lifetime. About a year before he passed away in December 2016, Dad started talking about his experiences serving as a military police officer in the U.S. Army and the ugly things he saw.

So Dad's Korean War experiences became very real to me. Veterans' experiences are real, even if they don't want to talk about it. Or can't talk about it. But we can show our gratitude.

How blessed this country is that we have a day to thank the living veterans for their service. Msgr. Seifried is right – we have come a long way since the days of Korea and Vietnam when servicemen and women couldn't wear their uniforms on the street. (My dad couldn't get a hotel room in his Army uniform.) I'll refrain from mentioning all of what I heard about how service members were treated in the Korea and Vietnam eras.



GLOBE EDITOR

Dawn Prosser



Jack Roonda in Korea

Can you attend a local Veterans Day service this year? I know you can take a moment to pray for all veterans and active duty military. If you see or know a veteran, tell them thank you for their service. If you see an active duty military member, tell them thank you for their service. Buy their coffee or their meal. It's the least you can do.

"Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends." – Jn 15:13

GRANDMA REMEMBERS: The secret of 90

It's become a four-generation tradition to head south of the cities and take in a small-town celebration of fall. Our route winds between soaring bluffs and a shimmering lake. It feels like a narrow passageway, a tunnel back in time.

We perused antique dolls at a whimsical toy store in Kellogg, Minn. Grandma recognized a Shirley Temple doll on display; she'd had the same one.

Then we climbed aboard the hand-carved carousel, Grandma in a gilded chariot pulled by an ostrich, the baby on her lap. It seemed a fitting placement for our freckled matriarch who turns 90 this month: a few musical loops for the woman who has circled the sun 90 times, all while remaining in close orbit with the Son.

On the drive home, we gazed at blazing maples and listened to "How Great Thou Art" – a song played at Grandpa Jim's funeral, she told me.

In the back of the van, a great grandchild snapped her reverie, and stories of toddler antics ensued. Again she seamlessly spanned the decades, recalling her days with young children. She laughed about the time her son Michael got stuck in a muddy field at stern Farmer Sperl's.

A neighbor boy breathlessly alerted her, advising: "You might need boots."

The lake danced behind us, and I circled back to her milestone birthday.

"I feel pretty much the same as 70," she said.

Grandma stimulates her mind and soul: daily Mass and crosswords and journaling,

weekly adoration, frequent phone calls and chocolates. She credits "God's grace and the luck of the Irish, which includes my genes."

She does not look 90. She is spry, plucking out songs at the piano, scooping up great grandbabies, serving guests.



TWENTY SOMETHING

Christina Capecchi

She is beloved by everyone she encounters – a Universal Grandma, a stand-in with a ready hug and listening ear, a candy dish and a crackling fireplace.

She makes each visitor feel understood and embraced. That is her superpower: she remembers. She is 90 and also 50 and 20 and 5. She recalls each stage – not only where she was and what she did but how she felt. She remembers how it feels.

She is still a redheaded girl living in St. Paul with her grandparents, tormented by the neighbor boy Donny Stulhman, determined to prove she is taller than he (though she is not).

She is still a teenager, dreaming of motherhood and sobered by news of World War II, listening to H.V. Kaltenborn on the radio with her grandpa.

She is still a kindergarten teacher, overwhelmed and inspired to teach 110 students.

She is still a newlywed, deeply in love, merging two lives.

She is still a stay-at-home mom, humbled by the task of raising children.

She is still a girl-scout leader, teaching the third graders in Troop 551 a melody they will sing when they are new moms soothing colicky babies.

She is still a widow at 45, given to fits of uncontrollable crying, triggered by daily reminders like shoes in a closet, but also propped up by enormous kindness. ("I never knew there was such compassion," she said. "I'll never be the same.")

She is still a program coordinator at a social-service agency called Neighbors, determined to serve the needy in her midst.

She is still a grandma, floored by the joy of her baby's baby.

She is still a great grandma, elevated to "another whole level, floating above Never, Never Land, fully aware of each blessing but totally free of responsibility."

She has kept all these things in her heart, and she can access any one at any time. At 90 she is ageless: tender and tough, young and wise, more alive than ever.

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn.



Capecchi's grandmother

Taking up cross to follow Christ

Have you ever asked the wrong question at the wrong time? The kind you wished you could withdraw, even before it's out of your mouth?

One day when I was in college, I came out of church after daily Mass and discovered that a young lady had backed her Volkswagen into a clothesline pole on the parking lot. To this day I don't know why I said it. She was sitting in her car with both hands on the steering wheel, staring straight ahead, white knuckle grip on the wheel.

"Didn't you see the pole?" I asked.

She spoke very slowly and deliberately and said, "No, Dennis, I did not."

The wrong question at the wrong time. We've all asked them. You're driving on a dark rainy night and you see a car on the side of the road. The driver is setting up a jack and you pull over and say, "Flat tire?" ("No, I'm just rotating my tires on a dark, stormy night!")

Or you're on the golf course, looking for a ball you'll probably never find, and someone calls over to you, "Lost ball?" How would you answer them?

A person with a severe disability might say that Jesus asked them the wrong question at the wrong time: "Are you willing to leave father, mother, spouse and children and follow me? Are you willing to take up your cross and follow me?"

A disabled person needs their family, their caretakers. Take up our cross? Did we have a choice? I think Jesus is telling a disabled person that, as dearly as we love others, as dearly as we love ourselves, discipleship demands that it is Jesus who

should occupy the center of our lives, nothing or no one else. No illness, no tragedy, no black hole.

Jesus then gives those who are disabled guidelines to help us choose him and accept our cross. We were created for a reason, not to become "couch potatoes." But we must prepare and not blindly jump into following Christ. Prayer and discernment and Mass are the key. Once we decide to do it, then we leave everything behind and put God first.

Those who want to follow Christ must carry their cross. We must be willing to face suffering and all sorts of grief. The cross of personal problems, sickness, disease and daily conflict. As St. Paul said, "In weakness power reaches perfection, because we're strong in the Lord."

Once when Winston Churchill went back to his alma mater to speak, the audience anticipated a great speech from the prime minister.

He stood before them and said just six words. "Never, never, never, never give up."

That was it. The speech was over, and that was probably the speech for which he was most remembered.

Our Lord asks us to stand firm on the commitment we have made at our baptism and confirmation, our commitment which is nourished by the Eucharist and embrace the call to discipleship, even if that means picking up a cross we can hardly carry.

Father Dennis Meinen serves as chaplain at Holy Spirit Retirement Home, Sioux City, for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the diocese, and Faithful Friar of the Garrigan 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, Sioux City.



VIEW FROM THE SCOOTER

Father Dennis Meinen



AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gehlen Junior High Band, Le Mars

Seventh grade student Samantha Zubrod was selected for the Northwest Iowa Band Association Junior High Honor Band. She is a student at Gehlen Catholic Schools.

St. Edmond Vocal Music, Fort Dodge

Hannah Lukehart, Manuela Rodriguez and Faith Shirbroun were selected to participate in the 32rd annual Opus Honor Choir festival. Over 2600 students were nominated by their directors for 720 positions in the four Opus Honor Choirs.



Mosher, eighth grade and freshman Josie Scheitler were selected for the Opus Honor Choir from among the 2,600 who auditioned. They will perform Thursday, Nov. 21 at the C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in the Iowa State Center, Ames. Five Gehlen Catholic vocalists were selected for the 2019 All-State Music Festival: junior Zach Kraft, junior Ty Linden, junior Trevor Oloff, freshman Kaylee Linden and freshman Josie Scheitler. The festival will be held November 21-23 at Iowa State University in Hilton Coliseum.

Gehlen Marching Band Earns Honors, Le Mars

Le Mars Gehlen Catholic High School Jays marching band received an Excellent (II) rating at the Iowa High School Music Association's State Marching Band Contest at Sheldon and the Dutchmen Field Championships in Orange City October 12. They also earned first place in Class 1A, Best Drum Major and Best Percussion at the Dutchmen Field Championships.

St. Edmond School, Fort Dodge

Aubrey Bemrich, Fort Dodge St. Edmond High School junior, was selected for the Iowa All-State Cheer Squad. Bemrich was also selected for the squad last year. Approximately 200 of Iowa's best cheerleaders are nominated by their coaches and 29 were selected for the All-State Cheer Squad. The cheerleaders will practice once a month in January, February, and March and perform at half time of the Boys State Basketball tournament on March 13, 2020.



Bishop Garrigan Wins Quiz Bowl Home Tournament, Algona

Bishop Garrigan's number one quiz bowl team won the overall quiz bowl championship at the 29th annual quiz bowl tournament Saturday, Oct. 19. Thirty-six teams representing 19 different schools competed. Participating teams included Eagle Grove, Emmetsburg, Estherville Lincoln Central, Hartley Melvin Sanborn, Newman Catholic, North Iowa, South Hamilton and Sioux Central.

Gehlen Opus and All-State Vocalists, Le Mars

Two Gehlen Catholic School vocalists were selected for the 2019 Opus Honor Choir. Aspen

Sprakel named Holy Spirit executive director

Sioux City Holy Spirit Retirement Home announced the addition of Kyla Sprakel as its new executive director as of Oct. 1.

In her new role, Sprakel will lead the day-to-day business operations of Holy Spirit Retirement Home to include independent senior apartments and assisted living apartments as well as long term care, memory care and skilled care at Holy Spirit.

Professionally, Kyla is a licensed Therapeutic Recreational Specialist and former nursing

home administrator in Nebraska. Her work experiences include a

background in long term care, senior living, assisted living and memory care for the past 20 years. Kyla holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nebraska - Kearney in Comprehensive Recreation. She also has a license as an Alzheimer's Care Director and practitioner while operating both an Alzheimer's Unit and an Alzheimer's care group in Northeast Nebraska for several years. She is a member of the National

Council of Therapeutic Recreation for the past 35 years.

Kyla is a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Crofton, Neb., where she is a member of the Altar Society and Catholic Daughters. She has been a past CCD Coordinator and CCD teacher for the parish.

Supported by the Diocese of Sioux City and located in the hills of western Sioux City, Holy Spirit Retirement Home is a non-profit organization providing compassionate continuum of care for residents in its skilled nursing, assisted living and independent living facilities.



Sprakel

Pantries prepare for Thanksgiving, Christmas

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"We also get donations from Walmart, Fareway and Hy-Vee Monday through Thursday. Those donations are in abundance, so our families are able to get what they can use."

The organization also gets donations from Boy Scouts, Buena Vista University, the police department and churches and businesses call in to see what is needed.

Hickman noted they do tend to run out of space at times around the holidays because of the amount of donations during this "giving season."

"As soon as we get it in, usually within two weeks it is gone," she said. "Maggie will put the word out, and we can get it (the items) out pretty quick if need be."

Upper Des Moines Community Outreach is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are food days, so Hickman recommended dropping off donations on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

Community Basket in Merville

In 2011, the churches in Merville, including Immaculate Conception Church, formed Community Basket, which is operated out of a building on Main Street in Merville.

The mission of Community Basket is to alleviate hunger by acquiring food and distributing it to people in need. The Community Basket manages a Thrift Store and Community Garden located in Merville.

According to the website, Community Basket receives monetary and food donations from clubs, churches, businesses and the general public. Each month, the Community Basket purchases about \$300 of food from the Food Bank of Siouxland. Every dollar spent at the Food Bank buys 13 pounds of food.

At each distribution an average of 70 families are

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— Community Basket of Merville

served, reaching about 175 individuals. At each distribution, several volunteers show up to work, organize and distribute the food and miscellaneous items.

"With the help of generous individuals, church groups, 4-H groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and mentor groups, we are reaching those who are needing help right here in the breadbasket of America," noted the Community Basket website. "Your donations are tax-deductible and a receipt is available on request."

The food pantry accepts non-perishable items, such as paper items, detergents, and personal items, etc., fresh eggs, produce, hamburgers, sides of beef, etc., and canned and box goods. They can only accept items during regular store hours.

The thrift store accepts slightly used clothing, along with other miscellaneous items such as books, etc.

For more information about Community Basket, call the thrift store in Merville at (712) 873-3062 or visit www.communitybasket-merville.org. The thrift store is open 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dean and Linda Koppen



SPENCER – Dean and Linda Koppen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 15. They were married on Nov. 15, 1969, at St. John the Baptist Church in Bancroft by Msgr. Reising.

Dean and Linda are members of Sacred Heart Church in Spencer.

Michael and Deborah Main

SIOUX CITY – Michael and Deborah (Townley) Main will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on Nov. 22, 1969 in Merville at Immaculate Conception Church.

They have four children and spent their lives teaching them the lessons of hard work, grace and love. Their children are Andrea and David Harris, Sean Main, Christine and Josh Gant, and Laura and Ron Moquett. They have six grandchildren, their beautiful life together.

Cards and well wishes to



Michael and Deb may be sent to 1026 Charles Ave, Sioux City, IA 51108.

Stan and Janice Scheitler



REMSEN – Stan and Janice (Krier) Scheitler celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 4. They were married in 1969 at St. Mary Church in Remsen.

To celebrate there will be a dance in their honor at 7 p.m. on Nov. 29 in the Avalon Ballroom in Remsen. The couple requests no gifts.

Hosting the dance will be their four children and their families, Brian and Tonya Harpenau, Troy and Jen Scheitler, Todd and Leigha Scheitler all of Le Mars and Toby and Mindy Scheitler of Remsen. The couple has 17 grandchildren.

BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Nilles



LE MARS – Beverly Nilles will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, at St. James Church (109 6th Ave. SW, Le Mars).

Her children are Genelle (Jake) Dixon of Sioux City, Dr. Ruth Shay of Fort Collins, Colo., Diane Shay of Sioux City, and Merle (Becky) Shay of Le Mars. She has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Beverly was born on Nov. 7, 1929 in Sioux City.

Dennis Nilles

LE MARS – Dennis Nilles will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, at St. James Church (109 6th Ave. SW, Le Mars).

His children are Genelle (Jake) Dixon of Sioux City, Dr. Ruth Shay of Fort Collins, Colo., Diane Shay of Sioux City, and Merle (Becky) Shay of Le Mars. He has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dennis was born on March 31, 1930 in Remsen.



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AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 10 to Monday, November 25

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

Algona St. Cecelia – Roast Beef Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Parish Center
 Boone Sacred Heart – Fall Parish Bazaar at the Sacred Heart Ryan Gym. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meal includes pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot vegetable, dinner roll, salad bar and dessert. Kids option chicken strips. \$10 adult, \$6 children 12 and under, \$32 for family. Boutique and country store open at 9:30 a.m., cake walk from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Fort Dodge Corpus Christi – Mass is broadcast every Sunday on KVFH AM 1400 at 8:30 a.m.
 Sioux City Holy Cross Blessed Sacrament – Knights of Columbus Breakfast.
 Sioux City Holy Cross St. Michael – Mass is broadcast every Sunday on KFHC 88.1 at 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

Algona St. Cecelia – Rosary for vocations, 7 a.m.; gather in the church to pray the rosary for vocations and for priests of the diocese.
 Milford St. Joseph – AA meets in the Nazareth Hall, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

Madrid St. Malachy – Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 to 3:30 p.m. and 6 to 6:30 p.m., in the day chapel.
 Menville Immaculate Conception – 7 p.m., KC8232 meeting.
 Wesley St. Joseph – Pray to end abortion with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

Estherville St. Patrick – Respect for Life Rosary, prayed every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. in the church.
 Wesley St. Joseph – Pray to end abortion with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, following the 8 a.m. Mass, every Wednesday.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

Milford St. Joseph – Bible Study, 8 to 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

Carroll St. John Paul II – Men’s Spirituality, every

Friday 6 to 6:45 a.m. in the family room at Holy Spirit.
 Wesley St. Joseph – Pray for Vocations in the diocese with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, following the 7:30 a.m. Mass, every Friday, except First Friday.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

Algona St. Cecelia – KC Memorial Mass at 7:45 a.m.
 Algona St. Cecelia – Waffle Breakfast by Bishop Garrigan Music Department, after Sunday morning Masses.
 Menville Immaculate Conception – 9:30 a.m., coffee, juice, rolls.
 Le Mars All Saints St. Joseph – Chili cookoff from 3 to 5 p.m.
 Sioux City Holy Cross St. Michael – Mass is broadcast every Sunday on KSCJ AM 1360 at 9 a.m.
 Sioux City Cathedral St. Joseph – Knights of Columbus Breakfast, serving from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall; cost is \$6 per person or \$20 for family.

Sioux City Cathedral of the Epiphany – Knights of Columbus Bingo, 5-7 p.m., lower level of church.
 Sioux City Mater Dei – KC’s omelet breakfast at the Immaculate Conception dining room. Serving from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Free will offering supports the warming shelter this month.
 Sioux City Sacred Heart – Knights of Columbus Breakfast, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Serving pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, orange juice and coffee. Freewill offering.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

Whittemore St. Michael – Fall Prayer Retreat Nov. 21 to 23.

MONDAY, NOV. 25

Le Mars All Saints – KC Backpack Program Packing Event.
 Le Mars All Saints – Catholic Daughters Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner. 5:45 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. dinner Richter Hall.

Answers to the **Puzzle** on page 8: Good Shepherd/John 10:14; Emmanuel/Matthew 1:23; Bread of life/John 6:35; Lamb of God/John 1:29

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

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ALGONA

Lynette “Lynn” Elbert, 81, died Nov. 2.
 Robert “Bobby” Thilges, 59, died Oct. 21.

ALTON

Geri Von Bank, 88, died Oct. 11.

BARNUM

John P. O’Hern, 63, died Oct. 10.

BREDA

Joanell Koster, 78, died Oc. 25.

CARROLL

Nela Atkinson, infant, died Oct. 29.
 Darrell Pudenz, 64, died Oct. 11.

Ella M. Reiff, 86, died Oct. 30.

Richard Schieffer, 87, died Oct. 21.

CHEROKEE

James L. “Jim” Cates, 92, of Okoboji, died Oct. 22.
 Ruth I. Hausmann, 96, died Oct. 31.

EMMETSBURG

Leo Farris, 74, died Oct 27.

ESTHERVILLE

Martha Haigh, 72, died Oct. 27.
 Lorraine Koons, 86, died Oct. 31.

FORT DODGE

Gloria Collins, 89, died Oct. 22.
 Margaret J. (Bemrich) Hruska, 83, of Bentonville, died Oct. 19.

LAWTON

Joseph Simoni, 76, died Oct. 24.

LE MARS

Carol Klein, 77, died Oct. 23.
 Vincent H. Masuen, 93, died Oct. 19.

Jacob “Jake” Pick, 84, died Oct. 22.

MARCUS

Jim Braun, 62, died Oct. 31.
 Jean Treinen, 64, died Oct. 14.

POCAHONTAS

Dale P. Harrold, 95, of Omaha, Neb., died Oct. 30.
 Robert C. Naughton, 94, of West Des Moines, Iowa, died Oct. 21.

Edward A. Schnetter, 83, died Oct. 29.
 Catherine B. Shors, 106, died Oct. 28.

SERGEANT BLUFF

William “Bill” J. McGregor, 76, died Oct. 17.

SIOUX CITY

Patricia K. Condon, 87, died Oct. 27.
 Kenneth J. DeLaRoi, 76, died Oct. 27.

Margaret Gerch, 91, died Oct. 29.

Diana Coil Gobell, 53, died Oct. 26.

Michael O. Medrano, 31, died Oct. 25.
 Marcella “Marcie” J. Moore, 93, died Oct. 26.

Mary E. Mullin, 82, died Nov. 1.
 John D. Pullis, 79, died Oct. 31.
 Randy Ross, 67, died Oct. 29.

SPENCER

Raymond E. Russell, 69, died Oct. 28.

STORM LAKE

Sheryl A. Cook, 58, died Oct. 24.

WILLEY

Joseph W. Schmitz, 92, died Nov. 1.

Adoration schedule

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Algona St. Cecelia
 Le Mars St. Joseph
 Sioux City Cathedral Chapel
MONDAY
 Carroll Holy Spirit Convent – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday to Saturday.
 Rockwell City St. Francis – 5 to 6 p.m.
 Sioux City Holy Spirit Retirement Home – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Sioux City Immaculate Conception – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Bancroft St. John – 5 to 6 p.m.
 Early Sacred Heart – After 8 a.m. Mass for one hour.
 Fort Dodge Sacred Heart – Holy Hour, second Tuesday of the month.
 Ida Grove Sacred Heart – After 8 a.m. Mass to 6 p.m., fourth Tuesday of the month.
 Larchwood St. Mary – 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Madrid St. Malachy – Noon to 9 p.m.
 Manson St. Thomas – 2 to 4 p.m.
 Milford St. Joseph – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Odebolt St. Martin – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., first Tuesday of the month.
 Onawa St. John – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
 Sioux City St. Joseph – 5:30 p.m.
 Sioux City St. Michael – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Whittemore St. Michael – 4:30 to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Early Sacred Heart – 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., first Wednesday of the month.
 Estherville St. Patrick – 8 a.m. to noon.
 Mapleton St. Mary – 8 to 9 a.m.
 Menville Immaculate Conception – 7 to 10 p.m., fourth Wednesdays.
 Sac City St. Mary – 1 to 8 p.m., second Wednesday of the month.
 Sioux City Nativity – 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Spirit Lake St. Mary – After noon Mass to 4 p.m.
 Wall Lake St. Joseph – 1 to 8:30 p.m., third Wednesday of the month.
THURSDAY
 Cherokee Immaculate Conception – After 8 a.m. Mass to 4:30 p.m.
 Denison St. Rose of Lima – 8

a.m. to 6:15 p.m.
 Early Sacred Heart – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 Humboldt St. Mary – 2 to 7 p.m.
 Manson St. Thomas – 2 to 7 p.m.
 Marcus Holy Name – Following 8 a.m. Mass to 2 p.m.
 Sioux City Blessed Sacrament – 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Spencer Sacred Heart – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Storm Lake St. Mary – 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Bancroft St. John the Baptist – After 8 a.m. Mass to noon, first Friday of the month.
 Carroll Kuemper High School – 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
 Fort Dodge Sacred Heart – 9 a.m. to Saturday noon, first Friday of the month.
 Fort Dodge Trinity Hospital – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Ida Grove Sacred Heart – 8 to 9 a.m.
 Le Mars St. James – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., first Friday of the month
 Menville Immaculate Conception – 7 p.m., first Friday of the month.
 Onawa St. John – 8 to 9 a.m.
 Remsen St. Mary – After 7:45 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m.
 Sheldon St. Patrick – After 8:45 a.m. Mass to Saturday at 8 a.m., first Friday of the month.
 Sioux City Bishop Heelan High School – 7:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.
 Sioux City Sacred Heart – 8 a.m. to noon.
 Sioux City Trinity Heights Queen of Peace – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., except holidays.
 Spencer Sacred Heart – 8 a.m. to noon, first Friday of the month.
 Whittemore St. Michael – After 7:30 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m., first Friday of the month.

SATURDAY

Hawarden St. Mary – Noon to 4 p.m., first Saturday of the month.
 Sioux Center Christ the King – 6:30 p.m. to Sunday at 12:30 p.m., third Saturday of the month.
 Sioux City Trinity Heights Queen of Peace – 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., except holidays.
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WEEKDAY READINGS:

MONDAY, NOV. 11 – Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalms 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Luke 17:1-6

TUESDAY, NOV. 12 – Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalms 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Luke 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13 – Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalms 82:3-4, 6-7; Luke 17:11-19

THURSDAY, NOV. 14 – Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Psalms 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Luke 17:20-25

FRIDAY, NOV. 15 – Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Luke 17:26-37

SATURDAY, NOV. 16 – Wisdom 18:14-16 and 19:6-9; Psalms 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Luke 18:1-8

MONDAY, NOV. 18 – 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Luke 18:35-43

TUESDAY, NOV. 19 – 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 – 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalms 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Luke 19:11-28

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 – 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Luke 19:41-44

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 – 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Luke 19:45-48

SATURDAY, NOV. 23 – 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalms 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Luke 20:27-40

The Saints

Margaret of Scotland

c. 1045-1093
November 16

Margaret may have been born in Hungary of a German mother, but as the granddaughter of an English king was brought to England. She took refuge in Scotland after the Norman conquest and in 1070 married King Malcolm III. They had two daughters and six sons; one son also became a saint. Deeply religious, she used her influence to bring the Scottish church in line with Rome, and was noted for caring for orphans and the poor. She died four days after her husband’s murder; they were buried at Dunfermline Abbey.

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Help end hunger in communities across North America. Many in our communities are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food for their families. The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night.

Overview

The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program, which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food to the cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.



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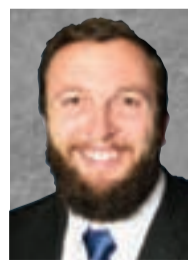
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