

Broom Tree Schedule: 605-263-1040 or email: broomtree@sfcatholic.org; www.broom-tree.org

****Ignatian Silent Retreats:**
Women: Oct 5-8, Nov 2-5
Men: Nov 16-19

****Day of Recollection:** Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. *Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register.*
A prayerful donation is requested.
Oct 10: “Renovating the Heart”-The Lourdes Center
Nov 7: “A Glorified Wound”-The Lourdes Center

Healing Retreats: Oct 13-15
Directed by Fr Scott Traynor

Couples Retreat: Nov 10-12
During this retreat, couples will have the blessed opportunity to spend time together receiving from the very heart of God. The environment at Broom Tree makes for a perfect couples get-away: no TV, no radio, no phones or computers, just beautiful, peaceful surroundings, good food, and all the time and good direction you need to experience renewal in your marriage.
Register early.

****The Heart of Gratitude Retreat**** *Take a day away this Fall to steep yourself in gratitude. Receive God’s Gracious Gifts, Cultivate Grateful Hearts,& Share Generous Blessings in the beauty of God’s Creation.* Saturday October 21; 9 am–3:30 pm (8:30 am Check-In & Fellowship). Creighton University Retreat Center, one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA. Facilitated by Retreat Leaders & Spiritual Directors Brenda Stalbaum Martin & Kathy Kemler. \$60 includes lunch. To register email CURC@Creighton.edu/call 712-778-2466

God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away to pray, to listen, to be? Steep yourself in our sacred space, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what’s stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$375. Oct 26-28. Retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. the first evening, following your check-in, and ends the last day by 3:00 p.m. Register at www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. George #2688 has St. Gerard, patron saint of motherhood and expectant mothers, medals for any expectant mother or any mother who would like one. The medals are given anonymously. If interested call Brenda at 526-6780

Sending Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service


Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the Cross forsaken, Offered mercy’s perfect deed; We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart: Consecrating to your purpose Ev’ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom: Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love’s revealing light, Till the height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our human sight: Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.

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Lourdes Center Offerings: 605-988-3775
A God Who Knocks- 6-week series exploring the impact of emotional wounds and opening the door to God’s healing love. This series will be held on Tuesdays 6-8 pm beginning November 7.
“**He is Stable**” – A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace – on **December 5, 2023 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Sioux Falls.** The evening will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow! Children welcome!



The 27th annual Christmas at The Cathedral will be performed with six concerts, December 14-17, 2023 at the Cathedral of St Joseph. This year’s theme, “The Heavens Declare,” is a first-hand account of the monumental events surrounding Jesus’ birth and His miraculous mission and impact through the experience of one of the magi. This inspiring production features actor, Mark Christopher Lawrence, best known for his role as Big Mike on the NBC series Chuck. He has also made guest appearances on many television programs and movies. The script will come alive through the inspiring musical compositions and arrangements of Christmas at The Cathedral Music Director and Conductor, Dan Goeller; and our featured soloists, Nashville recording artists, Shelley Jennings and Carlos Santiago; along with the Christmas at The Cathedral Orchestra and Choir. In addition to being an inspiring Christmas experience, Christmas at The Cathedral supports the poor and vulnerable in our midst through endowments for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, as well as the ongoing care of the Cathedral of St Joseph, one of the region’s most significant civic and sacred landmarks. Christmas is not just an historical event or celebration, it is something that happens within each of us every moment of every day. We look forward to sharing with you the hope and joy of God’s Incarnation during the 27th annual Christmas at The Cathedral,

The Heavens Declare!
Tickets available soon! To see sponsorship opportunities contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765. Or visit our website www.ccfesd.org



**Deacon’s Digest
Holocausts....**

Earlier today I was reading a reflection by Bishop Robert Barron on the Gospel for Monday’s Gospel. It’s about the admonition by Jesus to his followers to the light of the world. Jesus says that no one lights a lamp and then hides it so it cannot give light to the room. Lamps are designed to dispel the darkness and make it easier to see.

Bishop Barron’s reflection on this was sobering. He talked about how the atrocities of the 20th Century would not have happened if Christians were truly shining Christ’s light. He added that “Godly light” not only brings out the beauty in good things it is supposed to shine on the ugly stuff so it can be exposed and squashed. Bishop said that the holocaust and all of the horrors of World War II would not have happened if Christians were doing their part in revealing them. Instead, most had an attitude of fear or indifference –or– even complicity to the events happening around them. WWII is the deadliest war in all of recorded history. Besides the 6,000,000 Jewish people killed in death camps there were between 70 and 85 million people killed. Here’s something I didn’t realize before - about two-thirds of those deaths were civilians. Most of those who died in the fighting of WWII were classified as “non-combatants”. Wow.

So, what does that have to do with the present moment? Currently, in the United States babies are still dying in the holocaust of abortion. This is a truly ugly part of our society that needs the light of Christ shined brightly upon it. As Catholics it is our DUTY to show what is going on. Babies are dying, mothers (and some fathers) are wounded, the world is deprived of the blessing of these young lives. According to statistics, at least 63,000,000 abortion have been performed in the United States since 1973. Currently, about 20% of pregnancies end in abortion. How sad - what an ugly statistic.

So, what do we do? First, you can attend the Life Chain this coming Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on 41st St. Simply go to O’Gorman or to Sioux Falls First (in the parking lots), pick up a sign and spend an hour on 41st street praying for an end to abortion. Second, you can be active in the 40 Days for Life Campaign. This effort goes through Nov 6. Spend an hour during these 40 days praying in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility. Our parish dates to pray in front of Planned Parenthood are October 5th & 9th. Third, don’t sign the petition that is being circulated to legalize abortion all the way through the pregnancy in our state. Don’t sign it! And let other people know not to do so as well. And - be 100% pro-life every moment of every day.

Our lights need to shine brightly so that this issue can gradually go away. Pray for light, peace and perseverance but don’t become complicit by your indifference.

Deacon John Devlin

Mass Times:
Saturday-5pm | Sunday-9:30am | Tuesday 5:30pm | Wednesday 8am | Thursday 5:30pm | First Saturday 8:30am
Confession: *Tuesday 4:45pm /Thursday 6-7pm | Saturday 3:30-4:30pm | First Saturday-before\after 8:30am Mass*
Rosary: *Thirty minutes prior to weekend Masses*
Divine Mercy Chaplet: *First Sunday prior to Mass*
Adoration: *Thursday 6-9pm ~ Julie: 605-359-5428 for info*
Office Hours: *Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm*
Bulletin: *Please email or call Rechelle ~ Deadline *10AM Wednesday**
Religious Education: *Please contact Dana*
Baptism, Matrimony & Member Registration: *Please contact the office*

