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From obligation to opportunity

The word “obligation” often seems to leave a bad taste in our mouth, especially for those of us so affected by a culture that defines “freedom” as “I should be able to do whatever I want.” Though the point of this article is not meant to be about the errant definition of freedom (doing whatever we want), we would be remiss not to mention it as we talk about the “obligations” that the Church presents to us. If we are to understand the true nature of Holy Days of Obligation, it is essential to first recognize our fallen human nature’s tendency to rebel against anything we are told that we *have* to do.

So why are Holy Days of Obligation so important — so important, in fact, that even when one of these feasts falls on a Sunday, we move it and celebrate it on another day of the week? For example, this year, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, falls on a Sunday; therefore, this year (2024), the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9, and the obligation to attend Mass that Monday comes with it.

Some may ask, “Why do we *have* to attend Mass on these days?” I would propose that the better question for us to ask ourselves is: “Why are these days so *important* that the Church, in her wisdom, *requires* us to celebrate them?”

The answer is a very simple one: they all present to us fundamental, existential, and essential truths about who we are, what God *has* done, and what God desires to do for us for eternity. It is for this simple reason that the Church desires us to celebrate them, understand them, and focus our mind

and hearts on the essential truths that they teach us.

This may seem obvious for some of the Holy Days — Christmas, for example. We understand that it is certainly important to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As well as the obligation for *every* Sunday because *every* Sunday is a “little Easter.” Easter, the day we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, is so important that we celebrate it *every week*. It is, the Catechism tells us, “not simply one feast among others, but the ‘Feast of feasts’ and the ‘Solemnity of solemnities’” (CCC 1169).

But what about these other solemnities that focus on Mary and the Saints? Why are these so important? Are we focusing too much on Mary and the Saints and not enough on Jesus? The answer is a resounding “No!”

The key to understanding the importance of these other obligatory feasts rests on the key to understanding our vocation to holiness and Our Lady’s relationship to that. Pope Benedict XVI said: “Everything that is said of Mary is true of the Church. And conversely, in Mary, the Church can see the *perfect prototype of herself*... **Mary is the Church in person**, and the Church as a whole embodies what Mary, as a person, anticipates.” Very simply, Mary is already what we aspire to be. She shows us our destiny and our goal, everything that we are striving for. Christ calls each of us to “be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect”; Mary has already reached this perfection, and we can look to her to remind us of what we are called to be: perfect, holy, Saints. In giving us these special feast days to cele-



brate, the Church is placing important reminders before the eyes of our hearts about who we are called to be and what we are destined for.

In the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception**, we celebrate Our Lady’s immaculate nature with no stain of original sin. We are celebrating both the fact that she was *given* this immaculate nature and that she *preserved* it her whole life. Eve was conceived immaculate too, but she didn’t preserve it. (This is one of multiple reasons why Our Lady is called the “New Eve.”) However, it is not just a celebration of Our Lady’s sinlessness. It is also a reminder to us of our original calling to be immaculate. As Mark Miravalle so aptly explains, “Rather than being the exception, [she] fulfills in a real sense the original intention of

what God wanted for all his children.” Sin — the first one and every one after it — wounds us, disfigures us, and makes us so much less than we were made to be. This state of irreparable disorder and brokenness is the unfixable problem Jesus Christ came to solve; with his death and resurrection, He desires to forgive, restore, heal and elevate us to *more* than our original state. By celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Mary, we are reminding ourselves that He has already done this in her, and that He *will* do it in us.

The Solemnity of **All Saints**, which we recently celebrated on November 1, reminds us of the same thing. It also reminds us that it is possible. Maybe Mary’s immaculateness seems a bit unattainable to our poor fallen selves. The Saints remind us that holiness is, in fact, attainable for everyone! On this special feast, we rejoice over the countless men and women who have gone before us, who have run the race and attained the goal. What joy and hope they should give our poor little hearts so prone to sorrow and despair!

In conclusion, we should have so much joy and gratitude for these “obligations!” What hope they give. What peace they bring for those of us who labor arduously in this “valley of tears.” Next time we feel like complaining about these “extra” days the Church (who is a good Mother) “makes” us go to Mass, may we be reminded of *why* and thank her for her wisdom.

Written by Sr. Sara Kowal, SCTJM
Director of Pastoral Ministries

Monday, December 9, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 7 a.m. Mass live streamed rapidcitydiocese.org/live or on Facebook. Advent: Sunday, December 1 to Tuesday, December 24. See the Advent Reconciliation schedule on p. 3.

'Folks in the enormous crowd erupted with enthusiasm'

(Editor's note: This was written during Bishop Scott Bullock's October pilgrimage to Rome.)

Greetings from Rome! Today, I had the joy of getting to meet the pope and, specifically, to thank him for the treasured appointment as Bishop of Rapid City. It was an amazing experience!

As I was being led to the place (right next to the pope during the audience, seated next to maybe four other bishops and a cardinal), suddenly some of the folks in the enormous crowd erupted with enthusiasm. It was a pilgrimage from the Diocese of Rapid City, led by Fathers Adam Hofer and Robert Kinyon. While there were many from Lemmon and Rapid City, I learned that there were others on the pilgrimage from Hill City, Spearfish, and other parishes in the diocese. It was heartwarming to receive their enthusiasm and affection!

After the official teaching of the Holy Father, Pope Francis (which he usually offers during these weekly audiences), I was able to greet Pope Francis. I said to him, in Italian, "I am a new bishop from the United States, [a bishop] for only two weeks." Pope Francis reacted with delight! He began to wave his hand across his face and replied, again in Italian, "I can still smell the oil (Chrism from your ordination)!" and he grinned with delight. I replied, "Grazie per

questa gran onore," Thank you for this great honor. It was a highlight — the pope showed such delight in my new life as the Bishop of Rapid City! I'm delighted too! Even more, it was such a joy to be able to share this moment, unexpectedly, with some good folks around our diocese. I am grateful!

I have also had the joy of meeting with our newest member of the clergy, Deacon Max Vetch (ordained into the transitional diaconate) and Seminarian Dillon Johnson, both of whom are attending on our behalf the seminary called the "North American College," here in Rome. It has been a joy to visit the seminary, which I attended a few years ahead of Deacon Max and Seminarian Dillon (in fact, 33 years before!). These are fine, committed servants of the Lord who seek to generously serve us in the name of the Lord. Keep praying for Deacon Max and Dillon, as well as rest of our remarkable seminarians, our future priests.

Thanks for your prayers, especially at the Masses in South Dakota, when, during the Eucharistic prayer, you pray for me by name. These prayers are effective, as I continue to grow in joy and enthusiasm over the new vocation given to me by the Vicar of Christ, the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis. See you back in the West River!

Peace,
+Bishop Scott Bullock



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Pope Francis greets Bishop Scott Bullock at the Vatican in October. (Courtesy photo)



Bishop Scott Bullock visits diocesan seminarians Dcn. Max Vetch and Dillon Johnson. (Courtesy photo)

Bishop's Calendar

November 21- December 17, 2024

Subject to change without notice



November 21, Thursday

8:15 a.m. Diocesan Investment Committee Meeting, Chancery
9 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, Chancery
Pastoral Visit to Ellsworth Air Force Base Catholic Community

November 22, Friday

2 p.m. Deanery 5 Meeting, Isabel
5:30 p.m. Mass, Dinner, St. Mary, Isabel

November 23, Saturday

8 a.m. Meet/Greet Breakfast, Holy Cross, Timber Lake
Noon Meet/Greet Lunch, Holy Rosary, Trail City

6 p.m. CT Mass, Potluck Supper, St. Aloysius, Bullhead

November 24, Sunday

8 a.m. Mass, Reception, St. Bernard, McLaughlin
11 a.m. Mass, Reception, Assumption, Kenel

Nov. 28-29, Thursday-Friday
Chancery closed for

Thanksgiving

December 3, Tuesday

5 p.m. Mercy Night, Cathedral

December 5, Thursday

10 a.m. Chancery Cabinet Leaders Meeting, Chancery

December 6, Friday

4 p.m. St. Thomas More Middle School Etiquette Social, Terra Sancta

6 p.m. Theology by the Slice, Rapid City Newman Center

December 8, Sunday

8 a.m. Mass, Camp Rapid Chapel

Noon Lunch with Deacon Candidates, Terra Sancta

2 p.m. Mass, Admission to Candidacy, Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta

December 9, Monday

Feast of Immaculate Conception

7 a.m. Mass, Cathedral
5:30 p.m. Mass, ICC, Rapid City

December 12, Thursday

11:30 a.m. WSDCF Board

Meeting, Terra Sancta

5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Celebration, Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City

December 13, Friday

Noon Priest Pension/Retirement Association Meeting, Chancery

1 p.m. Presbyteral Council Meeting, Chancery

5 p.m. Priests Holiday Dinner, Rapid City

December 14, Saturday

11 a.m. Luncheon Conversation with Deacons, Chancery

December 15, Sunday

11 a.m. Public Mass and Lunch Reception with the Bishop – Terra Sancta – Registration on this page.

December 17, Tuesday

9 a.m. Real Presence Radio Live from Chancery with Jacques Daniel, check details at <https://realpresencradio.com/>
10:30 a.m. Visit to St. Thomas More Schools

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

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In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children, young people, and vulnerable adults by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.

The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.



Advent Reconciliation

Belle Fourche, St. Paul, Thursday, Dec. 19 — 5:30 p.m.
 Bison, Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, Dec. 17 — 7:30 p.m.
 Bonesteel, Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, Dec. 18 — 5 - 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo, St. Anthony, Tuesday, Dec. 17 — 5 p.m.
 Colome, St. Isidore, Tuesday, Dec. 10 — 5 p.m.
 Custer, St. John the Baptist, Mercy Night, Thursday, Dec. 12 — 6 - 8 p.m.
 Deadwood, St. Ambrose, Sunday, Dec. 15 — 2 p.m.
 Eagle Butte, All Saints, Sunday, Dec. 22 — 6 p.m.
 Faith, St. Joseph, Tuesday, Dec. 17 — 6 - 7 p.m.
 Ft. Pierre, St. John Evangelist, Thursday, Dec. 19 — 6:30 p.m.
 Gregory, St. Joseph, Mercy Night, Tuesday, Dec. 3 — 6:30 p.m.
 Hill City, St. Rose, Friday, Dec. 6 — 6 - 8 p.m.
 Hot Springs, St. Anthony, Mercy Night, Tuesday, Dec. 17 — 6 - 8 p.m.
 Isabel, St. Mary, Monday, Dec. 16 — 5 p.m.
 Lemmon, St. Mary, Tuesday, Dec. 10 — 5 - 7 p.m.
 McLaughlin, St. Bernard, Sunday, Dec. 15 — 7 p.m.
 Newell, St. Mary, Thursday, Dec. 5 — 6 p.m.
 Piedmont, Our Lady of the Black Hills, Mercy Night, Monday, Dec. 2 — 6 - 7:30 p.m.
 Presho, Christ the King, Monday, Dec. 16 — 6:30 p.m.
 Rapid City, Blessed Sacrament, Mercy Night, Thursday Dec. 19 — 4 - 7 p.m.
 Rapid City, Cathedral OLPH Mercy Night, Tuesday, Dec. 3 — 5 - 7 p.m.
 Rapid City, St. Isaac Jogues, Thursday, Dec. 12 — 6 p.m.
 Spearfish, St. Joseph, Tuesday, Dec. 17 — 5:30 p.m.
 Sturgis, St. Francis, Sunday, Dec. 8 — 2 p.m.
 Timber Lake, Holy Cross, Monday, Dec. 16 — 7 p.m.
 White River, Sacred Heart, Thursday, Dec. 5 — 5 p.m.
 Winner, Immaculate Conception, Thursday, Dec. 12 — 6:30 p.m.



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Joyfully tired with the Lord

BY BLASE GEBES, DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN

This was an incredible summer for me as I was one of the Perpetual Pilgrims in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. In two months, we walked 300 miles and drove 1200 miles in our 15-seater van which served as our mobile adoration chapel. Being on the Marian Route, I "pilgrimed" from the headwaters of the Mississippi to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

I witnessed the tremendous pastoral work accomplished in the hundreds of priests and parishes we visited. I found parish ministry exceedingly beautiful and I fell in love with Jesus and his flock in a new way as God poured out great personal graces to me throughout this summer. I look forward, God willing, to my priesthood in western South Dakota as I reap even now the little treasures of spending all day, every day this summer with our Lord.

A typical day for our group looked like this: begin with Mass followed by a quick breakfast, walk several miles to the next par-

ish, spend an hour in prayer, drive to the next town with Jesus exposed in our van, spend more time in prayer, eat a sack lunch, walk to the next several parishes, more prayer time, eat dinner, give a testimony during a holy hour, and finally close the day by sleeping in a new host home every night. I loved serving the Masses and processions so that I was close to nearly all of the liturgies. I greatly flourished in it. I was joyfully tired.

There have been many treasured moments with Jesus on my pilgrimage. One such time was on our ten mile walk to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. It was just the eight of us permanent pilgrims, two chaplains, and Jesus. We were each invited to hold the *ombrellino* (little umbrella) over Jesus while the rest of the group stayed back a few paces so that we could each pour our hearts out to the Lord in verbal prayer for an extended time of intimacy. Soon my turn came and I have never felt so close to the Lord. Words were not needed as my heart was touched to His

consoling, tender heart. Once while I was incensing in procession, the world around me fell away as I locked eyes with my Lord. My heart turned to pure praise as each waft of incense truly represented my prayers rising to heaven. Many of my stories revolve around that simple pattern of being united to our Eucharistic Lord.

I want to close with a reflection from my pilgrimage. As we saw in the many parishes of differing backgrounds, it is Our Lord in the Eucharist that unites the Church. It humbles me to think that no one in two thousand years has walked this much with Jesus since the apostles. For me, the pilgrimage was as though Jesus had called us into his inner group of apostles and granted us a special intimacy for our mission. Our earthly pilgrimage this summer was a constant reminder that the whole Church is on pilgrimage. This familiar world is not our true home. We are only home with God. He infuses us with His love and grace during the quiet moments of Eucharistic adoration. He prepares us to be Eucharistic missionaries ready and willing to share Him

with the world. Please give your heart to our Lord in adoration. It is there that He will strengthen you on your heavenly pilgrimage.



Diocesan Seminarian Blase Gebes in the National Eucharistic Procession. (Photo used with permission, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend)



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Msgr. Michael Woster honored at the CSS 2024 Annual Gathering

BY LAURIE HALLSTROM

Catholic Social Services awarded Msgr. Michael Woster the Founder's Award on October 25 in Rapid City. The award is named for the late Msgr. William O'Connell who started the charitable organization.

Msgr. Woster's brother, Chris Woster, spoke on behalf of his family. Chris detailed the Catholic Church and ranch life upbringing bringing their parents, Frank and Margaret Woster, provided in the center of the state near Reliance. He recalled parts of growing up together, including how Msgr. Woster's love of music started early with a band he had in high school. Chris said, "The music my mother heard coming from the garage was never angelic or church worthy." Chris also recalled times spent doing dangerous things, such as building a raft from creosote-soaked railroad ties that "floated under the surface of the water."

Angela Weber is former music director of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City. She was serving there

when Msgr. Woster was the pastor. "As an administrator he created a family atmosphere with birthday (parties) and retreats. It was striking the way he prayed the Mass," she said. She still meets with him for spiritual direction.

On behalf of the diocesan priests, Fathers Tim Hoag and Brian Christensen spoke via video recordings. Father Hoag served as an associate chaplain in the Rapid City Catholic School System. He credited Msgr. Woster for the foresight to plan for the "big picture" and said that he is a great resource for information. Father Christensen said Monsignor Woster was his first pastor when he moved to Rapid City while serving in the Air Force. He said Monsignor Woster became his mentor and they enjoyed many meals and great conversations.

The award winner had a chance to speak following the presentations. He said as a young man he followed drugs and motorcycles down the wrong road. "In 1971 the



CSS Board President, Dcn. Chuck Rausch, Msgr. Michael Woster, and CSS Executive Director, Dr. Grant Sasse at the 2024 Annual Gathering. Msgr. Woster was awarded this year's founder's award. (WRC photo by Becky Berreth)

Lord intervened and saved me. He gave me a mission to become a priest," he said and added how surprised his parents were at the turnaround.

During his 42 years as a priest, Msgr. Woster has served in many parishes and diocesan capacities, including a brief stint as Director of Catholic Social Services. One of his favorite memories was when he served as Diocesan Administrator after then-Bishop Charles Chaput left the diocese. Archbishop Harry Flynn of Minneapolis/St. Paul invited him to go with the Region VIII bishop's delegation for their five-year report (*Ad Limina*) to Pope John Paul II. His luggage arrived late in Rome — and he strolled the gardens behind Casa Santa Maria in his cowboy boots and blue jeans — much to the dismay of the Swiss Guards. When his cassock arrived, the Swiss Guards would snicker and call him "Msgr. Cowboy."

At the 2024 Annual Gathering, three Order of St. Benedict Awards were also

presented. The Benedict Award commemorates the work of the St. Martin Benedictine Sisters. Those recognized included the Cornerstone Rescue Mission — which offers food, shelter, and emergency services. Executive Director Lysa Allison accepted the award. Recipient Gene Ligtenberg has served several organizations, including Child Protections Services and the KC Family Program, and is a past board member at CSS. Finally, the Kovarik Family, which has made contributions in money, time and property to the diocese, was recognized. Kathleen Kovarik accepted the award on behalf of her family, including her aunt, Sr. Carol Kovarik, OSB.

Citing the work of Catholic Social Services, Dr. Sasse noted that group presentations reached 3,436 people and 183 counseling clients were served. Two new interns have been hired to meet the demand for mental health services. He ended the evening by thanking the donors for their continued support of CSS.

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Two million couples are waiting to adopt an infant

November is National adoption month

In November, Trinity Pregnancy and Adoption, a program of Catholic Social Services, joins communities nationwide in celebrating National Adoption Month 2024. This year's theme, "Honoring Youth: Strengthening Pathways for Lasting Bonds," emphasizes the importance of nurturing the relationships and support systems for children, birth parents, and adoptive families within the adoption triad.

National Adoption Month is a time to raise awareness about the need for adoptive families and to honor the unique journeys of youth in foster care and adoption. It is also an opportunity to highlight the critical role of community support in fostering lasting connections that help children thrive.

"We believe that every child deserves a loving family, and every family deserves support," said Kelli Whartman, Department Head of Trinity Pregnancy and Adoption at Catholic Social Services. "As we reflect on this year's theme, we invite our community to come together to strengthen resources for youth and mothers considering adoption. Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to develop meaningful and lasting bonds."

Trinity Pregnancy and Adoption is committed to providing compassionate support for expectant mothers, birth parents, and adoptive families. The mission is grounded in Catholic teaching, which emphasizes the sanctity of life and the dignity of every individual. They believe that every child is a gift, and seek to honor that gift by creating

loving and supportive environments for all involved in the adoption process.

To support this mission, they ask the community to contribute resources, prayer intentions, or provide financial support to strengthen the programs.

"We can all play a role in creating a supportive environment for youth and families touched by adoption," said Whartman. To learn more visit the website at www.trinityadoption.org.



"Aaron has blessed our family in more ways than we could have imagined. It's been a blessing to not only watch him grow but watch the relationship between him and his older sister develop. We are thankful every single day that God worked in the heart of his birth family and our family to bring him into our lives." — Jeremy & Holly
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Rapid City Catholic Schools celebrate All Saints

To celebrate All Saints Day, eighth grade students from St. Thomas More Middle School learned about and dressed as a Saint and attended Mass with the St. Elizabeth Seton students on October 25. During the Mass, the entire eighth grade class prayed the Litany of Saints with the younger kids. Following Mass, in groups of two and three, the eighth graders then followed the elementary students to their classrooms, where they taught about the Saints and provided an activity — coloring, singing, etc. — followed by a pep rally in the gym. **(Above)** All Saints; **(Left)** Cecilia Herrera, as St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and Elliot Huxford, as Blessed Carlo Acutis, create an arch for the second graders into their classroom. *(Courtesy photos)*



42nd Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner
Thursday, November 28, Knights of Columbus Council 1489 will host a free Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas More High School from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dinner will be held in the Commons. Councils 8844 and 8025 will be helping out. All are welcome to attend.

St. Elizabeth Seton School Christmas Concert and Art Show
Wednesday, December 11, at Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta, 2101 City Springs Rd, Rapid City. Christmas **Concert Times:** 8:30 a.m. - K/1st grade; 9:45 a.m. - 2nd/3rd grade; and 11 a.m. - 4th/5th grade. **Art Show** 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: The Art Show is on display in front of the main entrance to Holy Cross Chapel.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass
Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Celebrant

Events

Bishop Scott Bullock with Concelebrants Priests of the Diocese. At 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. there will be a Bilingual Rosary and Praise Music. Everyone welcome.

Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)
December 15-23, Novena Masses 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Dr., Rapid City. It is a Filipino tradition for spiritual preparation for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Friday, December 20, the Mass will be followed by a traditional Filipino potluck dinner.

In Your Prayers

In Your Prayers is designed to help us remember the birthdays, ordination and death anniversaries of the priests and deacons who serve us.

December

Birthdays: Dec. 2, Dcn. Raul Daniel; Dec. 7, Fr. Ron Garry; Dec. 13, Fr. Kerry Prendiville; Dec. 17, Dcn. Tom Murphy; Dec. 27, Fr. Brian Lane; Dec. 28, Fr. Bryan Sorensen.
Ordinations: Dec. 8, 1984, Dcn. Luis Usera; Dec. 13, 2013, Fr. Edmund Yainao, SJ; Dec. 28, 2017, Fr. Robert Chawngthu, SJ.
Necrology: Dec. 1, 1958, Robert Dube; Dec. 2, 1975, Robert Ready, OSB; Dec. 3, 2017, Dcn. LeRoy DeCory; Dec. 6, 2014, James Michalski, SJ; Dec. 7, 1925, Joseph Spangemacher, SJ; Dec. 7, 1953, Vincent Christie; Dec. 7, 2002, Dcn. Lawrence Whiting; Dec. 7, 2016, Thomas Tierney, SJ; Dec. 8, 1957, Matthew Connell, SJ; Dec. 9, 2002, James Becht; Dec. 12, 1936, Matthias Schmidt, SJ; Dec. 13, 1987, Bishop Harold J. Dimmerling; Dec. 14, 1955, John Groell; Dec. 17, 1989, Michael Roach; Dec. 18, 1967, Albert Grueter, SJ; Dec. 19, 1946, Francis Besendorfer; Dec. 20, 1899, Joachim Huwylet, OSB; Dec. 20, 1946, Louis Gall, SJ; Dec. 20, 2001, Richard Plante; Dec. 22, 1924, Charles Weisenhorn, SJ; Dec. 23, 1931, Florentine Digmann, SJ; Dec. 24, 1968, James Walsh; Dec. 24, 2000, William Philbin; Dec. 24, 2014, Dcn. Eugene Heckathorne; Dec. 28, 1948, James Creahen; Dec. 29, 1978, Ralph Muldoon; Dec. 30, 1980, Cornelius Meade; Dec. 31, 1922, John Jutz, SJ; Dec. 31, 1936, James Sampon.



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Blessed Sacrament Quilters Reunite Shipmates

The quilting ladies at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, have been creating patriotic quilts since 2012 and honoring veterans. This year's presentation took an unexpected turn and two former shipmates were reunited.

(Above) Scott Bruce receives his quilt. (Right) Scott Bruce and Gary Guistone served together on the USS Juneau during the Vietnam War. They had not seen each other in 14 years.



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Still Serving Others

The Benedictine Sisters of St. Martin participated in a craft sale at Good Samaritan St. Martin Village, Rapid City, on October 26. They were selling cards to support the Evening Rainbow Home in Santiago, Chile — a place for retired religious sisters. Sr. Yvette Mallow, OSB, is holding up a photo she took in Chile showing a painting by Fray Pedro Subercaseaux, OSB, a famous Chilean Artist. To order cards contact Rose at eveningrainbowcards@gmail.com. They are \$3 each. (WRC photo by Laurie Hallstrom)

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for more information or to reserve a booth
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