



'Mary brought Christ's joy to the Aztecs'

BY BLANE SCHRIOCK
DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN

My St. Paul Seminary classmates and I embarked on a pilgrimage and mission trip January 3-14, to Mexico that deeply touched my heart. Over the course of 12 days, we were immersed in the beauty of the Catholic faith alive in another culture. Through moments of prayer and service we grew closer to Christ, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the poorest of the poor in soup kitchens, garbage dumps, orphanages, and the streets of Mexico City.

One of the highlights for me was visiting the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, home to the miraculous *tilma* (or poncho) of St. Juan Diego. In 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to this humble indigenous man at Tepeyac Hill and entrusted to him a special mission. She asked for a church to be built there in her honor, and when the skeptical bishop requested a sign, she provided one. Mary instructed Juan Diego to gather Castilian roses — miraculously blooming in winter and not native to Mexico — and carry them in his *tilma* to the local bishop. When Juan Diego presented the roses, they fell to the ground, revealing an image of Our Lady miraculously imprinted on the *tilma*.

The *tilma* still continues to miraculously defy scientific explanation almost 500 years later. Its vibrant colors (made from a scien-

tifically unknown source) and other mysterious details include over a dozen symbols uniting Aztec and European imagery. This image of the Virgin Mary sparked the conversion of nine million indigenous peoples, ending the poverty of human sacrifice in Mexico and bringing the joyful light of Christ to a people deeply wounded by darkness. Praying with this miraculous image hanging behind the altar in the basilica, I felt her motherly gaze inviting me to surrender the false sacrifices and sins of my heart and so offer my life anew to Christ by her gentle help.

This same light of Christ shone in our encounters with the poorest of the poor. At a garbage dump where countless families live in unimaginable conditions, we met people who radiated the deep wellsprings of Christ's own joy despite their poverty. Their faith and love revealed a richness that goes beyond earthly possessions. Similarly, at soup kitchens, orphanages, and on the streets, we witnessed how Christ's presence transforms even the direst of circumstances into the most fruitful of encounters.

All of these experiences reminded me that just as Mary brought Christ's joy to the Aztecs in their spiritual and cultural poverty 500 years ago, she offers the same to us in the areas of our own poverty today — whether material, physical, emotional, or spiritual. Her maternal care and

intercession bring Christ's light into our own darkness, inviting us to embrace the joy and hope that only he can provide. This pilgrimage revealed for me a particular beauty of our faith: that Christ meets us in our needs, and through Mary, he brings the light of his love to transform our lives.



(Above) Seminarian Blane Schriock's new poncho.

(Right) St. Juan Diego's original *tilma* in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City. (Courtesy photos)



Blane Schriock (center back row) and his classmates pictured with volunteers and the Missionaries of Charity at their soup kitchen. (Back row right side) Seminarian Josiah Hanson. Their mission trip was January 3-14. Both seminarians are in the Configuration II Stage studying theology at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Almsgiving Fasting Praying



'Set a course for increased hope and peace'

We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us. — Pope Francis



Bishop Scott Bullock
Diocese of
Rapid City
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**Rise, let us be
on our way.**

"Last month, I issued a letter to the people of our diocese, a reflection on the virtue of hope as we begin the Jubilee Year of Hope. In that teaching, I highlighted the adage of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, who summarized the Christian life with these words: "Pray, hope, and don't worry." In this, the saint made the unavoidable connection between prayer, and

we need not manage our lives alone.

Fasting, often referred to as "giving something up," is an act by which we choose to go without so that God can fill us in our emptiness. For me, the supreme act of fasting, going without, is the crucifixion of Jesus. Here Jesus shows that when an act of emptying ourselves is dedicated to God, God can use this occasion to fill the world with love. So ... fasting is not simply a meaningless deprivation; instead, we can dedicate fasting to God and trust that he can use it, like the cross, to pour his life and goodness into the world. In this vein, I like to offer my fasting (penance) for individuals, asking God to use my sacrifices for their good. When fasting becomes other-focused and an act of love, it becomes a "burden that is light."

Finally, almsgiving can lead to hope. First, when I give away what I might think I need, I discover the hope that comes when God cares for me anyway! Secondly, the beneficiary of my sacrificial giving will increase in hope through my generous care.

Lent is not far away — let's set a course for increased hope and peace. Through intentional acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us "fan the flame of hope" in ourselves and others and, as a result, bring the peace of Christ more fully into the world. With Christ's peace renewed in our midst, this year will indeed be a Jubilee of Hope! Know of my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving on behalf of you all — and all the people of my new home in western South Dakota.

Sincerely in Christ,
+Bishop Scott E. Bullock

increased hope in the one to whom we direct our prayers, the Lord, and the result of possessing hope: freedom from worry, also known as peace! We can use the presence or absence of peace in our hearts as a barometer of the health of our spirits. In other words, if we lack peace, the remedy is prayer, which increases hope and produces peace!

In the next couple of weeks, we will be into another holy season of Lent — Ash Wednesday is March 5 this year. This season, nestled in this Jubilee Year of Hope, could be the means of increased hope (in a world that sometimes seems hopeless) and, as a result, increased peace in our world and within. Our plan for Lent, then, can be nothing less than adopting practices that will increase our hope and our peace. Jesus himself identifies three privileged spiritual practices that will, as Pope Francis recommended above, "fan the flame of hope." They are: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer, whether alone or amid the community of the church, is that act by which we recall the Lord and, further, recall that

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JUBILEE YEAR OF *Hope*

February 20th STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE (PG)	August 21st A HIDDEN LIFE (PG-13)
March 6th THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (R)	September 4th CITY LIGHTS (G)
April 10th A MAN ESCAPED (NR)	October 16th THE OTHER SIDE OF HOPE (NR)
May 1st LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG-13)	November 6th HARLAN COUNTY, USA (PG)
June 5th THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL (PG)	December 4th SAFETY LAST (NR)

"Hold fast to hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."
Heb. 6:18-19

Location:
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Time:
6:30 PM

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* The film festival is open to people of all ages. Some films, however, contain mature content or language; parents should familiarize themselves with the content of each film before deciding to bring their children.

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 22, 2025 - DIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



**3PM MASS WITH BISHOP BULLOCK
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Close the end of the Eucharistic Revival and participate
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MORE INFO TO COME AT: RAPIDCITYDIOCESE.ORG/REVIVAL

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities.

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.

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Bishop Calendar

February 19 - March 16, 2025
Subject to Change without notice

February 19, Wednesday

4 p.m. RCCSS Executive Committee Meeting, Chancery

February 20, Thursday

1 p.m. Presbyteral Council, Chancery
6:30 p.m. Bishop's Year of Hope Film Festival: "Star Wars: A New Hope" Cathedral

February 22, Saturday

8 a.m. Pilgrims of Hope Active Disciples Retreat Day, Cathedral
5:30 p.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. John the Baptist, Custer

February 23, Sunday

9 a.m. Confirmation Meeting
10 a.m. Mass, St. Patrick, Lead

February 25, Tuesday

11:15 a.m. Mass, Junior Clergy Days

February 26, Wednesday

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
5:30 p.m. Mass, St. Joseph, Spearfish

February 27, Thursday

8 a.m. St. Thomas More Schools Reconciliation Service, Cathedral
10 a.m. Sioux Spiritual Center Board Meeting, Chancery
6 p.m. Mass and Dinner with FOCUS team, Black Hills State University Newman Center

March 1, Saturday

11:45 a.m. *Veritatis Splendor* Institute Mass, Enrichment Class, Terra Sancta
4:30 p.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. Therese the Little Flower, Rapid City

March 2, Sunday

8 a.m. Mass, S.D. National Guard, Camp Rapid Chapel

11 a.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. Patrick, Wall

March 5, Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Chancery Staff Mass, Chancery
10 a.m. S.D. Catholic Conference Virtual Meeting

11 a.m. USCCB Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People Virtual Meeting

5:30 p.m. Mass, Cathedral

March 6, Thursday

10 a.m. Chancery Cabinet Leaders Meeting, Chancery

6:30 p.m. Bishop's Year of Hope Film Festival: "The Shawshank Redemption," Cathedral

March 9, Sunday

3 p.m. Mass, Rite of Election, Cathedral

March 10-11, Monday-Tuesday

Pastoral Ministry Days, Terra Sancta

March 15, Saturday

5 p.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, Sacred Heart, Philip,

7:30 p.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. Mary, Milesville

March 16, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, Sacred Heart, Philip

11 a.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. William, Midland

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NPM: Spring Meeting March 22

Rapid City National Pastoral Musicians will hold its Spring Meeting Saturday, March 22, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Sturgis.

The program is "Liturgy Basics." Learn more about the liturgy underpinning nearly everything we do presented by Deacon John Osnes, Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont. "New Music in Breaking Bread," will explore and sing new hymns in the 2024 and 2025 issues of Breaking Bread hymnal introduced by Terry Schroeder, St. Therese Church, Rapid City. Simplified Mass Arrangements and a WSDCF grant that allows musicians to hear about and see brand-new simplified arrangements for four commonly-used Masses. The music is all commissioned and legally cleared by this NPM chapter, presenters are Carman Timmerman and Terry Schroeder, both of St. Therese. At the conclusion, a Lenten and Easter Music participatory showcase will explore seasonal music with musicians from area parishes. Contact Carman Timmerman by Thursday, March 20, for a lunch count, carmantimmerman@gmail.com.

For more information about the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians, see our website www.npmrc.org.

California Wildfire Recovery

Catholic Charities USA is assisting with humanitarian relief through local agencies on the ground in CA and will continue during recovery.

To make a gift today in support of families and individuals whose lives have been upended, please visit the CCUSA Los Angeles Wildfires relief donation page, catholiccharitiesusa.org/2025/.

Gifts can also be made by texting "FIRES" to 20406. Donate by mail to Catholic Charities USA, 2050 Ballenger Ave, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314.

One hundred percent of all donations will be allocated to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, which will provide critical humanitarian relief to those most in need.

Heritage Society Masses

Holy Mass is offered each month of the year for deceased and living Foundation "planned giving" donors. You can become a member of the Catholic Heritage Society by making a deferred gift to the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation. Contact Jim at jkinyon@wsdcf.org or 605-721-6843.

Parish	City	Month	Date	Time	Pastor
Newman Center	Spearfish	Mar	Tue 4	8:30 a.m.	Rev. Achbach
Sacred Heart	Martin	Apr	Fri 4	12:15 p.m.	Rev. Dillon
St. Mary	Isabel	Apr	Sun 6	8 a.m.	Rev. Lane
All Saints	Eagle Butte	May	Sun 25	9 a.m.	Rev. Trask
Cathedral	Rapid City	Jun	Sun 1	10:30 a.m.	Rev. Christensen
St. Francis	Sturgis	Jul	Wed 9	5:15 p.m.	Rev. Castor
Holy Rosary	Trail City	Aug	Sat 16	7 p.m.	Rev. Lane
St. Bonaventure	McIntosh	Sep	Sun 14	8 a.m.	Rev. Hofer
St. Mary	Newell	Oct	Fri 3	5:30 p.m.	Rev. Castor
Christ the King	Presho	Nov	Sun 9	10:30 a.m.	Rev. Heying
St. Rose	Hill City	Dec	Sat 13	6 p.m.	Rev. Horn

St. Vincent de Paul Home Visit Training

Saturday, February 22, Home Visit Training offers an overview of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This will help people discern if they are being called to serve the poor. To be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph Church, 844 5th St., Spearfish, There will be food. To RSVP contact Michele Curtain at 605-642-2306.

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Faith and the final frontier: Jesuit astronomer releases guide to the cosmos

CAROL GLATZ
CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A nerdy love of science fiction, a yearning for adventure, a passion for science and a foundation of Jesuit education all helped in some way to lead a man from Detroit, Michigan, to become a master of meteorites and the head of the Vatican Observatory.

Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, who has led the observatory since 2015, shares his journey of becoming a Jesuit astronomer, explains the compatibility of science and faith and guides readers on how to look at the heavens in a new book released Feb. 4 by Loyola Press.

Titled, "A Jesuit's Guide to the Stars: Exploring Wonder, Beauty and Science," the book also features full-page color astrophotographs taken by astronomers of the Vatican Observatory and NASA.

Brother Consolmagno, who has authored hundreds of scientific publications

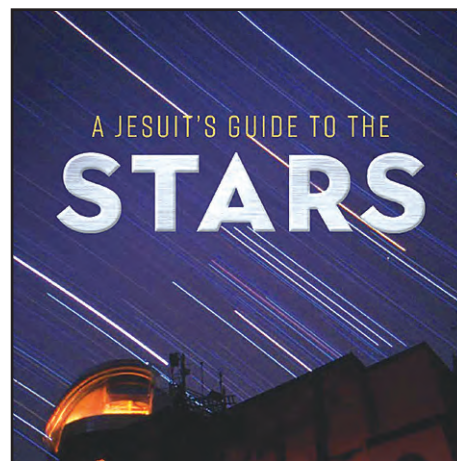
and several popular books, uses the new guide to describe his journey of faith and academic and professional pursuits through the lens of Jesuit spirituality.

"Ignatian spirituality emphasizes engagement with the world and 'finding God in all things,'" he wrote. "This aligns exactly with the work of a scientist because scientists find joy in studying things; to find joy is to find God."

"If we believe that God created this universe, and if we believe that God so loved it that he sent his Son to become a part of it, then science becomes an act of growing closer to the creator. In that way, it becomes an act of prayer," he wrote.

"All of life is making crucial decisions on the basis of inadequate or incomplete information," he wrote. But "what does Jesus constantly command in all the stories after the Resurrection? 'Do not be afraid.'"

"Don't be afraid of poor people; don't be afraid of freshman physics. Don't be afraid of death; don't be afraid to be alive. Don't



"A Jesuit's Guide to the Stars." The book, published by Loyola Press, was released Feb. 4. It was written by Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, director of the Vatican Observatory. (CNS photo/courtesy Loyola Press)

limit yourself with the lies you tell yourself: I can't do that," he wrote.

"Of course we're inadequate! But that is

precisely what forces us to make room for God to enter in and help out," he added. "If we knew it all, there'd be nothing left to learn. If we could do it all, there'd be nothing left to do. If it weren't hard, it wouldn't be an accomplishment; it wouldn't be any fun."

Brother Consolmagno used Scripture, poetry, Ignatian insights and nuggets of scientific discoveries in the book to show readers what makes a Jesuit astronomer tick and to encourage them to become curious about discovering one's own neighborhood: Earth's galaxy.

"A Jesuit's Guide to the Stars' is my way, as a Jesuit and an astronomer, of introducing a wider audience to the nighttime sky," he wrote.

"Engaging the universe with the heart means not only appreciating its beauty but also recognizing the love that lies behind that beauty and feeling the joy that is the sure sign of the presence of God in his creation," he wrote.



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Financial Statement for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024

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February 18, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese of Rapid City,

As your new bishop, it is my pleasure to present to you the annual financial report for our diocese. This report reflects the many good things that we are doing as a diocesan Church and, I believe, it also details the good stewardship with which we have managed the resources that have been provided by so many out of the generosity of their hearts. As I learn more about all the good that is happening through our Church, I am also increasingly aware of the many generous folks that make these good works possible. As your bishop, I want you to know that we accept as a sacred trust, your confidence in the Church to use your gifts wisely. We are committed to managing this trust with complete openness and in an ethical manner.

As you can tell by this report, many eyes offer oversight into our management of the resources that have been entrusted to our care and use. Members of our Diocesan Finance Council and our Diocesan Investment Committee, together with the professional oversight of the Diocesan Finance Office, under the direction of our Chief Financial

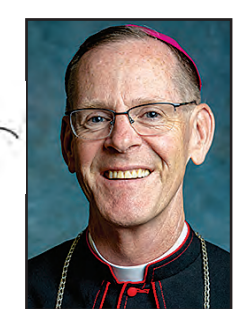
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Officer, donate their time and expertise to help with our good stewardship. I am grateful for the service of all these dedicated servants.

Jesus himself, in the Gospels, gave us the “Parable of the Talents” (Matthew 25:14–30), where he taught of our obligation to “invest” wisely the resources entrusted to us for the sake of his Kingdom. Know of our gratitude for your sacrificial sharing of a portion of your resources for the mission of the Catholic Church in western South Dakota. Be assured that we conscientiously desire to dedicate these gifts to the multiplication of faith and hope in those we serve, in our Church (and beyond). In the name of all those whose lives are enhanced by our efforts, I thank you for your generosity and sacred trust.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. Scott Bullock
Bishop of Rapid City

Summary of the diocesan finances for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024

Fiscal Year 2024 was filled with blessings and challenges for the Diocese of Rapid City. We are deeply grateful for the support of the benefactors that allow us to fund necessary diocesan ministries.

This year’s financial statements reflect both the growth and challenge of funding the vital mission of the diocese. The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal fell \$31K short of goal but increased 3.4% over last year. The loss of the \$1.1M non-recurring Employee Retention Tax Credit received in fiscal year 2023 was partially offset by an increase in estate gifts, investment income, program income and the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation Grant. Thank you for your ongoing support, allowing us to continue serving the parishes of western South Dakota.

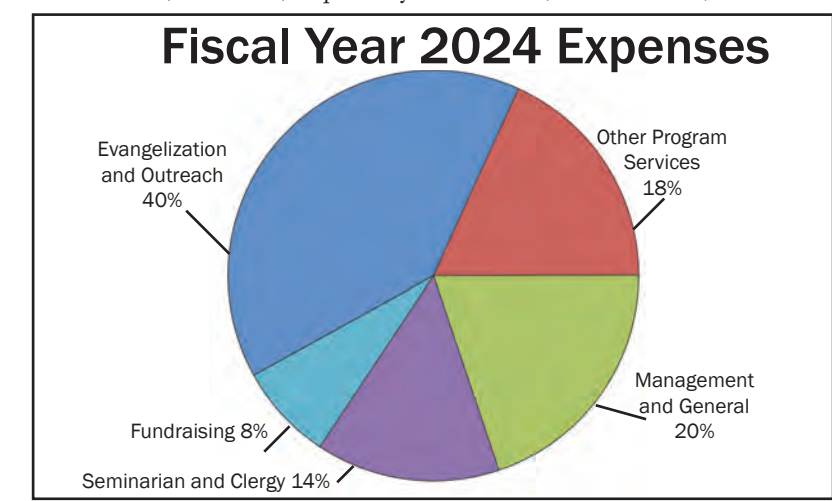
Living the Mission receivables are steadily diminishing as our benefactors fulfil their pledges, declining by \$1.2M during fiscal year 2024. We expect to collect \$0.4M in fiscal year 2025. In Fiscal Year 2024, the Living the Mission campaign distributed \$857,000 to parishes that met their goal in FY 2023 and another \$691,000 has been distributed to parishes in Fiscal Year 2025. During Fiscal Year 2025, we expect to distribute another \$6.7M for case elements. The LTM capital campaign has provided many blessings to the parishes and diocese. Thank you for your generous support with this capital campaign.

The Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation continues to be the largest contributor to the support of our diocese. They have increased their support for the diocese by over 17% during these difficult financial times. We are very grateful to all those who work with the Foundation as well as all those who have contributed to its growth. Please keep the work of the Foundation in your prayers and consider offering your support through financial gifts, endowments, and estate plans.

Catholic Extension, Catholic Home Missions and the Black and Indian Mission Office have also provided valuable support to various ministries in our diocese. In addition to the amounts listed in our financial reports, some of the funding from these entities went directly to parishes throughout the diocese. Please continue your prayerful and financial support for these generous organizations.

The diocesan financial picture shown here does not include the support that parishioners offer to their local parishes. We are grateful for all that parishioners do for their local parishes.

A copy of the full audit is available on the Diocese of Rapid City website or through the Finance Office of the diocese. Your comments and questions are welcome. Please direct questions or requests to Rick Soulek, 225 Main St, Suite 100, Rapid City SD 57701. (605-343-3541).



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024		
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	645,982	496,093
Investments	6,855,551	5,967,265
Receivables (1)	1,460,107	3,426,480
Property & Equipment	14,662,943	15,079,818
Investment – SM Properties, LLC	511,907	512,109
Investment – Cash Surrender Life Ins	79,978	80,079
Total Assets	24,216,468	25,561,844
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	410,671	480,882
Amounts Held for Others (2)	2,989,548	3,774,152
Debt on Pastoral Center	1,050,693	1,213,453
Total Liabilities	4,450,912	5,468,487
NET ASSETS		
With Donor Restrictions		
Restricted in Perpetuity	1,929,000	1,914,750
Purpose/Time Restrictions	2,841,945	2,464,006
Without Donor Restrictions		
Designated	5,442,478	6,006,923
Undesignated	9,552,133	9,707,678
Total Net Assets	19,765,556	20,093,357
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	24,216,468	25,561,844

(1) The primary reason for the changes in receivables is attributable to the Living the Mission capital campaign pledges being received.
(2) Approximately \$2.7 million of Amounts Held for Others are for expected Parish Grants and distributions associated with the Living the Mission capital campaign.

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024				
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total Fiscal Year 2024	Total Fiscal Year 2023
Support and Revenue				
Annual Diocesan Appeal	1,479,329		1,479,329	1,431,493
Investment Income	312,928	485,208	798,136	678,939
Grant Income - Employee Retention Tax Credit (1)	0		0	1,113,693
Outside Funders (Catholic Extension, Comm Home Missions/BIMO, Mission Coop)	1,000	138,114	139,114	223,500
Diocesan Programs and Misc. Income	567,356	174,158	741,514	656,097
Western SD Catholic Foundation Grant		528,615	528,615	452,000
Terra Sancta Retreat Center Income	287,247		287,247	330,775
Gifts and Bequests	483,755	410,775	894,530	435,028
Living the Mission Appeal	0		0	5,779
Parish Assesments	43,709		43,709	43,488
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	1,344,681	-1,344,681	0	0
Total Support and Revenue	4,520,005	392,189	4,912,194	5,370,792
Expenses				
Evangelization and Outreach			2,087,293	2,015,084
Other Program Services			954,982	959,945
Management and General (2)			1,038,989	1,135,114
Seminarian and Clergy			760,536	831,191
Fundraising			398,195	371,604
Total Expenses			5,239,995	5,312,938
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS			-327,801	57,854

(1) The Employee Retention Tax Credit was a one time grant associated with a Federal Government employment program during the pandemic. (2) The Management and General Expense decrease is associated with positions not being filled at the Chancery.

Lent

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Praying With the Church for Lent by Fr. Edward Looney

The Stations of the Cross in Slow Motion — A Daily Devotion for Lent by Suzan Sammon

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Carry the Cross with Padre Pio — Daily Reflections for Lent by Susan De Bartoli

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'Surround Yourselves with Good Friends'

The diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life sponsored its annual Married Sweethearts evening in conjunction with National Marriage Week. The evening began with a Holy Hour, Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Christensen, then a dinner-dance. At Mass couples renewed their wedding vows and had their rings blessed. One of the first dances was an anniversary dance to identify the couple who had been married the longest, as well as the newest married couples in attendance. The longest married couple, 56 years, were Steve and Sue Colgan from Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish, Piedmont. Two couples were recognized in the newlywed category, (Left) Cole and Grace Steffen who married September 14, 2024, and (Right) Doug and Meagan Bachand who married January 25. The younger couples belong to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City. Once the oldest and newest couples were recognized, they spent the evening sharing insights about married life, singing, and dancing. "They (the Colgans) were such a joy to converse with, and when we asked for their advice, this is what they had to share: 'Be sure to surround yourselves with good friends,'" said Grace Steffen. Next year's event is scheduled for St. Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14, 2026. (WRC photo)

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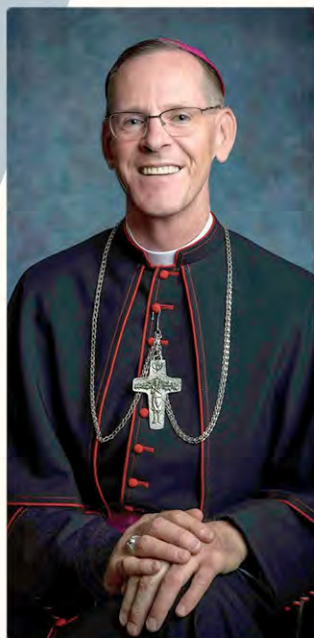
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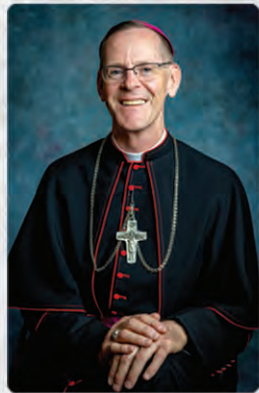
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Ash Wednesday Collection



Jesus himself specified the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (Matthew, Ch 6) that have become the benchmark of our Lenten observances. As you consider which acts of prayer and fasting you intend to offer during this Lent, I invite you to complete your Lenten observances through a gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection for Catholic Social Services.

May this act of almsgiving enhance your Lenten journey and, even more, provide for the life-enhancing services offered in our name through Catholic Social Services.

Bishop Scott Bullock



Envelope distribution to occur the weekend of Sunday, March 2nd, 2025.

Collection will take place on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

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Baskerville, Doreen	1,420.00	McManus, Mary	150.00
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Berning, Fr. Francis	3,105.00	Meade, Fr. Cornelius	1,720.00
Bertrand, Howard	1,200.00	Meyer, Dillen	500.00
Bishop's Burse	8,212.72	Miller, Donald and Kathleen	1,380.00
Blessed Virgin Mary	1,517.00	Morvay, Fr. Andrew	33,000.00
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Bourassa, Margaret	150.00	Nemec, Ed & Elizabeth	50,000.00
Budmayr, Minnie	1,797.00	O'Connell, Msgr. William	23,000.00
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Carr, Harry	915.25	Plante, Fr. Richard	93,055.92
Caswell, Margaret	30,000.00	Prendiville Family	9,105.00
Costigan, Msgr. Michael	35,836.67	Rath, Deacon Vern	1,317.00
Cower, Fr. D. Craig	6,625.00	Reedy, Camille	929.00
Cower, Robert H. & Blanche A.	153,323.96	Roach, Msgr. Michael	4,346.00
Cower, Rod H.	5,725.00	Rovella, Ann	4,000.00
Dauwen, Ray	500.00	Ruud, Donna	20.00
Davies, Dorothy	5,000.00	St. Anthony-Hot Springs	3,547.72
Decker, Maude Cower	4,000.00	St. Francis of Assisi-Sturgis	9,922.55
Deisch, Fr. Raymond	6,155.00	St. Joseph-Mud Butte	250.00
DeMers, Ray	300.00	St. Joseph-Scenic	2,070.78
Dimmerling, Bishop Harold	43,836.14	St. Mary-Lemmon	1,371.00
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Drew, Msgr. Bernard	4,488.00	Scherer, Fr. Gerald N.	15,545.00
Dries, Theodore & Gretchen	12,369.56	Schofield, Mary Ellen	600.00
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Leo "Pete" Berens Memorial Fund	323,339.21
Fr. Peter Kovarik Memorial Fund	70,855.89

Appreciation is extended to Malinda Prendiville for donating to the Prendiville Burse, and the anonymous donors for contributing to the Scherer Burse.

PRAA Memorial Burses

Only income from these donations is used to support retired priests.

Anna Berens	12,000.00
Margaret Biggs	1,000.00
Fr. D. Craig Cower	8,550.00
Anonymous	633.26
Jerome and Pius Dosch	40,000.00
Vern Johnson	7,646.00
Fr. Christopher Scadron	380.00
Emma Smith	1,000.00
Hazel Smith	1,000.00
Valades Family	9,000.00
Frank & Margaret Woster	2,531.00

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March

Ordinations: Mar. 11, 1995, Dcn. Bill Dustman; Mar. 28, 1977, Fr. Arnold Kari; Mar. 30, 2019, Dcn. Don More; Mar. 31, 2016, Dcn. Lloyd Frein and Dcn. Craig Pearson.

Birthdays: Mar. 12, Fr. Robert Kinyon; Mar. 13, Dcn. Ben Black Bear, Jr.; Mar. 15, Msgr. Michael Woster; Mar. 17, Fr. Grant Gerlach; Mar. 20, Dcn. Walt Wilson; Mar. 21, Dcn. Patrick Coy; Mar. 22, Fr. Edmund Yainao; Mar. 24, Dcn. Charles Rausch; Mar. 26, Dcn. Luis Usera; Mar. 27, Fr. Richard Novotny and Fr. Zane Pekron.

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National Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools across the diocese celebrated National Catholic Schools Week January 26-February 1. This year's theme was "United in Faith and Community."



Bishop Scott Bullock celebrated Mass at Holy Rosary Church for Mahpiya Luta (Red Cloud) students at Pine Ridge. Jesuit priests concelebrated. (Courtesy photos)



Even on pajama day, students at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Porcupine, studied with their workbooks. (Courtesy photos)

African Peanut Butter Soup

FROM TERESA SPIESS

This is modified for quick cooking. The original recipe cooked for 8-9 hours. Simple, Lent-friendly, hearty and filling. It's a surprisingly good tomato soup with added protein, richness, and complexity.

In soup pot - can also use a rice cooker or Instant pot
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1 tsp. olive oil
 Cook until onions are translucent. Add:
 1 14-oz can crushed tomatoes
 4 cups chicken stock
 1 tsp. chili powder (more or less to taste)
 Salt & pepper to taste (I didn't use any.)
 (I used my niece's smoked chipotle powder - yummy!)
 Cook on medium heat for 30-40 minutes.
 Add 1/2 cup peanut butter
 Use a stick blender to mix well.
 Continue cooking for another 10-15 minutes.
 Serve with a dollop of sour cream, vegan sour cream, or plain nonfat yogurt.

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The Rapid City Catholic School System kicked off the week with an All Systems Mass celebrated by Bishop Bullock and basketball games. Here the St. Thomas More Middle School students played against teachers and staff. Then the STM High School students played against priests in the annual Men in Black Basketball game. (WRC photo by Becky Berreth)



Sapa Un Jesuit Academy, St. Francis Mission, celebration of National Catholic Schools Week included collaborating on a banner symbolizing unity, faith, and the importance of Catholic education. (Courtesy photo)



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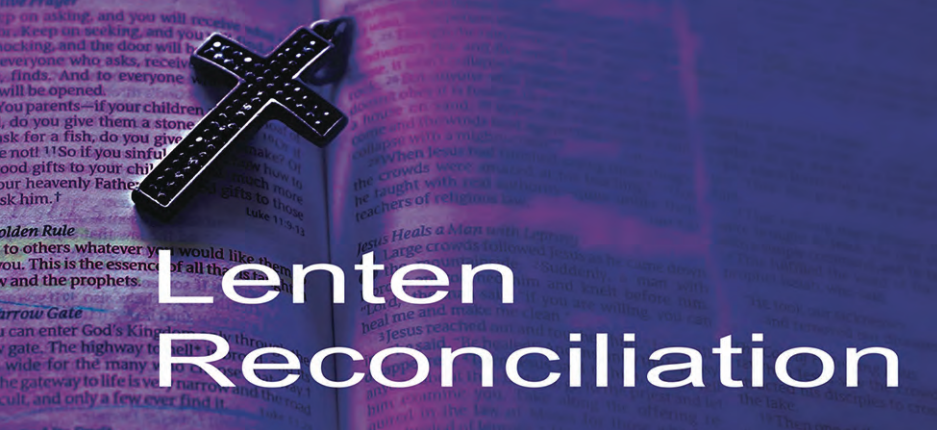
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 anyone involved in
 Faith Formation.

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Belle Fourche, St. Paul's, Wednesdays, March 12, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 6 p.m.
Bison, Blessed Sacrament, Monday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo, St. Anthony, Monday, March, 31, 5 p.m.
Colome, St. Isidore, Tuesday, April 8, Mass 4:30 p.m., Penance, 5 p.m. CT
Custer, St. John, Mercy Night, Thursday, March 27, 6-8 p.m.
Dupree, Sacred Heart, Wednesday, March 26, 5-7 p.m. MT
Eagle Butte, All Saints, Sunday, April 6, 6 p.m. MT
Faith, St. Joseph, Mercy Night, Thursday, March 27, 6 p.m.
Fort Pierre, St. John, Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. CT
Gregory, St. Joseph, Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m. CT
Hot Springs, St. Anthony, Mercy Night, Thursday, April 3, 6-8 p.m.
Isabel, St. Mary, Tuesday, April 1, 5 p.m.
Lead, St. Patrick, Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m.
Lemmon, St. Mary, Monday, March 24, 5 p.m.
McLaughlin, St. Bernard, Sunday, March 30, 7 p.m. MT
Newell, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Thursday, April 3, 6 p.m.
Piedmont, Our Lady of the Black Hills, Monday, March 31, 6 p.m.
Presho, Christ the King, Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. CT
Rapid City, Blessed Sacrament, Mercy Night, Thursday, March 27, 4-7 p.m.
Rapid City, Cathedral, Mercy Night, Thursday, March 20, 5-7 p.m.
Rapid City, St Therese, Mercy Night, Thursday, April 10, 5-7 p.m.
Rapid City, St. Isaac Jogues, Monday, March 24, 6 p.m.
Spearfish, St. Joseph, Wednesdays, March 12, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 4-7 p.m.
Sturgis, St. Francis, Sunday, March 16, 3 p.m.
Timber Lake, Holy Cross, Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m.
White River, Sacred Heart, Thursday, March 20, 5 p.m. CT
Winner, Immaculate Conception, Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. CT

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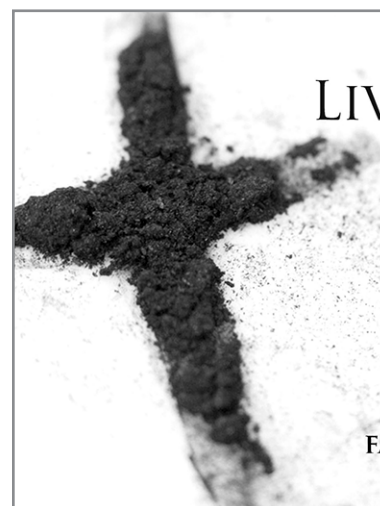
West River Catholic

WRC 12



Cornerstone Rescue Mission

Feb. 9, Bishop Scott Bullock served dinner at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission alongside Cathedral parishioners. Rapid City has the only homeless shelter in western S.D. It serves an average of 80 to 100 men per night. On very cold nights, there can be 70 people sleeping on the floor. The mission serves 400 meals daily. (Left to Right) Dan Duffy, John Hill, Bishop Bullock, Stephanie Hurd and Karrie Duffy are ready for the serving line to open. Other parishioners kept food ready to replenish the serving line. The St. Martin Benedictine Sisters have established a fund at the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation which provides ongoing support for the rescue mission. To contribute contact Executive Director Jim Kinyon at jkinyon@wsdcf.org. (WRC photo by Laurie Hallstrom)



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