

BULLETIN

October 25, 2020

Back Side

Bishop talks about NET and the NET Team that has come to our Diocese.

They are scheduled to come to our Parishes in mid-November for our HS and Jr. High students.

Pray for them and pray that our young people attend and encounter the Risen Jesus in a special way.

Adoration

Wed.	B	8 – 9 am
Thurs.	A	3 – 9 pm
Fri.	D	5 – 11 am

Mass Schedule:

Next Weekend:

4 pm Sat. Mass in De Smet

Monday, Nov. 2:

All Souls Day Schedule
(this is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

Nov. 7 – 8

I plan to go back to
1 Sat. Mass and 2 Sun. Morn.

Sat. Eve A

Sun. Morn. D
B

In addition to the 3 Masses,
I am considering a 4th Mass
rotating from Parish to Parish
On Sunday evenings.

See Next Week's Bulletin for the
final decision and the times.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John's
Arlington

St. Mary's
Bryant

St. Thomas
De Smet

Confession:

or ...

30 min. before Mass ...
by appointment ...

(when time allows)
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Oct 26 – Nov 2	Feast Day	Mass Schedule	Intention
Mon.	5:00 pm – A	Special Intention
Tues.	.....	5:00 pm – D	Barry
Wed.	Sts Simon & Jude	9:00 am – B	Weinzierl & Dressen Fams.
Thurs.	.....	7:00 am – A	Donald Mondry
Fri.	.....	8:00 am – D	Elsa Fetzer
Sat.	.....	8:00 am – D	Special Intention
Oct. 31	Sat. Eve	4:00 pm – D	Kristi Odegaard
Nov. 1	Sunday	8:30 am – A 10 am – D 11:30 – B	Jim Fitzgerald Don Halverson All Parishioners
Mon, Nov. 2	All Souls Day	7:00 am – D 9:00 am – B 5:00 pm – A	Bill & Pat Coughlin All the Faithful Departe the Intention of the Pope
Weekly Collection:	St. John's \$700	St. Mary's \$415	St. Thomas \$1,130

Eucharistic Procession & Rosary: Sunday, November 1st (All Saints Day)
1:30 pm
Alexandria, SD

FYI: It is a family friendly event
Purpose: to pray for our nation & upcoming election;
prayer to unite our nation;
Guest Speaker: Glenn Gauer
Social Distancing: will be maintained
All Saints Day: Children are encouraged to dress up like:
Saints, Priests, Nuns
Goody Bags: Available for children

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What does “Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God’s Love” look like?



If your experience has been like mine, faith has been more a personal matter between God and me. Through my years as a Catholic layman, priest and now bishop, I have a much deeper understanding of the importance to know, love and serve God through study, prayer and sharing my faith with others. I have learned to receive and share what God intends for others.

As I look back on my life I am grateful for those wonderful examples in my family, friends and teachers who have taught, loved and challenged me in a good way to become comfortable talking about my faith with others. It is so great to no longer fear sharing my faith with others and the joy of doing it has brought a great sense of inner peace, freedom and joy. That’s when I knew I was finally striving to live as a Catholic missionary disciple.

Shortly after my arrival as your new bishop, I was given a very clear grace (supernatural inspiration and insight) from God prompting me to establish a very clear vision for our wonderful diocese—*Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God’s Love*. These past months have been spent discerning how God desires that to be shared and lived out in every Catholic parish, school and institution in our diocese.

This month’s feature story is about one shining example of *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God’s Love* as witnessed by young adults through the National Evangelization Teams (NET). In prayer one day last month I had a spiritual prompting (grace of God) to explore whether having NET serve in our diocese would be possible.

To my amazement because of the time of the year and COVID-19, God has made it possible for us to have a group of NET young adults assigned to our

diocese starting in September. This is truly an amazing thing. Thanks be to God, NET leadership, and our Discipleship and Evangelization Office we will have a diocesan-wide outreach to kids, youth and families through retreats, one-on-one discipling and shared life with families in various regions of our diocese.

Does NET Catholic missionary discipleship work?

I was so very blessed to have a parish NET team in one of the parishes where I was pastor. I was absolutely amazed at the incredible impact the NETers had on the kids, youth, young adults, adults and senior citizens. The witness of young adults who are giving up a year of their life to serve as Catholic missionary disciples paid off in great fruits. They helped our middle and high school students learn how to pray, work through challenges, grow comfortable talking about God and personal difficulties, and helping others experience God’s love.

I was amazed to learn how our high schoolers then became Catholic missionary disciples for our middle schoolers and middle schoolers for grade school kids. Not only did our middle school youth numbers rapidly grow, but it was also impressive to see how many of those high schoolers went on to be Catholic missionary disciples with NET Ministries for one or more years.

At least five of those former high schoolers who served for a year or more on NET are now in the seminary discerning priesthood. Clearly, God is generous to those who open their hearts to divine love through NET.

My hope and prayer is that the example of our diocesan NET team will inspire each of us to ask ourselves a simple question: How is God asking me to be a *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Disciple Through God’s Love*?