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First Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m., other Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass 6:30 p.m., and Summer 8:15 p.m. at West Whitlock Bay

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 26, 2022

STATEMENT OF THE BISHOPS OF SOUTH DAKOTA ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S ABORTION RULING



June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court released its decision in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The court's majority overturned its prior rulings in the cases of *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), which asserted that a right to abortion exists in the U.S. constitution. The *Dobbs* ruling is a momentous decision that will once again allow the sanctity of life to be protected by law. We are grateful for this decision. It honors this country's highest aspirations to be a society that secures "liberty and justice for all."

From the moment of conception, there exists a whole, separate, unique human life with an immortal soul given by God. This life is sacred and precious, created in the image of God. In Psalm 139 we read, "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!"

During nearly half a century of legalized abortion, approximately 64 million preborn girls and boys have perished in the United States, a number that should disturb the conscience of us as citizens of our beloved nation and as individuals. These brand-new lives, known and loved by God from the moment of their creation, were denied their right to life. But today, we have taken a giant leap forward toward the ultimate goal of protecting each and every life from the beginning of its existence. Grave injustices remain within the nation's laws, and we must continue to fight for justice. South Dakota has long stood ready to defend life, and we must resolve that we will work unceasingly until every life, in every place, is safeguarded by law. We must expand our efforts to support mothers and fathers, offering real support, hope, and love.

As we work for justice, we must never lose sight of the spiritual nature of the battle before us. Let us pray earnestly for the conversion of those who fail to respect the dignity of human life, and for those who have been wounded by abortion. Let us also pray that an authentic "culture of life" will be built that deploys creative solutions to help children, women, and men flourish as God has intended. May all our actions to protect life be carried out, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "with malice toward none, with charity for all."



The Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood
Bishop of Sioux Falls

The Most Reverend Peter M. Muhich
Bishop of Rapid City

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, please see www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html. (You can still bring marked contribution envelopes the next couple Sundays.)



KEEP IN PRAYER

Bridget Lake	Amy Cordell	Eugene Nagel	Gary Adams
Jeannie Nessen	Dennis Goebel	Karen Briscoe	Carol Lipp
Karren Goebel	MaLeah Jimenez	Leonard Schatz	Cas Gray
Sister Nancy Dwyer, OSF	Lynette Singleton	Milt Mitzel	

Please help us keep this list current. If someone has recovered or died, please call the parish office at 765-2161 so we can remove them from the list.

God's kids say & do the funniest things

Asked what they think is a proper age to marry, youngsters had a variety of replies:

"Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife. Not before," said Tommy, age 5.

"It gives me a headache just to think about it. I'm just a kid; I don't need that kind of trouble," replied Kenny, 7.

"I'm not rushing into marriage. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough," said Regina, age 10.

RIVER MASS

River Mass is offered this summer on Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. at West Whitlock Resort across from the bait shop, rain or shine.