Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation

New Founders for the Future

Summer 2016

New Hall for Holy Cross Catholic Church, Timber Lake

Jean Tehle may be most excited about the new parish hall at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Timber Lake because of one thing it won't have: Stairs.

With the help of a $10,000 grant from the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation, the parish of 140 families plans to move into its new 8,100-square foot parish center in November. Attached to the church, the hall will have six multi-purpose rooms, a well-equipped kitchen and a large community space that can accommodate up to 250 people.

Tehle, co-chair of the parish funeral committee, won't miss the steep set of stairs that had to be negotiated to the kitchen in the basement of the old, dilapidated Holy Cross School building that the parish has been using as a social hall for generations. "The steps are very steep and it is so hard for the elderly to get down them and-back upstairs again," she said. In recent years, the church has used the city-owned Timber Lake Community Center for its social events, which meant that tablecloths, silverware, dishes, coffee pots and other meal items had to be hauled up those steep stairs, and transported back down them, at the end of each event by Tehle and her funeral committee.

"Just the thought of not having to do all that makes me excited for the new parish center. And we always used paper products because of all that hauling. Now, we'll be able to use real dishes and glassware for the first time," said the 77-year-old Tehle. "At my age, I'm looking forward to us, as a parish, having a nice home to gather in for church breakfasts and other things." "They're all pretty excited about it," agreed the Rev. Brian Sorenson. "They've had no parish hall for 60 years and have used the former school which is falling down around them."

The WSDCF grant will help outfit a new kitchen, which will feature a six-burner gas stove; four wall ovens and a commercial dishwasher. Expected completion date is mid-November.

Framing the walls for new parish hall

"We are very thankful for the receipt of the WSDCF grant. People have been very generous. It's just going to be a wonderful thing for our whole community," Tehle said.

WSDCF Website

Our "Planned Giving" website will always contain timely material for you to read. Discover your favorite column and visit week after week. Go to **www.wsdcf.org** and click on the "**Planned Giving**" tab. Weekly updates include Donor Stories, Gift Options, Personal Planning and Washington News. Come visit our website today and find valuable personal, financial and estate planning resources. We are here to assist you in creating a plan that is right for you and your family. Give us a call at 343-3541 so we can help answer any of your questions.

Envisioning Our Future

The Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation (WSDCF) is committed to ***"promoting and strengthening the Catholic Church by providing people an opportunity to contribute to a permanent endowment fund and make other types of gifts that will provide financial resources for meeting the spiritual needs of future generations of Catholics in the Diocese of Rapid City."*** This mission statement has guided the Foundation's principles and directions for nearly 20 years.

The WSDCF remains steadfast in its mission to build its endowment and support the financial and spiritual needs of the Diocese of Rapid City. During 2015, the Foundation reached its first endowment goal of $20 million.

As the WSDCF considers its future, it is taking purposeful steps to develop strategies that will nurture and sustain its growth. Foundation President Msgr. Michael Woster is leading an Envisioning Task Force that has formed subcommittees studying three topical areas:

- Develop objectives and initial strategies to achieve financial and other goals.
- Review and recommend revisions to Board structure, committee structure, and bylaws.
- Recommend enhancements to public relations, visibility, and communications while developing marketing tools and approaches.

Task force members are Msgr. Michael Woster, Tony Berendse, Tim Henderson, Suzie Lambert, Doris Bride, Rev. Timothy Castor, Jane Farrell, Bonnie Hilt, Rev. Timothy Hoag, Greg Schweiss, Lynn Waddell, Dodie Brown, Pat Goetzinger, Greg Jorgensen, Harvey Krautschun and Bruce Kroetch. This task force and its subcommittees have been meeting regularly and are on track to complete their work during calendar 2016.

Feel free to contact any of the members if you have comments or suggestions you want to share.

Washington News

IRS Consumer Alert After Orlando Tragedy

After the major tragedy in Orlando, the IRS published IR-2016-89 to remind taxpayers to follow good giving practices.

When there is a serious national event, good-hearted Americans respond with generous gifts to help those in need. This also happened after the Orlando attack. In helping those in need, everyone should follow prudent giving practices. There are several simple steps in the IRS letter that help donors make proper and effective gifts.

1. **Recognized Charities** — Make your gifts to those organizations with long-standing good reputations. Use ***www.lRS.gov*** and ***Pub. 526, Charitable Contributions***, to learn how you can make effective gifts and qualify for charitable deductions.

2. **Similar Names** — Be careful to make sure you are giving to the right organization. Some tricksters use common names for phantom charities. Many of these names will be quite similar to those of respected charities. You may find out more about nonprofits on ***www./RS.gov*** with the ***"Exempt Organizations Select Check."***

3. **Personal Information** — A phone solicitor does not need your Social Security number, credit card number or bank number. Do not give out personal information over the phone. ·

4. **Cash Gifts** — You should generally avoid gifts of cash. Make your gifts by check or credit card. For gifts of clothing, furniture, household goods or vehicles, you will need specific information to qualify for your deduction. IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions, explains how to qualify for a charitable deduction for these gifts.

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One of God's Greatest Blessings: Family — Tim Henderson, Executive Director

Our families are one of God's greatest blessings! I am thankful every day for my wife and three children. Our immediate family has grown and it now includes spouses and grandchildren so the blessings continue to grow. I wish they were all closer to Rapid City as they all live about six hundred miles away in the Twin Cities. However, there are advantages to visiting the Twin Cities and we know God has amazingly guided all of them to the same metropolitan area for a reason.

Looking back, I know that my family ties grew exponentially when Marilyn and I were married 37 years ago. I immediately inherited 38 nieces and nephews (most of them about 500 miles away on the ND/Canada border) and the family ties on Marilyn's side continue to grow. Thanks be to God! This was a year for North Dakota based college graduations and weddings and I complained about the long drives only for a second before remembering the gift of families. I guess I would actually travel further if necessary. It's a family thing, you know.

Psalm 127:3-5 "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!"

We should acknowledge and tell our children and our extended family members that they are a gift…a heritage from the Lord Himself. They are not ours but the Lord's. Our own children are like arrows that we must direct, aim, and release to the best of our ability toward the mark of true success. We receive fewer opportunities to guide our extended families, but we can pray for them every day. Success is only found when they serve the Lord and we can rejoice when they grow into mature, responsible, godly adults. When we release an arrow, we can't hold on to it once it's released or it will go nowhere or badly miss the mark. We must let go and let God and thank him for the blessings of our families.

Senior Games — Lynn Waddell

Former Isabel High School Wildcats Lynn Waddell (far right), with Dale Stradinger (left) and Jane Waddell Schwalm (center) at the 2015 Senior Games, where Waddell took first place in the 800 meter run.

When board member Lynn Waddell isn't helping raise funds for the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation, he's likely training for the 800-meter run at the South Dakota Senior Games to be held in Aberdeen on Aug. 24-28.

Waddell, 60, is a certified financial planner for Investment Centers of America who ranches with his wife, Holly, northeast of Bison. They are members of Blessed Sacrament Church in Bison. As a track star at Isabel High School, he took second place in a hotly contested finish at the 1973 S.D. State High School Track Meet in the 880-yard run. He took up running again in 2015 and loves the camaraderie he finds in competing at the Senior Games along with his former Isabel classmates Dale Stradinger of Rapid City and his sister, Jane Waddell Schwalm of Spearfish. "We all wear green and white uniforms in honor of our old school (which closed in 2009)," he said. "It's not just about competing to win, but it's fun and great for our health! I currently weigh at least 15 pounds less than before I started training last year."

For more information, about the Senior Games, visit **www.southdakotaseniorgames.org**.

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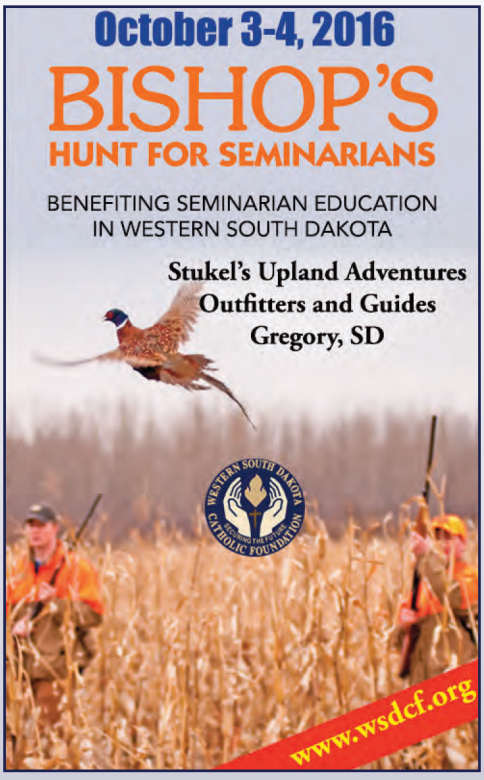
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