



# The Cathedral of SAINT JOSEPH

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*"Assumption of Mary"*  
Palma Vecchio (Cir. 1512)

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *August 15*

### The Memorare Prayer

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen"

### Holy Day Mass Times:

7:00 am - Monastery

Noon & 6:30 pm - Cathedral



LITURGY GUIDE - August 11, 2024  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today!

**Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.**

**Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass.**

OPENING HYMN  
520

ST. CATHERINE  
Faith of Our Fathers

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
*(striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;* Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,  
we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;  
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 KINGS 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.

He prayed for death saying:

"This is enough, O LORD!

Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.

Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.

After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

*(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*

Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Refrain trans., *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL; verses, *New American Bible*, © 1970, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine  
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I will bless the Lord at all times; praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look toward him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called; the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who fear him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters:

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.

All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice.

And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please Stand*

*(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. **R**

**GOSPEL**

John 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said,

"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves.

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

*They shall all be taught by God.*

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.

Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Please Stand*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(bow here)* and by the Holy Spirit

*was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

**OFFERTORY HYMN**  
**596**

**DUKE STREET**  
**Jesus Shall Reign**

*Celebrant:* Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**SANCTUS**



**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**



**AGNUS DEI**



**ECCE AGNUS DEI**

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R.** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Musical notation for the Communion Antiphon:   
The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**  
**759**

**ANIMA CHRISTI**  
**Soul of My Savior**

**CLOSING HYMN**  
**800**

**ICH GLAUB AN GOTT**  
**To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King**

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**St. Joseph Cathedral Children's Choir** - provides a space for students to learn and participate in the sacred liturgy through the musical tradition of the Catholic Church. The **SJCCC** choral program is available to students within driving distance of the Cathedral. The choir will rehearse weekly in preparation for weekday solemnity Masses throughout the liturgical year. Weekly rehearsals will be offered during the day on **Thursdays from 2-3pm**, as well as an option for after school hours on **Tuesdays from 4-5pm**. The choir schedule is created to not interfere with home parish involvement on weekends. For more information or if you have a child interested in participating in the **St. Joseph Cathedral Children's Choir**, please contact Nicole Gerdes at [ngerdes@sfcatholic.org](mailto:ngerdes@sfcatholic.org).

**Held Grief Series presented by the Lourdes Center.**  
This 8-week Grief Series will begin Tuesday September 10, 2024 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The series will blend education and faith surrounding the loss of a loved one through death. Registration is required. Free will donations accepted. Register at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com).

**ROSARY CRUSADE & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**  
**1:00 PM Sunday August 18, 2024**  
*Jesus*  
**is coming to the Capitol**  
**to take a stand against SD Amendment G**  
**Will you join Him?**  
1:00 pm Procession & Rosary | 2:30 pm Guest Speakers  
Process around SD State Capitol building praying the Rosary | Dr. Pat Castle - Life Runners  
Jon Hansen - Life Defense Fund



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**BISHOP O'GORMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** 6 Elementary schools, O'Gorman Junior High, O'Gorman High School

**Did you know** Catholic schools offer a good balance between academic and religious instruction? Our Mission is exactly that. We invite you to check out the wonderful opportunities where you can **START, STAY, and GROW** with us. Scan the QR code to watch the video!



**Mark your Calendars!**  
Some exciting events happening in August and September. Check out the website at [ogknights.org/about/events](http://ogknights.org/about/events) or click the QR code.



**Are you interested in being a host family?**  
O'Gorman High School is looking for 2 families to host 2 female - 11th grade international students. A host family provides a student from another country a place to live, learn, experience American culture, and be part of a family during their time here. If you have questions or are interested in hosting please contact Corbin Lehn at: [clehn@ogknights.com](mailto:clehn@ogknights.com) or (605) 575-3316.

**Catholic Diocese Employment Positions - Now Hiring:** Have you ever considered joining your work with your faith? Many open positions exist in our diocese that allow you to do just that! Positions include teachers, principals, business managers, graphic designers, directors in music liturgy, clinical directors and so much more. Browse all positions by scanning the QR code or visiting [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org) and clicking the employment opportunities link in the top right corner.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FAITH AND BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2024 SUNDAY INTO MONDAY

Check out this speaker lineup! Whether it's South Dakota State University's **Coach John Stiegelmeier** or Theology and Philosophy professor **Jason Heron** or **Fr. Morgan** as a guest Panelist, our speakers are sure to bring you encouragement and tools to help you turn your Sundays into Mondays. This conference is for anyone looking for ways to integrate their faith into their workplace. Join us Thursday, **August 15** at the Sioux Falls Convention Center! Tickets are \$50 at [FaithandBusinessConference.com](http://FaithandBusinessConference.com).



### Bishop's Cup: Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>



Minnehaha Country Club and  
The Country Club of Sioux Falls  
**Morning Round 7:30 AM**  
**Afternoon Round 12:30 PM**  
Proceeds benefit the Broom Tree Retreat Center



For registration, tickets and all event details, volunteer sign up, or sponsorship opportunities visit [cfsed.org/events](http://cfsed.org/events) or call **605.988.3765**.



### The Catholic Daughters of the Americas -

Court St Patricia, invite all Catholic Women to our monthly meeting, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit Church, off Bahnson and Dudley Dr. A rosary will be prayed before the meeting at 6:15 and the meeting will begin at **6:30pm**. After a break in July, we will have many upcoming events to share!

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH  
**BECOMING CATHOLIC**  
Explore if OCIA (formerly RCIA) is right for you

**STARTING SOON**

Considering joining the Catholic Church? The Cathedral OCIA starts:  
**Sept 4th, 6:45pm**

Scan to register or call (605) 336-7390

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Liturgical Roles

**Daily Mass -**  
12:00 pm As Scheduled



**August 17/18**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Karen Christiansen, Kate Piercemogen  
7:30 am Steve Feldhaus, Rich Hazen  
9:15 am Larry Canfield, Mary Canfield  
11:00 am Matthew Enderson, Michelle Sletten  
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

### Lectors

4:00 pm Suzanne Bradford, Denise Rotert  
7:30 am Dawn Hazen  
9:15 am Don Rahn, Bette Theobald  
11:00 am Mary Enderson, Andrew Welbig  
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

### Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers  
7:30 am Need Servers  
9:15 am Henry Lanners, Owen Rislov, Jacoben Schmidt  
11:00 am Isaac Stanek, Megan Ulin, Will Ulin  
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

### Mini-Bus Driver

4:00 pm Tom Meyer  
**Dow Rummel** Diane Bauch  
**Good Sam** Nancy Jerentowski

### Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51  
**Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Mt 17:22-27  
**Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:15-20  
**Thursday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
**Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Mt 19:3-12  
**Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15  
**Next Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Dan Fettig** is Cathedral 500 Club's second winner for August 2024. He has received a check for **\$90**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. **August 26** to be in the September 2024 drawings. Call the Parish Office at **605-336-7390** for details.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Mon. Aug. 12•</b>	<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Shep & Carol Trevvett
<b>Tue. Aug. 13•</b>	<i>Ss. Pontian Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>
12:00 pm	Thanksgiving
<b>Wed. Aug. 14•</b>	<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i>
12:00 pm	Archbishop Thomas Gullickson
<b>Thu. Aug. 15•</b>	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
12:00 pm	Mercedes Lingen
6:30 pm	Pro Populo
<b>Fri. Aug. 16•</b>	<i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i>
12:00 pm	Christina Godshall
<b>Sat. Aug. 17•</b>	<i>Weekday –BVM</i>
4:00 pm	Dot Pogue
<b>Sun. Aug. 18•</b>	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	✠ Edith Mulder
9:15 am	Joe & Sharon Ulin
11:00 am	✠ Myron Truex
4:00 pm	Pro Populo

## Sanctuary Candles

The five hanging Sanctuary Candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel are available for prayer intentions. The candles remain lit for a week.

- 1.) Reunion of all Christians
- 2.) ✠ Mike Wilder
- 3.) Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- 4.) ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 5.) For our Bishop, Priests and Deacons

## Cathedral Events Calendar

**Monday - Friday 2:00 - 4:45 pm**

Come pray before Jesus in the Tabernacle for those who are in need of healing: physical, emotional or spiritual.

**Monday, August 12-**

6:30 pm - Young Adults

**Tuesday, August 13 -**

9:00 am - Quilter's Group

**Thursday, August 15 - Holy Day of Obligation**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 am - Mass in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery

12:00 pm - Mass in Cathedral

6:30 pm - Mass in Cathedral

(No Adoration or Reconciliation, tonight)

**Saturday, August 17 -**

12:00 pm - Reconciliation in the Sacred Heart Chapel

3:00 pm - Reconciliation in the Cathedral Nave

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 15 –The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day Mass Times -**

**Mater Ecclesiae Monastery - 7:00 AM**

**Cathedral - Noon and 6:30 PM.**

**Welcome Parishioners and Visitors!** We are happy you are worshipping with us. If you are new to our parish, would like to know more about the Catholic Faith or how to become a registered member of Cathedral, please call the parish office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Classes** - We will have informational meetings and sign-ups on this Sunday, **August 11 - after the 9:15 and 11:00am Masses**. These classes are open to 3-4 yr. olds for this first year of the program.

**Sacramental Prep Classes** - If you have a student who will be preparing for **First Communion** or **Confirmation** for the upcoming school year, please contact the Parish office [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) to register your child and give us your contact information. Father Morgan will be having an informational meeting soon. Please contact your child's Parish of Baptism for an updated **Baptismal Certificate**.

## Welcome New Members!

Welcome to Cathedral of St. Joseph's Family of Faith.

**Matthew Fleming**

**Vimal & Ajitha Rajendran and Amy**

**Joseph Shlanta**

**Trevor & Katelyn Wayman and Patrick**

**Musa & Aziza Toto and**

**Farmoun, Malakhi, Sumeta, Yonathan**

If you would like to become a Cathedral member

please call the Parish Office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).



*Anointed by the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism*

**Theodore Donte Zino** - Son of Matthew Van Slyke

& Sonia Thamas Zino

**Angel Matias Meza**—Son of Alma Meza & Norvin Soriano

***Congratulations and welcome into our Family of Faith!***

If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized, please call Deacon Bill Radio ([605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)) for baptism planning.

## WEEKLY OFFERING AUGUST 3/4



Envelopes \$ 10,228.65

Online/EFT \$ 9,218.23

Visitors/Loose Cash \$ 5,308.82

**Total \$ 24,755.70**

Scan QR code to be directed to our Giving Page

*Thank you for your Support and Prayers!*

## CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

**Parish Office Email:** [cathedral@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cathedral@sfcatholic.org)

**Office Hours:** 9:00am-4:00pm M-Th, 9:00am-3:00pm Friday  
Closed - Saturday and Sunday

### Cathedral Church Hours:

Monday-Saturday - 8:00am-5:00pm

Sunday - 7:00am-Noon & 3:30pm-5:00pm

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 4:00pm (First Saturday of the Month Mass 9:00am)

**Sunday** 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,  
4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

### Weekday Masses

**Cathedral** - Monday - Friday, 12:00pm (Noon)

**Monastery** - Monday - Saturday, 7:00am

### Confessions

**Thursday** 7:00pm w/Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel

**Saturday** 12:00pm & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Sacred Heart Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

### Adoration

**Sacred Heart Chapel** - Thurs. 7:00pm-8:00pm (Confessions)

**Cathedral** - 11:00am, First Friday of the month

**Monastery** - Mon-Sat 8:00am-6:00pm, Sun 10:30am-6:00pm

### Tours

**Self-guided** - 1:00pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

**Guided Tours-By appointment** [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390)

### Parish Staff

**Rector**, Very Rev. James P. Morgan

**Parochial Vicar**, Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco

**Weekend Sacramental Assistance**, Rev. Anthony Klein

**Deacon**, William Radio

**Deacon**, Jonathan Eckrich

**Director-Operations & Finance**, Heidi Solem

**Administrative Assistant**, Mary Anne Lux

**Music Director**, Dr. Jared Ostermann

**Asst. Music Director**, Nicole Gerdes

**Tour Docent/Guide**, Susan Albers

**Wedding Coordinator**, Mary Enderson

**Counseling Services, The Lourdes Center** - [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775)

### Sacramental Preparation:

**Baptism** - The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11:AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390).

**Matrimony** - Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others please contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to [www.stjosephcathedral.net](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net) under Sacraments.

**Anointing of the Sick** - Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in the case of serious illness.

**Catholic Cemetery** - St. Michael's Cemetery [605-338-3376](tel:605-338-3376)

## LETTER FROM FR. MORGAN

**Rector's Note:** *Bishop DeGrood has asked all pastors in the Diocese of Sioux Falls to inform parishioners of "Amendment G," the initiative that would allow "abortion on demand" in South Dakota. The following excerpt is from Michael G. Pauley, Executive Director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference.*

On May 20, the spiritual leaders of the Catholic dioceses of South Dakota released a statement condemning a ballot measure, *Amendment G*, that would insert a radical "right to abortion" throughout pregnancy in the state constitution. *Amendment G* has been certified to appear on the ballot of the November 5, 2024 general election. Bishop Donald DeGrood of the Diocese of Sioux Falls and Rev. Daniel Juelfs of the Diocese of Rapid City stated, "We urge Catholics and all people of good will to study this measure carefully, understand the devastating consequences it would have for our state, and work with great determination to ensure this measure does not become a part of our state's constitution." Below are additional excerpts from the statement of Bishop DeGrood and Father Juelfs on *Amendment G*:

"During the nearly 50 years that *Roe v. Wade* was in effect, an estimated 46,000 preborn girls and boys perished from abortion in our state. This scourge came to an end on June 24, 2022, when the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the Dobbs decision, finally allowing South Dakota to enforce laws that protect the human rights of preborn children. *Amendment G* would reverse all this progress and create a regime of unrestricted abortion that would be far worse even than what was in effect under *Roe*. *Amendment G* would not even permit health and safety regulations for most abortions. Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), describes preborn children as 'the most defenseless and innocent among us.' The Holy Father goes on to say, 'Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.' This is exactly what *Amendment G* would do. It proposes that we treat preborn children as a disposable commodity, and it would prohibit any efforts by the legislature, the governor, or the judiciary to recognize and protect their human rights. St. John Paul II once said, 'A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.' How will history judge our society in South Dakota? The answer to that question depends greatly on the actions we take during the next several months. We believe God has set us here at this time and place to fight for the protection of human life with unique zeal and devotion."

Catholic voters can make a difference in this upcoming election by educating themselves and others on the threats posed by *Amendment G*. Learn more by visiting: [lifedefensefund.com](http://lifedefensefund.com). The *South Dakota Catholic Conference* has also set up a resource webpage on *Amendment G*: <https://sdcatholicconference.org/stopg/>.



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