

## Stibral Family To Hold Reunion

The Stibral family reunion was held June 22, 2014, at the V.F.W. in Yankton.

Those members attending were: Lloyd Lueken, Lake Placid, Florida; Ken & Sharon Stephan, Lincoln, Nebraska; Gary & Jan Stephan, Ralston, Nebraska; Joyce Stephan, Omaha, Nebraska; Duane, Debbie, Rachel, Ericka and Carly Grimm, Hartland, Wisconsin; Delores Gregg & Berwyn Svobad, Vermillion; Julie & Sarah Feldermann, Belle Plaine, Minnesota; John & Jean Vavra, Utica; David, Darla, Daniel & Kimberly Stibral, Tabor; Elsie Stibral, Brookings; Sheryl Johns, Salisbury, North Carolina, and Karen (Peseck) Berndt, Avon.

All of the descendants from Yankton are: Edwin & Evelyn Stibral; Larry & Deanna Stepanek; Pat & Dennis Kleinschmit; Archie Vavar; Evan Ness; Pat Vavra; Bill & Janet Ausdemore; Dennis & Jean Stibral; Tony, Lauren, Teddy, Charlotte, Susanah Stibral.

A special thanks to Elsie Stibral for organizing the reunions many years ago and the families welcomed Debbie (Stibral) Grimm to continue this traditions for the family, friends & neighbors of the next Stibral Reunion to Be held in 2016 at Tabor. The new Reunion committee will be Jean Stibral, Darla Stibral and Debbie (Stibral) Grimm.

## Ruedi Reunion Held In Bloomfield

The annual Ruedi reunion was held Aug. 3, 2014, at the fellowship hall at First Trinity Lutheran in Bloomfield.

For the past year, there were two births and two deaths. The oldest family member was Mary Heberer of Hoskins, with Daisie Huttman of Stanton the youngest. The Doug Huttman family of Stanton traveled the farthest.

Those attending were from Yankton, and Bloomfield, Hoskins, Pierce, Stanton and Winside in Nebraska.

Next year's reunion will be held Aug. 2, 2015, at First Trinity Lutheran's fellowship hall in Bloomfield.

## Join The Celebration!



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## Sanford Vermillion Hosts Community Celebration

VERMILLION — At Sanford Vermillion we celebrate the energy of those we serve. And we thank each of our patients for trusting us with their care. Once again, we're showing our gratitude with free treats, fellowship and fun! Please join us for our 2014 Community Celebration on Wednesday, Aug. 13 from 5-7 p.m. at Vermillion High School, 1001 E Main Street, Vermillion.

Enjoy a BBQ meal and DQ dilly bars while they last. Great Plains Zoo Mobile will be here with animal artifacts and a chance for you to meet some of

their live animals. The younger children will also delight in the bouncy rooms out on the lawn.

Meet the fit Friends who want to teach you and your children more about FOOD, MOVE, MOOD and RECHARGE so our kids can grow up healthy and happy! The fit Friends are a part of Sanford Health's fit Initiative which helps families know what healthy choices to make, the motivation to make them and then how to put them into action.

Stop by, enjoy a meal and say hello. Share in our energy.

## MASABA Is Giving Its Logo An Update

VERMILLION — Bulk handling equipment manufacturer Masaba Mining Equipment is giving its logo an update.

Since Masaba provides equipment to industries such as aggregates, frac sand, ports, agriculture, pulp and paper, and wood chips, removing the words "Mining Equipment" from the logo provides a better representation of the company's reach across the industries they do business in.

The previous logo has been in service for a number of years and the update reflects the practice of referring to the company simply as "MASABA".

"Although we will remain Masaba Inc. to our legal entities, we have been known as just MASABA by the customers and communities we work with for a long time," Masaba President Jerad Higman commented.



Olinger



Stoltz



Dangel



Binder



Cheney



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Heirigs

# 7 Benedictine Sisters Celebrate 60th Jubilees

A private community celebration was held at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton Aug. 1, 2014, for the Sisters celebrating their 60th Diamond Jubilees of religious profession in the Benedictine way of life.

Here are capsule looks at the seven Sisters:

### SISTER DOROTHY OLINGER

Sister Dorothy Olinger was the seventh child in a family of nine children. Her parents were the late Ed and Mary Olinger who farmed near Emery. During her 60 years as a Yankton Benedictine Sister, S. Dorothy taught at the elementary level for 35 years in parish schools located in Sioux Falls, Chamberlain, and Webster; and in Albion and Lincoln, Nebraska; and Pueblo, Colorado. She also ministered at Goodwill Home for Children in Memphis for three summers, and was parish visitor at Christ the King, Sioux Falls before she moved back to the monastery in 2005.

S. Dorothy writes: "At one time I did become aware of a yearning for a contemplative life. However, after 60 years of living, I can still say I feel the Lord was calling me to this place because I now realize we lead lives that are both apostolic and contemplative. I entered Sacred Heart Monastery after making two retreats at Mount Marty which lead me to talk with my pastor, the late Monsignor Meyer. He encouraged me to contact his sister at Yankton. So I wrote to S. Beata, who directed me to contact Mother Jerome and the rest is history."

S. Dorothy was a traveler, having visited Europe and many places of historical interest before entrance to the monastery. Travel did not end with her entrance to religious life in 1952. She cherishes the fun trips with her group as they went on a Jubilee trip to Europe in 1979 and later took more adventurous trips to Benedictine Motherhouses in the United States and visited places of interest throughout the country including Canada.

S. Dorothy states: "Being a Benedictine is being at home to me as together we seek God in our everyday lives. This is a reason to celebrate God's love among us."

### SISTER VICTORINE STOLTZ

Sister Victorine Stoltz is the youngest of eight children born to John and Anna (Wethor) Stoltz of Emery. She grew up on a farm, attended St. Martin's School and the local public high school. Seeing a notice about the shortage of teachers, she attended Notre Dame Junior College, in Mitchell for a first grade teaching certificate. This she did in a small rural school and thus began her long teaching career. She entered Sacred Heart Convent in August, 1952 and after profession as a Benedictine Sister, she taught in the parish schools of Yankton, Sioux Falls and Salem; Lincoln, St. James and St. Paul, Nebraska; and Pueblo, Colorado. For 16 of those years, she also served as principal.

S. Victorine's love of history and social studies was nurtured by many of the ancient churches and monasteries she visited in her European travels. Her hunger for knowledge of past events and cultures served S. Victorine well in her position as monastery archivist when she retired from teaching in 1991. A favorite pastime she enjoyed was to study her family's genealogy and Luxembourg heritage.

S. Victorine was also known for her love of walking and during her time in Lincoln, Nebraska, several friends invited her to join them at a Volkswalks Convention in D.C. She next participated in walks in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Several walks were in areas that had been the battlefields of the Civil War.

S. Victorine currently resides in the Monastery Care Center. She enjoys music and singing along to familiar tunes. She says her life as a Benedictine has been both fulfilling and challenging. God be praised!

### SISTER ANNA DANGEL

Sister Anna Dangel is the fourth daughter of the late John and Sylvia (Anderson) Dangel; She has one brother and with her siblings was raised on a farm near Freeman. Anna entered Sacred Heart Monastery after high school, and looking back she says: "It was a calling from a stable and strong Catholic family farm life with a variety of prayer and work, and Christian education at Mount Marty High

School. The Sisters were a huge influence, especially S. Jane Klimisch. I loved the Liturgy and angel voices in harmony."

During her years as a Benedictine Sister, S. Anna taught elementary education in parochial schools in Yankton, Sioux Falls, and Salem; York and Omaha, Nebraska; and Pueblo, Colorado. She states the 19 years of teaching experience with all eight elementary grades, as well as duties of principal, were rewarding times in her life, as supported by the love and care of the Sisters she lived with on mission.

In 1969 S. Anna was invited to assist in the training of religious education teachers. She received her MA in theology at the Theological Union in Berkeley, California, in 1973 and then implemented the parish family religious education programs in the Sioux Falls diocese.

S. Anna writes: "My Benedictine community life could be summarized in Sirach 39:33: 'All the works of God are good. Every need is fulfilled in due time.' For I have been privileged to seek God in teaching elementary and junior high and serve as Director of Religious Education and Parish Ministry. I can now assist in retreat work and the sharing our home and history through tours of our monastery. I am grateful for my parents, family and teachers who have been my mentors in blessing the 'work of my hands.'" (Ps 90:17)

### SISTER CYNTHIA BINDER

Sister Cynthia Binder, with two sisters and two brothers, grew up in Yankton where their parents, the late Harry and Angela (Matuska) Binder, made their home. Since she lived a mere six blocks from Sacred Heart Convent and attended Mount Marty High School and College, S. Cynthia's faith and education were nurtured by the Benedictine Sisters she came to know and love.

She entered the convent after graduation in 1952. S. Cynthia began teaching at the elementary level at the newly built Christ the King school in Sioux Falls. This proved to be short term for she was next assigned to the pursuit of higher education majoring in English, French and Spanish. She holds an MA in French from the University of South Dakota, and an MA in English from Georgetown University. Her studies in New York University's French program included a year spent in Paris. While at Georgetown she taught reading one year in the Washington, D.C. public school system and volunteered to help illiterate prisoners at the prison in Lorton, Virginia. Returning to Mount Marty College teaching, she joined the education program at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. S. Cynthia's foreign language classes prompted her to organize and lead college student tours to Europe annually since 1969. The European tours engendered her interest in foreign films and the teaching and interpretation of foreign movies and the History of Film. Since 2012, S. Cynthia has been Program Director for the Center for Active Learners that offers senior citizens in the area a short-term seminar on various subjects.

About her Jubilee, S. Cynthia writes: "After 60 years, I realize I have been blessed with the Benedictine vision of life. So many good and rich experiences have come to me because of my community and our Benedictine values. Deo Gratias."

### SISTER VALERIE CHENEY

Sister Valerie Cheney is the youngest of four in her family and was born and raised in Watertown. Her parents are the late Mary and Walter T. Cheney of beloved memory.

After graduating from Mount Marty High School, S. Valerie decided to enter Sacred Heart Convent because of the liturgy and the witness of the Sisters. Her religious and professional life involved teaching in the parish schools in Yankton, Tabor, Sioux Falls, Chamberlain and Watertown; Glen Ullen, North Dakota, and in Lincoln and Hartington, Nebraska. In 1966, after preparations at a Spanish language school in Mexico City, S. Valerie was one of five Sisters sent on mission to San Pedro Carcha, Guatemala, where she taught for five years. Returning to the States, she studied for her MAT in teaching Spanish at Purdue University in Lafayette, Louisiana; MA in Administration/Education at the University of Nebraska and an MA in Religious Education at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. In 1999, S. Valerie moved to Watertown for six years. She did substitute

teaching the first year and then taught in the Catholic school full time and for two years taught classes at the Mount Marty College satellite campus. In 2005, S. Valerie moved to Parkston where she did pastoral care at St. Benedict's Hospital before retiring to the monastery in 2013. She now assists with chaplaincy duties in the Care Center and is involved in ministry with the Mexican/Spanish speaking people in the Yankton area.

About her Jubilee S. Valerie says: "By the grace of God I was blessed to teach every grade from three year olds to college students. They were all my favorites! The life of living in a Benedictine community is rich and rewarding."

### SISTER ROSEMARY WEBER

Sister Rosemary Weber grew up on a farm near Salem, one of 11 children born to Frances and Stephen Weber. She feels it was her parents, their family life and St. Mary's parish in Salem that influenced her vocation. She chose Sacred Heart Monastery because the Sisters ministered in a rural area which to her is familiar territory. She adds: "I suspect my great aunt, Sister Modesta Weber, of beloved memory, had something to do with it because she prayed that some relative would take her place."

Sister Rosemary's 60 years of ministry has been in education; teaching in parish schools at Aberdeen, Dimock and Salem; and York, Nebraska. She was principal at St. Lambert School in Sioux Falls. Desiring to work more with adults, S. Rosemary moved into parish ministry, doing adult religious education, the RCIA, Bible studies as well as outreach to the home bound in Holy Name parish, Watertown, and St. Benedict parish, Yankton. Always a bit inclined to the missionary field, she worked as pastoral minister at Standing Rock Reservation for 14 years. A special memory S. Rosemary cherishes was in 1998 when she was privileged to visit Kajati, Kenya, at a mission that had been supported by her family. Four years later she returned to Africa to teach English to African Sisters in Mtwara, Tanzania.

Looking back, S. Rosemary comments: "Living the Benedictine Life has been most fulfilling. Upon entering Sacred Heart Monastery, I felt right at home. Living the community life and sharing the prayer of the Divine Office gives great peace. It is with a very grateful heart that I look back on my years as a Benedictine Sister of Sacred Heart Monastery."

### SISTER PATRICIA HEIRIGS

Sister Patricia Heirigs was the seventh of nine children born to the late Frank and Agnes (Hauger) Heirigs on the family farm near Freeman. She began her education in a rural one-room school house and after graduating from Mount Marty High School in 1952 she entered Sacred Heart Convent.

As a professed Sister, S. Patricia began teaching in parish schools in South Dakota and Nebraska. After 20 years of teaching and pursuing higher education she received her MA in Pastoral Ministry from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, in the summer of 1976 and her MA in Elementary Administration from the University of Omaha in 1984. S. Patricia served as Pastoral Associate at St. Richard's parish in Omaha for 10 years and then became principal at St. Richard's school. In 1992 she moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where she taught at St. Patrick's school, was principal at St. Mary's and founding principal at North American Martyrs School which she helped to open in 1996. In her 59 years of teaching, she was principal for 39 years. In 1990 S. Patricia was named the outstanding Religious Educator in the Archdiocese of Omaha, and in 2012 she received the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" award. She retired from being principal in 2014 and moved back to the monastery.

S. Patricia writes: "I love being a Benedictine Sister! The greatest gift God has given me in this life is my community. I love to share, I love to pray and I love to play and I love to laugh together! My Sisters bring me great joy! My 60 years have been a joy most of all because of what my Sisters have done for me."

## MEETINGS

### INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, from noon-1 p.m. at Minerva's in Yankton. The meeting was called to order by President Frani Kieffer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members gave the following announcements:

Bridget Benson of Applied Engineering announced the Women's Business Conference would be held on Sept. 12 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The conference will be presented to SD CEO (South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity) go to www.BHSU.edu/SDCEO for more information.

Deb Bodenstedt announced that she will be in the dunk tank at Riverboat Days to support the Homeless Shelter on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Frani Kieffer of Avera Sacred Heart Foundation announced that the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton will be having their annual fundraising event, Rhythm & Brews. Tickets are on sale from Board Members, at the Club, or online at <http://www.greatfuturessd.org/page185652.aspx>. The event will be on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 7-10 p.m.

Kathy Wibbels from the Yankton Community Library announced that the Literacy Council is selling Raffle Tickets for two \$100 bills.

Kathie Gertsner, Gertsner Oil, hosted today's program. Her speaker was Cathy Clatworthy who presented on the upcoming Yankton Harvest Halloween Festival. The first Festival will be held in downtown Yankton on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The event is expected to bring thousands of visitors to the downtown location. Here are just a few of the events that are planned:

The Festival will commence Friday afternoon with a Walking Parade with the "kiddy trick or treaters." After dark, the Zombie Walkers will fill the streets. Participants can then get ready to "Howl at the Moon" with The Lugnuts live band performance at 8 p.m.

Wake up Saturday morning to a Waffle Breakfast sponsored by Dakota Territorial Museum's crew. Participants will also be able to watch classic films in the Dakota Theater or take a trip across the historic Meridian Bridge to the Spooky Forest.

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### YANKTON CO. REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Yankton County Republican Party held its monthly meeting on Aug. 4. Items discussed included the Riverboat Days parade float, traveling to the State Fair to help man the State GOP booth, and conducting phone calls for the State party here in Yankton.

If anyone is interested in participating in the Riverboat Days parade float, please call Roger Meyer at 703-403-4947. If anyone is interested in traveling up to the State Fair, please contact Roger at the same number.

Finally, if anyone is interested in helping out with phone calls, please also contact Roger at the same number.

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