

Take A Hike For St. Rose Sponsorships Due May 15

CROFTON, Neb. — St. Rose Parish and School at Crofton, Neb., has launched a new summer campaign to raise awareness about spiritual and physical fitness and to raise funds for the parish and school.

Take a Hike for St. Rose kicked off earlier this month. There are three ways to participate in the campaign. Currently, the campaign organizers are looking for businesses, families and organizations that would like to sponsor a logo on the Take a Hike T-shirts and in promotions of the campaign. Logo sponsors will receive a free shirt and will have their names or logo on Walking Club T-shirts that will be made this summer.

Sponsorships are due by May 15.

The main campaign is a self-directed Walking Club, where anyone who picks up a club packet obtains donations from family, friends and neighbors for miles walked or in a lump sum. Anyone raising at least \$25 will receive a Take a Hike Walking Club T-shirt. Packets include prayers that can be prayed while walking or hiking and an easy log sheet to keep track of the miles you walk each day and the contributors to your effort.

Walking Club members will track their miles from June 1 to June 15, and turn in their packets with donations by June 30 to the St. Rose Parish office.

Cash prizes will be awarded to those who walk the farthest over the set time period and those who raise the most money in each of five age categories, running from Preschool to those over 65 years of age. Door prizes will also go out to those who walk at a location farthest from Crofton, or who walk in unique and interesting places.

Finally, if you don't like tracking your miles or doing the paper work, you can still participate anytime in the Take a Hike Challenge. Just take a walk, hike or run for St. Rose, post your experience on social media like Facebook, and send a \$20 donation to St. Rose Parish. Challenge family members and friends to do the same.

Participants at all levels are encouraged to share their walking, hiking or running on social media. You can learn more about the summer campaign by checking out the Take a Hike for St. Rose or the St. Rose School Boosters Facebook pages. Walking Club packets are available at the entrance of St. Rose Church and at the St. Rose Parish office at 1316 W. 5th St., Crofton, NE.

Avid hiker, outdoorsmen and Pope, St. John Paul II, has been chosen as the patron saint of this year's effort.

If you would like more information or a registration packet mailed out to you, email

'Polycarp' Showing Slated Tonight

"Polycarp" is one of the Christian church Father's. He was a disciple of Christ through the Apostle John. Henline Productions produced a movie about the last days of his life. One of our locals, Daniel Stibril, helped on the set production.

The movie is open to the public and will be shown free at Redeeming Grace Bible Church (formerly Kingsway) at 708 E. 19th St. in Yankton. The movie starts at 7 p.m. this Friday night. Stibril will be available to take questions after the movie.

The trailer can be viewed at <http://www.polycarpmovie.com/>.

Reflections

The Power Of Imagery

BY REV. MOLLY CARLSON
United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton

I've been thinking a lot lately about how a subtle shift in our own thinking can transform how we see and react to the world around us.

For example, I've been thinking a lot about leadership lately. As a church leader, I have often heard the metaphor that a good minister is a lightning rod. Good leaders will take the hit (usually criticism or conflict) so that the others don't have to.

I've always pictured an organizational leader standing out in the middle of an open field, hands outstretched, ready to

be downed by a gazillion volts. There is loneliness in leadership. There is vulnerability in leadership. There is danger in leadership. There is responsibility in leadership. Ultimately, pursuing this image leads the leader to burnout, pain and death.

Not where I'm wanting to stand.

But I thought some more about the lightning rod image. I considered that a lightning rod is actually designed to attract the dangerous energy and channel it to someplace safe. The lightning rod stands out of the crowd because it is deeply grounded and able to protect others from damage. A properly installed lightning rod will not get hurt - but is there to protect.

The key is to be grounded.

So, as a leader — my job is to strengthen and deepen my grounding. No longer do I shiver and quake in anticipation of the storms that will inevitably come. I pray. I listen. I find my footing. I deepen my roots. I feel for the ground beneath my feet. I anchor myself in the earth. I stand tall and prepare to attract the storm — to protect my people — to provide shelter and safety and hope and a future.

And I pray for other leaders — local, national, global; business, government, church; young, old and in-between — that they may be well grounded. That God might be the grounding they need.

Kids Talk About God

If You're Honorable, Will God Answer Your Prayers?

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

"Well, I think God answers prayers all the same. Just because you're an honorable person doesn't mean you're better than people who are not honorable," says Nick, 9.

Nick has fired the first volley in one of the most hotly debated questions ever asked in this column. Before we hear from the other side, let's hear from Nick's defense team.

"God loves everybody the same. God answers prayers from the heart, not from how honorable you are," says John, 9. "God would not be unfair like that," adds Weston, 10, suggesting that God's very integrity is at stake if he doesn't answer everyone's prayers.

Rachel, 9, sums up Nick's side by saying, "God will answer your prayers, no matter what kind of person you are."

Nick's team presents a powerful case, but like so many arguments, they sound good until you hear the other side.

"I don't think God would bless someone who wouldn't be honorable to him," says Joseph, 9. "The Bible tells us that by living an honorable life here on Earth and following God's works and words, we store up many treasures in heaven."

Joseph, do you mean there's more than just going to heaven? Are you saying there will be distinctions in heaven? Would God do that? You bet!

Could it be like sitting in box seats with all the amenities at the seventh game

of the World Series versus the bleachers? Everyone is happy to be at the big game, but what a difference box seats make! It's hot dogs in the bleachers versus grilled salmon in the skybox. And, it's not just for one game. It's forever.

Heaven is a kingdom, not a democracy. Some will arrive in style with heavenly rewards, and others ... well, they'll just be glad to be there.

"If you are honorable to God, then he knows that you trust him," says Joanna, 11. "God will be able to trust you, too, when you honor him."

Bravo, Joanna! If you honor God, you will be an honorable person. Our attitude toward God determines how we treat other people. Our attitude toward God also determines whether he trusts us. Why would God give more territory or greater responsibility to someone he doesn't trust?

You see, God's love and justice don't compete against each other. Yes, God loves everyone, and he proved it by sending his son to die on the cross for our sins. But just because you're a Christian doesn't mean God is obligated to grant all your requests. God is merciful to deny prayer requests from impure motives.

Are parents unjust when they deny their children's requests? Would any child survive if every whim were granted?

Abraham was known as the "friend of God." Jesus told his disciples that they were no longer servants, but friends. It's a privilege to walk in the light of God's

glory and to honor him by walking in paths of righteousness.

"God commands us in his word to be filled with the Holy Spirit," says Dianna, 10. "God promises that he will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness if we confess and repent of our sins."

Think about this: There's no honor in living a self-centered life. It's so common and boring. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being controlled by God's indwelling presence. God wants to bring us into a larger place. It's a kingdom where honor, righteousness and love reign supreme in his son.

Memorize this truth: "For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor you will surround him as with a shield" (Psalm 5:12).

Ask this question: Will you live a small self-centered life or a big life that honors God?

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CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life Ministries	Bible Church	Catholic	Lutheran	Lutheran	United Church of Christ
ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES , Pastors Butch and Barbara Hladky, 517 Burlleigh, Yankton. (605)665-0889. Open for prayer daily. FRI. Shabbat Service 6pm Youth Service 7pm. SUN. 10am Worship.	Grace Bible Church , Meeting in Tabor at 10:30am Sundays. Call Pastor Joel Finck for more information. 605-760-4701.	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church , Lesterville, Mass time: Every 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Sunday 10:30am winter & 8:30am summer. Confessions 1/2 hour before. Father Steven Jones	CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC, 305 W. 25 th , Yankton, 605-665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SAT 5:30pm worship service. SUN 9am worship service.	Trondhjem Lutheran Church (AFLC) , rural Volin. 605-263-3841. Sunday 9:15am; 10:30am Worship	United Church of Christ (Congregational) 210 West 5 th St. Yankton, SD 605-665-7320 Pastor Molly Carlson. SUN 8:45am and 11:00am Worship. 9:50am Fellowship, 10am Church School.
Alliance of Renewal Churches	Catholic	St. Josephs Catholic Church, Constance, NE.	FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN, 44874 303 rd St., Volin SD 57072, 605-267-2277. SUN. Worship Services 9:30am. Childrens Education WED. Evening (WOW) 6:30-7:30pm.	Non-Denominational	United Methodist
Living Water Christian Fellowship , Sunday 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Wed 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. 605-260-2138.	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church , St Helena, NE. Rev Eric Olsen. 402-357-2400. Mass: Sundays 9am.	St. Josephs Catholic Church , Constance, NE. Rev. James Keiter. SAT 7:30pm Mass.	FIRST AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH , AFLC 300 S. Carpenter St., Tripp. 605-935-6941 9:30am Sunday School; SUN. 10:45 Worship firsthope@santel.net	DISCOVERY CHURCH 205 W 3rd Street , Yankton. (605)689-2211. Pastor Jon Cooke discoverychurchoffice@gmail.com SUN: 9am Sunday School, 10:30am worship, 3:30pm Youth Group. WED: 6:30pm Discovery Zone for Kids. 6:45pm Adult Bible Study. www.discoverychurchyankton.org	FIRST UNITED METHODIST , Yankton. Rev. Ron Johnson. Senior Pastor, 207 W. 11 th St. 665-2991. Sunday worship times: Traditional 11am, Contemporary 8:30am; Sunday school 9:45am.
Assembly of God	Sacred Heart Catholic 509 Capitol, Yankton, Rev. Mark Lichter. 665-3655 (office). SAT 4:30pm Mass SUN 8am, 9:30am, 11am MASS THUR 12:30pm, 2:30pm and 7:30pm Confessions.	St. Vincent Catholic Church Springfield, SD. Sunday 10:30am Mass. Confessions 1/2 hour before. Father Joseph Forcelle.	HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC 200 South Wilson, Delmont. 605-935-6941. SUN 9am Worship. 10am Sunday school. Firsthope@santel.net	GLORY CHRISTIAN Center, 901 E 11 th St. Yankton. Gail Ryken, pastor. 605-665-2369. SUN, 10am service. WED 6pm Prayer. GC School, call (605)665-1988.	KYNT 1450 AM Radio
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 801 W. 25 th 605-665-6362 (office) SUN 10am Bible teaching sermons WED 6:30pm Midweek services and Bible study for all ages. www.yanktonassembly.com	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Wynot, NE. Rev. Eric Olsen 402-357-2400. Mass times, Sundays 11:00am.	St. Wendeclaus Catholic Church , Tabor, SD Mass times: Winter Saturday 5pm & Sunday 8:30am. Summer Sunday 10:30am. Confessions SAT 4-4:30pm. Father Steven Jones.	Martinus Lutheran Church , Utica. Pastor Dean Schroeder. Sunday Divine Service 10:30am 605-589-3195. www.MartinusLutheran.org	Peace Church (PC/USA) , 206 E. 31 st . Rev. Jennifer Swier, 605-665-0448. Sunday 11:30am worship. Coffee 11am. Aired at 8pm Fri. on Ch. 3 & 98.	KYNT 1450 AM Radio Sat 10:30am "Saturday Morning Live." Sun 8:30am United Methodist Hour. 9:05am "God's Good News." 9:30am St. John's Lutheran Church.
Baptist	St. Rose of Lima, Crofton, NE. Father Michael Schmitz. SAT Mass 8:00am & 5:30pm. SUN Mass 8:30am. Wed/Fri Masses 8:15am. Confessions Wed 11-11:30am Sat 5:2-5:20pm.	St. Agnes Parish Sigel rural Utica. Mass time: Every 2 nd , 4 th Sunday at 10:30am in winter & 8:30am in summer. Confessions 1/2 hour before Mass. Father Steven Jones.	Our Redeemer Lutheran rural Irene. 605-263-3724. Sunday 9am Worship.	Reformed	MIX 106 FM Radio
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH , 100 E. 6 th St., Kevin Caskey, Pastor, 605-665-0066. SUN. 9:30am Sunday School. 10:45am Preaching Service. 4pm Preaching Service THU. 7pm Preaching Service.	St. Andrews Catholic Church , Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz. Sunday Mass-10:30am; 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th , Tuesday Mass 8:00am; Thursday Mass 8:00am	Church of Christ	Our Savior's Lutheran , LCM/NALC, Menno. Pastor Theresa Jacobson Office 605-387-5241. Worship Saturdays 7pm.	Riverview Reformed Church , 17 th St. & Bureleigh, Yankton. Reverend Rodney Velthuizen, pastor. 605-665-9204. SUN. 9:30am Worship, 10:15am SS. Wed. youth group & adult choir.	Classic hits 106 KVHT FM Radio SUN-THUR. 10:05PM Family Radio Rosary with Bishop Robert Carlson.
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH 301 Ohio St., Wakonda. Dr. Calvin Jones, pastor. 605-267-1100 SUNDAY Worship 11am.	St. Benedict Catholic Church , 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton. Father Ken Luf, 605-664-6214 (church). Masses: SAT-5:00pm. SUN 8:30am & 10:30am	Church of Jesus Christ	Our Savior's Lutheran , LCMS, 12 th and Elm, Springfield. Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor. Sun. 8am Worship. 9am SS. Thur. 7pm Adult Bible study.	Seventh-Day Adventist , 722 Locust St., Yankton. 665-1032. Worship Services: Saturday 9:30am & 11am. Pastor Nick Osborn (605) 760-7791. Yankton Fruit Program. Yanktonfruitprogram.org	ESPN Radio 1570
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH , SUNDAY: 9am Sunday School for all ages. 10:30am Worship Service. MONDAY: Service broadcast 7:30pm. Channels 3 & 98. WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Family Meal; 6:30pm AWANA, 7-9 th Grade Youth Group 7pm 9-12 th Youth Group, Adult Bible Study. Interim Pastor Ralph Porter, Associate Pastor Rick Slattery, Youth Pastor Adam Ansel. www.cbchurch.com 2407 Broadway, 605-665-5594.	St. Boniface Catholic Church , Menominee, NE. Rev. James Keiter, SUN 8:30am. 1 st SAT of month 8:00am	Church of Jesus Christ LATTER-DAY SAINTS , 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Michael Maxwell 402-586-2345. Family History Ct. 605-665-0901. SUN. 10am Sacrament meeting.	Princo of Peace Lutheran Church , Wisconsin Synod, 201 E. 25 th Street, Yankton. Pastor Christian Sultzle, 605-665-4793. Sunday 9:15am. Worship; 10:15am Bible Study	United Church of Christ	ESPN Radio 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship .
Harvest Independent Baptist , 100 W. 3 rd , Mission Hill. Pastor Nathan Martin, 668-0708 (ch) 665-1481 (home). Sun 9:30am SS. 10:30am Worship. 5:30pm Worship. Wed 7:00pm Worship.	St. Boniface Idlywilde , rural Freeman, SD: Sunday Mass 11:00am 605-327-3438 www.stbonifacesd-parishesonline.com	Episcopal	St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS), 1009 Jackson. Pastor David Gunderson. SUN 8am Worship, 9:15am Education Hour, 10:30 am Worship.	United Church of Christ	ESPN Radio 1570 SUN. 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, worship .
Yankton Baptist Church , SBC, 607 East 15 th St., Yankton, SD. 605-665-7587. SUN 9:30am Bible study, SS; 10:45 am Worship. WED 7:00pm Midweek service.	St. George Scotland , SD: Holy Mass Sundays 9a.m. 605-583-4318. www.parishesonline.com/stgeorgescoltandsd	Evangelical	Trinity Lutheran Church , Hartington/Crofton, NE. Amanda Jertson pastor; (402)254-9606. SUN 9am Worship (Hartington), 10am SS (Hartington), 11am Worship (Crofton).	Pilgrim Congregational UCC , 103 S. Elm St., Coleridge, NE. 402-254-4824 or 664-5310, Rev. Gary Kimm, pastor. Sun 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship.	Commercial & Residential

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