

# Sermonette

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## Revisiting Forgotten Virtues

As Christians, with the desire for conversion of heart and growth in holiness, we often focus our efforts on key virtues, such as faith, hope, and charity. But sometimes we forget that there are many other virtues which should define the Christian life and these ancillary virtues help us as well to grow more deeply in the more fundamental virtues. We will revisit some of these forgotten virtues in the next few weeks.

### The Virtue of Courtesy

The virtue of courtesy, or affability, according to Saint Thomas Aquinas is something that people deserve, because of justice, but especially because of charity, or love. Everyone deserves courtesy in its many forms: kindness, consideration, manners, and decency. Courtesy is living love, for in being courteous we treat others as the creation and reflection of God that they truly are. As Jesus said, "What you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Courtesy is essential for a follower of Jesus Christ. People expect Christians to act like Jesus Christ, whom we profess as our Lord. In an often uncivil and jaded world, people crave examples of thoughtfulness, considerateness, and politeness. They want us to be reflections of our loving Savior. The witness of Christians is diminished when they are not courteous or affable.

Courtesy can bring so much joy into the lives of others. Simple acts of courtesy remind

## "Wuthering Heights" will be shown at the Mayer Theatre

"Wuthering Heights" will be shown at the Mayer Theatre in Hebron Friday through Sunday, March 6, 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The movie is rated R and is a 2026 romantic period drama film produced, written and directed by Emerald Fennell.

Loosely based on the 1847 novel by Emily Brontë, the film was intended by Fennell to "recreate the feeling of a teenage girl reading this book for the first time."

Wuthering Heights premiered at the Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles, CA January 28, 2026, and was released in the United Kingdom and United States by Warner Bros. Pictures February 13.

people that they are loved and respected. It may be evidenced in greeting people, rather than just going about our daily routine. It may be evidenced as well in introducing ourselves to someone who is new to our church or our community. Do we welcome them as if we were welcoming Christ? Courtesy means that we initiate virtuous deeds and at times random acts of kindness. The Gospels give us many examples of people who excelled in being courteous, cordial, and hospitable: Martha and Mary, Zacchaeus, and Matthew the tax collector. Jesus blessed them and blessed their homes because of their cordiality. He will bless us as well when we open our hearts and our homes to people who need to experience the love of Christ. Be always ready to meet Jesus Christ at any time because He often comes in human disguise. Be especially courteous and hospitable to those who are suffering or hurting, because they are the ones you need love the most. Courteous people go about their day seeking ways to bring Jesus Christ to others, grateful to be servants of the joy of the Gospel.

Courteous people are also reliable, which is a sign of respect. People feel respected when we fulfill our commitments toward them, such as keeping appointments or intended visits. When we renege on these commitments with the nonchalant statement, "Well, something important came up," then people may wonder if they are important or loved. Courtesy also shows forth in signs of gratitude for the goodness of others. Do we

send them thank you notes? Do we tell them in person how grateful we are for their acts of kindness? Do we seek ways to return their kindness in deeds of love? How good people are to us, especially when we are going through difficult life experiences. Courteous people are always ready to thank others for lifting us up when we are down.

Lastly, courteous people are civil in a world that is becoming increasingly uncivil. Courteous people always have respect for others and instead of bitterness they seek to truly listen to others and to hear them out. This is a lost art in our society, where the loudest and most obnoxious voices "win" the debates. Civility means that we avoid charged words and although we may disagree with someone, we are always respectful and charitable. Courteous people can make their points without tearing down their neighbor. They are kind enough to admit that losing an argument is not worth losing a friend.

May God bless us with the virtue of courtesy, a certain largeness of heart and wideness of spirit. Courteous people are deferential and always place the needs of others before their own. They are truly the models of the Christian life, living out the words of Saint Paul, "Do nothing for selfishness, or conceit, but in humility, count others as better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). Our world would be a much better place if Christians lived by the advice of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier."

## VEHICLE DRIVER NEEDED

**Marian Manor Healthcare Center in Glen Ullin is seeking a compassionate and reliable vehicle driver to join our team.**

**As a vital part of resident care, you will be responsible for providing safe, comfortable, and timely transportation for our residents to and from medical appointments, social outings, and other scheduled events. CNA certification is preferred but not required.**

**Hours would include Monday – Friday, and occasional weekends and holidays.**

**Contact Andrew Cotant for more information at 701-348-3107, or pick up an application at 604 Ash Ave East, Glen Ullin, ND 58631 or at [www.marianmanorhc.com](http://www.marianmanorhc.com).**

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## Calendar of Events

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**March 6 - End of 3rd Quarter at Hebron School**

**March 7 - Lions Liver and Onions and Meatloaf Meal @ the Hebron Community Center, 4-7 p.m.**

**March 19-20 Spring Break, No School**

**March 21 - Cajun Turkey Supper, @ St. Mary's Social Center, Richardton, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**



## HELP WANTED

### Plant Operator

Looking for a self-motivated team player to fill an entry level position at the Glen Ullin plant for all phases of year-round plant operations and product packaging. Forklift and loader experience desired or a willingness to learn.

Competitive wage, full health, dental, life, short-term disability, holiday pay, vacation pay and Employee Share Ownership. This is an opportunity to grow with an expanding local company. Competitive pay DOE.

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**ATTN: Russ Schroeder, 4090 Hwy 49, Glen Ullin, ND. 58631 or to [rschroeder@abrasivesinc.com](mailto:rschroeder@abrasivesinc.com)**

**Applications can be found on our website [www.abrasivesinc.com](http://www.abrasivesinc.com) or call 701-348-3610.**

## NOTICE OF BIDS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Morton County Board of Commissioners, Morton County, North Dakota will accept bids until Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:15 A.M. (CT). Bids will be opened and read at that time at the Morton County Shop Building, located at: 2916 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Mandan, ND 58554. Bid results and final disposition will be presented to the County Commission on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:30pm (CT) in the Commissioners Room located in the basement of the Morton County Courthouse, for the following item.

### CONTRACT GRAVEL HAULING FOR COUNTY ROADS

Equipment used must meet the approval of the Road Superintendent. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Morton County Highway Department.

Specifications are available at the office of the Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Mandan, North Dakota 58554. Phone (701)667-3346.

Bidders are required to submit a copy of a current Contractor's License. Said license to be submitted in an envelope separate from the Bid information. Each successful bidder must submit evidence of general liability insurance coverage prior to award of bid. The mailing address is: Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Mandan North Dakota 58554.

A Bidder's Bond will not be required of Bidders. Instead the successful Bidder will be required to post a Performance Bond in the amount of \$10,000 immediately after award of the Bid. The purpose of the Bond is to assure that the Bidder will honor their unit price commitment for the specified time period. Should a Bidder default on their Contract, the Morton County Board of Commissioners will retain the amount of Bond as liquidated damages.

Awarded Bids will be considered valid for one year beyond the date of award.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to waive technicalities or to accept such as may be determined to be in the best interest of the County.

By Order of the Morton County Commission  
Dawn R. Rhone, Morton County Auditor