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### ***Cimply Putting It...***

***Faith – how we get it and how we keep it...*** Last Sunday our Bishop, Paul Swain, confirmed our sophomores. His excellent homily focused on three of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit—wonder and awe, right judgment and courage. As I was standing next to him and he was signing the foreheads of our youth, I was thinking about how we transmit the faith to them.

Before we can assist people in discovering the gift of faith in their lives, we have to understand it ourselves. When it comes to defining something as elusive and misunderstood as faith, perhaps the way to begin is to say what it isn't. I have discovered at least three fundamental misconceptions of faith at work in our society.

First, faith is not assent to doctrines about God, creation, Christ, etc. I do not mean by this that faith has nothing to do with 'beliefs' or cherished 'truths' of our tradition; it has. But faith isn't to be equated with giving credence to these teachings. Neither of the two most important historic creeds of our Church (Apostles and Nicene) begins, "I believe that God is the Father Almighty," rather they begin, "I believe in God."

Second, faith is not accepting 'on authority' (the authority of the Church, tradition, the Bible, parents, teachers, etc.) what one cannot personally experience or feel to be true. There is a very necessary personal dimension in faith; you have to 'do it yourself.'

Third, faith is not a vague spirituality. In reaction against the sort of faith I referred to in the first two misunderstandings, some people foster the notion that faith is chiefly an emotion, a positive outlook, a readiness to believe. It doesn't matter what you believe, or perhaps even what kind of behavior your belief leads to. The main thing is to be a believing person. Our Bible and the best expressions of the Judeo-Christian tradition do NOT equate faith with such believing-in-believing.

So what then is faith? Like most of the primary concepts of our biblical religion, faith is a category of relationship. It presupposes relationship with God. God has become present to one in such a way that one has faith in God, that is one trusts God. Trust involves decision and risk. And the decision is not just once and for all; it has to be renewed regularly, if it is to be authentic. Faith is an ongoing thing, a process. You can never say that you have it as if it were a possession. We affirm faith is a gift. This means it is a consequence of God's grace and God's love for us.

How then do we handle our doubts which pop up in our minds about God every so often? If faith is understood as a process of trust which develops in the context of our ongoing relationship with God, then doubt makes a great deal of sense as an authentic aspect of the life of faith. Consider any of your deepest rela-

tionships-with your spouse, friend, parent. You trust and are trusted. But this trust is continually put to the test. You can't be sure. People who are absolutely sure become presumptuous. They take the relationship for granted. But it is the element of risk that keeps the relationship alive. The decision to trust has to be made time and time again.

For our newly confirmed students and for each of us, one great theologian, stated, "Faith seeks understanding." What he meant is that if we believe in God we will be driven by our belief itself to understand what we believe. Faith cannot comprehend everything but it wants to know.

I think we have come to a time in the history of Christianity when this relationship between faith and understanding has to be grasped in a new way. In a pluralistic society of today, faith without understanding cannot endure. Our newly Confirmed members and really all of us must in some sense become a theologian of sorts and we as a parish must provide opportunities to study the faith. There can be no automatic Christianity.

This is **Catholic School Week**. The Catholic School System in the United States has been and continues to be one of the finest ways for assisting our youth so that their faith can seek understanding in an atmosphere that puts Christ in the center of all they learn. This year for Catholic School Week we are emphasizing the Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. They will bring "dividends for life." We are fortunate to live in a city that offers parents the choice and opportunity for a Catholic School. As we know, that is not true in some areas. I know we have first class Catholic Schools in our city, and we also have very fine public schools. If you are in the decision stage of where to send your child(ren) I invite you to come and visit St. Michael School or our city-wide junior and senior high schools on the O+Gorman campus. Whatever your decision is, we will do our part as a parish to enhance your faith and the faith of your children through the Catholic School or religious education program.

As I looked upon our youth from both the Catholic and Public Schools, as they were being confirmed, I prayed that each of them would take to heart what Bishop Swain told them in his homily. May they always have that wonder and awe in the presence of a God who loves them dearly, helps them make the right choices, and gives them the courage to live out their faith. Like the earliest Christians, our new confirmed and each of us, today and into the future will have to be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us. It won't happen accidentally, but it will happen if we continue to allow our faith to seek understanding.

**Make it a great week. clc**

# St. Michael Parish News

## RETREAT INSIDE YOUR OWN PARISH!!!

Are you yearning to improve your prayer life? Come experience the **Light of the World Parish Retreat** beginning Friday evening, February 26th here at St. Michael Parish. Spend a weekend and grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Spend your time with the Lord, February 26-28. Call Anne or Deacon John (361-1600) for information or to register.



Grab your sweetheart and purchase your tickets to join us on Saturday, February 6th, for our

### **Great Steak and Wine Date with the CRABGRASS CREW.**

The **CRABGRASS CREW** is a fun-loving group of local professionals who make music fun while entertaining and engaging their audience so every crowd feels like part of the act. With a wide variety of instruments such as the banjo, harmonica, mandolin, bass, guitar, snare drum, electric guitar, trombone, spoons and kazoo there is sure to be something for everyone!

Tickets are \$35 per couple which includes a steak dinner (chicken breast option available) with all the fixings and entertainment. Held in the St. Michael Multi Purpose Room. Doors open at 6:45 pm and will start with a social. Reservations can be made along with payment in the Parish Office or in the Commons after Mass.



### *Mass for Life*

Tuesday, February 2nd, 5:30 p.m.  
Join us in this prayer that all human life will be respected, from conception to natural death.

### **First Friday Celebration**

*Friday February 5th*

**Mass in the Chapel at 2:00 PM.**

*Join us for coffee and desserts afterward.*

**R.C.I.A. welcomes ALL who want to learn more about our Catholic faith.**

Sunday evenings at 7:15 in the Multi-Purpose Room (Entrance 'F')

This week: Matrimony: The Covenant of Marriage  
**(POTLUCK! Please bring a dish to share)**

Next Week: No class

*No need to register—Just come!*

## **We are called to protect!**

### **Safe Environment Training**

will be offered for volunteers working with vulnerable adults:

**This week: Wednesday, February 3rd, 7:00 p.m.**

**Or next week: Tuesday, February 9th, 2:30 p.m.**

**in the Fireside Room (in the parish office)**

Training lasts approximately 30 minutes.

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Please remember that all volunteers who work with vulnerable adults must be trained every year.

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**Can't make it?** We also have an on-line option!!

Go to [www.stmichaelsfd.org](http://www.stmichaelsfd.org) and click on Safe Environment for instructions.

### **Weekend Volunteers!**

Please remember!

The 5th of each month is the deadline for weekend volunteer schedule changes for the following month. So, if you won't be available, would like a different Mass time, etc., anytime in March, we need to know by this Friday, February 5th:

361-1600 x205 or [sylvia@stmichaelsfd.org](mailto:sylvia@stmichaelsfd.org)



### **BAPTISM CLASS**

**THURSDAY, FEB. 4TH 7 PM**

**FIRESIDE ROOM**

### **GETTING MARRIED AT ST. MICHAEL'S?**

Jean Klein is now hosting a Wedding Planning Workshop on the first Tuesday of every month. Call the parish office to register for any of the monthly workshops. Our first workshop is Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room (Entrance C).

### **Daily readings: February 1-7, 2010**

Mon.	2 Samuel 15:13-14,30:16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20
Tues.	Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
Wed.	2 Samuel 24:2,9-17; Mark 6:1-6
Thur.	1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12; Mark 6:7-13
Fri.	Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29
Sat.	1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34
Sun.	Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11

### **Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters**

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, Jan. 31st

9-1 am St. Michael's Gym

Free Will Offering

All proceeds benefit the Alpha Center!

# Youth Happenin's CAFÉ

Wednesday, February 3rd  
6:30-8:00 pm in the gym.  
Pre MARDI GRAS Celebration!!

## UPCOMING 2010 YOUTH EVENTS!

SF Diocese Valley Fair Trip\*\*May 25th  
St. Michael Parish Mission Trip\*-May 29-June 7  
\*FULL

Jr. High Discipleship Camp July 11-14\*\*  
Sr. High Discipleship Camp July 15-18\*\*  
Steubenville High School Youth Conference July  
30-Aug. 1\*\*

\*\*Forms available soon.



We still have the  
"Breadsmith  
10 for \$10 Cards"

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**-It is your responsibility to get your spouse to Heaven! Feb. 12-14 at BroomTree. Call Curt or Rochelle 362-9145.

**Tonic Sol Fa Benefit Concert** Sat., Feb. 20th @ 7 pm at Washington Pavilion. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services-proceeds to Gift of Hope Endowment.

**O'G Concert Choir Capers Dinner and Variety Show** Monday, Feb 22 at Ramkota Exhibit Hall. Call 575-3327 for tickets.

**Empty Bowls Soup Supper Benefit** Thursday, Feb 25 at OGHS. Call 575-3347 to preregister. Proceeds benefit homeless.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** March 12-14 Healing the Trauma of Abortion. Call 988-3775 for more information.

**Holy Spirit Adult Education** Tuesday, Feb 2 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room with Fr. Tom Anderson "Ten Books that Screwed Up the World" Everyone welcome.

**Christopher West "Introduction to Theology of the Body Seminar"** at Holy Spirit Parish on Sat., April 24th 9-3 pm. Please call Kathy at 371-2320 with questions or ticket info.

**Presentation Sisters Women's Retreat** "Finding God in the In-Between...Blessings that Come from Change". Sat., Feb 6th 9:30-12:30 at Holy Spirit. Cost is \$10. Call 271-0468 to register.

**In keeping with the Presentation Sisters** belief and commitment to Catholic education, now accepting applications for our Catholic Tuition Assistance Scholarship. Catholic School principals have received the forms for 2010-2011 school year, any interested student is encouraged to complete the application. Questions call 605-322-7821.

**OGHS Dance Team** is hosting a Dance Camp on Friday, Feb. 5 from 1-3:30 pm for Girls in grades K-6. They perform during OGHS Basketball game that evening. Call Randi at 595-4330 to register.

**Bread of Life Prayer Group** Praise and Worship on Monday, Feb 1 7:30 pm at St. Katharine Drexel. Fellowship to follow.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February Schedule is as follows;

Feb. 3rd Teachers meeting and CAFÉ Youth Group

Feb.10 and 24th Class

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday all students are to attend Mass

### Confirmation News

*Congratulations to the newly Confirmed 2010 students!*

There will be a Parent and Student Meeting for the 2011 Confirmation Class on Wed., Feb. 3rd 8 pm in the MPR

### SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to thank you for your prayers and support as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week Friday February 5, 10:00 All City Catholic Mass at the Elmen Center with Bishop Swain.

### TV MASS VIEWERS

Please be advised that the TV Mass that will broadcast on Sunday, Feb. 7th at 10 am will be the SFCS All-School Mass and will last for one hour. The All School Mass will also be broadcast live on Friday, Feb. 5th at 10 am on UTV (cable channel 10).

### H1N1

Sioux Falls Catholic Schools will be holding an H1N1 flu shot clinic at OGHS cafeteria on Thursday, Feb 11 from 7am—7 pm. This free walk-in clinic is open to SFCS families and all SF Catholic parishioners of any age. Children under age 9 needing a 2nd dose of the vaccine may also come to this clinic.

### Attention: All Mothers of Young Children PRAY AND PLAY

*An opportunity for mothers to get to know others in the parish with young children.*

*1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 9:30 to 10:45 am  
In the church nursery.*

**Come Thursday, Feb. 4th!**

*Questions, call Laura 362-4141.*



Please call the Parish Office if you have recently changed your phone number or dropped your land line. Many of the numbers we have listed have been disconnected. Also, email is a quick and less expensive way to contact families regarding Parish activities. If yours has changed, please email the Parish Office or email [susan@stmichaelsfsd.org](mailto:susan@stmichaelsfsd.org).

### In Sympathy

*Let us remember in our prayers this week:*

† Marvin Simon, father of Sharon Mulder

† Dr. Jeff Wheeler, son-in-law of Margaret Dix

† Nancy Wheeler, sister of Rita Lewis,

*aunt of Lisa Huemoeller & David Lewis*



## Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of Feb. 6/7, 2010

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday – Saturday 8:15 am

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00–9:30–11:00 am–6:00 pm  
Supervised Nursery at  
9:30 & 11am Masses  
Nursery open for all Masses

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday & Tuesday 5:00 pm  
Thursday 7:45 am  
Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 pm

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

First Thursday of month at 7:00 pm

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Begin 6 months ahead by appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

### ADORATION OF THE

### BLESSED SACRAMENT

\*Can you spend one hour with me in prayer?  
Call 361-1600 to sign up

Happenings

	Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Sun. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alex King Bailey Lauret	Alyssa Weidler Syreeta Warrington	Whitney Hansen Isaac Baumberger	Jared Broin Lucas Broin	Robin Hatcher Claire Washenberger
<b>Book</b>	Ethan Crouch	Amanda Meyer	Bailey Bakken	Erik Wuestewald	Kate Washenberger
<b>Bus</b>	Steve Siemonsma				
<b>Lectors</b>	Dan Klein Shelly Kosiak	Steve Gaspar Brenda Kibbe	Diane Szymanski Doris Krekelberg	Judy Smith Ann Drotzman	Cheri Krejci Dick Johnson
<b>E.M.E.</b>	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Wendy Klein</i> Josie Heisel Shelly Kosiak Jordan Arnold Brenda Wersal Curt Lauret Chelly Lauret Deacon John Devlin —?— Angel Heisel	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Dianne Schmidt</i> Dominic Boyer Brenda Kibbe Shirley Lorenz Butch Warrington Jerry Foy Ted Lorenz Mary Bittner	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Toni Halverson</i> Mary Cunningham Terri Larson Jackie Fink Julie Norton Angie Quissell Mark Quissell Theresa Johnson Gary Larson Keith Halverson	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Patti Fox</i> Jerry Priebe Tom Schulte Don Dorn Judy Foster-Strang Teresa Davis Mary Jo Benson Trish Dorn Don Fox Gale Benson	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Nancy Weaver</i> Barb Carruthers Denise Tennesen Kailey Tennesen Renae Behlings Carol Kuntz Susan Albert —?— —?— Dianne Wingen
<b>Sacristan</b>	Angel Heisel	Mary Bittner	Keith Halverson	Gale Benson	Dianne Wingen
<b>E.M.E.</b>		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Pat & Denny Seiner	<u>Covington</u> Molly Johnson	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Mark Loneman	
<b>Gifts</b>	Boy Scouts	DJ. Warrington	Becca Sotebeer	Doug Wagner	Mark Stadem
<b>Greeters</b>	Boy Scouts Boy Scouts	John Bart Al Stucky	Jim Kelley Lonnie Simon	Jerry Priebe Ray Grismer	Rob Dornbusch Barb Carruthers
<b>Receptionist</b>	2:30 – 4:00 pm Kelly McCann	7:30 – 9:15 am Karli Boelter	9:30 – 11:00 am Diane Lyons		
<b>Rosary</b>	Michelle Foy				
<b>SFCS Cert.</b>	Merri Hohn Rebecca LeTexier	Amy Meyer Joyce Stucky	Mary Bakken Judy Spencer	Dana Priebe Jerry Priebe	Brenda Washenberger
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Nolz Mary Kirkvold Leonard Block Don Boyd	Carney Walters Dick Kueter Ron Konechne Ken Headrick	Frank Ahartz Steve Noyes Al Spencer Dick Molseed	Terry Konechne Ron McCann Joe Ahlers Brian Wuestewald	Scott Wingen —?— —?— —?—

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SYLVIA WENSING VOLUNTEER COORD  
MARY ELLEN MELANSON RECEPTIONIST  
PAT BERG SECRETARY  
ANNE BURKARD PASTORAL MINISTER  
JACKIE CONLEY DRE GRADES 1-6  
RHONDA KELSEY DRE YOUTH DIRECTOR  
JEAN KLEIN LITURGY & MUSIC  
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### **Monday, February 1**

Bible Study 10:15 am  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm  
Lawrence Anderson(d)

### **Tues., February 2**

Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm Mass for Life  
Book Study 6:30 pm

### **Wed., February 3**

Mass 8:15 am Lad Karel (d)  
Teacher Mtg 6:30 pm  
Vol. Training 7:00 pm  
Good News 8:00 pm  
9th Gr Confirmation Mtg 8 pm

### **Thurs., February 4**

Confessions 7:45 am  
Mass 8:15 am Stephen Schuch (d)  
Adult Choir 7:00 pm  
Gym Leagues 7:00 pm  
Baptism Class 7:00 pm

### **Friday, February 5**

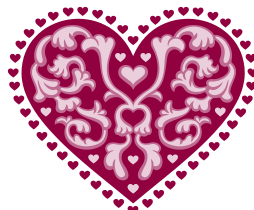
Mass 8:15 am Dody Gustaf (d)  
First Friday 2:00 pm Marianne Biggins (d)

### **Sat., February 6**

Mass 8:15 am Jean Ann Hentges  
Confessions 3:00 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm Beverly McCullough (d)  
Great Steak & Wine Dinner 7:00 pm

### **Sun., February 7**

Mass 8:00 am Paul & Jackie Westendorf  
Mass 9:30 am For the People  
Mass 11:00 am Fr. Chris Collins  
Mass 6:00 pm Michelle Walker (d)  
NO RCIA 7:15 pm



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