



February 28, 2010 2nd Sunday of Lent Parish of St. Michael

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Cimply Putting It...

Vision, Energy and Hope... Experts who study Catholic Parishes tell me these are the three “buzz” words for a successful parish. Parishes are of course a group of people like you and me. We all have our gifts and talents to share. We all have ideas that can help make our faith community a better and more vibrant parish.

There is a story about a mouse who once asked a wise old owl what was the weight of a single snowflake. As we all know, we have had a lot of them fall in Sioux Falls this year. The owl answered, “Why it weighs nothing more than nothing.” Well, the mouse went on to tell the owl about a time he was resting on a branch in a fir tree, counting each snowflake that came to rest on the branch until the number was 3,471,952. Then with the settling of the very next flake—crack. The branch suddenly snapped, tumbling the mouse and the snow to the ground. “That was surely a whole lot of nothing,” observed the mouse. Sometimes we think our contributions, acts of charity, works for justice, gifts of love, and our talents are nothing, or that they are small in comparison to those of others.

Bishop Swain has asked each parish to examine itself and to see how we are doing in our task to bring forth the Kingdom of God and lead ourselves and others to the Lord. In order to help me and our parish staff set our priorities for the future, we are asking you to fill out a survey. It won't take long. We have streamlined it so that we can get some useful information and yet not require much of your time. We sent the survey out in our March Newsletter, you can also easily do it on your computer by going to our parish website, or we are giving you an opportunity to do it in church this weekend. Your responses will give us direction in regard to our Parish Masses, Religious Education Program, Stewardship and the use of our entire parish facility. There also is a space to offer any comments, criticisms, or ideas that you might have to assist us in our vision and mission. This will tell us where we need to put our energy so that we can better serve you.

I want to thank **Paula Jones** and **Butch Warrington** who are our parish representatives for the Pastoral Planning Process in our area.

As I already said, we are the Church. This little poem reminds us of our importance in the Body of Christ.

Christ has not hands but our hands to do his work today.

Christ has no feet but our feet to lead others in his way.

Christ has no voice but our voice to tell others how he died; and

Christ has no help but our help to lead them to his side.

Make it a great week clc

Change is coming. The Pastoral Plan **www.diocese-of-sioux-falls.org**

When Bishop Swain became the 8th Bishop of the Sioux Falls Diocese, he began a process to plan for the changes that are occurring in east river South Dakota.

The first step of the process was to gather statistics about the diocese. Present data and future projections have been gathered and calculated. Here are a few statistics:

- Presently there are 92 priests in active ministry. In 2012, which is 2 years from now, there will be 71 priests in active ministry.
- The population shift is to the cities, especially Minnehaha and Lincoln counties.

These are just some of the changes listed.

The second step of the process was to identify what our parishes should strive for in the future. What is our idea of a vibrant Catholic parish? Some of the ideas are to be a more Catholic, Eucharistic, Faith-filled, compassionate and united people.

The third step of the process is to form the pastoral planning committees. This committee is made up of one member from each parish. The parishes are then grouped by region. The Sioux Falls region has 25 parishes, therefore, we are grouped into smaller study groups. St. Michael is in the central study group. There are 12 members in our group which includes all of the Sioux Falls parishes, Brandon, and a non voting member from Harrisburg, where there may be a new parish in the future.

There is a tentative plan that has been proposed for 2012. The task of the pastoral planning committees is to take the statistics and the vision we are presented with and propose solutions or alternative proposals to the tentative plan. The tentative plan for the Sioux Falls area is that the current 15 full time priests and 4 1/2 chaplains we have right now will drop down to 11 full time priests and 0 chaplains. Our St. Michael Parish will only have 1 full time priest instead of 2.

Our pastoral planning committee has met twice and we will be meeting again on Thursday, March 4th at 7 pm at Christ the King Parish. The meetings are open to everyone. There is an open microphone at the end of the meeting for the audience to ask questions or offer comments.

I encourage you to attend the meeting if you can. The information you will learn and the input you can give is very valuable. Hope to see you there.

Paula Jones
St. Michael Parish Representative

St. Michael Parish News

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL—2010. Thank you to those who have responded so generously and have returned their pledge cards. Please take time to prayerfully consider your gift for this year and pray for the success of this year's appeal. Our efforts will enable all members of our diocesan Church to join in glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk - Thank you for a great kick-off weekend. We are restocked with more Lenten Bundles and other titles. Please stop by the kiosk today! **Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality—Matthew Kelly:** Have you ever felt disillusioned about your faith and filled with doubt? Matthew Kelly will take you on the adventure of a lifetime designed to help revitalize your spiritual life. Bold, practical, and inspiring, he will help you rediscover the true meaning of life as expressed in the seven pillars of authentic Catholic spirituality. "This is the best explanation of Catholic spirituality I have ever heard and it's presented in an easy to understand way." Debra Liverpool, NY

What is the importance of an altar in a church? It is at the altar that the sacrifice of the Mass is offered and where Jesus becomes really and truly present in His body, blood, soul and divinity. It is at the altar of a Catholic church that we present to the Father our prayers and sacrifices in union with the greatest and most perfect offering possible: Jesus and His redemptive sacrifice on the Cross.

Tuesday Lenten Soup Supper

Join us for 5:30 pm Mass and stay for delicious soup.

We begin serving about 6:00 pm.

Soups for Tuesday March 2nd are:

Chicken w/Rice & California Medley

First Friday March 5th

Join us for Mass in the Chapel at 10:00 am
with the Sacrament of Anointing.

Stay after for cake, coffee, and fellowship. Our wonderful kindergartners will be there to provide entertainment.

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: What is Lent About?

(PIZZA NITE this week!! Pizza will be provided.)

Next Week: Social Justice & Christian Moral Living

No need to register—Just come!



March is our month to fill the shelves at the **Food Pantry.**

Help is needed now, more than ever. Please help us fill our shopping cart in the Commons with non-perishable groceries and personal hygiene items. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Peterson, mother of Jim

Orville Mehlbrech, brother of Ethel Bartling



BAPTISM CLASS Thursday, March 4th 7 pm

VOLUNTEER TRAINING in the Church
New volunteers are needed for the ministries below. We'll work hard to accommodate your schedule. And we'll provide you with everything you need to serve well at the training session:

This Tuesday, March 2nd

- ◆ 6:45 p.m. **Ushers**
- ◆ 7:30 p.m. **Lectors**
- ◆ 8:15 p.m. **Communion Ministers**

Training is required for new ministers and for those who have not served within the past year. Continuing ministers are invited for a refresher. No need to register. Please, just come!
Next opportunity: Wednesday, June 2nd

Weekend Volunteers:

April scheduling info is due this Friday, March 5th! Submit dates you will not be available here: 361-1600 x205 or sylvia@stmichaelsfsd.org. Thanks!
(Don't worry about Easter weekend—April 3/4—that one will be by sign up sheet only.)

The **St. Michael Nursery** is available for use at all Mass times. **At the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses**, our trained and screened volunteers are ready to serve you and your young children ages infant to 3 years old. Nursery volunteers go through background checks and yearly safe environment training. **At the other Mass times** (4:00, 8:00 and 6:00), we ask you to remain with your child(ren) in the nursery. There is a speaker in the room so you can hear Mass while you are there. Also, the nursery and toys are regularly sanitized. Check it out!



Daily readings: March 1-7, 2010

Mon. 1 Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tues. Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thur. Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Fri. Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun. Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Be part of the solution!
Join in this special prayer for respect for the sanctity of all human life:
Mass for the Celebration of Life
Tuesday, March 2nd, 5:30 p.m.
And stay for the Soup Supper!

Youth Happenin's CAFE

Café youth group event for the month of March will be held on **Thursday, March 4th** 6:30-8:00 at St. Michael. We will get an opportunity to meet with Deacon Harold before he speaks!

We need readers, behind the scenes helpers and actors for our Jr. High and High School Presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2nd. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board for an opportunity to grow in faith and walk the walk Jesus took for our sins!



Registration forms available on the youth bulletin board for the following events:

- Jr. High Discipleship Camp July 11-14
- Sr. High Discipleship Camp July 15-18
- Steubenville HS Youth Conference July 30-Aug. 1
- Jr. High and High School Totus Tuus Retreat

LET'S 'FILL THE TRUCK' FOR PINE RIDGE

Society of St. Vincent DePaul is working to fill a truck for Pine Ridge with:

- * Bedding-Sheets, pillows, blankets, new or used
- * Towels—All sizes, new or used
- * Diapers—Cloth or disposable

Please bring to St. Michael before March 15th.

****St. Vincent DePaul also wishes to thank you once again for your generous contributions to the poor boxes located at each entrance.**

St. Michael Parishioners are the best!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT @ 5:30 PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

KC Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Feb 28th 9-1 pm at Christ the King School Gym. Free will offering.

Holy Spirit Adult Ed-Fr. Shaun Haggerty will present "Examen Prayer: Becoming Aware of How God is Talking to You Throughout Your Day." March 2nd @ 7 pm.

Faith For Life Lent Seminar calling all men to live their faith with fire and passion on Saturday, March 6th at St. Michael MPR from 9-4 pm. Powerful speaker EWTN's Deacon Harold will show how the Catholic faith resonates deeply with the hearts of men and how they can respond to that call in their lives. Please call 988-3766 to register- \$20 includes lunch.

Bread of Life Prayer Group invites you to praise and worship on Monday, March 1 at 7:30 pm at St. Katharine Drexel.

Inner Healing Weekend informational meeting on March 5th at St. Katharine Drexel. Please call Mary Jo 310-9717 for info.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March Schedule is as follows; **Thursday, March 4th** all RE Teachers and Jr. High and High School Religious Education/Confirmation Students are encouraged to attend Deacon Harold's presentation. Wednesday, March 10th, 17th and 24th normal class schedules.

1st COMMUNION PREPARATION BOOKLETS—If you have not received your 1st Communion preparation booklet contact Jackie at 361-1600 ext. 209/jackie@stmichaelsfsd.org. Cost is \$15 per booklet.

RE TEACHERS There will be no teacher meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd. Teachers are encouraged to attend Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on Thursday, March 4th.

EUCCHARISTIC FAIR VOLUNTEERS—We are in need of volunteers for the Saturday, March 27th Eucharistic Fair. Volunteers are needed from 8:45 AM to 11:15 AM. Contact Jackie—361-1600 ext. 209/jackie@stmichaelsfsd.org.

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, March 4th!

Questions, call Laura 362-4141.

KC'S FRIDAY FISH FRY

This Friday, March 5th



Following Stations of the Cross @ 5:30 pm

At St. Michael. Serving: Fried or baked fish, mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, grilled cheese & treats. \$5 Adults, \$4 Children, Family Max \$25.

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 2nd, 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room (Entrance C).



To benefit Mission trip to Louisiana and youth retreats this summer!!

St. Michael Parish Dinner on Sunday, March 7th from 10:30-1 pm for Pork Loin dinner with salads and desserts galore! Tickets available in the parish office or after Mass. Tickets are Adults \$7, Children \$4, Family max \$30. (Door prices will be \$1.00 more.) Sign up in the Commons to bring a salad or dessert!

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of March 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

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 1

Bible Study 10:15 am
Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Jeff Wheeler (d)
Liturgy Cmte 6:30 pm

Tues., March 2

Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Cathy Gray
Soup Supper 6:00 pm
Book Study 6:30 pm
Wedding Wksp 6:30 pm
Volunteer Trn 6:45 pm

Wed., March 3

Mass 8:15 am Lad Karel (d)
NO RE Classes
Good News 8 pm

Thurs., March 4

Confessions 7:45 am
Mass 8:15 am Lillian/John Schuch (d)
CAFÉ 6:30 pm
Deacon Harold 7:00 pm
Baptism Class 7:00 pm
Adult Choir 7:00 pm
Gym Leagues 7:00 pm

Friday, March 5

Mass 8:15 am Rick Stukenholtz (d)
First Friday 10:00 am Clare Kathol (d)
Stations of Cross 5:30 pm
Fish Fry 6:00 pm

Sat., March 6

Mass 8:15 am Eva Schulte (d)
Confessions 3:00 pm
Mass 4:00 pm Marianne Biggins (d)

Sun., March 7

Mass 8:00 am Fr. Don Molumby (d)
Mass 9:30 am Dody Gustaf (d)
Parish Dinner 10:30-1 pm
Mass 11:00 am John Stukenholtz (d)
Mass 6:00 pm Paul Schneider
RCIA 7:15 pm

	Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 9:30 am	Sun. 11:00 am	Sun. 6:00 pm
Altar Servers	Joey Hofer Trenton Bechler	Syreeta Warrington Michael Schulte	Rebecca Klein Marcus Klein	Alex Roth John Giovannettone	Marlayna Goff Robin Hatcher
Book	Bret Sundleaf	Debbie Schulte	Nathan Sotebeer	Alex King	Taryn Sakry
Bus	Mike Parsley				
Lectors	Connie Burkard Ted Thie	Adrienne McKeown Bob Kappel	Dan Klein Mark Quissell	Don Dorn Trish Dorn	Jane Schnell Nancy Weaver
E.M.E.	Cup Bearer: <i>Jim Jarding</i> Connie Burkard Ted Thie Jean Bhatti Kenny Arnett Pat Price Becky Arnett ---?---	Cup Bearer: <i>Dominic Boyer</i> Butch Warrington Ted Lorenz Shirley Lorenz David Klein Barb Matson Brad Cordell Mary Bittner	Cup Bearer: <i>Jackie Fink</i> Mark Quissell Mary Cunningham Theresa Johnson Kevin Hanson Angie Quissell Marlene Miller Taylor Kneip Mary Ann Roers John Roers	Cup Bearer: <i>Tom Schulte</i> Elaine Moss Ron Moss Ruth Benedict Ginger Waskow Ron Waltman Judy Foster-Strang Don Dorn Trish Dorn Carri Bornitz	Cup Bearer: <i>Kailey Tennesen</i> Nancy Weaver Jane Schnell Kaitlin Goff Joyce Petermann Denise Tennesen Carol Kuntz Sue Albert Brenda Burton ---?---
Sacristan	Becky Arnett	Mary Bittner	John Roers	Carri Bornitz	Brenda Burton
E.M.E.		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Rolene Smidt	<u>Covington</u> Diane Lyons	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Molly Johnson	
Gifts	Becky Arnett	Al Stucky	Eric Krouse	Kevin Crouch	Kelly Loudenslager
Greeters	Brenda Holzer Kent Kolsrud	Jim Peterson Dale Criddle	Nick Schulte Theresa Johnson	Dave Melanson B Lethcoe/JDonahue/ JMyre	Janice Stroschein Brenda Washenberger
Receptionist	2:30-4:00pm Vonnice Moos	7:30 -9:15 am Renee Kneip	9:15-11:00 am Mary Pat Bones		
Rosary	Dick Johnson				
SFCS Cert.	Jeanne Peltier Jane Sundleaf	Marguerite Oligmueller Shirley Lorenz	Mark Quissell Brandi Kowalczyk	Ashley Crouch Ruth Benedict	B Washenberger Beth Goff
Ushers	Don Boyd Leonard Block Mary Kirkvold Mike Burkard	John Maguire Ron Konechne Ken Headrick Dick Kueter	Dick Molseed Al Spencer Joe Ahlers ---?---	David King Sylvia Wensing Michelle Johnson Terry Konechne	Cherie Krejci Lyle Krejci David Petermann Sam Goff

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GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
PARISH
DINNER
TICKETS!!

*Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
This Thursday, March 4th at 6:58 pm.
Deacon Harold is a nationally recognized
speaker who speaks with enthusiasm and
passion about his Catholic Faith.*