



Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2010 Parish of St. Michael

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Simply Putting It...

Can I reflect forward? I like New Year's Day. It is time for the new calendar—(Although Fr. O'Dell doesn't get that happy experience, he schedules everything on his Blackberry cell phone) and a new start. It is generally a time when we reflect on what had happened the last year. Since we are starting a new decade, there has even been more interest in recalling the significant events over the last 10 years. Retrospectives, remembrances, looking back, all those things we do when we throw away an old calendar and put up a new one. We sometimes even ask ourselves a few questions. What didn't work in the year past? But can we reflect forward? It is at this time of year we also look at a few resolutions. It might be a list of hopes that we have for 2010. We might ask: What do we need to do differently in the year to come? It's a fertile place to stand; right smack between the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. However, it's not only a fertile place to stand; it's a bittersweet place as well. Because we realize that not everything we've thought or said or done in the past year will fuel our journey into the new year.

At the end of last year and the beginning of this year, I have been reflecting forward on our church and how we as church-people live in our world. It seems to me that there is an ever-widening chasm between what we call church and what we call the world. It also seems to me that we have to continue to work so that the chasm can be bridged, because God loves the world and Jesus, God's son, teaches us to care for those with whom we share this world.

Reflecting back I suppose we can see where the gap came from. Before the invention of the microscope or the telescope, before we knew what we now know about the Bible came to be, before we knew about germs and viruses and genes and chromosomes, before we knew about physics, or all sorts of things, it was easy to receive the Bible's claims and the Church's claims about the Bible at face value. Now in light of our scientific and historical understanding, it is no longer intellectually possible for us to receive the Bible as a literally factual text. If the Bible is not a science book or a history book, what's a good Christian to do? There have been two schools of thought that have developed throughout the years. One school said, "Forget about the Bible. Don't need it any longer. Science is where it is at now." The other way to respond to the pressure put on the Bible and even Church doctrine is to say, "Heck no. I don't care what science says or what history tells us or what archeological digs reveal. The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it.

And so the Bible and the Church's long-held claims about the Bible collide with science and history, and what happens. Some folks, and often times our younger people, throw the Bible away, and some other folks, (sometimes younger ones too) batten the hatches and rigidly take the Bible word for word. Because of this I think some people give up on the Church and the Bible. They hear "church people" saying it is our way or the highway. Get with the program or get left behind.

Even though I hear of people who have given up on their faith, I am still a person of hope. I am hopeful because I know there is a spiritual hunger in many people's lives. There's a great interest in spiritual things. That even though our world gets more and more technically advanced, we know in our hearts, technology cannot answer all of our questions or give to us ultimate meaning in our lives. To be a Christian does not mean that I have to close my eyes and mind to what science and the modern era teaches me. To be a Christian means to love the Lord with my mind, as well as my heart, soul and strength. To be a Christian means to adopt a posture of loving kindness and a servant heart that is at the core of everything we teach and do. As I reflect forward, I believe this is the task that faces us as a church into the new decade.

Happy New Year? When putting up a new calendar it can sometimes become easy to get bogged down in a mood of despair. Truly the problems all around us are great, and our inhumanity to each other is shocking. Terrorist attacks, kidnappings, assassinations, massive political corruption—What's wrong with us? However, in our Bible, the Good News begins in the Gospel according to St. Luke with the angel of the Lord proclaiming, "Do not be afraid. Listen! I bring you news of great joy. A joy to be shared by the whole people." And the same Gospel ends with Luke telling us that as Jesus left this earth his disciples "worshipped Him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy." They could now start reflecting forward.

Fr. O'Dell and I want to Thank You who showered us (or probably better put, snowed us) with prayers, Masses, gifts given in our names to various charities, food, Christmas goodies, gift certificates, and other gifts at Christmas. We are extremely grateful to be among you wonderful people. Not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year, you are so supportive to us. We truly do feel privileged to serve you as your priests.

A very Happy and Blessed New Year to you! clc

St. Michael Parish News

Mass for Life

Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 5:30 p.m.

Join us in this prayer that all human life will be respected, from conception to natural death.



Welcome, New Parishioners!

Sonja Beffert
Javier Carrillo & Briana Welker
Jason & Amy Clare
Sonia Coleman
Mandley & Brenda Davis & son Connor
Mike & Jean Deffenbaugh
Matt & Melissa Guiliano
Michael & Noelle Harding & children
Brady, Torry & Mikenna
Brett & Jaime Hudson & daughter Erin
Amie Marquardt
Kyle & Melissa Roth
Jason & Denise Schwabauer
Jennifer Sherman



Weekend Volunteers!

Please remember to check those busy calendars and submit dates you will not be available in

February by Tuesday, January 5th:

sylvia@stmichaelsfsd.org or
361-1600 (x205). Thank you!!

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: Baptism-The Call to Holiness
Next Week: Confirmation: Gift of the Holy Spirit for the Mature Christian (Potluck next week!)
No need to register—Just come!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 3rd @ 7:15 pm
St. Michael School
All parish men are welcome!

Daily readings: January 4-10, 2010

Mon. 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
Tues. 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
Wed. 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
Thur. 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a
Fri. 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
Sat. 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
Sun. Isaiah 40:1-5; 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Altar Server & Book/Cross Bearer Training—Coming soon! (Required every year for all servers)

Wednesday, January 13th

5:30 or 7:00 p.m. in the church.

All 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Religious Ed students will spend their class in training. **Any other child/youth** – 4th grade **or older** – who would like to serve, is welcome to join in.

(Children in **St. Michael School** were trained in class and **do not** need to attend.)



Weekend volunteer schedules for January are in your monthly mailing. January has 5 weekends, so one weekend will be on a separate page! They are also posted on our website, alphabetically and by weekend at **www.stmichaelsfsd.org** Click on 'Volunteer Information' in the upper left-hand corner. Thanks to all our ministers! If you volunteered (back in October!) and are not scheduled, please contact:

Sylvia at 361-1600 x 205 or
sylvia@stmichaelsfsd.org

Volunteer instructions and sub lists are in the process of being sent out. If you gave us an e-mail address, they will be sent there. If you do not receive what you need by mid-January, or have questions, please contact Sylvia (see above). **Many thanks!**

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, Jan. 7th!

Questions, call Laura 362-4141.



2009 Financial Contributions

If you would like to make a year-end contribution and have it credited to 2009, you must date the check December 31, 2009 and send to the parish office by January 4th. End of year financial statements will be printed and mailed the last week of January. Please call Susan in the parish office with any questions.

The Banquet is in need of clean plastic containers with lids! Such as cool whip, margarine tubs, cottage cheese. The guests use these to take leftovers with them after meals. Please drop off in the parish office.

Youth Happenin's Café

Wednesday, January, 6th 2010!
6:30-8 pm in the Gym

Have you seen the movie 2012 or heard the hype about the world ending in 2012?! Come find out what the Catholic Church teaches about The End of the World as We Know It and get your questions answered.

Mark your 2010 calendars with these upcoming youth events!

Sioux Falls Diocese Mt. Kato Ski Trip*
- Friday, Feb 12th

*Forms are available on the youth bulletin board and due by 1/29

Sioux Falls Diocese Valley Fair TripMay 25th**
St. Michael Parish Mission Trip*-May 29-June 7

*Intent forms are on the youth bulletin board and due by 1/31

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

Going South for the winter????
Please call the parish office
and let us know!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DWS Support Group for divorced, widowed and separated. Open to people of all faiths 10 week program. Registration Monday, Jan. 4th 7 pm at Cathedral School. Call 988-3775 for info.

Grieving the Loss of a Sibling 6 Tuesdays beginning Jan. 12th at Catholic Family Services. Call 999-3775 for information.

Catholic Cursillo Movement Weekend-Take time for exercising your spiritual life! Men: Jan. 7-10, Women: Jan. 21-24. Call Mo for information 361-2504.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter-Restore Communication, Renew commitment, Rekindle Romance. Feb. 12-14 at BroomTree. Call Curt or Rochelle 362-9145.

BroomTree Silent Retreats: Feb. 4-7 for women, Feb 18-21 for men.

Natural Family Planning & Fertility Care: For information and a list of instructors and physicians, call Family & Children Faith Formation Office at 988-3776.

Holy Spirit Adult Education on Tues., Jan 5th 7 pm in Fireside Room with Msgr Mangan presenting "Ever Ancient, Ever New"; Our Blessed Mother and Our Response to Her Concern for us.

Knights of Columbus Marquette Council Free Throw Championship on Sunday, Jan 10 at OG Jr High Gym. Registration begins at 1 pm. Open to all girls and boys from 10-14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2010. Info call Michael @ 338-8603.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 13th. Jr High and High School students keep filling out your green cards and return to class on the 13th.

Confirmation Students-
Day of Recollection
this Sunday, January 3rd 2-6 pm

Confirmation Classes
Sunday, January 10th & 17th @ 4 pm

SCHOOL NEWS

Monday January 4, School resumes
Friday January 8, 8:15 am School Mass
prepared by Mrs. Steenholdt's
second grade students.

God made each snowflake unique, just like YOU!! You and your child (3-5 yr olds) are invited to spend a morning at St. Michael's School on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. Discover the spiritual and academic advantages! Call 361-0021 to RSVP by Friday, Jan. 8th.

Attention 8th Graders and their parents! O'Gorman High School Student/Parent Information Night/Activity Fair on Thursday, Jan 14th at 7 pm in the Auditorium. Lots of valuable information-come see what is available at O'Gorman! Freshmen registration will be on Wed., Jan. 20th and Thursday, Jan. 21st from 3:30-5:30 & 6-7:30 pm.

Join your faith family and friends at the **SKYFORCE** Faith and Family night, Saturday January 23rd at 7 pm. Families can get a \$15 seat for \$10 as well as food and beverage with their seat for \$4 more. More information is available on the youth bulletin board!

Sunday January 10th -- the kickoff to Vocations Awareness Week -- there will be a live performance of the one-man theatrical drama Vianney by Catholic actor Leonardo Defilippis, 7:00 p.m. at O'Gorman High School. Coinciding with the **Year for Priests**, the 90-minute production -- suitable for ages 9 and up -- introduces Catholics to St. John Vianney and gives a new and encouraging answer to the question, "**What is a priest?**" The event is a free, non-ticketed event; seating in each location, however, is limited.

Thank you for the donation for the poinsettias
on the altar in honor of: Joe Olinger family
and Darrell Faris family.



ST. MICHAEL STAFF

FR. CHARLES CIMPL PASTOR
 FR. KEVIN O'DELL ASSOC. PASTOR
 REV. MR. JOHN DEVLIN PERMANENT DEACON
 SUSAN SCHAUNAMAN ADMIN. ASSISTANT
 SYLVIA WENSING VOLUNTEER COORD
 MARY ELLEN MELANSON RECEPTIONIST
 PAT BERG SECRETARY
 ANNE BURKARD PASTORAL MINISTER
 JACKIE HANISCH DRE GRADES 1-6
 RHONDA KELSEY DRE YOUTH DIRECTOR
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 LINDA HARTMANN CARING MINISTRY
 DENNIS ERNSTER CUSTODIAN
 MARY BITTNER PASTORAL ASST.
 LISA HUOMOELLER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of January 9/10, 2010

	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.
Altar Servers	Taisya Gowlovech Lizzie Miller	Sam Diedrich Syreeta Warrington	Chase Norton Carley Schumacher	Jamie Benedict Katelyn Czmowski	Trudy Jones Andy Jones
Book	Luke Miller	Abi Wilke	Erica Schumacher	Katelyn Clement	Marlayna Goff
Bus	Dave Weissenberger				
Lectors	Doris Graeber Connie Burkard	Terry Oppold Tom Lord	Paula Heim Mark Quissell	Mary Wuebben Sonia Coleman	Nancy Weaver Michele Koupal
E.M.E.	Cup Bearer: <i>Pat Price</i> Deb Goldstine Pam Hartman Connie Burkard Carla Reding ----?---- ----?---- ----?---- ----?---- Sharon Cool	Cup Bearer: <i>Butch Warrington</i> Deacon John Devlin Zach Williams Jeannie Williams Jean Ann Hentges Dee Cink Terry Oppold Mary Bittner	Cup Bearer: <i>Gary Larson</i> Terri Larson Julie Norton Page Heim Paula Heim Angie Quissell Mark Quissell ----?---- Brian Schaunaman Susan Schaunaman	Cup Bearer: <i>Cheri Breittling</i> Denise Clement Mary Wuebben Don Fox Patti Fox Teresa Davis Marcia Steffen ----?---- ----?---- Ruth Benedict	Cup Bearer: <i>Kaitlin Goff</i> Josh Zaug Barb Carruthers Dave Johnson Nancy Weaver Paula Jones Cullen Wilson ----?---- ----?---- Dianne Wingen
Sacrstn	Sharon Cool	Mary Bittner	Susan Schaunaman	Ruth Benedict	Dianne Wingen
E.M.E.		<u>Good Samaritan</u> B Lethcoe/C Green	<u>Covington</u> Gale/Mary Jo Benson	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Cheri Breittling	
Gifts	Cynde Jervik	JA Hentges/M Kudrle	Steve Baumberger	Amy Giessinger	Barb Carruthers
Greet-ers	Kent Huemoeller Dan Clare	Barb Belkham DJ Warrington	Dan Klein Todd Clemens	Kevin Davis Molly Fox	Jeannie Johnson Mark Stadem
Recept-ionist	2:30 - 4:00 pm Betty Gibson	7:30 - 9:15 am Sharon Story	9:30 - 11:00 am Maria Jung		
Rosary	Thelma Kock				
SFCS Cert.	Merri Hohn EJ Gowlovech	Janey Diedrich Sandy McClung	Julie Norton Mark Quissell	Marcia Steffen Ron Wuebben	Beth Goff Paula Jones
Ushers	Chuck Nolz Mike Burkard Tony Miller ----?----	Frank Maneth Mark McClung Mike Escher Steve Gaspar	Steve Noyes Dick Molseed Brad Erickson Daryl Wagner	Mary Busch Phil Busch Ron McCann ----?----	Scott Wingen Sam Goff ----?---- ----?----

Happenings

Monday, January 4

Bible Study 10:15 am
 Confessions 5:00 pm
 Mass 5:30 pm Stephen Schuch (d)

Tues., January 5

Confessions 5:00 pm
 Mass for Life 5:30 pm Int. of Terry Wensing
 Book Study 6:30 pm

Wed., January 6

Mass 8:15 am William/Clara VonDerAhe (d)
 RE Teachers Mtg 6:30 pm
 CAFÉ 6:30 pm
 NO RE Classes
 NO Good News

Thurs., January 7

Confessions 7:45 am
 Mass 8:15 am Deceased Grandparents
 Pray & Play 9:30 am
 Baptism Class 7:00 pm
 Gym Leagues 7:00 pm

Friday, January 8

Mass 8:15 am Lad Karel (d)

Sat., January 9

Mass 8:15 am Fr. Robert Fox (d)
 Confessions 3:00 pm
 Mass 4:00 pm Herb Sneden (d)

Sun., January 10

Mass 8:00 am George Seiler (d)
 Coffee & Donuts
 Mass 9:30 am Dody Gustaf (d)
 Mass 11:00 am For the People
 Life Chain Link 12:15 am
 Mass 6:00 pm Lorraine Jorgensen (d)
 RCIA 7:15 pm



Vol unteer schedules,
 RE cal endar,
 Bul letins,
 Holy Day Mass times,
 Daily readings
 & reflections,
 and much more
 avail able on our
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