

# PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL



## 2010 Newsletter & Calendar

Dear Parishioner:

As I am writing this "Newsletter" the Winter Olympics are winding down in Vancouver. For the past few weeks probably you have been watching great athletes go for the gold. Each athlete has made many sacrifices to reach this level of completion. They are competing with the best athletes in the world. You may have read or seen the interesting story of American skier, Lindsey Vonn. In 2006, she crashed on an Italian mountain. After checking out of the hospital she returned to the 2006 Turin Winter Games. Once again, she was ready to ski downhill at a speed that could get her ticketed on some highways. She was favored days earlier, but bruised and battered, she finished only eighth. A couple of weeks prior to the Winter Olympic in Vancouver she smashed her shin training on an Austrian mountain. Due to some bad weather her competition was delayed until Ash Wednesday. Determined to compete again Lindsey Vonn said, "I know I can grit my teeth and do it." On Ash Wednesday she raced down the mountain and won the gold medal in the women's downhill slalom, in spite of all the setbacks she endured.

**How has your Lent started?** Maybe we can learn a lesson from Lindsey Vonn. She had her set-backs but she endured. During this season of Lent may we remember that as human beings we will face many tests. By our prayers, almsgivings and Lenten disciplines and sacrifices, we can maintain our faith and endure all the forces of evil that tempt us.

### **Parish Lenten Opportunities:**

**Tuesday's Lenten Mass and Soup Supper**—Mass begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Friday's Stations of the Cross**—the Knight of Columbus will host a Fish Fry on March 5th and 19th.

**Sunday Morning EXTRA** returns Sunday, March 21st with a very special presentation by Deacon John, "Did you know that God is revealed in the human person?"

**Lighthouse Ministries**-Pick up a CD or book from the display stand in the Commons for your Lenten reflections.

**Pastoral Planning**—In October 2007, Bishop Swain initiated a Pastoral Planning Process for our Diocese. Maybe some of you have been following the process in the **Bishop's Bulletin** or on the Diocesan Website. A couple of areas of our Diocese have already gone through the process. This past January the Sioux Falls area has started our area planning. In conjunction with this we want to determine what we can do to make our parish a vibrant, active community of Catholic Faith. Enclosed is a survey that should take only a few minutes to fill out. It will help our parish staff and various committees make decisions about the future. There is also a section for you to offer your suggestions. We will also be filling out this survey at our Masses this weekend. You may also fill it out online, just go to St. Michael website, [www.stmichaelsfd.org](http://www.stmichaelsfd.org). On the bottom right of the home page there is a link. I want to thank Paula Jones and Butch Warrington who are representing our parish on the Sioux Falls area Pastoral Planning Committee.

**Thank you to those who have returned their CFSA (Catholic Family Sharing Appeal) Pledge card.** If you have not yet done so, I ask that you do so soon. Remember we need each card returned even if you do not wish to give a monetary gift. Our annual donation assists a variety of Diocesan and Universal Church needs.

God Bless You.

(Rev.) Charles L. Cimpl



**Sunday Morning EXTRA !!**

Coming March 21st

Did you know that . . .

**God is revealed in the human person?**

Come to this presentation by **Deacon John**  
on one of the most beautiful teachings of our Catholic faith.

Enjoy **Coffee & Donuts, Relax & Learn**

Come right after the 8:00 or 9:30 Mass to  
the Oxford Room ( Entrance B )