



ST MICHAEL PARISH

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate
Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

A few weeks ago on Easter Monday when the weather was cold, snowy, and wet, I bumped into one of the workers from the construction company next door to my office. The boss had called the crew in from their muddy sites, to call it a day. It was just too messy to work. I lamented to one of the guys about how he had to yield to the weather and I was struck by his response, "We need the rain."

Instead of complaining about working in the mud, or worse, not earning any pay for the rest of the day, his thoughts were directed to the farmers who needed the proper subsoil moisture for their crops. And I thought to myself, what a positive attitude, so appropriate for the Octave of Easter, and for all of the Easter season for that matter. It was so simple. He was just seeing the silver lining on the cloud or making lemonade from lemons. He didn't have to work at it. It seemed so natural to him. I wish I could do that. . but, wait, I can! This Easter season I'm going to work at finding some joy, no matter how little, in those things that don't appear to have joy. After all, is this not how the Easter Season begins?

Beginning with the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, through the Passion, and finally the death of Jesus, there isn't much joy there. But, we know how this story ends. It ends with great joy. It ends with the Resurrection. The Resurrection is the ultimate act of making lemonade from lemons. Jesus' Resurrection is what turned a simple Roman execution into an infinite and eternal act of redemption for all mankind. Joy barely even begins to describe it.

Just as we looked for moments of penance during Lent, let's now look for moments of joy during this Easter season, and not only moments of joy. . let's look for opportunities to express our gratitude. There are thousands of members of Our Lady of Victory Pastorate; imagine the positive impact we can have if we all borrow from that construction worker and borrow from the lesson of Easter when we take every opportunity to express joy and thanks to God.

God be with you.

Deacon Jonathan.



SUMMER ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

If you would like to look into joining the Catholic Church, please join us for our Summer Adult Confirmation Program. This program allows you to learn about the Catholic faith, ask questions, and grow in the Catholic faith. **We begin on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose room (use Entrance F).** We will then meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm through August. If you have questions, please contact Deacon John @ 361-1600.

WELCOME



At the Welcome table this weekend is the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul shows that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it brings your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

We meet the 1st and third Tuesdays at 6:15 pm. Contact brendaw@svdpsd.org

CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST



School Masses

@ 8:15 am:

- Friday, May 3 (1D)
- Friday, May 10 (6)
- Thursday, May 16 (staff)/Last school Mass

May Crowning will take place at the end of each Mass during the May 4-5 weekend.

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL



Lumen Christi is coming!
Dates: July 28-Aug. 2
for grades K-High School
 Register [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Steubenville Youth Conference:
July 12-14, 2024. Only 15 spots left! It's filling up so register now!



Cost \$600-\$800- depending on the number attending. Includes hotel, conference fees & t-shirt, all food and transportation. Contact Dana to register for Steubenville. dre@stgeorgehartford.com or [click this link](#).

Thank you to all the RE teachers, helpers, and volunteers! You have helped to make this year a success! The St. Michael Parish is grateful for your service!



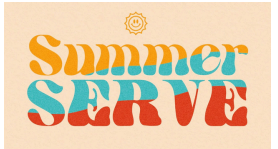
So far, we have 12 students signed up!

Are you entering 6th-9th grade? If yes, it is time to register for Rock'n Summer Serve. Click [here](#), scan the QR code or email nicole@stmichaelsfsd.org to register.



Tell your friends and let's have some fun!

Dates are June,12,19, 26; July 10, 17, 24;
Fun Day is July 31.



JPII Camp:



REGISTRATION



Saint Maria Goretti Camp:

June 5-7, 2024
 Abbey of the Hills - Marvín, SD
 A discernment camp for young women ages 12-16, led by religious sisters

Register Today

PARISH NEWS:

In Sympathy:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Ray Rauenhorst, father of Mary Bakken; Donna Mae Benson, mother of Gale Benson, and Marlyn Flitz, father of Scott Flitz.** May they and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



In Baptism:

We welcome **Allie Marie Weber, daughter of Colin & Nicole and Christian Alan Steffen, son of Mitchel & Grace** . May God bless them as they learn in faith and may they grow by our witness and example.



This is the last week that the Feeding South Dakota barrels will be in the Commons.

Remember to turn in your CFSA donation and/or prayer requests along with your Rice Bowl. Thank you for your participation!





PARISH NEWS:

Catholic Daughters Court
"Tours of Tables" Spring Luncheon
Saturday, May 4
11:00 am - 1:30 pm in Multipurpose Room
Doors open at 10:30 am.
Tickets: Adult (12+) \$10; Youth (5-11) \$5
4 & under--free Tickets available in the Office or call Doreen @ 605-359-9737 or Wendy @ 605-951-4946. **All tables of 4 or more require reservations.**



Check out, "Like", "Follow" and "Share" our pastorate Facebook page "St. George & St. Michael Parishes". It is full of helpful information about our Catholic faith and events at both parishes.



The Catholic Daughters will be selling tickets for their spring luncheon and handing out Lifesavers after the Masses.



They are sponsoring a \$300 scholarship to a Catholic student attending a post-secondary school. Applications can be found in the parish office. The deadline is May 1.




First Friday Mass on May 3
 at **10:00 am** followed by a fun social gathering with friends in the Commons. Come and enjoy a delicious brunch of eggbake & fruit while Deacon John shows pictures of the Italy pilgrimage.



Put this on your calendar!
Fr. Cimpl is the next featured speaker!

Event at Buffalo Ridge Brewery in Hartford.



We ♥ our Volunteers

Kindergarten Openings! Do you want your child's educational future to align with your family's Catholic values? We have Kindergarten openings at St. Mary, St. Katharine Drexel, Christ the King, and St. Michael! Tuition assistance is available.



Date	MASS INTENTIONS:
Monday, April 29	Kenny Bunkers (d)
Tuesday, April 30	Jessica Dornbusch (d)
Wed., May 1	David Washenberger (d)
Thursday, May 2	Stephan James Weissenberger (d)
Friday, May 3	Francis & Agnes Sechser (d) Margaret, Matt, Keith, & Ted Sullivan (d)
Saturday, May 4	Intention of Culhane family Kenny Bunkers (d)
Sunday, May 5	Intention of Michael Seiler David Loving (d) Duane Cheloha (d) Bill Heissel (d)

Readings for the week can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org> or to receive a daily email go to this site
<https://bible.usccb.org/#subscribe>

Daily Mass Times:

Mondays & Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm
Wednesdays-Saturdays @ 8:15 am

Weekend Mass Times: Saturdays @ 4:00 pm

Sundays @ 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, & 6:00 pm

Confession Times: Mondays & Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm-5:15 pm
Thursdays @ 7:30 am-8:00 am
Saturdays @ 2:45 pm-3:45 pm

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Bulletin Announcements must be in to the office by noon on Tuesdays.

Online Giving

Giving online offers an easy and worry-free way to contribute to your parish. Safe and secure, easy to set up. Scan the code on your phone or go to stmichaelsfsd.org.



Scan the QR code for Online Giving

Formed website:

<https://formed.org/>
Formed is a valuable tool for all Catholics! It has videos, books, blogs, and more! Sign up for free under St. Michael Parish of Sioux Falls!

Flocknote:

<https://sfdiocese.flocknote.com/>

Do you desire community & fellowship? Get connected & stay connected by opting into **Flocknote- text SFSD to 84576**. Opt into your desired area of interest & get involved with the journey.

May Events:

This event is being held at Holy Spirit Church.

It all starts with prayer: Praying as a couple

Married and engaged couples are invited to hear valuable insights, practical tips, and helpful resources as inspiration toward a fulfilling life of relational and spousal prayer.

May 7, 2024 | 7:00-8:30PM | Lower level

Speakers: Fr. Mason with Hannah and Chris Motz, and Mary and Deacon John Devlin

Following the presentation, a dessert reception will provide an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the presentation with other couples.

Scan the QR code to register.



Finding Hope in the Midst of the Storm with Deb Hadley

Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30 pm

Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon, SD

Deb is an inspirational speaker delivering a message of hope and healing.

Retirement Celebration



Father Joe
Vogel

Please join us to celebrate Father Joe Vogel for his 37 years of service to the priesthood in the Sioux Falls Diocese and to the parishes of St. Peter, St. Teresa, and St. Joseph

June 30th, 2024

2:00pm-5:00pm Open House

Program at 3:00pm

Appetizers and root beer floats will be served
St Peter's Community Center
402 Main St. Jefferson, SD