

From the Desk of the D.R.E.

As I am composing this article I am flooded with memories and emotions. As many of you know, I am a convert. I had no formal religious upbringing before walking through the front doors of St. Michael Parish in the Spring of 1985. I was confirmed here on Saturday, March 29th, 1986, and as the saying goes "the rest is history."

I was hired by Fr. Mike Wensing in the Spring of 1996 and began my journey as the Director of Religious Education. The Education Center (later renamed St. Michael School) was opened in the Fall of 1996 and we served over 800 students, 1st through High School. They began their R.E. classes on Wednesday nights in the school campus, the Rectory, the Commons, the Catacombs, the Oxford Rooms (now the Youth Room), the meeting room (now the Oxford Room), and in every other nook and cranny which could hold classes.

I attempted to calculate approximately how many students I have been blessed to see come and go through the R.E. Program, and it is, literally, in the thousands and beyond. Teachers? I've had hundreds. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, bonus parents, and neighbors, making sure the children in their lives were here on Wednesday nights, again, I've seen thousands and beyond. Wow! What a ride!!!

I am stepping down from my position at St. Michael at the end of May. I made this decision after much pause and prayer. I have been extremely blessed and humbled to have been a part of so many families, volunteers, staff, and priests. Thank you so very much for the support and encouragement you have given me over the years. Please know that you are in my daily prayers. I could never have been in this position for this many years



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. **CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST**

REVHINDER

School Masses @ 8:15 am: Friday, April 26 (KZ) Friday, May 3 (1D) Friday, May 10 (6) Thursday, May 16 (staff)

St. George Feast Day is April 23. Therefore, we will have only one daily Mass for our Pastorate. Please attend the 5:30 pm Mass at St. George on that day.



Last day of classes for RE students is Wednesday, April 24.

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 <u>click this link</u>.

Sign up now!





For any further questions, please contact: Email Fr. Kapperman | frmichaelkapperman@sfcatholic.org or call Emma | 605-988-3772 St. Lambert is looking for childcare volunteers to help out this summer to assist during the 3 CGS training sessions. Click on the link below to pick either a morning or afternoon session. Volunteers must be 14 or older.



PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Serve

Are you entering 6th-9th grade? If yes, it is time to register for Rock'n Summer Serve. Click <u>here</u>, scan the QR code or email

LUMEN CHRISTI

Lumen Christi is coming!

Dates: July 28-Aug. 2

for grades K-High School

Register here or scan the QR

code.

Fun Day is July 31.

nicole@stmichaelsfsd.org to register.

Tell your friends and let's have some fun!

Dates are June 12,19, 26; July 10, 17, 24.







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.



PARISH NEWS:

In Sympathy:



Please pray for the repose of the souls of George A. Johnson, father of David Johnson; Tammy Ladick, sister of Toni Lais; Gustavo Garcia, husband of Joanna and Rolene Smidt of our parish. May they and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

In Baptism:



We welcome **Parks Patrick Robinson, son of Austin & Abby Robinson**. May God bless him as he learns in faith and may he grow by our witness and example.

The Feeding South Dakota barrels will be in the Commons for the month of April.



At the Welcome table this weekend are the Catholic Daughters. They will be selling tickets for their spring luncheon. You can also find out how to join their ministry. 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.



COMING SOON! A new <u>"OUR LADY OF</u> <u>VICTORY"</u> combined bulletin. The debut will be the weekend of May 4-5 . The bulletin deadline will be Tuesdays at noon and send all items to betty@stmichaelsfsd.org. Since this bulletin will include more pages, it would be a great time to sign up for the electronic bulletin. This will help with printing costs. You can receive an online bulletin by joining Flocknote. Either text SFSD to 84576 or click on bttps://afdiagage.flocknote.com/

https://sfdiocese.flocknote.com/.

Interested in visiting the O'Gorman Junior High campus and seeing what life is like for an OGJH student? Come to our CAMPUS VISIT DAY on April 26th! Find out more by scanning the QR code or visit ogjh.ogknights.org



Date	MASS INTENTIONS:
Monday, April 22	Michael Carr (d)
Tuesday, April 23	NO MASSattend the 5:30 pm in Hartford
Wed., April 24	Michael Zeisler (d)
Thursday, April 25	Dennis & Leona Vogel (d)
Friday, April 26	intention of Lorie Staebell
Saturday, April 27	Darlene Bernhardt (d)
Sunday, April 28	Annie Erickson (d) George Lipetzky (d) For the people of St. George/St. Michael parishes Pansy Williams (d0

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.

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.







Speaker: 7:00-7:30

Q&A: 7:30-8:00



O'Gorman campus.

Scan the QR code for **Onine Giving**

Please join us!

UPCOMING RETREATS

SILENT RETREATS

Men's Silent Retreats

April 4-7, 2024 September 19-22

Women's Silent Retreats

April 18-21, 2024 July 25-28 October 3-6

SPECIAL RETREATS

Healing Retreats

October 11-13, 2024 Undone: A Healing Retreat -directed by Father Scott Traynor

Couples Retreat

April 12-14, 2024 -directed by Father James Mason November 15-17, 2024 -TBA

DAY OF RECOLLED

Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and consist of conferences, time for Adoration Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is also served, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested. April 9, 2024

Through Gratitude to Joy

Directed by Father Joe Vogel May 7, 2024

Our Eucharistic Revival as a Church and People

-Directed by Father Michael Wensing

July 23, 2024 TRA

-Directed by Joshua Burks with Father Andrew Dickinson

August 13, 2024 TBA

-Directed by Father Bob Lacey

123 Saint Raphael Circle, Irene, SD 57037 605-263-1040 | broomtree@sfcatholic.org

REGISTER FOR RETREATS ONLINE

broom-tree.org

DID YOU SIGN THE ABORTION PETITION?

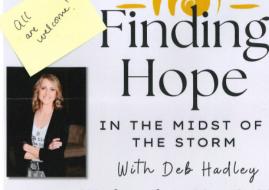
- **Did they** tell you what it will really do?
- It will allow abortion up to birth • It will take away ALL parental rights • It will remove ALL current health &
 - safety standards

IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED WHEN YOU SIGNED? DO YOU WANT OUR SOUTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW ABORTIONS EVEN UP TO BIRTH?

You can take your name off the petition.

To download and print off the form, visit www.takeoffmyname.com

> ① Life Defense Fund www.lifedefensefund.com (605) 951-5582 Paid for by Life Defense Fund



IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

Hope

With Deb Hadley

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:30pm @ **Risen Savior Catholic Church** 301 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, SD

Deb Hadley is from Alexandria, MN. She travels nationwide as an inspirational speaker delivering a message of hope and healing. She has endured many hardships through grief but strives to find purpose and meaning in her suffering. She is the founder of KT Humble Hearts Foundation. Learn more about her at:

kthumblehearts.org Shirts & Books will be available for purchase. A freewill offering will be taken.



Bass & Walleye Tournament • Meet Our Seminarians Mass with Bishop DeGrood • Social **Outdoor Prime Rib Dinner • Silent Auction Cash Raffles • Knights of Columbus Challenge**

All proceeds help fund seminarian education and formation of the 13 men in our diocese currently discerning their call to the priesthood.





