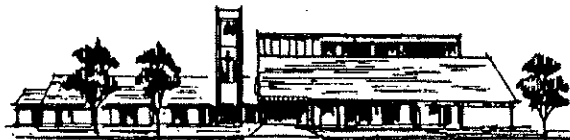


Risen Savior CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 North Splitrock Blvd. Brandon, SD 57005



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13 December 2009

Zephaniah 18:3:14-18; Philipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Joy is the theme that runs through this Sunday's readings. Christianity is fundamentally a joyful religion. The very feast of Christmas is a reminder that "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son." The good news of salvation is a joyful message. Today's readings remind us that God is on our side; he wills only our good. Paul is able to rejoice because of the ability of the Philipians to grasp this core of the Christian message and join him in making it known. The gospel is a reminder that God who has adopted us in the Sinai covenant is about to grace us once again with the fulfillment of the messianic promises in the advent of the one who will inaugurate a new covenant between God and humanity. This is cause for joy!

Last Sunday's gospel told us of John the Baptist's ministry ending with a quote from Isaiah telling what must be done. Today's gospel reading comes from the same chapter of Luke. John speaks to the crowds that came out to him. He did not denounce them or make them feel particularly sinful. Instead John addressed the particular temptations that were theirs. He offered some specific directions in what to do in response to the coming of the Messiah. The actions are based on an awareness of the poor and concern for justice; a message of social responsibility. There have been numerous examples in the past couple of years of people who were ostensibly good religious people, yet whose shady ethical practice brought about the collapse of the economy. A split-level Christianity, which divorces justice and concern for the poor from religious practice, is a sad reality. Today we are invited to examine our own response to John's directions. We have the opportunity to celebrate forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. ***"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."*** Philipians 4:4,5



The RCIA class will meet on Thursday Evening, December 17th. Please come and join us at 7 PM in Multi Purpose Room A. Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic religion is invited to come and participate in this class of Inquiry. This is open to Catholics who seek to develop a better understanding of their own faith as well as those not of the Catholic faith. Come join us!

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 PM or other time by appointment.

Baptism: A pre-Baptismal class is required for first-time parents. The class is held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and parents must make reservations. Class is best done prior to your child's birth.

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires six (6) months preparation for all couples planning marriage. A wedding date can NOT be set until this preparation is underway. Prior marriage by either party usually requires an annulment taking an additional year. Contact Fr. Wagner well in advance of a desired wedding date.

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WORSHIP

Weekday Masses
Tues 5:30 pm
Wed., & Thurs 9 am
Friday 9:00 AM
At Bethany Meadows

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 10:30AM &
7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Offices closed on Sat. & Sun.
Offices are closed in observance
of major national holidays

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COOKIE PARADE THANK YOU:

First of all to Jenne VanWesten, Cindy Dellman, Laurie Lambertz, Edane Bowman, Missy Livingston, Tara Hinzman, Tammy Heinrichs and Dana Thompson for your time and energy in planning this event we thank you.

Secondly to all who helped with cookie bakes at the church, donated cookies, helped in the kitchen, helped decorate, worked the event and participated in any way with our Cookie Parade we thank you.

The day was a success because of the participation from our many **WONDERFUL** Parishioners!

The Week Ahead

Monday, December 14 - Rosary 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 15 - Mass 5:30 PM / Young at Heart Luncheon 11:30 AM /
Pastoral Council 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16 - Mass 9:00 AM / RE 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

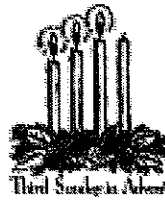
Thursday, December 17 - Mass 9:00 AM / RCIA 7:00 PM /

Preschool Christmas Program 7:00 PM

Friday, December 18 - Mass 9:00 AM at Bethany Meadows

Saturday, December 19 - Usher Training 9AM / Confessions 4:15 PM /
Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 20 - 8:00 AM, 10:30 PM and 7:00 PM Mass



Risen Savior Church extends a warm welcome to Erik and Andrea Kathman; Sarah and Tim Reiser and Lee Dockendorf who are new to our parish. We also welcome all who are visiting us.

The **Young at Heart Luncheon** will take place on December 15, at 11:30 am in the Church Hall. We will be serving turkey with all the trimmings. Please R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office if you plan to attend.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, December 16 at 1:30 pm in the RE gathering entrance. We invite anyone wishing to learn to knit or just curious of what we are about, to join us! www.shawlministry.com

LITURGY NOTES:

Ministers needed for the Christmas Liturgies: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Ushers & Greeters. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the church. Thank You!

Christmas Flower Memorials:

As in previous years one can make Memorial donations which will be used to pay for Christmas flowers for the church. The names of those remembered will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Pick up a "Christmas Flower Offering" envelope located in the church foyer. Fill in the information and place in the collection basket or send to the parish office @ PO Box 80, Brandon SD.

17TH ANNUAL ADVENT BABY SHOWER

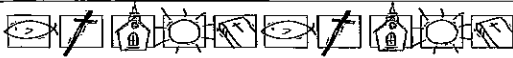
Continues through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, (clothing sizes: newborn to 12 months), and place them under the tree in the Religious Education Foyer. Suggested Gifts: Sleepers, Undershirts, Socks, Slippers, Outfits, Jackets, and Diapers to name a few. All unwrapped gifts will be shared with those in need in the parish, community and the diocese. Sponsored by the Sioux Falls Diocese Respect Life Office.

Mentors Needed for School Based Mentoring Program: Mentors have a significant impact on youth by increasing self-esteem, providing guidance, and developing consistent, long-term friendships. Volunteers spend an hour a week with an elementary, middle or high school student at school. If you are interested in becoming a mentor for this program visit www.mentoring.lsssd.org or call 605-221-2403. *Lutheran Social Services*

Cookie Baking Gift Basket winners were: Participation Contest: **Carmen Hammond**, Most Fabulous Cookie Contest: **Mary Abu-Ghazaleh**, and Super Duper Baker to **Trina Herlll** Thank you to the many others who went above and beyond their six dozen! You made it all happen!

Big Thank You!





Religious Ed News



Confirmation 2010:

Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 5:30-7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 20 @ 5:30-7:00 pm

*Session with sponsors

Grades 7-12:

Wednesday, Dec. 16 @ 7:00-8:15 pm

9th Grade Confirmation Orientation

THIS Sunday, December 13 @ 3:00 pm, we will be having a parent/candidate orientation for 9th grade students wishing to be confirmed in the spring of 2011. We will be starting these sessions in January 2010. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Check out our website for upcoming event dates!

Reminder: If school is closed due to weather, it is our policy that we will NOT have RE that evening.



THANK YOU to our families who hosted the NET team this past weekend! We appreciate your willingness to minister to others!

Bibles and T-Shirts are Still Available in the RE Office!

What's Happening at Risen Savior Preschool We wrapped up Q and started G-Grocery Store.

♦**Circle Time:** Some letter G things children shared were: giraffe, gorilla & game. ♦**Faith**

Study: *Stories of God's Love All:* (Luke 1:26-35, 2:1-7, 15-17) We celebrate the birth of Jesus. Mary is the Mother of Jesus, God's own Son. ♦**Music & Movement: All:** (To Are You Sleeping?) *Baby Jesus...Mary's Child...Lying in a manger...Filled with hay... Shepherds saw him.. sleeping there...Like the angels told them...Special Child...* ♦ **Art /Fine Motor/ Learning**

Activities: (3-4s) We read "Mean Jean the Recess Queen," by Alexis O'Neill, cheering on the new kid, as she teaches Mean Jean the right way to have fun. In What Santa Can't Do, by Douglas Wood, dinosaur Santa might know who is on the nice & naughty lists, but he can't remember what is on the grocery list. He can find every town on the map, but not his own slippers! (4-5s) Students enjoyed A Far-Fetched Story, wondering along with grandmother, if anyone would ever help by gathering wood for the winter, instead of making up stories. Check it out to find out how they finally stayed warm. Thank you to the **Risen Savior Youth Group** for the fleece scraps! They were perfect for the students to cut up for making **Quilts** on "Q." We attended the Siouxland Library's puppet show performance of The Elves and the Shoemaker at the Brandon Valley Performing Arts Center.



Coming Attractions: WE CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTHDAY! (cont.-G) **Angel of the Week:** Ellie G

*Preschool children will be performing a "Sneak Peak" of our Christmas Program at the

Young At Heart Luncheon at 11:30am on Tues., 12/15.

*Please join us & celebrate the coming of our Savior at the

Risen Savior Preschool **Christmas Program**, Thurs., Dec.17th at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary.



Thank you to the Mission Trip team who served their community on Saturday during the Holiday Babysitting! And thank you to those who supported the team!



"We must wait for God, long, meekly, in the wind and wet, in the thunder and lightning, in the cold and the dark. Wait, and he will come. He never comes to those who do not wait."



A d v e n t

Get the Youth Scoop

Mission Trip Meeting:
Monday, December 14
7:00 pm

Safe Environment

Reminder for all those working with youth programs!! Please complete your safe environment training online at www.sfcatholic.org. If you have never completed online training, please complete Year One. If this is your renewal online training, please complete Year Two. Bring completed certificates to the RE office as soon as possible. Thank you!!

Pictures from Youth Group are now available on the bulletin board by the sanctuary, on our website, and on Facebook!

Ministry Schedule for December 19-20
4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Times	Saturday, December 19 5:00pm	Sunday, December 20 8:00am	Sunday, December 20 10:30am	Sunday, December 20 7:00pm
Greeters	Sara Lindquist Leonard Lindquist	Betty Mostek Dan Mostek	Maggie Kellogg Tony Kellogg	Dennis Clark Tami Clark
Ushers	Ray Konz Joseph Konz	Merlin Lembcke Earl DeCosse	Tim Beldin Please Volunteer	Dennis Clark Please Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	**Jodi Arneson Neal Arneson Eric Thompson	**Jerry Zins Jane Zins Edie Sadler	**Doug Niklason Cathy Niklason Colleen Lunstra Jenne VanWesten Audie Stoltenburg	**Virginia Nelson Gary Pekas
Lectors	Patricia Kohnen	Jim Fjerestad	Carol Beldin	Jennifer Vlamincck
Acolytes	Emily Thompson Janae Paul	Courtney Herll Marissa Herll	Katelynn Beldin Kaila Kuehn	Macy Clark Maggie Drexler
Homebound		Edie Sadler		

Cantor Paul

Dean

Melissa

Dave



Masses for the Week of December 14-20

Weekday		Lord's Day	
Monday 6:30pm	Rosary		
Tuesday 5:30pm	Special Intention	Saturday 5:00 pm	Rita Wiese(d)
Wednesday 9:00 am	Landuyt Family	Sunday 8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Priests
Thursday 9:00 am	RCIA candidates	Sunday 10:30 am	For the People of Risen Savior Parish
Friday 9:00 am	Special Intention @Bethany Meadows	Sunday 7:00 pm	Special Intention(d)



Stewardship Report

*Weekly financial report of Risen Savior Parish
 Needed each week to meet regular expenses - \$6,600.00
 INCOME – December 6, 2009*

Envelopes.....	\$6593.00
Auto-Contributions.....	\$2320.00
Plate.....	\$455.25
Other.....	\$1385.00
Total for this week's income.....	\$10,753.25

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 PM
- 6:00 PM (Children's Mass)
- 8:00 PM (Adult Choir)

Christmas Day:

10:00 AM

New Years Eve:

5:30 PM

New Years Day:

10:00 AM

Automatic Withdrawals for Contributions: If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your account each month, please call the Parish Office at 582.6902.