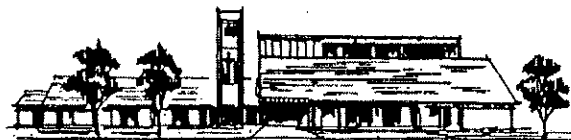


Risen Savior CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 North Splitrock Blvd. Brandon, SD 57005



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6 December 2009

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Jon the Baptist quotes Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord... Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low..." Gen Stanley McChrystal would love to see this prophecy come true. The mountains in Afghanistan are the bane of American forces. The Hindukush mountain range transects a large part of the country. They are an easy place for the Taliban fighters and sympathizers to hide from the coalition forces. In weeks to come many people will board airplanes or pack their SUVs and head for the mountains of Colorado. Unlike Gen McChrystal these folks will be very happy that the mountains are there. They will be headed to ski slopes at Breckenridge, Vail, or Aspen that will provide recreation and fun. They see nothing threatening in the Rockies. In daily life there are mountains that many face, mountains that seem insurmountable; the mountain experience as they go through a home foreclosure, or the loss of a job or a closed business, or of cancer or some catastrophic illness. The mountains still stand. In Afghanistan and our personal lives they are obstacles. In Colorado they are cause for excitement. Yet we live in a season of hope-a virtue shared by those who find mountains challenging and those who find them exhilarating. Gen McChrystal hopes that the extra troops will be enough to win. Colorado skiers hope that new snow will fall. And people struggling every day hope that things will turn out all right. Hope is what ties them all together. As we prepare during this season of advent, let us ask ourselves what little thing might we be able to do to give someone hope?

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is this Tuesday. It is a Holyday of opportunity (obligation). Mass will be celebrated at 7am and 6:30 pm. The feast celebrates Mary. Through her, the human race cooperated with God in overcoming sin just as, through Adam and Eve, the human race cooperated in introducing sin into the world. Let this day be an opportunity for our parish to gather and celebrate the salvation we have in Mary's Son, Jesus.

The RCIA class will meet on Thursday Evening, December 10. 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!

Bobby Bowden, Florida State football coach announced his retirement this past week. Thus ends a run of 34 seasons at FSU. He retires with the second most wins of any coach, second only to Joe Paterno of Penn State. Like many coaches he shared his wisdom both on and off the field. He was known to be a man of faith. He was asked once about a test of faith: "You want to know what a real test of faith is? That's when you go to church and reach into your pocket, and all you got is a \$20 bill."

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

Moving? Please notify the parish
office of any change in your
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"It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." Matthew 18:14

We invite you to participate in the 17th Annual Advent Baby Shower, continuing through Christmas. Please bring NEW gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them under the tree in the Religious Education Entrance. These gifts will fill the needs of people in our parish, Catholic Family Services, foster homes, hospitals, the Free Clinic, domestic shelters and Native American ministries.

Suggested Gifts include: 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.



If you know of a young family in need please notify the parish office.

The Week Ahead

Monday, December 7 - Rosary 6:30 PM / RE -Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM

Tuesday, December 8 - **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Mass Times: 7:00 AM and 6:30 PM**

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

Thursday, December 10 - Mass 9:00 AM / RCIA 7:00 PM

Friday, December 11 - Mass 9:00 AM at Bethany Meadows

Saturday, December 12 - Confessions 4:15 PM / Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 13 - 8:00 AM, 10:30 PM and 7:00 PM Mass/Reconciliation after all masses



We welcome, through the waters of Baptism,
the newest members of our parish

Isla Joyce Jennings
Daughter of Alana and Nick

Tyke Evan Hamer
Son of Alyssa and Tim

May they grow in holiness by our witness and example.

NOTA BENE

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available after each of the masses next Sunday, Dec 13th. There will be four priests available:

Fr Al Krzyzopolski, Fr John Rasmussen, Fr Tony Imberi, and Fr Wagner.

This is a great opportunity for you to be "really real" in your preparation for Christmas. If we are honest with ourselves we know we are sinners and to be "really real" about it we need to confront the sin in ourselves.

Take advantage of the opportunity offered to you next weekend. You, your family, your fellow workers and church goers will all benefit.

Raffle Tickets are still available for purchase after the 5 PM, 8 AM, and 10:30 AM Mass!

The prizes are BIG:

One 42" and one 32" LCD Flat Screen T.V.;

One Samsung Home Theatre;

Many gift baskets

The Drawing will take place following the 10:30 am Mass.

LETURGY NOTES

Ministers needed for the Christmas Liturgies on Dec 24th and 25th. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Ushers, Greeters. Sign-Up sheet in the foyer of the church.



The Young at Heart Luncheon will meet 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 by December 11th.

Christmas at the Cathedral.

Thursday, December 17 - 7:30 PM;

Friday, December 18 - 7:30 PM;

Saturday, December 19 - 1:00 PM and 7:30 PM;

Sunday, December 20 - 3:00 PM;

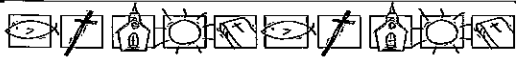
Tickets are available at all Sioux Falls Hy-Vee locations or call

988-3765 or

www.stjosephcathedral.net.

Bishop Paul J. Swain will preside over Solemn Vespers at St. Joseph Cathedral on the Sundays of Advent and on the Octave Sunday of Christmas. Each of the Sundays (Dec 6, 13, 20 and 27), Vespers will begin at 6:00 pm in the gym and will be followed by the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

By joining in Solemn Vespers and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament during the Season of Advent one can find an excellent preparation for the celebration of Christmas.



Religious Ed News

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

THANK YOU to our families who are hosting the NET team this weekend! We appreciate your willingness to minister to others! God bless you!

RE Committee Meeting:

Monday, December 7 @ 7:00 pm in Multi-Function Room A

Family Formation:

Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 9:00-10:15 am

Confirmation:

Sunday, Dec. 6 - RETREAT

12:30-6:30 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass

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

Grades 7-12:

Wednesday, Dec. 9 @ 7:00-8:15 pm

9th Grade Confirmation Orientation
Next 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.

What's Happening at Risen Savior Preschool Theme: Queens and Quilts.

♦**Circle Time:** Some letter Q things children shared were: quarter, quarter-back, quilt, queen and quack. ♦**Faith Study: *Stories of God's Love* (All)** Getting Ready for Christmas. During Advent our Church family and all the friends of Jesus prepare for Christmas and look forward to the celebration of His birth. Bible Story: "The Angel Tells Mary Wonderful News." We visited the "big church" to look at the beautiful Advent wreath near the altar and sing the following song. ♦**Music and Movement: We sang an Advent song:** (to the tune of Jimmy Cracked Corn) Light one candle, Advent's here. (3x) Christmas time is near. (clap, clap) *Repeat with 2-4 candles.* ♦**Fine Motor/ Learning/Art Activities: (3-4s)** Students did an awesome job using their glue bottles (instead of sticks) for the first time to make sparkly stars for our Advent chains. Threading the paper strips and pushing the stapler took LOTS of muscle power! We enjoyed a special ice cream treat for filling up our "Good Friend/Good Listener Gumball machine. Way to go! (4-5s) We had fun using the new Water Table with Ocean creatures! One fun story was, Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen, by Cari Best, following a girl as she outgrows her trike, then training wheels, and eventually needs to problem solve to get a "big kid" bike of her own. We also listened to the story, "Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt," by Lisa Campbell Ernst, & pieced together fabric scraps to make designs. One Q snack this week was "Quilted toast." We tore white & orange cheese slices into squares, made patterns on bread, & heated it to melt the "seams" together.



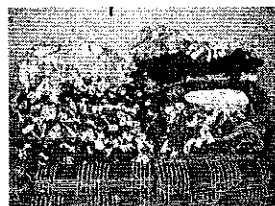
Coming Attractions: GROCERY STORE (LETTER Q)
ANGEL OF THE WEEK: LILY SIMONSON

Preschool Christmas Program
Thurs., Dec. 17th, 7:00 pm.

YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday, December 2



We made 17 blankets for the Children's Home Society! Thank you to our young leaders for providing love to children in need!



Thank you to those who:
-Donated fleece!
-Helped chaperone!



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. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule for December 12-13
3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Times	Saturday, December 12 5:00pm	Sunday, December 13 8:00am	Sunday, December 13 10:30am	Sunday, December 13 7:00pm
Greeters	Greg Lacey Wendy Lacey	Michael Lens Jeanne Lens	Brian Donahoe Judith Donahoe	Jane Vanorny Ken Vanorny
Ushers	Richard Ehrhardt Darin DeBoer	Mike Coughlin Lyle Dessen	Don Hammond Carmen Hammond	Dale Berkner Please Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	**Eileen Vielmette David Halter Please Volunteer	**Linda Sharkey Marvin Sharkey Melissa Bowman	**Jayne Moe Bonnie Bruggeman Galynn Huber Monica Huber Mark Rosenbaum	**Zoe Angerhofer Tim Minihan
Lectors	Brent Anderson	John McGrath	Darrell Gomarko	Mary Zanter
Acolytes	Collin Vielmette Spencer Grage	Sam Loney Tonner Bowman	Jacob Donahoe Joshua Donahoe	Martin Minihan Ellen Minihan
Homebound		Cindy Dellman		

Cantor

Chrystal

Adult Choir

Adult Choir

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Masses for the Week of December 7 - 13

Weekday		Lord's Day	
Monday 6:30pm	Rosary		
Tuesday 7:00 am 6:30pm	Bev Sieler For the People of Risen Savior Parish	Saturday 5:00 pm	Rita Wiese(d)
Wednesday 9:00 am	June Westoff(d)	Sunday 8:00 am	Landuyt Family
Thursday 9:00 am	John Sieler(d)	Sunday 10:30 am	For the People of Risen Savior Parish
Friday 9:00 am	Barb Forrester @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 – November 29, 2009

Envelopes.....	\$3363.00
Auto-Contributions.....	\$375.00
Plate.....	\$280.85
Other.....	\$23.00
Total for this week's income.....	\$4041.85

Catholic Family Sharing Appeal

Thanks to all who gave to this year's CFSA. We are so thankful for your generosity and commitment to the diocesan church. Risen Savior's goal was \$57,000.00. \$50,004.00 has been collected. Our total participation was 46% of registered parishioners. Some have not paid anything on their pledge. If you have just put off contributing please do so as soon as possible. *Thank you for your support.*

*Thank
You*

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.*