

Risen Savior CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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
address so that we can keep
accurate records.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

14 MARCH 2010



Today's Scripture Readings

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Today's gospel reading includes a celebration, a party. A perfect reflection for this the fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called *Laetare Sunday* or "Rejoice Sunday." Three individuals—a younger son, an elder son, and their father—whose interactions reveal to us a mercy of divine proportions, a real reason to rejoice.

This parable is told to the Pharisees and Scribes who complain that Jesus welcomes sinners and dines with them. The younger son asks for his inheritance from his father early; the son departs, squanders the inheritance, and returns to his father asking for a servant's place in the home. Instead the son receives an unprecedented welcome from his father, no mention of the lost inheritance, because his lost son's return is his father's only concern.

The elder son hears of his brother's return and his father's gracious welcome, and refuses to join in the festivities. The father comes out and pleads with the elder son to come and join the party, to acknowledge his father's ever-present love, and show his brother mercy. The elder son can only complain of his father's goodness.

The elder son represents the Pharisees and scribes, and Jesus is the father who welcomes tax collectors and sinners. The story ends with the unanswered question: did the elder son come to understand his father's love, go to the party, and show his brother the father's mercy? Today we *Rejoice* because we know the father's love and mercy.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL (CFSA)

You are responding—almost \$24,000 pledged—thank you so very much. Tell your neighbor why you do it. A person last week commented: "I give because CFSA supports the chaplaincy at both hospitals in Sioux Falls!" If you have not done so yet, send your pledge card to the parish office.

RCIA CLASS MEETS THURSDAY, MARCH 18th AT 7 PM
IN MULTI PURPOSE ROOM A.

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.



Olive Wood Sales this weekend:

This weekend please welcome Imad Qumsieh who is from the Holy Land (Bethlehem). He represents the Olive Wood Religious Sales. This supports the Catholic families that remain in the Holy Land. Your purchases will help ensure a Christian presence in the Holy Land especially in Bethlehem. Please stop by and take a look at their beautiful collection. Hand carved olive wood crosses, statues, rosaries and more will be available.

The Week Ahead:

Monday, March 15 - Rosary 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 16 - Mass 5:30 PM / Young at Heart Club 11:30 PM

Wednesday, March 17 - Mass 9:00 AM / Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 PM / Reconciliation Service for RE 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 18 - Mass 9:00 AM / RCIA 7:00 PM / Parent Information Night 7:00 PM



Friday, March 19 - Mass 9:00 AM at Bethany Meadows / Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM / KC's Fish Dinner

Saturday, March 20 - Mass 5:00 PM / VBS Decorating 9:00 AM

Sunday, March 21 - Mass 8:00, 10:30AM & 7:00PM / Confirmation 2010 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Coffee and Roll Host after the 8:00 am Mass this weekend is Clyde and Betty Bigelow with Larry Lambertz. The week of March 21 is Steve and Lynn Doppenberg. Thank you!

LITURGY MINISTERS: Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ushers—Special Meeting after all masses next weekend, 20-21 March. Please be there!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays during Lent—at 6:30 pm.

The KC's Lenten Fish Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Lenten Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, March 19, 2010 in the Risen Savior Church hall from 5-7 pm.

Adults: \$7.00, Children 6-12 yrs: \$4.00 & Under 6 yrs: FREE! The money raised supports KC programs.

Anniversary Mass:

If you are celebrating 25, 50, 60, 65 or more years of marriage and would like to participate in the Anniversary Mass on June 6th in Sioux Falls with Bishop Swain, please call the parish office.

You are invited to participate in a **Lenten Day of Recollection**, sponsored by the Office of the Marian Apostolate. The theme is entitled, "The Meaning of Holy Week", and is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. All are invited; there is no cost. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

SAVE THE DATE:

Ladies - Are you ready to take a day and enjoy some time away? We have the perfect antidote: A trip to the Old Log Theater in Excelsior, MN. On Sunday, May 23, join us for a bus trip for lunch and a performance of *The Dixie Swim Club*, a hilarious, touching comedy about relationships that last forever. The cost of this trip which includes the lunch, show and transportation is \$65.00. Please call Sara Stone @ 582-2132, Cindy Dellman @ 757-6174, Peg Raley @ 582-6175 or Tammy Heinrichs @ 582-7095 to register or for more information.



Fourth Week of Lent – The Prodigal Son

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.



The Young at Heart Club Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 16 in the Church Hall beginning at 11:30 pm. We invite all senior citizens for lunch and an afternoon of games. To join in this fun event please R.S.V.P to the Parish Office.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will gather in the Religious Education entrance area on Wednesday, March 17 at 1:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to join for prayer, fellowship and knitting/crocheting.

All parents are invited:

Please join us on Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 pm, Joy Parker along with another representative from the Carroll Institute will be present to share parenting advice on ways which we can better communicate with our children, read and interpret different behaviors along with other valuable information. This will be held in the Risen Savior Parish Hall.

Take home materials will also be provided to share with families. We invite *all* parents who have children in grade school – high school to attend.



Thank you to Laurie Lambertz and Tara Hinzman For helping re-organize a storage room in the basement. Your work was truly appreciated!

Religious Ed News

Upcoming RE Classes:
Confirmation 2010:

Sunday, March 14 5:30-7:00 pm

Sunday, March 21 5:30-7:00 pm

RE Grades 7-12:

Wednesday, March 17 7:00-8:15 pm



We are 1 short month away from the Rite of Confirmation on April 14th! Please keep those candidates in your prayers!



This Wednesday, we will have a Lenten Reconciliation Service for youth in grades 7-12 during RE lead by Father Paul Rutten!

"If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." - 1 John 1: 9

Please make note: RE for grades 7-12 is going to be extended due to the snow days we have had this winter:

- May 12 - Last Class 7:00-8:15 pm
- May 19 - End of the Year Party

What's Happening at Risen Savior Preschool

K-Kangaroos & Kings

♦**Circle Time:** "K" things children shared: kite, keys, kittens, keep sakes, key chain, king's crown & kicking & karate demos. ♦**Faith Study: Stories of God's Love-3-4s: Friends of Jesus.** Jesus invites four fishermen to be His special friends. A new song, Jesus Said, "Come Follow Me." helped us learn that Jesus invites us all to be His followers. **4-5s: We Are Friends of Jesus.** We belong to the Church family. At Baptism we welcome children members of our Church family. ♦**Music & Movement: 3-4s:** One of our fun songs this week has been:

5 Kind Kangaroos (Revised from "5 Kicking Kangaroos," for obvious reasons...)

5 kind kangaroos standing in a row. When they see their momma, they bow just so.

They hop to the left; they hop to the right. Then they close their eyes and they sleep all night. **4-5s:** A "K" song we

learned this week was The Karate Kid, to the tune of The Muffin Man. ♦ **Art/Fine Motor/Learning**

Activities: (3-4s) Students practiced the Nursery Rhyme, Old King Cole, & made crowns, getting LOTS of finger exercise picking out just the right "jewels" to add, peeling stickers, showing off cutting skills & practicing

using glue from a bottle instead of glue sticks for this special project. Other K stories we read were: One Little Kitten, by Tana Hoban, & Mama Cat Has Three Kittens, by Denise Fleming. We will read The First Night, a story of the birth of our King, Jesus, by B. G. Hennessy, next week when our crowns are dry & ready to wear, reminding us we are children of the King! The Pout-Pout Fish, by Deborah L. Diesen, was a cute sing-songy, repetitive line story of being saved by a **kiss**. Thanks for sharing, Drake! We tasted kiwis! **(4-5s)** Students glued Kleenex & put "Kisses" on K k. We listened to The King's Chorus, by Linda Hayward, Heart in the Pocket, by Laurence Bourguignon, & It Was You, Blue Kangaroo, by Emma Chichester Clark. "Kisses," (Bolillo bread, shaped like a pair of kissing lips!) were yummy spread with butter & jelly. **Kix** cereal was another tasty K treat! We also read stories about King David & King Nebuchadnezzar & made a fiery furnace craft. Off to Bethlehem, by Dandi Daley Mackall, took us on a rollicking-rhyming journey as Mary & Joseph welcomed the baby-King Jesus. **Coming Attractions: RABBITS &**

RAINBOWS-R, Angel of the Week: Morgan Gevens Call the Church office, 582-6902, or Miss Val, 582-2802, to register.



"...you know that the kingdom of GOD is near."



Presentation Sisters Called to Serve - Volunteer Opportunities

Junior Leadership Camp Counselor (July 19-23)
Ladies who are going into 12th grade or are in college can apply. Applications are due March 17.

Live Out Loud retreat (June 15-17)
LOL is the next step after Leadership Camp, but being Leadership Camp alumni is not required. Included in this retreat is a guest speaker, service activity, prayer, reflection, sharing, and many opportunities to deepen your faith. This opportunity is for ladies ages 15-19. Application due May 10.

Applications can be picked up from Amber in the RE office.

On March 26, the Mission Trip team will be having a Lenten Soup Supper fundraiser. We are looking for donations of meatless soups! Please contact Amber if you are able to donate some soup for us! We appreciate it!



Registration forms are available for the Sr. High Lock-in in the RE office! Pick one up today!

Get the Youth Scoop



VBS preparations are in progress!

We will be sharing decorations with Brandon Presbyterian Church and the Valley Springs Churches for this summer's VBS - High Seas. On March 20th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, folks from all the churches will be getting together at Risen Savior to begin work on the decorations - tracing, painting, etc. We need your help! Come for 1, 2, or all 3 hours to help out. Hope to see you there!

*Confirmation students - this could be a service project!

Masses for the Week of March 15-21

Weekday Masses/Services		Lord's Day Masses	
Monday	Rosary 6:30 pm	Saturday 5:00 pm	Special Intention
Tuesday 5:30 pm	Special Intention		
Wednesday 9:00 am	Josephine Swacina(d)	Sunday 8:00 am	Special Intention
Thursday 9:00 am	Special Intention(d)	Sunday 10:30 am	Risen Savior Parishioners
Friday 9:00 am	Intention of Bishop Paul Swain @ Bethany Meadows	Sunday 7:00 pm	Special Intention

Ministers for March 20-21

5th Sunday of Lent

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Sunday 7:00 pm
Greeters	Todd Long Stacie Long	Brian Bertsch Deborah Bertsch	Joe Swenson Cindy Swenson	Ron Heinrichs Tammy Heinrichs
Ushers	Ray Konz *Please Volunteer	Todd Williams Merlin Lembcke	Tim Beldin Carmen Hammond	Marlin Nelson *Please Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Henry Zach Eric Thompson Stacie Long	Jane Mutschelknaus Dave Mutschelknaus Melissa Bowman	Audie Stoltenburg Jenne VanWesten Scott Schumacher Tim Polzin *Please Volunteer	Karen Nelson Amber Wilfahrt
Lector	Gary Schweitzer	Carol Poppens	Carol Beldin	Ginny Nelson
Acolytes	Emily Thompson Morgan Thompson	Tonner Bowman Gaven Bowman	Mason VanWesten Kaila Kuehn	Vanessa Heinrichs Varonica Heinrichs
Musician	Laura	Edane	Edane	Kelly
Cantor	Val	Choir	Choir	Paul
Homebound Minister	Nancy Pierson			



Stewardship Report

*Weekly financial report of Risen Savior Parish
Needed each week to meet regular expenses - \$6,600.00
INCOME - March 7, 2010*

Envelopes.....	\$5531.00
Auto-Contributions.....	\$345.00
Plate.....	\$560.98
Other.....	\$43.00
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Total for this week's income.....	\$6479.98

Operation Rice Bowl makes a difference in your faith community and in communities around the world.

Seventy – five percent of your contributions through Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' development projects overseas and Lenten education activities in the United States.

Twenty – five percent of your contributions remain in your diocese to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs.

**SUNDAY MASS IS BROADCAST ON THE ALLIANCE CHANNEL 18 or 21
MONDAY EVENINGS AT 8PM**