

# 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  
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29 November 2009

*Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

This Sunday marks the beginning of the New Liturgical Year. With the season of Advent we are reminded of the hope, the joyful expectation to which we are called as members of Christ's body, the Church. Celebrating Advent well helps us to understand and celebrate Christmas more profoundly.

During Advent, the season of expectation, we are reminded of the coming of Christ not only in history, but of his Second Coming (in Greek, *Parousia*; in Latin, *adventus*) in glory at the end of time. This season is a time of grace, a time for a new advent of Jesus into our lives. Our attention is drawn to the light that brings brightness to the darkest places of our lives. Christ will come again in glory, lead us from darkness, and make us his own. Our liturgical celebrations echo that feeling of hope and expectation about Christ's return and the reality that our preparation for his return is now.

For many, Advent is not that time when we pause to reflect on the promise of Christ's return. In our day-to-day lives, we find ourselves running around doing all those Christmas things before Christmas—Christmas shopping, Christmas parties, Christmas decorating, general Christmas frenzy. Then Christmas arrives and we find ourselves somewhat ready, usually tired, but not prepared. The expectation, the waiting, which is the posture of the Christian during Advent, seems lost in the shuffle of pre-Christmas hysteria. The great figures we meet in the Advent liturgies (the prophets Jeremiah, Baruch, Zephaniah, and Micah, along with John the Baptist and Mary, the mother of Jesus) remind us of the importance of listening, paying attention, patient waiting, and hope filled living.

Come; join with your faith community each of the four weeks of Advent in its experience of "a period for devout and joyful expectation." (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, 39)

**The RCIA classes will resume on Thursday Evening, December 3.** 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!

**Liturgy Committee Meeting Tuesday Evening, December 1, at 6:30.** This is a very important meeting as we finalize our plans for the parish's Christmas liturgies. Please bring your copy of the *Sourcebook* and your ideas. Thanks to this committee our worship space during the month of November was so beautifully enhanced.

Have you forgotten? CFSA contributions are due this weekend. We have not as yet achieved our goal of \$57,000. We are a little over \$6,000 short. So if you are one of those who have yet to contribute, please do so this week. Thanks to all of you who have contributed. We are so appreciative of your generosity. God Bless You!

## 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.

### Shower Christ's Little Ones

Where human beings are in need, there God waits for us. In Him we find hope. Each one of us is called to do God's work, for "it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." Matthew 18:14

Please share hope with others by participating in the Advent Baby Shower, which continues through Christmas. Take an ornament from the Angel Tree in the RE wing. Return NEW gifts, including newborn to 12 months, and place under the tree.

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.

### The Week Ahead

Monday, November 30 - Rosary 6:30 PM / Cookie Bake 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Hall

Tuesday, December 1 - Mass 5:30 PM

Wednesday, December 2 - Mass 9:00 AM / Family Formation at 6:15 PM / Youth Group 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Bring 2 yards of fleecel

Thursday, December 3 - Mass 9:00 AM / RCIA 7:00 PM

Friday, December 4 - Mass 9:00 AM at Bethany Meadows

Saturday, December 5 - Cookie Parade and Vendor Fair / Confessions 4:15 PM / Mass 5:00 PM / Mission Trip Holiday Babysitting 2 PM - 6 PM / \*Deadline to sign up for Advent Retreat

Sunday, December 6 - 8:00 AM, 10:30 PM and 7:00 PM Mass / Confirmation NET Retreat



Plan to attend the Annual Cookie Parade and Vendor Fair on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Risen Savior Church!

This event is a fundraiser for our Parish. If you would like to help in any way, please sign up on the table in the foyer or call the Parish Office. This is a great way to meet new members and have some fun. Also, we will have a bake night on Sunday, November 29 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and again on Monday evening November 30 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. These cookie bakes are to help increase our volume of cookies for the event. We want to have PLENTY of COOKIES on Saturday!

Our Raffle prizes include a 42" Hitachi LCD Flat Screen T.V., a 32" Vizio LCD Flat Screen T.V., and a Samsung Blu Ray Full HD Theatre System with Ipod dock! Tickets are available for \$10.00 per chance, \$25.00 for three and \$50.00 for six. Chances will be for sale after each Mass and also will be available the day of the event.

### Seeking Emmanuel Within:

This is a half day advent retreat for the men and women of Risen Savior Church. This retreat will be held in the education wing in multi purpose room A from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturday, December 12. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Registration is required by December 5, so that we may know how many to plan for by calling Carla in the Parish office at 605-582-6902.

Advent is a sacred time to open our hearts to EMMANUEL (God-with-in). Through Scripture, reflection and prayer we will explore how we might best use these immediate days before Christmas to come to know and welcome EMMANUEL in our lives. Bring journals, relax and close with a Pot Luck. Treat yourself to this pre-Christmas gift. This retreat will be presented by Sister Kathleen Courtney, a Benedictine from Sacred Heart Monastery.

As recorded in Matthew 25, visiting someone in prison is one of the ways Jesus named to put one's faith and love into action, serving as unto Him. Sponsored by the Association of Christian Churches of South Dakota, the M-2 (man-to-man) Program at the SD State Penitentiary offers Christians a unique opportunity to make a positive contribution to society by caring for someone who feels rejected and forgotten. Many inmates are requesting an M-2 friend. M-2 Orientation is scheduled for Thursday evening, December 3 from 7:00 - 9:30 PM in the Conference Room at the SD State Penitentiary. December 10 is scheduled as a "snow date." To indicate interest call 605-367-5117 anytime and leave a message, name, and phone number.

The Advent wreath is a prominent symbol of the season. The wreath comes to us from northern Europe and was traditionally made from evergreens (symbolizing life).

The circle they form symbolizes the eternal cycle of life. The candles symbolize a patient waiting for the birth of Jesus, who, like the candles, is light for the world.



**World Aids Day - December 1:** Interfaith Memorial Service at Son Rise Baptist Church, 3300 Oak Street, (West off Bahnsen near Morningside Park) Sioux Falls at 7:00 PM including reflections, scripture reading, reading of names, prayer & song, Benediction and remembrance. World Aids Day recognizes progress toward ending the pandemic and brings into focus remaining challenges. Call Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 for more information.

**No Room at the Inn:** Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 PM and Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Trail Ridge, 3408 W. Ralph Rogers Rd., Sioux Falls. No Room at the Inn is a display of unique nativity scenes from around the world, a silent auction, entertainment and refreshments. This is a family centered event and proceeds from the event will help the homeless and the hungry in our area.

**You Are Invited - December 13, 2009 at Brandon Lutheran Church:** The Alcester Community Choir will perform the first section of Handel's *Messiah*. The Alcester Community Choir is under the direction of Richard Wilson, and will feature the #1 Operatic soloist from China, Hongmei Woo. Hongmei Woo is the first female professor of *Yun Nan Art Institute*, and she teaches vocal for master class. She is known as awards winner in numerous vocal competitions. A free will offering will be taken.

### *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](http://www.stjosephcathedral.net).

*God, we ask for what we need, and we ask for forgiveness. These are all ways we call you to be near us at any time. Help us to believe and hope in you at all times. Amen*



# Religious Ed News

## Family Formation:

Wednesday, Dec. 2 @ 6:15-7:30 pm

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

## Confirmation:

Sunday, Dec. 6 - RETREAT

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

**Family Formation Teachers:**  
Please pick up your December packet located in the cubbies by the sanctuary.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Orientation

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

### Confirmation Retreat & NET Team

We are looking for donations of food or money to help decrease the costs of food for the NET team on December 5-8.

We are also going to need some kitchen help on Dec. 6 from 3:30-5:30 pm for the retreat dinner.

Contact Amber ASAP if you are able to help in any way!

**The retreat is next Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-6:30 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass.**

## What's Happening at Risen Savior Preschool **Happy Thanksgiving!** Theme: We are Thankful!

Some things we are thankful for include: Family, food, friends, toys, a clean room, breakfast, mom and dad helping me, God, God making us, kitty cats, fishes, duckies and all the animals. ♦**Faith Study: Stories of God's Love-All:** We thank God for all of His blessings. We show we are thankful for the blessings by sharing them with other people. ♦**Music and Movement:** *Tha-a-ank you Lord, for giving us LOVE. (\*Repeat 2x) Ri-right where we are!* (Continue filling in "LOVE" with other blessings) ♦**Fine Motor/Learning/Art Activities: (3-4s)** We wrapped up our rainbow fish art. Children colored hand print turkeys, telling things for which they are thankful and did a painting project. We made turkey snacks and read the story, Ten Fat Turkeys! by Tony Johnston! Thank you to the Martin family for sending the supplies and fun story! (4-5s) Read Let's Celebrate God's Blessings on Thanksgiving. by Lise Caldwell. Children made Thankful Turkeys, cutting and pasting, and dictating blessings to be written on the feathers.



**Coming Attractions:**  
**Queens & Quilts!**  
(Letter Q)



AM & PM 4-5 YR. OLD GROUPS PAINTED BANDANAS AND WORE THEM ON COWBOY DAY

### Holiday Babysitting

On Sat., Dec. 5 from 2:00-6:00 pm, you can shop without the kids! Drop 'em off with us and we will babysit while you get your Christmas shopping finished.

**\*MUST PRE-REGISTER!** Registration forms are available in the cubbies by the sanctuary, on the website, or in the RE office.

Open to all ages. Free will donation will be collected. All proceeds will benefit the Mission Trip Team.



**As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot be kept spiritually alive without prayer."**  
-St. Augustine

### Youth Group

Youth Group is THIS Wednesday, December 2 from 7:30-8:30 pm.

We will be making fleece tie blankets for the Children's Home Society in Sioux Falls.

All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome.

A small amount of fleece will be available, but please try to bring 2 yards of fleece/blanket. Thanks much!

See you there!!

## Get the Youth Scoop

### Donate to Feed My Starving Children

S.T.A.T. (Students Taking Action Together) is sponsoring a trip in order to volunteer with Feed My Starving Children at a site near Minneapolis.

"Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals formulated specially for starving children, and we ship the meals to more than 50 countries around the world." — www.fmsc.org  
S.T.A.T. will bring two buses of students to Minneapolis but we are asking for donations in order to pay for the food that we pack. We will be collecting donations THIS Sunday, November 29 after the 8:00 and 10:30 am Masses. Thanks!

**Ministry Schedule for December 5-6**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Mass Times	Saturday, December 5 5:00pm	Sunday, December 6 8:00am	Sunday, December 6 10:30am	Sunday, December 6 7:00pm
Greeters	Arlen Klamm Maria Klamm	Dan Meyer Susie Meyer	Kevin Buehner Michelle Buehner	Paul Kern Tracy Kern
Ushers	Glen Hoffer Please Volunteer	Paul Bosch Diane Bosch	Neil Dresselhuis Delana Dresselhuis	Marlin Nelson Please Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	**Kerri Christensen Judy Cheever Jeannie Schneider	**Cliff Gile Mary Gile Mary Beth Pudwill	**Dan Gary Jeff Tabbert Joyce Tabbert Deb Spinar Monica Schroeder	**JoAnn Mertens Karen Nelson
Lectors	Gary Schweitzer	Marge Lootens	Tim Polzin	Tammy Heinrichs
Acolytes	Madelin Klamm Noah Klamm	Isaac Bertsch Spencer Heidbrink	Dalton Vielmette Hannah Jarovski	Vanessa Heinrichs Victoria Heinrichs
Homebound		Mary Beth Pudwill		

Cantor                  Paul                                  Jerry                                  Katelin                                  Connie

**Masses for the Week of November 30 – December 6**

Weekday		Lord's Day	
Monday 6:30pm	Rosary		
Tuesday 5:30pm	Lyndsey Wehrkamp (d)	Saturday 5:00 pm	Rita Wiese(d)
Wednesday 9:00 am	Bev Sieler(d)	Sunday 8:00 am	Roger Krogman (d)
Thursday 9:00 am	Ray Forrester(d)	Sunday 10:30 am	For the People of Risen Savior
Friday 9:00 am	Landuyt Family @Bethany Meadows	Sunday 7:00 pm	Loren Westoff (d)



**Stewardship Report**

*Weekly financial report of Risen Savior Parish*  
*Needed each week to meet regular expenses - \$6,600.00*  
**INCOME – November 22, 2009**

Envelopes.....	\$4655.04
Auto-Contributions.....	\$375.00
Plate.....	\$418.52
Other.....	\$220.35
<b>Total for this week's income.....</b>	<b>\$5668.91</b>

**Catholic Family Sharing Appeal**

Thanks to all who have given to this year's CFSA. We are so thankful for your generosity and commitment to the diocesan church. November is the month all pledges are due. For those of you who have not responded please send in your gift soon. Risen Savior's goal is \$57,000.00. Thus far \$49,954.00 has been committed. Our goal 100% participation. *Thank you for your support.*

"Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap." --Luke 6:38

**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.