

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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risensaviorbrandon.com

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 December 2009

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

In a culture where "more" is unthinkingly translated as "better" (especially at this time of year), today's readings are a shock. The birthplace of the coming messiah is insignificant; "too small to be among the clans of Judah" (Micah 5:1); the first recognition of the messiah's coming takes place in a domestic scene in the hill-country, Mary's visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39f); and Jesus is the messiah who saves not by power, but through obedience: "Behold, I come to do your will" (Heb 10:7). What we believe about the birth of Christ brings a blessing to our lives. We see our God present to us, fulfilling all his promises to us, in the birth of a child. How ordinary!



PARISH COUNCIL met last Tuesday evening with 2 members present and 2 committees represented. They were given the parish survey results. The survey was taken for the purpose of helping the council set goals for next year. The process will be for the members to study the information shared in the survey. This will help them discern the needs of parishioners and set goals for next year. An item of business that those present approved was the Valentines Day Dinner/Dance. This will be held on 13 February at the Holiday Inn Express. The council also reviewed the financial report for November: Income/36,504.76; Expenses/30,455.52. Major expenses were listed as follows: Salaries/15,721.01; Utilities/2,415.46; Raffle Prizes/1,964.14; Mission Trip Down payment/1,094.00; Rebristle Snow Broom/840.40. Preliminary report on the Cookie Parade: Income 10,607.30; Expenses to date 2,413.30. The Council commended Carla Gross and her committee for their hard work and great success.

THANKS TO ALL OF THE PARISHIONERS (66) who completed the parish survey. You provided us with much valuable information as well as some insightful comments. Those comments highlight aspects in all areas of parish life and administration where we can improve to make Risen Savior a better, more faithful parish. Your comments are not wasted. God bless you for your honesty!

RCIA classes will resume on Thursday, January 7th. 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.

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION THIS
WEEK**

Wednesday/23 December

After 9:00 am mass
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday/24 December

9:00 to 10:00 am



**POINSETTIA
DONATIONS**

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.

Thank you to the Young at Heart Ladies who worked hard to provide a turkey dinner for the senior citizens of our community and also to our preschool students who stayed after class to sing to our Young at Heart crew!

17TH ANNUAL ADVENT BABY

SHOWER: Continues through Christmas. You are invited to bring gifts for newborn – toddler and place under the Angel Tree in the RE wing. 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.*



December Bulletin & Ministry Schedules are online at:
www.risensaviorbrandon.com

Christmas Liturgies:

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Ushers and Greeters - Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church. Thank You!



Congratulations to Carmell Loosbrock and Bradley Cook who were united in marriage on December 12 at Risen Savior Church. We wish them every blessing and happiness.

Risen Savior would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are new to our Parish especially Jason & Karolyn Baumann; Joshua & Christina Osborne and all who are visiting.

A Thank You Worth Repeating:

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 and special thanks to Santa for making a special visit! The day was a success because of the participation from our many WONDERFUL Parishioners!



We will decorate the church for Christmas following the Wednesday, December 23, 9:00 am mass. Please, come give us a hand if you can!

The Week Ahead:

Monday, December 21 – Rosary 6:30 pm
Tuesday, December 22 – Mass 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 23 – Mass 9:00 am / **Decorate after Mass**
Thursday, December 24 – **Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm**
Friday, December 25 – **Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am**
Saturday, December 26 – Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 27 – Mass 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm



Christmas Mass will be broadcast for the homebound on KELOLAND TV at 6:30 AM and KSCB TV at 10:00 AM on Christmas Day.



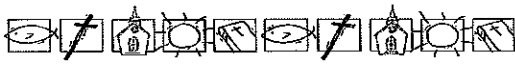
Give your kids the best gift they can get—Parents with a GREAT marriage.

Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next scheduled weekend is February 12 – 14 at the Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. For more information or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.

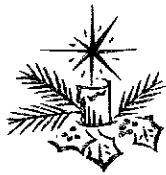


Mentors Needed for School Based Mentoring Program: Mentors have a significant impact on youth by increasing self-esteem, providing guidance, and developing consistent, long-term friendships. Volunteers spend an hour a week with an elementary, middle or high school student at school. If you are interested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

The Risen Savior 2010 Calendar is now available. Feel free to take one for your family; they are on a table in the parish hall. We would like to thank George Boom Funeral Home for their sponsorship of our yearly calendar!



Religious Ed News



Confirmation preparation will begin in January 2010 for 9th graders. If you wish to be confirmed in the spring of 2011, please contact Amber for more information.

Check out our website for upcoming event dates!

Confirmation 2010:

Sunday, Dec. 20 @ 5:30-7:00 pm
*Session with sponsors

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

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

Forgiveness Focuses Forward

Look not back on Yesterday
So full of failure and regret,
Look ahead and seek God's way -
All sin confessed You must forget.

What's Happening at Risen Savior Preschool

♦ **Faith Study: *Stories of God's Love*** (3-4s) Shepherds visit baby Jesus-The Angel tells the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. The Shepherds thank God for the birth of Jesus. (4-5s) We celebrate Jesus' Birthday. We celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy. We celebrate the birth of Jesus with our family and all the friends of Jesus.

♦ **Music & Movement: Thank you** to all of the children, families & staff that helped make our Risen Savior Preschool Christmas Program a wonderful, God honoring event! What a fantastic celebration of the Joy of Jesus Birth! ♦ **Art /Fine Motor/ Learning**

Activities: Shhh...can't tell. It is a secret! Parents can check

under the tree or in their stocking on Christmas morning to find out what we've been up to at Preschool. **Coming Attractions: INDIVIDUAL CLASS CHRISTMAS**

CELEBRATIONS Monday and Tuesday. No School Wednesday, December 23-the New Year. See you on January 4th/5th!

Angel of the Week: Lukas Morgan-Week of January 4-8th
For more information of to register, call the Church, 582-6902, or Val Minihan, 582-2802, or e-mail preschool@alliancecom.net



Preschool children performing a "Sneak Peak" of the Risen Savior Christmas Program for Young At Heart Luncheon



More Adoration Opportunities:

- + Christ the King Church offers adoration following the 8:30 am school Mass with Benediction at 5:00 pm.
- + St. Lambert Parish begins adoration after the 9:00 am Mass on Thursday mornings and concludes at 7:55 am Friday morning. If you would like to volunteer to cover an hour, please contact Sam Nastase at 334-6492.

"To visit the Blessed Sacrament a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord."



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



Advent

Get the Youth Scoop

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!!

Ministry Schedule for December 26 - 27
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mass Times	Saturday, December 26 5:00pm	Sunday, December 27 8:00am	Sunday, December 27 10:30am	Sunday, December 27 7:00pm
Greeters	Chad Stensrud Cheryl Stensrud	Randy Olson Charlotte Olson	Stuart Livingston Missy Livingston	Brenda Anderson Randy Anderson
Ushers	Jeff Geraets Please Volunteer	Russell Kielman Bruce Pollard	Donald Branson Please Volunteer	Paul Sickler Please Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	**Stacy Fiegen Stacie Long Doug Waller	**Patty Washnok Darlene Voss Dennis Voss	**Nancy Pierson Dean Pierson Scott Schumacher Deb Spinar	**Mark Bannwarth Please Volunteer
Lectors	Karen Waller	Rick Pudwill	Paul Choudek	Don Rahn
Acolytes	Christina Waller Elizabeth Waller	Lydia Eichelberg Taylor Welsh	Peter Schumacher Peter Choudek	Shelby Rahn Carly Rahn
Homebound		Mary Beth Pudwill		

Cantor

Val

Susie

Jerry

Melissa



Masses for the Week of December 21-27



Weekday		Lord's Day	
Monday 6:30pm	Rosary		
Tuesday 5:30pm	Special Intention	Saturday 5:00 pm	Landuyt Family
Wednesday 9:00 am	Landuyt Family	Sunday 8:00 am	People of Risen Savior Parish
Thursday 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Pat Lambertz (d) Special Intention Parents of Ralph and Nancy Brand(d)	Sunday 10:30 am	Families
Friday 10:00 am	People of Risen Savior Parish	Sunday 7:00 pm	Special Intention



Stewardship Report

Weekly financial report of Risen Savior Parish
Needed each week to meet regular expenses - \$6,600.00
INCOME – December 13, 2009

Envelopes.....	\$5706.25
Auto-Contributions.....	\$375.00
Plate.....	\$351.00
Other.....	\$121.00
Total for this week's income.....	\$6553.25

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 PM
- 6:00 PM
- 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.