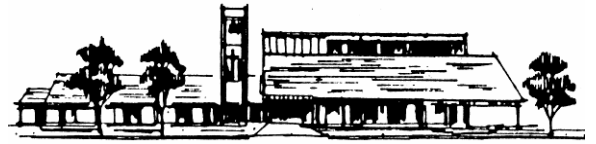


Risen Savior Catholic Church

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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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The Baptism of the Lord

11 January 2009

Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

On the first Sunday of Advent we heard Isaiah plead: "O that you would rend the heavens and come down!" (Isaiah 63:19) Today God answers this prayer. Jesus goes into the Jordan River to be baptized by John and "the heavens are torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descends upon him." (Mark 1:10) Then God speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." In the fifth century, Bishop Maximus of Turin encouraged the people to celebrate this day with the joy of Christmas: "At Jesus' birth his mother Mary held her child close to her heart. So today, the Father holds his beloved Son for all people to adore. Jesus is baptized so all Christians may follow him with confidence" Jesus leads us into the Jordan of baptism. We pass through the water to enter into new life. We are being led into the Promised Land, "a land flowing with milk and honey." Thus sweetened dairy foods such as cheesecake and eggnog are customary during Christmastime in honor of our Savior and, through baptism, our crossing into the Promised Land, the Kingdom of God. Celebrate with the Joy of Christmas!

Career Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus are seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Greg Beebe, General Agent at 1-800-796-8853.

THANK YOU! Thanks so very much to all those who helped decorate the parish for Christmas. Thanks also to those who helped prepare and serve the chili...it was delicious. Each one of you played a unique and needed role to make our church beautiful. Today, (Sunday, 11 January), we will be de-decorating. Your help will be much appreciated—men are particularly needed for lifting the manger figures.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: All parish households should have received the parish offering envelopes through the mail. The packets are sent to your home quarterly. We do this for three reasons: 1) It is less expensive, 2) It will serve as a periodic reminder of your need to regularly support the parish, 3) It will help us keep the parish address list accurate. Those who give through *Auto-contribution* did not receive envelopes. That of course is an additional savings for the parish and assures the parish of your contribution even on those weekends you are 'traveling.' **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

WELCOME TO RISEN SAVIOR PARISH

If you are new to Risen Savior and need to register, or have recently moved (even within town), please call the Parish Office (582 6902).

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.

*Behold, I am the handmade of the Lord
May it be done to me according to your Word.
Luke 1:38*

Blood Drive

Community Blood Bank

Date: Sunday, January 25th

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Place: Risen Savior Catholic Church

To Donate Blood:

- ~You must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds
- ~Be in general good health. You cannot have a cold, fever, flu, or sore throat
- ~You cannot have had a tattoo or body piercing in the last twelve months
- ~Make sure you eat a good breakfast or lunch, and drink plenty of water!

You can safely donate blood every 56 days!

Call 877-877-3070 for more information.

You are not alone . . .

Catholic Family Services offers a service to those who are suffering due to a loss of a loved one through divorce, death or separation. Individuals will find support and friendship while learning to journey through the grief process. All information is kept confidential. For more information or to register please call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867.

Basketball Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 11, 2009. The event will be held in the Brandon Elementary Carpeted Gym starting at 1:00 pm. Every boy or girl, ages 10-14 years old, is eligible to participate and can register on site. Every athlete who participates will receive a certificate. Boys and girls will compete separately. The champion of each age group will receive a beautiful trophy and a very nice tee shirt. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring this contest as a way to support the youth in our Brandon and Garretson communities, and it is one of our ways of showing our appreciation for every one of our young citizens. We would love to have a full house!

**There will be a Pastoral
Council meeting on Tuesday,
January 20, at 7:00 pm.**

Young at Heart Club Luncheon

Risen Savior Parish invites all senior citizens for a soup and sandwich dinner on Tuesday, January 20th at 11:30am. Following the meal will be fun and exciting card games! If you would like to join us for food, fun and fellowship, call the parish office by January 16th at 582-6902.

PLANNING A MARRIAGE: It is required that couples wishing to marry at Risen Savior attend an *Engaged Encounter*.

Listed are 2009 dates & places:

January 17-18	Sioux Falls
February 21-22	Sioux Falls
March 21-22	Brookings
April 18-19	Sioux Falls
May 30-31	Sioux Falls
June 6-7	Sioux Falls

See Father Joe for registration forms.

Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, all men and women are invited to experience a **personal** encounter with God through the balance of communal prayer, inspirational talks, silence and solitude. It is a sacred time that brings renewal of body, mind and spirit!
To register call 605-263-1040.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give your kids the gift of a great marriage! For more information, or to register, or the next WJME weekend on February 13-15, 2009, call John & Dawn Elsing at 605-362-0924 or visit www.wjme.org

December Religious Education Schedule

K- 5th (6:00 – 7:15 PM)

6th - 9th (7:30 – 8:45 PM)

Dates Topics

January 14 – Chosen and Called

January 21 – Repent, Believe, and Follow

January 28 – Acknowledging the Lord's Authority

December Religious Education Schedule for Confirmation Students and Students in Grades 10-12

Dates

January 11 – No Class! Confirmation Retreat!!

January 18 – No Class!

January 25 – 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Be Watching for possible make-up dates!!

Confirmation Retreat!!

There will be a Confirmation
Retreat for ALL confirmation
students on Sunday, January 11,
2009! The Benedictine Sisters,
from Yankton, SD,
will be hosting the retreat for the
students! The retreat will begin



Bishop Hoch Deanery Scholarship Program

Bishop Hoch Deanery Scholarships are made available by the Catholic Churches in each respective Deanery of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The scholarships are available to new students, students already in college and non-traditional students interested in attending or already attending Mount Marty College, Yankton and Presentation College, Aberdeen. If there are any students interested or if you would like to find out more information, contact Elizabeth in the RE Office.

Sr. High Movie and Game Night!!

There will be a movie and game night for all Sr. High students on Friday, January 30th starting at 7:30 PM. There will be tons of fun for everyone!!!! Friends are welcome!
See RE office for more info and Sign up!!!!

Mt. Kato Ski Trip

For Middle and High School Students

Monday, February 16th, 2009

DEADLINE for Registration is

Wednesday, JANUARY 28th

Registration Forms are available



Attention Students and Parents of First Communion Candidates:

First Penance Service is rescheduled for
Sunday, February 22, 2009 at 2:00 PM.

As a reminder, First Communion Retreat will be held on
Sunday, March 1st at 2:00 PM.

Preschool News

Our theme this week was **Marshmallows and Mittens!**

◆ **Circle Time:** Show and Tell: Some letter **M** things children shared were: monkey, message, mouse, M & M's, and mitten.

◆ **Faith Study:** "**Stories of God's Love!**" The Magi honor Jesus, the son of God and Son of Mary. We honor Jesus in a special way. The bible story was based on **Matthew 2:1, 9-11.** We sang: *Twinkle, twinkle little star...the Magi saw you from afar. Up above our Savior's bed...where baby Jesus laid His head. Twinkle, twinkle little star...the Magi followed you from afar.*

We also read the story, "Christmas in the **Manger.**"

◆ **Music and Movement:** 4's and 5's: Sang "**March through the Months!**" stopping to stand beside each month's picture-word card as it was sung. 3's and 4's: Had fun learning the game, "Simon Says" and practicing our listening skills.

◆ **Fine Motor/Learning/Art Activities:** (4-5's) Stamped "mice" and glued M & M's and mini-marshmallows to "Mm." Read the book "*The Mitten,*" by Jan Brett and made mittens. We practiced writing in shaving cream. (3-4's) Practiced good sportsmanship, saying "Good job!" giving "high-fives", etc., when **we are not** the winner! (Everyone) Practiced using our best **Manners.** Other stories included: "Milk and Cookies," and "A Mud Pie for Mother." We all learned about **Mat Man** to help us draw a picture of a person. A fun snack this week was M & M's and marshmallows in "**mud**" (chocolate pudding.)

Coming Attractions: Our theme next week is: **Nursery Rhymes, Numbers and Nutrition.**

The Angel of the Week starting
Thursday, Jan. 15th is Isaiah Peters.

For more information or to register,
Call the office at 582-6902, or
Val Minihan at 582-2802.



Ministry Schedule for January 17th-18th

Mass Times	Saturday, January 17 5:00 pm	Sunday, January 18 8:00 am	Sunday, January 18 10:30 am	Sunday, January 18 7:00 pm
Greeters	Doug Waller Karen Waller	Randy Olson Char Olson	Dan Gary Carla Gary	Mitch Meyers Amy Meyers
Ushers	Jeff Geraets Joe Konz	Russ Kielman Merlin Lembcke	Neil Dresselhuis Delana Dresselhuis	Paul Sickler
Eucharistic Ministers	**Galynn Huber Marilyn Moor Monica Huber	**Marvin Sharkey Edie Sadler Linda Sharkey	**Audie Stoltenburg Debra Spinar Jeff Tabbert Eileen Vielmette Joyce Tabbert	**Gary Pekas Ginny Nelson Sue Pekas
Lectors	Monica Huber	Carol Poppens	Jane Zins	Julie Leonard
Acolytes	Dawson Kremlacek Levi Sternburg	Isaac Bertsch Tonner Bowman	Dalton Vielmette Collin Vielmette	Kinsey Leonard Jeanna Brandsrud
Musician	Kelly Eichelberg	Kelly Eichelberg	Kelly Eichelberg	Guitars
Cantor	Chrystal Rothenberger	Jerry Zins	Val Minihan	Dave Clausen
Homebound	Edie Sadler			

Masses for the Week of Jan 12 – Jan 18th

Lord's Day	
Saturday 5:00pm	Sara Osantowski (d)
Sunday 8:00am	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 10:30am	For Vocations
Sunday 7:00pm	Fr Frank Majusiak (d)

Stewardship Report

INCOME- JANUARY 4, 2009

ADULTS \$5,376.48
ADULT CONTRIBUTION \$1,860.00
PLATE \$487.25
STIPENDS \$215.00
OTHER \$257.00
Income THIS WEEK \$8,195.73
To date JANUARY \$8,195.73
 (\$6,600 needed to meet ordinary expenses)

