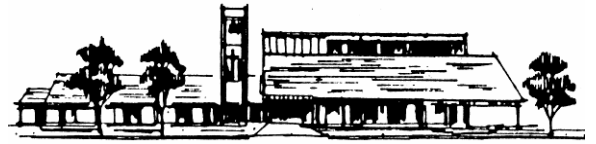


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WORSHIP

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

29 March 2009

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

"I am troubled now." Who of us having read/listened to the grim news lately has not uttered similar words? A writer in the Washington Post describes the current conditions in the country as "A Recession Only Steinbeck Could Love" referencing Steinbeck's novel about the era of the great depression, The Grapes of Wrath. We hear of million dollar bonuses given to individuals at AIG and many react with anger. Then we hear this week's gospel and Jesus saying "I am troubled now. Yet, what should I say?" The Good News is we are not alone. Jesus is anxious about the final days of his life on earth, his rejection by the people, his passion and suffering on the cross. Hebrew's tells us "he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears... Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered..." This weekend's scriptures remind us of the humanity of Jesus. What is our learning from the events that cause us anguish? Are we learning obedience from our suffering? We are anxious about the economic downturn in our country, about the stability of our jobs, about the future for our family. We are realizing our need to cutback to the necessities. We are realizing the need to die to self and, trusting God, become obedient to his will. Jesus in his humanity shows us the way!

PALM SUNDAY is next Sunday. We begin our worship with the blessing of palm branches followed by a procession into the Church. The Liturgy of the word for this Sunday includes the reading of the Passion of the Lord from the Gospel of Mark. In that account we see Jesus totally in control of the situation. Jesus knows what awaits him.

PARISH HOUSE: This week, weather permitting, they will be digging and starting the work on the foundation for the house. We begin this project with a great amount of faith in and hope for the future of Risen Savior parish. We believe this parish will be around a very long time and our buildings need to withstand the test of time. We are confident the PH is such a building with the Geo-Thermal heating/air conditioning plans, the best quality of materials that will hold up over time, and one of the best contractors who makes his home in our community. We know there is concern over the cost of the project and we have sought out the best advice available in helping us to build as inexpensively as possible. We believe there will be considerable savings in finishing the interior of the house. We are so very thankful for the support the project has received in the parish—\$207 thousand given/pledged. We are in need of \$97 thousand for completion. If you have not given to this important project please do so as soon as possible. Our projected completion date is 1 August. Thank you again 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.

We are still in need of various ministries for the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass. Help us fill in the blanks. Call the Parish Office if you can help. Thank You.

Stations of the Cross: Join us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent beginning at 6:00PM.

The Knights of Columbus (Splitrock Council) will serve one more Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, April 3 from 5-7PM. This will be your last chance to enjoy Pollock, Baked Potato, Salad and Dessert. Cost of the meal is Adults \$7.00, Children 6-12 \$4.00, 6 and under free. Fish Fry, Stations of the Cross and if you are lucky, Curtain Call at BVHS!

Easter Flowers: If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or commemorate a special occasion by contributing to the flowers that decorate the Church for Easter, please put your contribution in the envelopes provided (in the Church Foyer) or place in a separate envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place in the Sunday collection or drop off in the Parish Office.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Reconciliation :

Holy Thursday 3:00 – 4:00PM

Good Friday 12:00 – 1:30PM



Holy Week Services:

Holy Thursday 7:00PM

Good Friday 7:00PM - *Offices Closed*

Holy Saturday 8:00PM

Easter Sunday 8:00AM, 10:30AM & 7:00PM

Upcoming Events:

March 28 – JR. High Night 6:30PM

March 29 – Easter Penance 8AM / 10:30AM Mass

March 30 – Rosary 6:30PM

March 31 – Mass 5:30PM

April 1- Mass 9AM / Missalettes after Mass – Help if you can!

April 2 – Mass 9:00AM / Liturgy Meeting 6:30PM

April 3 – Mass 9:00AM Bethany Meadows / KC Fish Fry

April 4 & 5 – Preschool Registration after Mass

April 6 – Neighborhood Meeting 6:30PM



We welcome to Risen Savior: Jeremy and

Erin Morgan with sons Lukas and Cade!

Job Opportunities at Risen Savior

Choir Director: Risen Savior Catholic Parish has an immediate opening for a Director of Music Ministry / Choir. This person is responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish. Knowledge of Catholic liturgical practices required. This is a paid position and salary is commensurate with training and experience. If interested please contact the parish office at (605)582-6902 for an interview.

Youth Director: Risen Savior also has an opening for the position of Youth Minister. This person is responsible for recruiting, training, and supporting adult volunteers, while maintaining close communication with and support from the families of the youth. The youth minister reaches out to all youth in the parish, provides formal catechesis, prepares students for Confirmation, invites and enables youth to serve others, and coordinates the annual mission trip. Salary will be based on education and experience. If interested please send resume, with references to, Fr. Joe Wagner at 301 N. Splitrock Blvd. Brandon, SD 57005 or call the Parish office.

Save the Date: Saturday, May 2 – "A Morning for Me"

The Risen Savior Neighborhoods will host this event for ladies. We welcome guest speaker Julie Clark, Founder of the **inspirational coffee club**. She will share the *Ground Rules* for brewing up a life you love. More information will be available soon. Mark your calendars!

MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) – We are very excited to share with you that the Brandon MOPS has now started a Teen MOPS group! The teen group is for the support of teens that are pregnant or have young children. Because this can be a very lonely and scary time for young girls, the Brandon Teen MOPS group wants to be there to support and mentor these young ladies. We will need mentor moms, a leadership team, and ladies to provide supper on the night of the meeting for these young ladies. You may also choose to donate baby goods to be used in the MOPS mart. If you are interested in finding out more information or getting involved with the Teen MOPS program please contact Renee Ingle at 310.8642 or renee@c-lemme.com or Sheila Schumacher at 582.2230.



Healing from Sexual Abuse: A group program for adults – Wednesdays, April 1 – May 20 at Catholic Pastoral Center. Call 605.988.3775 to register.

A Grief Program for Children – Sponsored by Catholic Family Services and Miller Funeral Home:

This is an afternoon program for children ages 6-9 years that have experienced the loss of a loved one. Presented by Marcie Moran, begins April 7-28, 2009 from 5:00 – 6:30PM at Catholic Family Services. Call 988.3775 or email kdarling@sfcatholic.org for more information.

Goodwill Donation Trailer: A Goodwill trailer will be in Brandon and will be parked at Sunshine Food Store Parking Lot from April 10 through April 17, 2009. Furniture and large items will not be accepted due to limited trailer space. The donations will be processed and put into Goodwill retail stores.

Lutheran Social Service Benefit Lunch – The event is scheduled for April 19, 2009 at CJ Callaway's in Sioux Falls. Proceeds from this event provide support for services in the Sioux Falls/ Southeast SD area. Entertainment will be provided by Jodie Nielsen and Janell Mills, who will perform beautiful music with piano and voice. Tickets are \$10.00 and available by calling 605.357.0106 or online at www.lsssd.org.

April Religious Education Schedule

K- 5th (6:00 – 7:15 PM)

6th - 9th (7:30 – 8:45 PM)

Dates Topics

April 1 – Family Formation @ 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Kneeling Before the Majesty of God

April 8 – No Class! Holy Week

April 15 – We Believe, though We Have Not Seen

April 22 – Recognize the Risen Christ in Word and
Breaking of Bread

April 29 – Known by the Good Shepherd

Last Day of CCD Classes!

Bake Sale!!

On Sunday, March 29th, there will be a Bake Sale held by Nate Lundin and Patrick Schroeder, two of our Confirmation students, directly after the two morning masses (from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 11:30-12:30 a.m.). All proceeds will go to the Mission Trip fund to help assist our Parish members who will be attending this year's Mission Trip!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship

The Catholic Daughter Court Mother Teresa will award a \$300.00 scholarship to one student entering a post-secondary school in the fall of 2009. For more information and/or to pick up an application, contact Elizabeth in the RE Office.

March, April, & May Religious Education Schedule for Confirmation Students and Students in Grades 10-12

Dates

March 29 – No Class!

April 5 – 9:00-10:00 a.m.

April 12 – No Class! Happy Easter!

April 19 – 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Last Day of Morning Class!

Evening Confirmation Classes

April 19 – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

May 10 – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Preschool NeWs

Last week: **Visit to the Vet & Vacation!**

♦Circle Time: For **Show and Tell**, students shared the following: vase, Vanessa (doll), vest, van and Miss Val! ♦Faith Study: **3-4's: I Am a**



Friend of Jesus: I like going to church. The church (as a building) is the place Jesus' friends come together. **Jesus Has Many Friends:** Jesus' friends invite others to become his friends. Based on *John 1:43-49*. We had fun re-enacting the bible story. **4-5's: St. Francis:** To go with our Vet theme, we learned about St. Francis. We read the story, "*The Song of Francis and the Animals*," by Pat Mora. **All:** Students enjoyed visiting the Chapel and/or Sanctuary for our special prayer times this week. It is inspiring to see them bubbling with enthusiasm to visit the church as we process down the hall on our way singing, "*This Little Light of Mine*," or "*Jesus Loves Me*." ♦Music and Movement: **3-4's:** (To the tune of "*She'll be Coming Around the Mountain*") *We're goin' on vacation in our car (*honk, honk). We're goin' on vacation in our car (*). Oh, we're goin' on vacation, we're goin' on vacation, we're goin' on vacation in our car. (*). Repeat using: plane...zoom, train...choo, choo, boat...toot, toot, and plane...zoom, zoom.* **4-5's:** (To the tune of "*Down By the Station*") *At the veterinarian's, early in the morning, see the little puppies, waiting in a row. See the veterinarian give the puppies checkups. Woof! Woof! Woof! Now home they go.* Continue with: *bunnies...hop, turtles...crawl, piggies...oink, cows...moo, etc.*

♦Fine Motor/Learning/Art Activities(**3-4's**) Students used scrap book beach papers to create vacation scenes, then drew themselves into the picture and found pictures of things to pack in a "suitcase" to take on vacation. (**4-5's**) We painted "V's" violet and stuck Velcro to "v's." We read "*Baby Animals*," (Playmore, Inc.), a fun story about a zoo keeper taking his animals to the vet. The children loved patting out dough, using animals shaped cutters, decorating & eating cookies. During our **Visit to the Vet**, Dr. Rogen, at Horizon Pet Care, students got to observe animals that had just had surgery, look at interesting equipment and hear about taking care of animals. **Thank you** to the parents that helped with cookie making & the **Visit to the Vet!**

A Parent's Prayer

Gracious God, I beseech You to fill me with Your grace, so that I may be worthy of my vocation as a parent. Please give me the patience, energy, and confidence I need to be a good parent. Grant me the wisdom to make hard decisions, the courage to carry them out, and the strength of my convictions. I ask that I might be an example of Your love and a model of Your care to my children, so that through me they may come to know and love You. May I always be a sign of hope in hard times, a witness of faith in troubled times, and model of love at all times. Strengthen and unite our family in our love for one another and for You. Now and Forever.

Amen.

Mission Trip

If you are interested in going or are going on this year's Mission Trip to the Crow Reservation in Montana, then get signed up and turn in your \$60 deposit as soon as possible. Remember the number of people who can go is limited. The \$60 deposit will reserve your spot. If you would like more information or if you have any questions, call the Church or Paul's cell phone. The Church's number is 582-6902 and Paul's cell phone number is 605-201-4295.



Coming Attractions:

Whales & Wind!

Angel of the Week: Mon., March 29th

Ashlynn Trewin

To sign up,
call the office at
582-6902 or
Val Minihan
at 582-2802.

Ministry Schedule for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 4th – 5th

Mass Times	Saturday, April 4 5:00pm	Sunday, April 5 8:00am	Sunday, April 5 10:30am	Sunday, April 5 7:00pm
Greeters	Jason/Melissa Woidyla Randy/Debby Zdencek	Dan/Betty Mostek Mike/Jeanne Lens	Jim/Tammy Kuehn Bob/Terri Foster	Ron Heinrichs Tammy Heinrichs
Ushers	Rick Ehrhardt Jeff Geraets	Diane Bosch Paul Bosch	Neil Dresselhuis Dan Gary	Ken Vanorny
Eucharistic Ministers	**Kerri Christensen Neal Arneson Jodi Arneson	**Dave Mutschelknaus Jane Mutschelknaus Brenda Murtha	**Diane Nekvinda Jayne Moe Jane Zins Delana Dresselhuis K. Vaske	**Zoe Angerhofer JoAnn Mertens Mark Bannwarth
Narrator Voice Lector	Rick Pudwill Merlin Sawyer Galynn Huber	Jim Fjerestad Ed Murtha Brenda Murtha	Jerry Zins John McGrath Tim Polzin	Don Rahn Paul Choudek Mary Zanter
Acolytes	Maddy Klamm Noah Klamm	Braden Heidbrink Spencer Heidbrink	Mindy Moe Kaila Kuehn	Carly Rahn Shelby Rahn
Homebound		Dolly Gerwer		

Masses for the Week of March 30th – April 3^d

Weekday		Lord's Day	
Monday 6:30pm	Rosary		
Tuesday 5:30pm	Robert Melcher (d)	Saturday 5:00 pm	Special Intention
Wednesday 9:00 am	Arden Froseth (d)	Sunday 8:00 am	Pat Lambertz (d)
Thursday 9:00 am	Betty Cunningham (d)	Sunday 10:30 am	Members of Risen Savior Parish
Friday 9:00 am @ Bethany	Sally Bertelson (d)	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 – March 15, 2009

Adults..... 4157.32
Auto-Contributions..... 195.00
Plate..... 366.25
Other207.00
Donation for Camera..... 1000.00

Total for this week's income... \$5,925.57
Year to Date for 2009..... \$73,332.24

CFSA Update:

CFSA Goal \$57,000.00
Pledged \$35,215.00
Paid..... \$26,820.00
Pledges \$8,395.00
We are \$21,785.00 from our goal.

*183 of our 565 (32%) families have responded.
Please remember to return your pledge cards.*

*Thank you
for your
continued
support of
our Parish!*