

Risen Savior CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WORSHIP

Weekday Masses
Tues 5:30 PM
Wed & Thurs 9:00 AM
Friday 9:00 AM
at Bethany Meadows

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 10:30AM &
6:00 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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4th Sunday of Advent December 18, 2011



Today's Readings

2ns Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Masses: Saturday, December 24th @ 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 Pm

Sunday, December 25th @ 10:00 Am

New Year Masses: Saturday, December 31st @ 5:00 Pm

Sunday, January 1st @ 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 Am

On a Personal note: Having Christmas and New Years on a Sunday, makes a lot less work and allows me to spend some time with my family. Not the hectic schedule that happens when Christmas/New Years falls on a Friday, Saturday or Monday.

From a Pastor/Administrator perspective: With Christmas/New Years falling on a Sunday, it means that we miss out of 2 extra collections and it does affect us financially. Maybe parishioners will help their pastor not to lose any more white hairs by making sure those two Sunday offerings reflect both the weekend and the Holy Days?

Sacrament numbers for the year are: Baptisms: 39 First Confessions: 35
First Communions: 35 Confirmations: 34 Brought into the Catholic Faith: 3
Marriages: 7 Deaths: 5 Anointings: approximately 479
Ordinations: 0 (maybe we should be working on this one!!!)

Remember to invite fall away Catholics to come home for Christmas! This is a great time to make sure they are not forgotten but remembered!

Please do not forget a very important fund raiser for us at this time of the year. Our KC Cash Calendars can be a tremendous help to us in knocking a big hole in our parish debt. We have the opportunity to cut that debt in half! This is the time to show our appreciation with gifts. When you seek ways to give to your family, do not forget your parish family. When we count our blessings in preparation for the New Year, may God be remembered, praised and thanked.

Up-Coming Events

Confessions this week: Thursday, @ 6:30 Pm; Friday @ 6:30 Pm or by appointment. No
Confession times scheduled on both Saturday Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15 – 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. Please contact Fr. Weber well in advance of a desired wedding date.

Christmas & New Year's Liturgies:

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers and Greeters are needed for the weekends of December 24-25 and December 31-January 1. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church. Thank you!



We welcome through Baptism: Jackson Lee; son of Brent and Michelle (Roemen)Lubinus. May he grow in holiness by our witness and example.

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 drop off in the parish office..

The Risen Savior 2012 Calendar is now available. Feel free to take one for your family; they are on a table in the foyer. We would like to thank **George Boom Funeral Home** for their sponsorship of our yearly calendar!



TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF RISEN SAVIOR:

In appreciation for your faithful and dedicated service to Risen Savior you are invited to attend a Christmas Open House Appreciation to be held on Wednesday, December 28 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall. We will provide food and drink. We sincerely hope you will join us!

FROM THE STAFF OF RISEN SAVIOR!

This week in our Parish:

- Monday, December 19 - Scriptural Rosary 6:30 PM / Choir Practice 7 PM / No Prayer Shawl w/ Rosary Guild
- Tuesday, December 20 - Mass 5:30 PM / Pastoral Council 7 PM / RCIA - Creation and the Dignity of Human Life
- Wednesday, December 21 - Mass 9 AM / Bible Study 9:45 AM / RE Grades 7-12 with Ice Cream Social 7 PM
- Thursday, December 22 - Mass 9 AM / Decorating Church / Confessions 6:30 - 7:30 PM / Book Study 8 PM - Chapters 13 & Epilogue
- Friday, December 23 - Mass 9 AM at Bethany Meadows / Last opportunity for Confessions 6:30-7:30 PM
- Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM
- Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day 10:00 AM - No evening Mass



Christmas decorating will begin following the Thursday morning mass (Dec. 22). This year we are lucky to have several days to complete the decorating however it must be Christmas ready by Saturday evening mass. All congregation members are welcome to participate. We expect to need help Thursday evening as well. Mike's cell phone is 605-336-2824 to find out how the progress is going. Thank you for considering helping us with this project.

♥The Rosary group will not meet on Monday, December 26th for Scriptural Rosary.

CFSA 2011
Our goal: \$69,500.00 Pledges & Gifts Received: \$67,702.60
We are short \$1,797.40
We are so, so close!!
Please help the parish meet the final goal.



Please share hope with others by participating in the 19th Annual Advent Baby Shower, which continues through Christmas. Please bring NEW gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the pink crib in the parish hall.



We will be having another Bloodmobile Drive at Risen Savior on Sunday, January 8 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Remember that donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and should have eaten a good meal before the donation. You will also be asked to provide an ID. The hope for this drive is to schedule 25 donors with 20 donations. Look for a sign up sheet in the foyer.

A PARISH BREAKFAST will also be served in the parish hall on Sunday, January 8 after the 8 and 10:30 am Masses.



God hears and answers our prayers!

Thank you to everyone for your prayers during this past month while I recovered from surgery. A special thank you to Father Terry, Risen Savior prayer line, Monday night Rosary group and the anonymous angels that had Masses offered for me. Also to everyone who blessed us with cards, visits, food, flowers, and gifts. I am truly blessed and am giving thanks and praise for the healing power of God's grace. God Bless,
Karen Nelson



♥ Betty Bigelow wishes to thank all of the volunteers who have helped with the YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEONS the past two years. The December luncheon served 73 guests & workers and the lunch was great as well as the decorations and entertainment! This is truly a great ministry that touches so many in our community. Thank you ladies!!

Eileen and Bryan Vielmette request prayers for their son Austin who has left for basic training with the Air Force. Austin has arrived safely in San Antonio and appreciates your continued prayers!

†We extend our prayers to Theresa Bruggeman and the family and friends of Norbert Bruggeman. May God grant him eternal life and comfort his family.

If you had your picture taken with Olan Mills, your parish pictorial is here and waiting to be picked up. Pictorials are located in the church foyer.

Broom Tree Schedule

2012 silent retreat schedule: Men's: February 16-19, March 15-18, July 19-22, September 20-23; Women's: February 2-5, March 1-4, May 17-20, June 7-10, August 16-19, September 6-9, October 18-21, November 1-4

Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain

As part of the diocesan Life Chain Link, please join Bishop Paul J. Swain in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st Street in Sioux Falls on January 17, 2012, at 12:00 noon. If you are unable to attend, please consider joining in prayer in your own parish, or sign up for another prayer time on the online calendar at www.my.calendars.net/lifechainlink. To learn more about this prayer ministry please visit the "Life Chain Link" page of the OMFRL website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.

Have you seen our updated website?
www.risensaviorbrandon.com

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sun, Dec 18 – Confirmation Classes

Confirmation 2012 – 2:30pm with Sponsors
Confirmation 2013 – 4:30pm

Sun, Dec 21 – Religious Education, 7pm

This will be a make-up night for those who missed Safe Environment training; plus an ice cream social!

Wed, Dec 28 – Volunteer Appreciation, 7pm

Food, drink, and camaraderie in the Parish Hall for everyone that has volunteered here at the church.

Sat, Dec 31 – High School Lock In, 9pm

Starts at the bowling alley; goes until 7am
Parents please call ahead to inform us if your child will not be able to attend RE/FF class.

Teacher Training for Family Formation
Teachers planned for **Wednesday December 28th at 6:30pm in Multi-Function A classroom.**

Family Formation Schedule

Wed, Jan. 4 at 6:30pm

Sun, Jan. 8 at 9:15am

I need help for the Spaghetti Supper. Auditions the week of Jan. 15-21. Sign up with Chris.

High School New Year's Lock-in

Beginning at 9pm at the bowling alley



Bring \$10 for Glow-Bowling



Permission slips available on the board outside the RE office. Friends outside the church are welcome to attend.

Parents: I need a female chaperone to attend or I will be unable to hold this event. Please contact Chris if you can help.

Attention Parents of 2nd Graders!!

*First Reconciliation Retreat Sun. Jan.8 at 1pm.

Please let Karolyn know if your child will not be able to attend for MUST attend make-up retreat time which will be announced at later date.

*First Reconciliation Sun. Jan. 22 at 2pm

What's Happening at Risen Savior Preschool

**Risen Savior Preschool Christmas Program
A Taste of Preschool!**

Coming Attractions: Angel of the Week-None (No Letter)



Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells. Ring them loud and clear.
Tell the People everywhere that Christmas time is near!



Masses for the Week of December 19-25

Weekday Masses / Services		Weekend Masses	
Monday	Scriptural Rosary 6:30 PM	Saturday 4:00 pm	Karen Nelson
Tuesday 5:30 pm	Fr. Leroy Eikens †	Saturday 6:00 pm	Pat Lambertz †
Wednesday 9:00 am	All who are lonely	Saturday 8:00 pm	Catherine Smith & Kevin Smith
Thursday 9:00 am	All serving in Armed Forces	Sunday 10:00 am	Gert Begalka †
Friday 9 am & 7 pm	Those living with terminal illness	No evening Mass	Merry Christmas!

Ministers for December 24-25 Christmas Day – Please sign up in foyer

	Saturday 4:00 pm	Saturday 6:00 pm	Saturday 8:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am
Greeters	--	--	--	--
Servers	Jaxon LaBrie --	-- --	-- --	-- --
Eucharistic Ministers	Monica Huber Galynn Huber -- -- --	-- -- -- -- --	Carla Gross Mark Gross --	-- -- -- -- --
Lector	Monica Huber Galynn Huber	--	--	--
Usher	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
Musician	Laura H.	Shiloh O.	Edane B.	Lori
Cantor	Children's Choir	Jerry Z.	Adult Choir	Dave C.
Homebound Minister	Please Volunteer			Thank You!



Young at Heart

Stewardship Cards

One Hour of Prayer	33
One Hour of Time	39
One Hour of Service	28
Simplified Giving	10



4TH SUNDAY @ Advent

Stewardship Report

*Weekly report of Risen Savior Parish
Needed each week to meet regular
expenses - \$7,000.00*

Giving – December 11, 2011

Envelopes	\$ 6,667.00
Auto Contributions	\$ 1,240.00
Plate Cash	\$ 288.21
Other	\$ 60.00
Total for this week's income	\$ 8,255.21
Total for the month	\$ +3,669.21
Children's Envelopes	\$ 113.55
Building and Grounds	\$ 45.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 75.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 326.00

A new look on the web:
www.risensaviorbrandon.com

SUNDAY MASS IS BROADCAST ON THE ALLIANCE CHANNEL 18 or 21
MONDAY EVENINGS AT 8PM
(If Monday is a holiday the Mass will be aired the following Tuesday evening at 5:00 PM.)

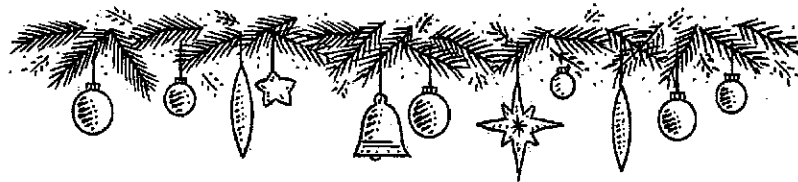
Risen Savior Volunteers-

You're Invited ...

*In appreciation for your faithful and dedicated
service at Risen Savior ...*

*You are invited to attend a Christmas
Open House Appreciation
to be held Wednesday, December 28
beginning at
7:00 PM until 8:30 PM,
in the Parish Hall at Risen Savior.*

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us!



Blessings and more from our Knights of Columbus:

Being part of a greater good such as a member of the Knights of Columbus has blessed me in more ways than I deserve. It is a great feeling to be part of such a diverse group of men who want the best for our Priest, Parish, Youth, and Community as those are our mission. I am truly blessed to belong to a great parish community and the many that work hard to support that community with their time, talents, and treasures. The parish has supported our many projects and the Cash calendar raffle brings an entertaining way to help the financial support of our parish. Remember 100% of the proceeds go to Risen Savior. Thank you all who continue to help us with our many projects. I am sure God has and will continue to bless our parish community in more way than we know.

Mike Lens

I thank Jesus, Mary, and Joseph every day for giving me one more day of life. Surviving esophageal cancer; knowing the support that I received from Risen Savior parish and from Splitrock Council #13400 Knights of Columbus; I firmly believe in supporting my parish. How can I do that? Buy buying Cash Calendars. They make great Christmas gifts. I gave these as gifts to my brothers and sister, my children and their spouses, and even to Risen Savior. There are 114 chances to win \$50-\$500. The chances of YOU winning are MUCH greater than the lottery. My wife, Edie won \$50 and I won \$50. A co-worker of mine won the St. Patrick Day drawing of \$200. Help reduce the parish debt -BUY Cash Calendars.

May the hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph bless YOU and YOUR family - Merry Christmas!

Joe Sadler

I joined the Knights of Columbus to share the fellowship of other Christian men for the common good of our parish and community. In the past 5 years as a member I have learned how rewarding it can be to be an active member of such a group.

The Knights work together to help those in need. Some of the projects just this past year were adding the roofs to the overhangs of the church, we worked on the playground for the preschool; we helped landscape the rectory, built a fire pit, and installed a volleyball court. All these types of projects are done completely volunteer and cost the church nothing. It's a good feeling to know we can bring a group of guys together and help our church while enjoying fellowship as well.

We also raise money through the fish fry's and other events to financially assist many areas of our church community as well as extended areas. We have given money to the Risen Savior Youth program, sent money down to Haiti to buy water filtration systems, gave money to help purchase the church dishwasher, and the profits from our cash calendars was able to reduce the church debts. Of course there is always the tootsie roll drive that benefits the developmentally disabled.

It has been a great pleasure for me and I am very proud to see what great things the Knights do here and throughout the country. What I enjoy most is the brotherhood that is created by doing projects throughout the community. Seeing how much money we can save by providing the labor for those projects is also very gratifying. The Knights of Columbus is a wonderful organization and I am proud to say that I am a member.

Dan Meyer



I wanted to get more active in the church and community, so I joined the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus do many projects within the church as well in the community. There are many worthy causes and we are there to help such as raising money for the Special Olympic, Supporting our Youth, assisting Father, project around the church and many more. We spend the first 15 minutes of the meeting praying the rosary before every meeting which has strengthened my Catholic faith.

Mark Bannwarth

I was for the most part at first reluctant to be involved in the Knights other than to go to meetings and volunteer to assist in some activities. But when I became the first Grant Knight for Splitrock Council 13400 over 8 years ago much of that changed. Our group represents men from Garretson Rose of Lima and Brandon Risen Savior and I realized that I had a unique opportunity work to assist the parishes and their members. One of the orders founding principles is charity and charity should begin at home. We are a service organization and we are committed to the support of the needs of the community. I believe that it is an important calling to help others. We are also humans and by our very nature are able to diffuse our responsibility when we feel others will do it for us or will take the responsibility for us. I had to first come to grips with this as it comes natural and had to work to overcome this tendency to let other people do things for me. Because of my affiliation with our church and its members I felt the need to do all that I could to be of assistance for the members of our community. I have seen the power of the group when we are committed to a cause and how it is possible to go great things when we are focused to do so. This is one of the basic tenants of our belief. It is one of the things that should motivate us and drive us to look for ways to make the community a better place. Jesus calls us to this mission and calls us to overcome our human nature and strive to become more like him. This calling for me is actualized by being of service to others and working on ways to make our community better. So we are involved with the parish to raise fund, volunteer of talents and to donate to those who are less fortunate and need a hand of assistance. I myself feel very lucky to be able to do this as I found out this summer we may not always be able to do this because the future is very uncertain and out of our control. Live in the present and help in the present, because time is short, time flies.

God Bless;

Charlie

Here are a few thoughts that inspire me:

I wake up each morning with a simple prayer that gets me started each day.

"This is the day the Lord has made, let me be glad and rejoice in it"

I believe everything we have is a gift from God and what a better way than to give a small gift back to him.

The benefits we receive back from giving of our time, talents and money will reap rewards beyond our wildest dreams.

Please help us with a generous gift in purchasing the Knights of Columbus Cash Calendars to assist our Risen Savior Family's needs in 2012.

Peace be with your spirit,
Dan Mostek

To put into words how the Lord has blessed me is like how we all dreaded writing a report in school. But, I truly have been blessed in so many ways that I take most of them for granted. After we moved from Rapid City back to Brandon sixteen years ago, we started to become more active in the Parish. In the act of getting more involved we have met a lot of great people that belong to our church. When even the "little health issues" have come up, our friends have sent prayers, food and a helping hand. Sometimes I think that maybe spending a little less time at church would be ok, since there are so many things going on. Some weeks at church it is three nights of activities for me, plus the weekend services. The Knights of Columbus are very active behind the scene, which adds to my "burden" of time management. But the fact is, each and every time after finishing a choir practice, buildings and grounds work event, fish dinner, Religious Ed night or what ever, I feel a great sense of calmness and relief. Some of this is from being with the great people that also "give" their time, but most of it is sharing my time with Him. I don't have a Hallmark moment of what the Lord has done for me, but am thankful for all that He has given me and will look forward to the next time consuming "burden" on the agenda.

Dean Herll



Youth Group Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show

December 27th and 28th

6:30pm — 8:00pm

Risen Savior Church

100% of profits will benefit the

Youth Mission Trip 2012

Each \$15 admission includes a night of entertainment, plus dinner with breadsticks, salad with Ranch or Italian dressing, spaghetti with tomato sauce or cream sauce and shrimp or Italian sausage, white grapes or red grapes, cheesecake with chocolate or strawberry sauce, plus coffee, apple juice, grape juice, and water.

Reservations are due by 25 January to the Risen Savior Church front office, by phone at 605-582-6902, or by e-mail to rsyouth@alliancecom.net. Thank you for your support!

Please reserve ___ seats under the name _____
for (check one) ___ Friday, January 26th ___ Saturday, January 27th