

Risen Savior CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 North Splitrock Blvd. Brandon, SD 57005



2nd Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011



Today's Readings

Is 40:1-5,9-11; Psalm 85:9-14; 2nd Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Many people are gearing up their Christmas card sending; a wonderful way to connect with people. Here are some addresses you might be interested in:

Fr. Ed Pierce
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Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Fr. James Joyce
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Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Fr. Tony Imberi
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Garretson, SD 57030

Fr. Jerry Kopel
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Gettysburg, SD 57442

Deacon Patrick McConnell
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Msgr Joseph Wagner
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San Antonio, TX 78217

Bishop Paul Swain
523 North Duluth Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

There is a lot of preparation that is important for the success of the Cookie Parade. Don't forget that one of those is our prayers together as a parish for its success!

Interesting comment shared with me last weekend by one of our college members: "I spent a 10 hour drive to come home for Thanksgiving. Driving by myself, my only chosen companion was the radio. I listened to the strongest stations I could find so I would not have to keep searching. It just so happened that all of them were playing Christmas music all day long. Early in the trip I started to realize that while they were all Christmas themed songs, there was only secular songs and no religious songs. In ten hours time, I only hear two songs even mention Christ or the faith event that is behind Christmas." As you listen to the radio, what has your experience been?

Up-Coming Events

Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times: Dec. 7th @ 7:00 Pm, Dec. 8th @ 9:00 Am and 7:00 PM

Reconciliation opportunities: Friday, Dec. 9th @ 7:30 Pm & Saturday, Dec. 10th @ 3:30 Pm
Mass Changes Education Video: Saturday, Dec. 10th @ 7:00 Pm

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.

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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.

Contact Us:

Church 582-6902
Youth/RE 582-6902
Fax 582-3993
Rectory 582-8535

On the Web:
risensaviorbrandon.com

YOU ARE INVITED to attend The Risen Savior Annual Cookie Parade and Craft/Vendor Fair! Come enjoy home cooked turkey salad croissants and soups in the kitchen, buy Christmas cookies and shop from over 40 vendors! There will be Barbie clothes, jewelry, 18" doll clothes, home décor, origami, scroll, woodworking items, crocheted, knitted items and more. All are welcome!

The Young at Heart ♥ Committee invites all senior citizens for lunch and entertainment on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30 am in the church hall. Please RSVP to the parish office at 582-6902.

This week in our parish:



Monday, December 5 - Scriptural Rosary 6:30 PM / Choir Practice 7 PM / Prayer Shawl Ministry w/ Rosary Guild 7 PM
 Tuesday, December 6 - Mass 5:30 PM / NO RCIA
 Wednesday, December 7 - Mass 9 AM & Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 7 PM / Bible Study 9:30 AM / Family Formation 6:00 - 6:45 PM
 Thursday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 9 AM & 7 PM / No Book Study / KC Meeting 8 PM
 Friday, December 9 - Mass 9 AM at Bethany Meadows / Mass 7 PM & Penance 7:30 - 8 PM
 Saturday, December 10 - Mass 5:00 PM / Penance 3:30 - 4:30 PM / Mass changes workshop in Hall @ 7 PM
 Sunday, December 11 - Mass 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM / Family Formation 9:15 -10:15 am
 ☉ Coffee and roll hosts for Sunday, December 11 are the Gile & Klinkner families.

CFSA UPDATE:

Goal: \$ 69,500.00
 Pledges and Gifts Received: \$ 66,131.60
 Pledges Yet to Collect: \$ 4,023.50
 Total Pledges and Gifts: \$ 70,155.10
 IF ALL PLEDGED AMOUNTS ARE MET

Any amount collected over our goal will stay within the parish! Please complete pledges by December 4th!

Thank you to Jenne VanWesten and all who came and helped her bake on Nov. 30th for our Cookie Parade. The freezers are full and that will help with the success of the event!

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class at Risen Savior:

Jan 14 & 15 - Preview and Q&A sessions after each mass
 Jan 22nd through April 29th - 13 class sessions
 Classes will be two hours on Sundays from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Risen Savior Education Wing - Room to be determined. Note: No class on February 5th (Super bowl) and April 8th (Easter) The link to sign up can be found on the parish life page on www.risensaviorbrandon.com.

The Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar Winners for December are:

Jane Zins 12/4	\$75
Neal Arneson 12/7	\$50
Lesa Jarding 12/8	\$200
Jim Raley Jr. 12/11	\$75
Mike Bannwarth 12/14	\$50
Marjo Gruhot 12/18	\$75
Robert DeGreef 12/21	\$50
Connie Grode 12/25	\$500
Rick Kunzmann 12/28	\$50



CASH calendars for 2012 will be for sale until Sunday, December 18th. \$10,425.00 in cash prizes!

The Knights of Columbus have shown a positive presence in both the church and our community. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older, the Knights invite you to join! They will meet after Mass on December 8 at 8 PM in the KC room.

We invite you to participate in the 19th Annual Advent Baby Shower, beginning November 27 and continuing through Christmas. Please bring NEW gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the pink crib.

Parish Pictorials are now in and if you had your picture taken or submitted a picture for it, you may pick up your copy in the parish office.

Christmas at the Cathedral, the highly acclaimed Christmas production, will be performed Thursday - Sunday, Dec. 15-18 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls. Proceeds support the preservation and restoration of our Mother Church - The Cathedral of St. Joseph. Tickets are available at all Sioux Falls Hy-Vee stores, online at www.cfesd.org or by calling 605-988-3765.

MISSED OUT ON THE BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY SPECIALS? How about giving your spouse the best gift of all... your TIME. We are now taking reservations for couples and religious to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend scheduled for February 10-12, 2012 at BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. Space is limited so contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or visit www.WWME.org.

Brandon Valley Optimists Club and Volunteers of America, Dakotas' Brandon Outreach Office are sponsoring a Community Christmas Program and are asking community members to help support those in need this holiday season. Christmas trees are placed at strategic business around Brandon (Tailgator's Sports Bar & Grill, Sunshine Foods, Brandon Health Mart Pharmacy, Stylin Bahr, and Victory Lanes). Each tree has informational tags with specific Christmas wishes for individuals and families from Brandon. The names of all participating families are kept anonymous to anyone other than the VOA helpers. Those willing to support those in need, simply choose a tag and purchase the listed items. Place the unwrapped gifts under the tree with the corresponding tag. Those items will be collected, wrapped and delivered throughout the holiday season.

An Update from the Diocese on CFSA: Your continued dedication to our diocesan annual appeal is greatly appreciated. As of November 21, we have processed 19,899 pledge cards totaling \$3,852,088. 82 parishes have paid in full, 71 parishes exceeded their CFSA goal, 26 parishes had 70% parishioner participation or higher and 92 parishes had 50% parishioner participation or higher.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sunday, Dec 4 – NO Family Formation

Postponed for the Cookie Parade to 11 December

Wed, Dec 4 – Family Formation, 6pm (Different Time!)

Sun, Dec 11 – Family Formation, 9:15am

Sun, Dec 11 – Confirmation 2013, 4:30pm

Sponsor reports due!

(No Confirmation 2012 class this week)

Wed, Dec 14 – Religious Education, 7pm

Sun, Dec 18 – Confirmation Classes

Confirmation 2012 – 2:30pm with Sponsors

Confirmation 2013 – 4:30pm

Parents please call ahead to inform us if your child will not be able to attend RE/FF class.

Any children in grades K-5 who would like to sing at the 4 pm Children's Mass this Christmas Eve can join us the next three Wednesdays to practice from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm in the music room.



Bishop Hoch Deanery Scholarship



The Sioux Falls Diocese is taking applications for scholarships for incoming freshman, currently enrolled college students, and non-traditional students who are interested in attending or are already attending Mount Marty College or Presentation College. Applications and evaluations are due March 15, so contact Chris soon to find out more.

During Religious Education classes on 21 December, we will be conducting make-up training for those students who missed Safe Environment class the first week of RE. If your son or daughter has not received this training, please ensure he/she will attend RE class that night. Besides, we're having a school-wide ice cream social for the students that night, too!

What's Happening at Risen Savior Preschool

Faith Focus: 3-4s God Made Me: During Advent we prepare for Christmas, a celebration of love. Sometimes we show our love by giving gifts. God's gift to us is Jesus. "Before Jesus was born, the angel told Mary: 'You will have a son and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God.'" - Lk. 1:31-32. **4-5s God Made the World:** We prepare for Jesus' birthday. Our **KIND ACTS** for others are our gift to him. *Scripture*-Lk 2:1-7. Children made mangers & cut "straw" to place in it each time they do a kind act to help prepare for Jesus' birth. Sang (to *Are You Sleeping?*) *Baby Jesus, baby Jesus- Mary's Child, Mary's child- Lying in a manger, lying in a manger- Filled with hay, filled with hay.* **Art/Motor/ Learning Activities:** All-Enjoyed 2 new fine motor stations-The **Cutting Box**-for free-style scissors fun, & picking up & sorting **pom-poms** of various colors & sizes with Kid-styled **tweezers**. Heard **Ten Little Fish**-Audrey Wood. **3-4s** Listened to **I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean**-Kevin Sherry. Painted ocean scenes using foamy heart, moon & diamond shapes to make fish. Played **Who Caught a Fish in the Big Blue Sea?** (*Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?*) "Caught" gold fish crackers with pretzel-fishing rods for snack. **4-5s** Glued **oatmeal & O's** (Fruit Loops) to "Oo." Stories included: **Class Three at Sea**- Julia Jarman & **A Sea-Wishing Day**- Robert Heidbreder. Ate oranges & Ocean scenes made using O's-tortillas & blue cream cheese.



*It is a privilege to teach such **Outstanding** children! Blessings, Miss Val*

Coming Attractions: Queens & Quilts! (Letter Q)

Angel of the Week: Alex Schlosser

Call Risen Savior at 582-6902 or Val Minihan at 582-2802 to REGISTER.

An Octopus in the Ocean!

Masses for the Week of December 5-11

Weekday Masses / Services		Weekend Masses	
Monday	Scriptural Rosary 6:30 PM	Saturday 5:00 pm	Dick & Laurine Herll †
Tuesday 5:30 pm	James & Lucille Kunze †		
Wednesday 9 am & 7 pm	9 am Parishioners of Risen Savior 7 pm Edmund & Elizabeth Wagner	Sunday 8:00 am	Dixie Carmody †
Thursday 9:00 am	Karen Nelson	Sunday 10:30 am	Maxine Driscoll † & Mary Hawkins †
Friday 9 am & 7 pm	9 am For an end to abortion 7 pm Special Intention	Sunday 6:00 pm	Marlyn Thompson †

Ministers for December 10-11 3rd Sunday of Advent

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Greeters	Mitch & Amy Meyers	Jim & Bonnie Fjerestad	James & Sandra Westcott	Please Volunteer
Servers	Brian Waller Christina Waller	Isaac Bertsch Noah Bertsch	Hannah Sorum Amanda Westcott	Josh Thier Jaxon LaBrie
Eucharistic Ministers	*Stacy Fiegen Marilyn Moor Doug Waller	*Dean Pierson Nancy Pierson Brian Bertsch	*Eileen Vielmette Monica Schroeder Mark Gross Carla Gross Rita Gauer-Stubbe	*Jon Gruhot Diane Gruhot Paul Sickler
Lector	Doug Waller Karen Waller	Jane Zins Jerry Zins	Darrell Gomarko Carol Beldin	Jennifer Stevens
Usher	Jeff Geraets Tammy Geraets	Merlin Lembcke Bruce Pollard	Neil Dresselhuis John Fisher	Ken Vanorny
Musician	Edane	Laura	Laura	Edane
Cantor	Paul	Susie	Dave	Chrystal
Homebound Minister	Nancy Pierson		<i>Thank You!</i>	

The Advent Wreath:

The circle of the wreath reminds us that God's love surrounds us and is never-ending. The greenery signifies new life. The purple reminds us that Advent is a time to ask for and give forgiveness. And the pink tells us Advent is a time of joy and hope as we await the coming of Jesus.

Stewardship Cards

One Hour of Prayer	21
One Hour of Time	25
One Hour of Service	18
Simplified Giving	08



Stewardship Report

*Weekly report of Risen Savior Parish
Needed each week to meet regular*

expenses - \$7,000.00

Giving – November 27, 2011

Envelopes	\$ 4,494.05
Auto Contributions	\$ 295.00
Plate Cash	\$ 495.00
Other	\$ 29.00
Total for this week's income	\$ 5,313.05
Total for the month	\$ -17.39
Children's Envelopes	\$ 72.65
Building and Grounds	\$ 50.00

Thank you!

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.)

Month of the Holy Rosary

October, 2011

This Letter came to the rosary guild as a thank you from the Missionaries of Charity in Brooklyn, New York. They were recipients of a resent bundle of rosaries sent out in October. In this correspondence they shared some stories of how rosaries, made by rosary guild members, are given out. Through the simple gesture of giving beads on a string with a cross, to someone, the sisters are passing on hope and the love of Jesus Christ and his Beloved Mother, Mary.

Dear Risen Savior Rosary Guild,

We give rosaries to the neo-catechumenate group of families. We gave many rosaries to an Auxiliary Bishop of New York. Who went to Spain to the World Youth Day, with a group of young people from his New York parish.

Sometime ago, we were in the subway in Manhattan and a man was passing his hat to the passengers for a donation, as we do not carry money with us. I put the rosary I was using to pray (one of yours) in his hat. When he saw the Rosary, he gave a big, big smile. He looked so happy; he almost jumped to the ceiling of the train, always looking at the rosary.

Another time a sick man went in the train, also in Manhattan. His head and the back of his neck in white bandages. He looked for a seat. When he was sitting down, I gave him a rosary (one of yours). He took the rosary with one hand, then he put the rosary between both hands and pressed it.

Another time, we were also in the subway in Manhattan and I sat near a little girl (maybe between 5 or 6 years old). I was praying the rosary (one of yours) and the little girl kept looking and looking at my rosary. So, I asked the mother if I could give her one? She said yes, so I gave her one and one to the little girl, both were vey happy. The little girl admiring all parts of the rosary. The mother told her "you know you cannot show it in the school. You keep it in your school bag. At home, you can take it out. "Then in a louder voice she said "no religious articles are allowed in the school."

In Manhattan, we were ready to cross the street, when we noticed a woman sitting on the edge of the side-walk and a van and a man near bye. We asked the woman if we could help her. She told us "that man have just struck her with his van as she was trying to cross the street." They were waiting for the police and the ambulance. I gave her a rosary and the driver of the van also. Because he looked so, so worried. We gave them of your rosaries.

Thank you so very much for the beautiful rosaries
Sr. Margaret Mary
Missionaries of Charity

PS These two articles were enclosed in the thank you note. She also wrote;

Please feel free to make copies of the blessing of our beloved Mother Teresa and give it to anyone you wish. I asked our Mother to give the blessing the last time she came to me. The picture though is of earlier years, she was going by train to Washington DC





L.O.M.

DEAREST MOTHER:

PLEASE ASK OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY TO GIVE A BLESSING
TO THE PERSONS WHO HAVE WISHED SO MUCH TO SEE YOU OR
RECEIVE A BLESSING FROM YOU BUT WE'RE NOT ABLE, JUST
AS IF THEY HAVE SEEN YOU, AND RECEIVED A BLESSING
FROM YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH DEAREST MOTHER.

OUR DEAREST MOTHER WAS IN
THE CHAPEL PRAYING WHEN SHE
READ THIS. SHE SMILED AND
SAID YES. 1997. N.Y.

*God Bless you
Mother Teresa*

Something Beautiful for God

"To show great love for
God and our neighbor we
need not do great things. It
is how much we put in the
doing, that makes our
offering something
beautiful for God."

Mother Teresa
of Calcutta