



# April 25, 2010 Fourth Sunday of Easter Parish of St. Michael

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## **Cimply Putting It**

*I'll always remember ewe...The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Due to the strong flocking instinct and failure to act independently, sheep have been branded "stupid." But new research has found that they are not stupid. A study of sheep psychology has found that sheep can remember faces of more than 50 other sheep for up to two years. They can even recognize a familiar human face. These talents of sheep revealed by a study in the journal "Nature" suggest that they may be as good as people at distinguishing faces in a crowd. Research also found that female sheep have a definite opinion about what made a ram's face attractive. So I guess it is not so bad to be called sheep.*

***Parish Survey...**Before we hit our summertime schedules I will be sharing with you the results of our parish survey that we took in church and on line during the months of February and March. The timing of our survey coincides with the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process. Currently Paula Jones from our parish is working with representatives from each of the Sioux Falls parishes and Brandon to work out a plan for our area, and how we are going to deal with the declining number of priests, the increasing population of Sioux Falls and the metro area, and also the various institutions in our City that have chaplains assisting with the sacramental ministry. This week I share with you some of the initial results from our parish survey. We have around 5000 parishioners enrolled in our parish. 1,225 filled out the survey. 64% that did the survey were female, —31% who filled it out were over 55 years old. --22% were between 45-54; --17% were 35-44; --14% were 25-34; --8% were 18-24 and 8% were under the age of 18. The years the people who filled out the survey have been in our parish were: 20+ Years, 27%;—15-20, 12%; —11-15, 12%; —6-10, 15%; —1-5 years, 20%,—and less than 1 year in the parish; 14%. **Mass attendance** - 73% stated they attend every week, 10% said they attend 2 –6 times per week; 15% attend 1 –3 times per month; 1.5% less than once per month, and .5 % every-day.*

*90% said they read our parish bulletin. —71% of those who filled out the survey had children. —93% had access to a computer, however our website is not a popular item to log on to.*

*47% have never been logged on to our website and 31% less than once per month. Next week I will give you a run down of how people feel about our liturgies at St. Michael.*

***Pictorial Directory** - One of the concerns that parishioners have in a parish of our size is getting to know one another. New parishioners sometimes have a hard time getting to*

*know people. As I said above, sheep can recognize up to 50 of their sheep friends. We will begin signing up for our new parish directory next Sunday. Look for information coming to you in the parish newsletter which you will receive this week. To paraphrase our state's slogan: **It's a Great Place with Great Faces! St. Michael Church.** Make it a great week. clc*

## Star Volunteers

### **How do you thank 1,251 people for what they have done for you?**

Our youngest volunteer is a 14 month old boy, who helps his dad and mom greet people as they come to the 9:30 Mass; the oldest is a 91 year old woman, who works with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and bakes us ginger snaps to die for. There are 367 men, 604 women and 280 children. They are married, single, single parents, grandparents caring for grandkids, children caring for parents, etc., etc.—from every walk of life. Many of our volunteers are not even Catholic—but they are faithful, giving members of our parish.

What all of our volunteers do is too much to list here, but it's as diverse as chaperoning on the mission trip, singing at funerals, stuffing envelopes, tending flowers, driving the bus, teaching converts, visiting the sick, and hanging up our St. Michael icon in the entryway.

Here's a story about our bakers: A woman in our parish broke her arm, badly. She is the mother of two children with disabilities. She asked for help with meals while she was mending. I e-mailed our bakers. In less than half an hour, I had two months of meals lined up—the response of people who were eager to shop, pay for, prepare, and deliver a meal to this woman (who is a volunteer here, by the way) and her family.

I sometimes hear that our parish is too big and impersonal. And it is true that we're big, and it is possible to be anonymous here. But. We're not too big to be part of something beautiful. 1,251 people are. Their names are on the stars hanging in the Commons. Please join your grateful parish staff in thanking them!

# St. Michael Parish News

## Lighthouse Catholic Media – Have you heard all of our CDs in our display?

In the commons we have a beautiful wooden kiosk that holds audio recordings of inspiring talks on various topics of Catholic life. Next week, the following CD's will be replaced with new titles so get them while you can – feel free to “Bundle them and save!” Coming in May CD's for Mother's Day and Graduation Gifts.

Pricing 1 CD for \$3, 2 CD's for \$5, 4 CD's for \$10, 7 CD's for \$20. Checks to St. Michael


Anger and Forgiveness – Deacon Dr. Bob MacDonald, The Mass Explained – Father Larry Richards  
Defeating Satan's Deadly Weapon Against Men – Jeff Cavins, Why Do We Have a Pope? – Dr. Scott Hahn  
The Catholic Teaching on Marriage and Annulments – Bishop Joseph Perry, Pure Freedom – Christina King  
How to Keep Your Kids Catholic – Ken Hensley, Amazing Angels and Super Saints – for Kids 3-10

**CFSA—CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL** Thank You to those who have returned their CFSA cards. If you have not done so, please return your card to the Parish Office. Even if you cannot give a monetary offering at this time, please return your card and pray for the success of the campaign. Reminder phone calls will be made to those who have not returned their pledge cards on this Sunday, April 25th beginning at 5:30 pm. Thank you!

**CLEAN & GREEN** This weekend is our sign-up for “CLEAN & GREEN” which is our parish program that invites all to help with the upkeep of the outside-lawns, trees, flower beds, etc. And the inside cleaning of the entire church, kitchens and office areas. Outside mowing will be done each Thursday at 6:30 pm. Please circle as many nights as your family can help. The inside cleaning will be done on June 7th & 8th. Please find a shift or two that will work with your family schedule. **We need MANY VOLUNTEERS!!**



TODAY!!  
S unday M orning E X T R A !  
**Fr. Gary Ternes on**  
**Prison Ministry**  
Come right after the 9:30 Mass to the  
Oxford Room ( Entrance B )



**Spring-Summer R.C.I.A. Sessions**

In conjunction with Fr. Joe Vogel at St. Katharine Drexel Parish we will be offering a R.C.I.A. process beginning **Wednesday, May 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire-side Room located in the Parish Office. The sessions will run throughout the summer and conclude in September. These sessions are for those interested in becoming Catholic and for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please call Frs. Cimpl or O'Dell, or Deacon John Devlin if interested. Call 361-1600.

### *Parish Tithe – 2009-10*

Each year the **Social Ministries Committee** is entrusted with a percentage of parish income, which they distribute back to those in need in our community and our world. As the donations are made, heartfelt thanks come back to the people of St. Michael. We will be sharing excerpts from some of these over the next several weeks.

From **Hope Prison Ministry**: “When men and women are released from prison, they usually have no clothes, except their prison clothes. Hope Prison Ministry helps with rent, food and clothes . . . What a blessing to have a supply of these items to pass on to those individuals rebuilding their lives. Thank you for your continued, faithful support.”

**Daily readings: April 26-May 2, 2010**

Mon. Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10  
Tues. Acts 11: 19-26; John 10:22-30  
Wed. Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50  
Thur. Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20  
Fri. Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6  
Sat. Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14  
Sun. Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

## First Friday Celebration

*Friday May 7th-Mass 10:00 am in the Chapel. Join us for our annual May Brunch afterwards in the Commons. Fr. Joe Vogel will give us a wonderful slide presentation of his recent trip to Rome! Our Kindergartners will also do their final program for the year. Everyone is welcome!*

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# Youth Happenin's CAFE

Café youth group event for the month of May will be held on **Wednesday, May 5th** 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Michael in the gym.

**Mission Trip update:** The 55 passenger bus is reserved and filled, the locations for stay and work have been pinned down and the group is getting excited (less than 60 days to take-off)! Now we need to finish raising the money! Check out the ways you can assist us!



The Saint Michael Mission Trip Group is looking for donations of household items for their part in the Kingswood Rummage sale here at St. Michael on May 1st. Call Rhonda at 361-1600 for details if you would like to donate!



Sign up in the Commons to bring a baked item for our Bake Sale at the Kingswood Rummage!



Come get your fill at our Breakfast Buffet this Sunday. On the menu is French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and all the fixins! A free will offering will be taken and will go to the Mission Trip Group!

Forms are on the youth bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is May 10th!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Program for Parents** More 1-2-3 Magic for parents of ages 2-12 9:30-1 pm. May 22. Call 988-3775 for information or to register. Space limited.

**Interested in hosting** an international student attending O'Gorman for 2010-11 school year? Call Kathy at 575-3358.

**Grieving The Loss From Suicide**—April 27-June 1, 2010 from 6:30—8:30 pm at Catholic Family Services, directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-377, 1-800-700-7867 or email hkarrow@sfcatholic.org to register or with any questions.

**2010 Respect Life Spiritual Retreat**—a weekend retreat focusing on prayer and the role of the Blessed Mother Mary in respect Life Ministry at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, June 4-6. Call the respect Life Office at 988-3755 or visit [www.sfcatholic.org/respect-life](http://www.sfcatholic.org/respect-life) for more information.

**19th Annual O'Gorman Golf Classic** - Friday, May 14th at Willow Run Golf Course. There is a morning and an afternoon session. Call Pam at 336-6354 for registration information.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

April Schedule is as follows; Wednesday, April 28-Last Class Initial Confirmation Interviews have been scheduled for our 2011 Confirmation students. I look forward to seeing you at your assigned time. Rhonda

The Post Confirmation class, now known as TF 141 (based on John 14:1), have elected to meet in May on Sunday, May 2nd 4-5:30 pm. Come with your questions and ready for a little competition!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

**FORMS**— 2010-2011 R.E. forms are in the church office and on the R.E. bulletin boards. Cost is \$40 per participant, with a \$10 late fee after August 1st.

**TOTUS TUUS**—**TOTUS TUUS**—Registration forms for Totus Tuus are in the church office and on the R.E. bulletin boards. Cost is \$30 per participant, due upon registration. See registration forms for more details.

## SCHOOL NEWS

REGISTRATION is open for children in Preschool - Grade 6. Please call the school office for a tour or more information.

STEWARDSHIP opportunity at St. Michael School for 2010-2011 school year. We have had the good fortune of having a volunteer school nurse daily from 9am-1pm for this past school year. If we are to continue with this program we will need additional volunteer nurses. If you have 1+ days a month to share your TIME and TALENT it will be greatly appreciated. Please call Joan Van Den Hemel (605-362-8759 or Jean McHale 605-359-7828. We need to know if there is an interest in continuing the program as we plan for the coming fall.

## Annual Spring Luncheon Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Mother Teresa #2510

Saturday, May 8th

11:30 am

St. Michael Parish Gymnasium

“Accessorize Yourself”

Adults - \$7.00

Children age 4-12—\$3.00

3 & Under Free

Tickets will be available for purchase at St. Michael or St. Katharine Drexel parish offices

**GETTING MARRIED AT ST. MICHAEL?** Come to Jean Klein's Wedding Planning Workshop on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. Call the parish office to register.

## Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 1-2, 2010

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday - Saturday 8:15 am

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00-9:30-11:00 am- 6:00 pm  
Supervised Nursery at  
9:30 & 11am Masses  
Nursery open for all Masses

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday & Tuesday 5:00 pm  
Thursday 7:45 am  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

First Thursday of month at 7:00 pm

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Begin 6 months ahead by appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

### ADORATION OF THE

### BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Can you spend one hour with me in prayer?"  
Call 361-1600 to sign up

May 1/2	Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Sun. 11:00 a.m.	Sun. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Trenton Bechler Joey Hofer	Sam Burnison Nate Brady	Bailey Bakken Isaac Baumberger	Elizabeth Foy Catherine Foy	Drew Stadem Andrew Gerwer
<b>Book</b>	Jaden Holzer	Sam Peterson	Miranda Arnold	Morgan Vognild	Philip Gerwer
<b>Bus</b>	Dave Weissenberger				
<b>Lectors</b>	Brenda Holzer Tom Price	Deb Peterson Kay Scharf	Denny Seiner Doris Berscheid	LaVonna Emanuel Wanda Heisel	Rick Tupper Carol Tupper
<b>E.M.E.</b>	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Pat Price</i> Daryl Thuringer Judy Helgeson Karen McGuire Bob McGuire Jim Jarding -----?----- -----?----- Josie Heisel Angel Heisel	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Nicole Schlotterback</i> Dianne Schmidt Kay Scharf Jim Peterson Ted Lorenz Shirley Lorenz Dominic Boyer Mary Bittner	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Harold Tunge</i> Pam Tunge Denny Seiner Pat Seiner Duane Reiners Verna Reiners Julie Norton Doris Berscheid -----?----- Kerri Konshak	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Ann Drotzmann</i> Gary Larson Terri Larson Tom Schulte Jerry Priebe Michelle Foy Wanda Heisel -----?----- -----?----- Amy Meyer	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Cullen Wilson</i> Rick Tupper Kathy Engeman Sue Albert Michele Koupal -----?----- -----?----- -----?----- Donna Hardie Doyle Hardie
<b>Sacristan</b>	Angel Heisel	Mary Bittner	Kerri Konshak	Amy Meyer	Doyle Hardie
<b>E.M.E.</b>		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Dianne/Kayla Wingen	<u>Covington</u> Molly Johnson	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Diane Lyons	
<b>Gifts</b>	Angel Heisel	Larry Schmidt	TyLynn Mellegaard	Gary Larson	Beth Jamison
<b>Greeters</b>	Kent Huemoeller Cliff Foley	Tom Schlotterback Milt Ellis	Duane Reiners Carol Schumacher	Brian DeRuyter Jerry Priebe	Kelly Loudenslager Mark Stadem
<b>Receptionist</b>	2:30 - 4:00 pm Kelly McCann	7:30 - 9:15 am Peg Nieber	9:30 - 11:00 am Mary Pat Bones		
<b>Rosary</b>	Thelma Kock				
<b>SFCS Cert.</b>	Judy Helgeson Anita Thuringer	Nancy Brady Shirley Lorenz	Angie Soukup Mary Bakken	Dana Priebe Jerry Priebe	Donna Schneider Dan Schneider
<b>Ushers</b>	Leonard Block Betty Ordal John Hammond -----?-----	Larry Puthoff Gene Vognild Steve Gaspar -----?-----	<b>Marc Anderson</b> Jordan Arnold Alan Spencer Dick Molseed	Mary Busch Phil Busch Doug Emanuel -----?-----	Dan Schneider Donna Schneider -----?----- -----?-----
<b>Collection Counters</b>			Bryan/Pat Lund's Team	Meals on Wheels Nancy Schulte	

*This Week*

### Monday, April 26

Bible Study 10:15 am  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm  
Margaret Hanneman (d)

### Tues., April 27

Parish Council 6:45 am  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm  
Larry Melanson (d)  
Book Study 6:30 pm

### Wed., April 28

Mass 8:15 am  
Doty Gustaf (d)  
RE Classes 5:30 & 7 pm  
NO Good News 8 pm

### Thurs., April 29

Confessions 7:45 am  
Mass 8:15 am George Lipetzky  
Adult Choir 7 pm  
Gym Leagues 7 pm

### Friday, April 30

Mass 8:15 am Nancy Wheeler (d)  
Pre-School Program 10:30 am  
Kindergarten Program 2:15 pm

### Sat., May 1

Kingswood Rummage 8:00 am-3:00 pm  
LOTW 10:30 am  
Mass 8:15 am Dennis Wagner (d)  
Life Chain Link-Noon  
Confessions 3 pm  
Mass 4 pm Rosemary McMahon (d)

### Sun., May 2

Mass 8:00 am Francis & Agnes Sechser (d)  
Mass 9:30 am Sydney Jones (d)  
Mass 11:00 am For the People  
TF 141 (Post Confirmation) 4:00-5:30 pm  
Mass 6:00 pm Michelle Walker (d)  
Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm

## PARISH BREAKFAST

This Sunday, April 25th

9-11:30 am

*Proceeds go to  
the Mission Trip*



We have the  
"Breadsmith 10  
for \$10 Cards"