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Ascension of the Lord Parish of St. Michael

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Simply Putting It...

Congratulations to our Graduates. Some of you have already graduated and others are preparing to do so in the next week or two. We all know that graduations mean speeches and diplomas, parties and partings, congratulations but also expectations. Graduation should evoke challenges in your life. Most Commencement speakers remind you that dreams and a vision are important characteristics that help you move onward in life. However, remember that dreams can happen even when we are asleep or just sitting around. I like those Commencement speakers that remind us that life's message is: Roll up your sleeves! Put in hours of hard work! Otherwise it seems that our dreams never become realities. Like our Moms have told us throughout our lives: wishes don't wash dishes. Dishwashers do. And dishes stay in the sink or the dishwasher until someone takes them out. It is not just good advice for future salesmen and saleswomen, but it is true that when doors are locked, don't be afraid to knock; if no one answers, come back tomorrow; if doors get slammed in your face, try other doors—just don't stand there staring at a closed door. Remember the Gospel adage: keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking—and doors will open. Finally graduates, please take a moment and reflect upon how you got this far. Be grateful to your parents, teachers, friends, and anyone else who has assisted you. And most importantly, never go a day without giving thanks to God who has gifted you with life and love.

Survey results - #3 - Stewardship...A few things to preface the survey results. I, and I think all pastors, are aware of how sensitive the subject of money is to people. Most priests have heard complaints from people who have left the Church because all they seemed to hear from priests was that they should be giving more money to the Church. Some believe it is no one's business what they give to the Church. That should be left between the person and God.

Annual Household Income - (the following figures are in thousands) Between \$25 - \$50, 26%; greater than \$100, 21%; between \$50 - \$75, 21%; between \$75 - \$99, 17% and less than \$25, 15%.

Our 2009 - 10 fiscal year budget is about \$1.5 million. Our current parish debt is \$325,000.

My financial contributions to the parish are generous.

Agree - 54%; No Opinion - 28%; and Disagree - 18%

When our parish was formed in 1979, one of Msgr. Doyle's first acts was to initiate a Sacrificial Giving Program. Today we generally use the term Stewardship to include the concept of Sacrificial Giving. If parishioners were using the guidelines of tithing then we could operate our parish without continually asking for donations. Financial giving is something between the one who gives and God. At the same time we would not be able to have a facility, ministers, or a parish staff without the

money to pay for personnel, the building, and upkeep of our facility. We all see the need for a place to celebrate the Sacraments and a place to gather both for joyful and painful events. However we could not have this without the financial support of parishioners and friends.

I am satisfied with the way the parish spends money.

Agree - 67%; No Opinion - 30%; Disagree - 3%.

I am thankful to our Parish Finance Council. Each month they review our budget. Our financial reports are open to all parishioners. I hope that if anyone has questions about how we spend parish money, you will feel comfortable asking me or a Finance Council Member. Some people commented in this section that they felt the 50% of our ordinary income going to Catholic School, was out of proportion to what is being spent on other young people in our parish and other programs. I do want to compliment Susan Schaunaman, our Parish Administrative Assistant, who keeps an eye on our finances and generates all of our reports. With a parish and a budget of our size, we are truly grateful to have her expertise.

The number of financial appeals are reasonable (eg CFSA, Missions).

As a Catholic Church we do not stand alone. We are part of a Diocesan and Universal Church. Each year, about 10% of our budget goes to assist our Diocesan and Universal Church. Most of this comes from the annual Catholic Family Sharing Appeal (CFSA). There are also collections taken up during the year for the Missions and other causes that occur because of disasters in our nation and world (such as the collection we took up for Haiti after the earthquake). When the Sacrificial Giving Program was initiated in our parish, the guidelines were to use 5% of our income for the parish and the other 5% for offerings to CFSA, Mission, School Tuition, Community Drives, etc. We also have a parish tithe to various organizations that we have recently been highlighting in our bulletin. Bishop Swain and former Bishops have attempted to limit the number of extra collections each year and combine many of them into the CFSA.

There are things the parish could do to motivate an increase in financial support.

No Opinion - 54%; Agree - 32%; Disagree - 14%.

I generally believe that if people understand the mission and vision of something they will support it. There will never, of course, be 100% agreement about certain things, but I believe our staff tries to be there for and with you in some of the crucial times in your life. We will continue to look for ways to better serve you and for ways in which we can obtain the necessary resources we need to support our ministries. All of us need to grow in our understanding that everything we have is a gift from our God and we pray for that attitude of gratitude to be instilled in our hearts.

Make it a great week. clc

St. Michael Parish News

CLEAN & GREEN - our parish program 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 work will be done each Thurs. at 6:30 pm. Please fill in and circle the nights 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 schedule. **We need MANY VOLUNTEERS!!**

PARISH DIRECTORY - If you have internet access, go to the homepage of our St. Michael Parish Website, www.stmichaelsfd.org, click on the link to the left (Sign Up Today) to schedule your appointment. If you don't have internet access, you can call the Church office or stop in the Commons before or after our weekend Masses to register..

LIGHTHOUSE Catholic Media - Great Graduation Gifts—CD of the Week “Becoming the Best Version of Yourself: Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose” - Michael Kelly

Parish Tithes – 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 **Amy Miller of the Agape's Helping Hand Food Pantry**: “Your generosity allowed us to purchase enough food to feed 75 families in the Sioux Empire with enough food for 4-5 meals. Every bag contained cough medicine, Advil, toothpaste, soap and a stuffed animal . . . Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through Agape's Helping Hand. Your church has been such a blessing.”



**St. Michael Parish
Will have the opportunity
to serve the lunch meal at
the Banquet
on Saturday, May 29th.
Sign up in the Commons!**

- RCIA PICNIC -
For those baptized and confirmed -2010
Rectory
After 11:00 Mass this Sunday, May 16th
For info call 334-8551 or e-mail
justa50@msn.com



LAST CHANCE!!

Stop in the
Commons after all
weekend Masses to
schedule your appointment
for the Parish Directory.



*Find your Rest and Strength in God-
Broom Tree Silent Retreat opportunities*

For Men: July 8-11
For Women: May 20-23

To register or for more information, call 605-263-1040.

Daily readings: May 17-23, 2010

Mon.	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tues.	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wed.	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thur.	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Fri.	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Sat.	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
Sun.	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

our

BEACON OF HOPE

What is the primary purpose of the Cathedral? While the Cathedral is beautiful as a building—one of the most majestic in the region—its primary purpose is not to be an eye-catching monument. The Cathedral is meant to be a living, inspiring center of a life-changing encounter with God. Symbolically, a cathedral is the highest material expression of the faith of the people of the Diocese, a clear sign of what Pope Paul VI spoke of as “the unity of believers”.

Youth Happenin's CAFE

Café youth group will not meet in June as many of us will be on the Mission Trip. Please keep us in your prayers and watch the bulletin for Summer events!

TF 141 (post confirmation youth) will meet in the youth room on Wednesday, May 26th at 6 pm to plan for the June activities. Mark your calendars and save your school notebooks Wednesday, June 9th bonfire! More details after our meeting!

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS ARE ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD!

Jr. High Discipleship Camp July 11-14
Sr. High Discipleship Camp July 15-18
Jr. High and High School Totus Tuus Retreat June 20-24



If you missed your
Initial
Confirmation
Interview!
Rhonda

ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 31 at 9:00 am at the Cemetery.
In case of rain Mass will be celebrated at
St. Joseph Cathedral Gym
5th & Duluth at 9:00 am.
Fr. David Garza of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
will be the celebrant.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Retirement Open House for Colly Broveleit - Sun. May 16th at the St. Mary Parish Hall from 4 -6: pm.

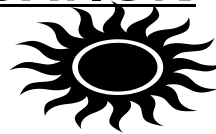
Confirmation Students 2011—Broom Tree Retreat Center is offering a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, September 11th. Registration forms are on the Youth Bulletin Board. For more information call 605-263-1040 or on-line kees@sfcatholic.org.

14th Annual "Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament" benefiting Seminarian education, spend the day with Bishop Swain, our diocesan priests and current seminarians .on Monday, June 7th at Big Stone City Lakeside Park, Big Stone City and Monday, June 14th at West Whitlock Resort on Lake Oahe near Gettysburg. For more information contact the Catholic Foundation at 605-988-3765, or toll free at 1-800-246-3386; or on-line at www.sfcatholic.org.

David Haas will present a concert in the chapel of Presentation College, Aberdeen on June 27th at 7 pm. For ticket info www.davidhaasinaberdeen.com or call 605-725-3222. All proceeds go to "Music Ministry Alive" - a program for youth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Have a fun and Son filled summer!



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS 2011-
Broom Tree Retreat Center is offering a Confirmation Retreat on Sat. Sept. 11th. Registration Forms are on the Youth Board!!

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

TOTUS TUUS—Registration forms 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.

Sr. Margretta Doyle, OSB is returning to Yankton: After 40 years of loyal service, Sister will be returning to the Mother House in Yankton. Sister faithfully served the Parishes of Little Flower/St. Therese, Christ the King, St. Michael and the last 15 years at St. Mary's Parish. An open house/reception will be held Sunday, May 30th at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 2-4 pm.
Fr. David Krogman invites everyone to attend.

" Experiencing Loss?"

Let's explore how we can help
May 17th at 6:30 - 7:30 pm
In the Fireside Room (Door A)
—For anyone and/or their caretakers who has experienced a loss through death or illness—
For info call Anne (361-1600x206)
OR
— Just come —



Christ the King
RUMMAGE—School Gym
Friday, June 4th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 am to noon
Proceeds to support improvements in the
Church Community Center

St. Michael's Men of Emmaus invite you to join our men's group the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month. Donuts, coffee and discussion after the 8:15 am Mass. Come and See!

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 22/23, 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

This Week

	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.
Altar Servers	Mira Willging Maddy Willging	Syreeta Warrington Amanda Meyer	Hannah Loving Rebecca Klein	Katelyn Czmowski Rachel Hickman	Macey Tupper Marlayna Goff
Book	Alex Wieskamp	Abbie Wilke	Marcus Klein	Alex King	Jacob Tupper
Bus	Randy Sanders				
Lectors	Doris Graeber Jerry Klein	Tom Lord Adrienne McKeown	Mary Ann Roers Pat Griesgraber	Diane Lyons Mary Wuebben	Michele Koupal Virjean Fejfar
E.M.E.	Cup Bearer: Barb Matson Deacon John Devlin Barb Bies Linda Roehrich Deb Hoy Tori Kaspar Jean Bhatti Brady Aldrich ____?____ ____?____	Cup Bearer: Amy Meyer Butch Warrington Terry Oppold Betty Krull Jerry Foy Rachel Laudadio Terry Oppold ____?____	Cup Bearer: Mary Ann Roers Deacon John Devlin Jordan Arnold Miranda Arnold Marlene Miller Taylor Kneip Brian Schaunaman ____?____ ____?____ Susan Schaunaman	Cup Bearer: ? Cup Bearer Steve Norfolk Anne Steele Jane McGuire Ed McGuire Diane Lyons Mary Wuebben Tim Czmowski ____?____ ____?____	Cup Bearer: Kailey Tennesen Deacon John Devlin Kaitlin Goff Meggie Jervik Virjean Fejfar Josh Zaug ____?____ ____?____ ____?____ Carol Tupper
Sacristan	____?____	Terry Oppold	Susan Schaunaman	Carri Bornitz	Carol Tupper
E.M.E.		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Curt Scheafer	<u>Covington</u> MaryJo/Butch Martin	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Kevin Hanson	
Gifts	Kay Rokusek	M Lovely/T Oppold	Jennifer Noyes	Jon Markstrom	Beth Goff
Greeters	Kelly McCann John Hammond	Harold Johnson Betty Krull	Erv Frey Becca Sotebeer	LaVonna Emanuel J Myre/B Lethcoe & J Donahue	Melody Brech Lisa Kolb
Receptionist	2:30 - 4:00 pm JaNalle Gowlovech	7:30 - 9:15 am Renee Kneip	9:30 - 11:00 am Maria Jung		
Rosary	Mary Poncelet				
SFCS Cert.	Jerry Klein Kelly McCann	Jean Lipetzky Amy Meyer	Lisa Loving Betsy Weber	Ron Wuebben Patty Czmowski	Beth Goff ____?____
Ushers	Lorraine Roemeling Alan Wieskamp Don Boyd ____?____	Ron Konechne Dick Sexton Frank Maneth Mary Olinger	Marc Anderson Daryl Wagner Tony Konshak Joe Ahlers	Keith Kelsey Ron McCann David King ____?____	Sam Goff Cullen Wilson ____?____ ____?____

Monday, May 17

Bible Study 10:15 am
Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Chuck
Loss Planning 6:30 pm

Tues., May 18

Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Ray Seewald (d)
Book Study 6:30 pm

Wed., May 19

Mass 8:15 am Brooke Ponto
RCIA 7:00 pm

Thurs., May 20

Confessions 7:45 am
Mass 8:15 am Engaged
Couples at St. Michael Parish
Adult Choir 7 pm

Friday, May 21

Mass 8:15 am Norma Trumm (d)
Sunnycrest 10:00 am

Sat., May 22

Mass 8:15 am Ron Persing (d)
Confessions 3 pm
Mass 4 pm Rita Ortiz (d)

Sun., May 23

Mass 8:00 am Fr. Chuck
Mass 9:30 am Herman & Lola Weber (d)
Mass 11:00 am For the People
Mass 6:00 pm Carole Schneider



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

ST. MICHAEL STAFF

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

FR. CHARLES CIMPL	PASTOR
FR. KEVIN O'DELL	
DEACON JOHN DEVLIN	PERMANENT DEACON
SUSAN SCHAUNAMAN	ADMIN. ASSISTANT
SYLVIA WENSING	VOLUNTEER COORD
MARY ELLEN MELANSON	RECEPTIONIST
PAT BERG	SECRETARY
ANNE BURKARD	PASTORAL MINISTER
JACKIE CONLEY	DRE GRADES 1-6
RHONDA KELSEY	DRE YOUTH DIRECTOR
JEAN KLEIN	LITURGY & MUSIC
LINDA HARTMANN	CARING MINISTRY
LISA HUOMOELLER	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
DENNIS ERNSTER	CUSTODIAN
MARY BITTNER	PASTORAL ASST.

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