



# May 9, 2010

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Parish of St. Michael

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#### ***Cimply Putting it...***

**Happy Mother's Day!** This past Friday I was in Yankton for the funeral Mass for my Aunt Darlene. I had an opportunity to visit her and pray with her before she died. As I was praying I couldn't help notice her fingers that were curled inward because of arthritis. My thoughts immediately went to my own Mom who has the same condition. As I prayed with my aunt and her daughter I remembered the story I once heard of a woman who went shopping for a new dress with her Mom. As the day wore on, they grew weary and her Mom was frustrated. Finally, like it usually happens, at the last stop, the mother tried on a dress, and it was the one she wanted. The blouse had a bow at the neck-line. The daughter watched her mothers who with much difficulty, tried to tie the bow. Her hands were so badly crippled from arthritis that she couldn't do it. The daughter got a tear in her eye as she watched her mother and then finally regained her composure, and helped her tie the bow. For the rest of the day that moment in the dressing room stayed in the daughter's memory. Those loving hands that had fed her, bathed her, dressed her, caressed her and comforted her, and, most of all, prayed for her, were now touching her in a most remarkable manner. Later in the evening, she went to her mother's room, took her hands, kissed them, and much to her surprise, told Mom that they were the most beautiful hands in the world.

Many of those same thoughts came to my mind about my Mom as I left Aunt Darlene's room at the nursing home. Cindy her daughter I know felt that her Mom's hands were the most beautiful in the world for they were the hands of the most precious, priceless gift she had ever received—the gift of a loving mother. I feel the same about my Mom's hands. Cindy and I could only pray that one day our hands will have earned such a beauty of their own. God bless our Moms—living and deceased—on earth and in heaven.

**Survey continued...**This week I will give you the results from the section on Religious Education.

**I am satisfied with the religious education programs offered for adults.** 53% had no opinion; 41% agreed; and 6% disagreed. The comments centered around more opportunities for Bible study and sessions that explain the teachings of the Church, e.g. study of the catechism. As a Parish staff we often discuss the best time of day or season of the year to offer programs for adults. Many of you have families and your time is a valuable commodity. In recent years we have advertised in the bulletin the various topics that are being presented and discussed in our RCIA sessions on Sunday evenings. However we have not had much interest outside of those who are going through the RCIA process. Ann Burkard from our Parish Staff has a morning Bible study and an evening book study. We

will be discussing at our staff planning session how we can offer more opportunities for adults to learn about the Bible and the teachings of our Church.

**I am satisfied with the Religious Education programs offered for our children.** 48% had no opinion; 41% agree; 10% disagree. Transmitting the faith to our young people is a major concern of every parish. I know the saying is a bit overdone, but it is true. The youth are our future. The comments people gave to this section were split among those who wanted more instruction given—such as the Bible and teachings of the Church and others felt more activities should be offered so more children would feel like getting involved. Rhonda Kelsey and Jackie Conley our Religious Education Directors attempt to evaluate this each year. We also have a number of teachers' meetings to assist those who have volunteered to teach in our Religious Education Program. We know we are limited in what we can do in one hour a week. Some parishes have gone more to a family education program—that is the entire family attends at least some sessions and then the parents take on their role in instructing their children. Again, we will study and evaluate various approaches and text books so that we can offer our parents and students the best tools available to teach the faith.

**I am satisfied with the variety of programs offered for youth in our parish.** 47% agreed; 47% had no opinion; and 6% disagreed. Some of the programs are offered on a Diocesan level, some within our city and some in our parish. We do attempt to offer some large group activities and bring in speakers. The annual youth mission trip has been a great success the past few years.

**I am satisfied with the level of involvement of the youth in our parish.** 49% had no opinion; 41% agreed; and 10% disagreed. We do face some obstacles to getting our youth more involved. As they grow older many of our youth are involved in team and club sports. We have a hard time competing for their time. Unfortunately our youth and sometimes our parents see the Sacrament of Confirmation as graduation from Religious Education. Our Juniors and Senior High School students also often have jobs and this takes up a considerable amount of their time. Fr. Kevin and Rhonda Kelsey have invited a number of young adults to assist with our Confirmation program. They, along with some of the youth who have been involved in our CAFÉ Youth Group will be meeting soon to discuss ideas so that we can continue to offer our youth opportunities to grow in their knowledge and love of their Catholic Faith.

Next week I will report on stewardship.

**Make it a great week. clc**

# 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!

## THANK YOU

To the generous people of St. Michael for donating to our Rummage Sale and to the Parish Bakers for all the delicious baked goods for our bake sale! We have been blessed because of all of you!

## THANK YOU

The Saint Michael Mission Trip Group would like to thank the Parish of St. Michael for helping them reach their financial goals! We will depart on Saturday, May 29th for Lake Charles, La. Keep us and the people of Louisiana in your prayers!

## Valley Fair

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



If you missed your Initial Confirmation Interview! Rhonda

## We are part of the Life Chain Link

We quietly pray a rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on the 1st, 10th & 15th of every month at noon. We pray especially for the gentle conversion of the hearts of those responsible for the abortions. For more information, contact Sylvia.

**The 10th is tomorrow (Monday) and the 15th is Saturday. Please join us!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**19th Annual O'Gorman Golf Classic** - Fri., May 14th at Willow Run Golf Course. Call Pam at 336-6354 for registration information.

**St. Vincent dePaul** 15 year Anniversary Open House—Sat. May 15th Noon—3 pm at SVDP Thrift Store. Refreshments & Tour.

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

**Donna Zimmer's Retirement Reception** - Wed., May 12th after the 8:30 am Saint Mary School Mass in the St. Mary Parish Hall. Cards may be sent to 5612 W Circle Dr.ive, SFSD 57106.

**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](http://www.davidhaasinaberdeen.com) or call 605-725-3222. All proceeds go to "Music Ministry Alive" - a program for youth.

**Confirmation Students 2011**—Broom Tree Retreat Center is offering a Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, September 11th. Registration forms are on the Youth Bulletin Board.

## RELIGIOUS EDU-

Have a fun and Son filled summer!



**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—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.

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.

Sr. Margretta Doyle, OSB 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 who has experienced a loss through death or illness—  
For info call Anne (361-1600x206)

OR

— Just come —

- RCIA PICNIC -  
For those baptized and confirmed -2010  
Rectory  
After 11:00 Mass on May 16th  
For info call 334-8551 or e-mail  
[justa50@msn.com](mailto:justa50@msn.com)

# St. Michael Parish News

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA** - Check out the new titles in the kiosk in the back of the Commons. Virgin Mary Bundles are available on the table next to the kiosk – 2 CD's for \$5.

**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](http://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..

## 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 **Sr. Adrienne Kaufmann, OSB, of Mother of God Monastery, Watertown**, regarding a donation to the sisters' Guatemalan ministry, which was used for chemotherapy for an 18-year-old: "You are literally a life-line for this dear young woman . . . I cannot begin to express to you how grateful she and her family are for your goodness. She and they know that without this support she would die. There is a pay-as-you-receive-service kind of health care system . . . Together we are making a difference; as her older sister (Angela, age 21) said it, 'You are all we have. Without your help, we would be alone.' Blessings on each of you."

## IS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEED PRAYER FOR?

**"The Lord is near – dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Place your needs to God in every form of prayer, and petitions full of gratitude."** (Phil 4:5-6)

The Small Christian Core Group (SCC) will meet on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 8:30 pm in the Fireside Room to lift up the Parish needs in prayer. We hold up in prayer the needs that have been placed into the basket in the west entrance.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US**  
**To pray for the needs of our Parish**

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



## THANK YOU

The family of Terry Connolly would like to thank you for the caring words, prayers and support during his recent passing. We deeply appreciate your many kindnesses. Pat Berg

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

In conjunction with Fr. Joe Vogel at St. Katharine Drexel Parish we are offering a R.C.I.A. process that began **Wed., May 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room (Door A). The sessions will 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.

### Daily readings: May 10-16, 2010

Mon.	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
Tues.	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wed.	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thur.	Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Fri.	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17
Sat.	Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
Sun.	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23;; Luke 24:46-53

## ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

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### 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".

## Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 15-16, 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*

### Monday, May 10

Bible Study 10:15 am  
Life Chain Link Noon  
St. Vincent dePaul 4:00 pm  
Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm Dody Gustaf (d)

### Tues., May 11

Confessions 5:00 pm  
Mass 5:30 pm Alice Staebell  
Book Study 6:30 pm  
Catholic Daughters 7:00 pm  
SCC Prayer 8:30 pm

### Wed., May 12

Mass 8:15 am Ray Seewald (d)  
RCIA 7:00 pm

### Thurs., May 13

Confessions 7:45 am  
Mass 8:15 am Mary McGee Con-  
nor (d)

Adult Choir 7 pm

Koinonia Bible Study 7:00 pm

LPEC 7:00 pm

### Friday, May 14

Mass 8:15 am Susan Kappenman  
Good Samaritan 10:15 am

### Sat., May 15

Mass 8:15 am Bob O'Donnell (d)  
Life Chain Link Noon  
Confessions 3 pm  
Mass 4 pm Marianne Biggins (d)

### Sun., May 16

Mass 8:00 am Josephine Seiler (d)  
Mass 9:30 am For the People  
Mass 11:00 am Skip Dearborn (d)  
Mass 6:00 pm Lorraine Jorgensen (d)

May 15/16	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>	Mercedes Arnett Jenae Porter	Kelley Criddle Ann Coppock	Justin Boone Cole Clemens	Collin Melanson David Melanson	Robin Hatcher Claire Washenberger
<b>Book</b>	Corina Arnett	Leann Schlotterback	Jordan Boone	Austin Serck	Kate Washenberger
<b>Bus</b>	Randy Sanders				
<b>Lectors</b>	Alex Kosiak Shelly Kosiak	Rose Olinger Mike Parsley	Mary Ann Roers Mary Beth Anderson	Trish Dorn Don Dorn	Jane Schnell Lisa Esposito
<b>E.M.E.</b>	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Denny Moran</i> Deacon John Devlin Jen Porter Joann Schnider Ted Thie Shelly Kosiak Kenny Arnett -----? -----? Becky Arnett	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Jean Ann Hentges</i> Mike Parsley Don Olinger Tom Schlotterback Dee Schlotterback Reva Krahn Brad Cordell Rich Mell -----? -----? Wanda Criddle	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Sharon Mulder</i> Mary Ann Roers John Roers Todd Boone Mary Beth Anderson Jackie Fink Frank Ahartz Toni Halverson -----? -----? Keith Halverson	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Ron Waltman</i> Don Dorn Trish Dorn Chuck Robinson Judy Foster-Strang Patti Fox Don Fox -----? -----? -----? Lisa Serck	<b>Cup Bearer:</b> <i>Dan Barrett</i> Lisa Esposito Jan Darby Jane Schnell Dena Espenscheid Shirlee Hanson -----? -----? -----? Brenda Burton
<b>Sacristan</b>	Becky Arnett	Wanda Criddle	Keith Halverson	Lisa Serck	Brenda Burton
<b>E.M.E</b>		<u>Good Samaritan</u> B Lethcoe/C Green	<u>Covington</u> R Laudadio/ K Kelley	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Curt Scheafer	
<b>Gifts</b>	D Cogley, J Schnider B Hines	Rich Mell	Frank Ahartz	Don Fox	Dick Weber
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul Skiles Cynde Jervik	Jan Nason Ron Downs	Eric Krouse Deb Ziemke	Lori Hofer Nathan Reed	Brenda Washenberger Jan Darby
<b>Recept- ionist</b>	2:30 - 4:00 pm Thelma Kock	7:30 - 9:15 am Sharon Story	9:30 -11:00 am Helen Gustaf		
<b>Rosary</b>	Michelle Foy				
<b>SFCS Cert.</b>	Rebecca LeTexier Merri Hohn	Debbie McEaney Tom Schlotterback	Mary Beth Anderson Karen Boone	Dave Melanson Cindy Monnin	Brenda Washenberger -----? -----?
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Kosiak Chuck Noltz Mary Kirkvold -----? -----?	Dick Kueter Rich Dougherty J.R. Krahn Ken Headrick	<b>Marc Anderson</b> Mark Mulder Erv Frey Nick Schulte	Ray Grismer Dave Serck Jordan Serck -----? -----?	Lyle Krejci Cheri Krejci -----? -----?
<b>Collection Counters</b>			Judy Helgeson's Team	Meals on Wheels Nancy Lehr	

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