



April 4, 2010 Easter Sunday Parish of St. Michael

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Cimply Putting It...

Easter...it takes a childlike faith... Fr. O'Dell has some beautiful stained glass windows that represent the various liturgical seasons. At the beginning of Lent he placed a piece with various colors of red in our office window. Last week, in preparation for Easter, he placed one with springtime colors and butterflies on it.

It's Easter! Alleluia. The butterfly is an ancient symbol of the resurrection. Some of us probably have childhood memories of picking up a caterpillar and watching it slowly move across our hand, ever so softly. Time goes by, and the caterpillar goes into a cool place, a cocoon. Then after some time, the caterpillar emerges, and becomes a beautiful butterfly. In the Greek language, the word used to describe this is *metamorphosis*, a change.

During my high school teaching days, I inherited a course that our former pastor, Fr. Mike Wensing, started at O+Gorman, called "Death and Dying." I believe he titled the course after Dr. Kubler Ross' book which has the same name. In her book she tells a wonderful butterfly story. There was a little child, a first grader, who was having trouble at school, and the teacher felt that she might be having emotional problems. The child was invited in to talk with the teacher. The teacher found out that the mother was sick in the hospital and had been in for two weeks, dying of cancer. Her father, rather than coming home every night after work, was going to the hospital, and so the little girl hadn't really seen her Dad much during the past two weeks. The girl knew that there was something wrong. The school counselor arranged an appointment with the girl and asked her to draw a picture. She drew a stick figure that had large red legs, and off to the left in a corner was a very black colored in square. The counselor looked at the drawing and said, "Well, what does this mean?" The girl explained that the stick figure was her mother and the red legs meant that her mother would never be able to take her to the park again, that she knew her mother's legs were bleeding. "And what is that black square in the corner?" the counselor asked. "The black square in the corner is the dining room table, and it is turned upside down. Mommy and I will not be able to eat with each other again." The counselor said to the girl, "You know that your mother is dying, don't you?" The girl said, "Yes." They started to talk about death and towards the end of the conversation the counselor said, "Well, what it is going to be like is this: your mother will go into a cocoon and someday your mother will be a butterfly." The girl smiled and said, "Oh that's wonderful that my mom will be like a butterfly, but butterflies fly away, and I don't want my mother to fly away from me." The next day the little girl went to the hospital to see her mom. She ran up to her and gave her a big kiss and

then asked, "Mom, you are going to become like a butterfly?" We gather this Easter Sunday for a number of reasons. The purpose of Easter is the victory celebration that tells of the power of God that took the dead body of Jesus of Nazareth and transformed him, metamorphosed him, into a glorious resurrection body. The purpose of Easter is God telling the truth that God can create life from death. The purpose of Easter is to convince us that caterpillars become transformed into butterflies. The purpose of Easter is to convince us that not only are there miracles in nature but there are miracles in history, in your history and mine. The purpose of Easter is to convince us that there will be a time in our lives when we too shall be transformed into something utterly magnificent and beautiful. The purpose of Easter is to tell us of those good and glorious promises of God who has the power to take that which is dead and transform it into life.

Do you sometimes wonder what you would do if you were God? I would have really proved that he rose from the dead. I would have had Jesus in resurrected form, and I would have had instant replay cameras at work (remember I'm thinking I'm God so I could have had cameras way back then) scanning his whole body. I would have Jesus taken to USD Medical School and have every doctor and every agnostic and every atheist and every skeptic there. They could have taken out their scalpels and their knives and they could have sliced right through his resurrected, spiritual body, and then they would believe. That's what I would have done if I were God.

But, thank heavens, I am not God. God wants us to experience the power of belief. To trust that God is good. To trust that God exists. To trust that God makes caterpillars transform into butterflies. To trust as Revelation, the last book of the Bible tells us, that "we shall be changed, in moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. The trumpet shall sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall all be changed, in a moment, Death is swallowed up in victory."

Dear Reader, on this Easter Sunday, if we believe in God's power to create life out of apparent death, it is because...we believe. It is because we become like a child and simply believe in God's good promise of eternal life, and we simply believe that God will be faithful to those promises in death, as God has been so faithful to us in life. God does transform earthly bodies into heavenly bodies. Jesus, like a butterfly, did ascend, but unlike the little girl's drawing, He is still with us at the Eucharistic table. He did not leave us orphans. He is with us still, as He promised.

Jesus Christ has risen! Alleluia! Become childlike today. God continues to transform caterpillars into butterflies.

Alleluia! Happy Easter! clc

Youth Happenin's CAFÉ

April Café youth group event will be held on
Wednesday, April 7th 6:30-8:00 pm
in St. Michael Gym.

We will continue the Easter celebration!

Sunday, April 18th 4-5:30 pm

The Post Confirmation class for those confirmed this past January will be held in the MPR. Come with ideas for continuing the journey, a name for the group, questions and/or topics you want to discuss and be ready to play mat ball.

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!



Come get your fill at our Breakfast Buffet on April 25th. On the menu will be 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!

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!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LOST A LOVED ONE? Need help finding your way through grief? Want to help others through their grief? Seminar by author, educator, grief counselor Dr. Alan Wolfelt on Thursday, April 8th at 7 pm at SF Convention Center. Friday, April 9th there will be an all day workshop for caregivers of bereaved. Call 988-3775 for registration material.

St. Therese is seeking an individual with communication & Excel spreadsheet skills for a short term paid assignment as Capital Campaign Project Manager to oversee and process mgmt for the St. Therese debt reduction campaign. Interested call Kim @ 376-4954.

St. Michael Cemetery now has a 48 niche columbarium for cremation burials. You may purchase one as a single or double inurnment. For more information, call 338-3376.

Christopher West will present his "Intro to Theology of the Body Seminar" at Holy Spirit Parish on Sat., April 24th 9-3:30 pm. This is a great gift to give to your spouse, fiancé, young adult children and yourselves. Please call Kathy for tickets at 371-2320.

St. Mary Parish Annual Turkey Dinner Sunday, April 11th 11-3 pm in parish hall at 2109 S. 5th Ave.

Program for Parents More 1-2-3 Magic for parents of ages 2-12 9:30-1 pm. Choose one Saturday April 10 or 24 or May 22. Call 988-3775 for information or to register. Space limited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 7th -RE Teachers Meeting and CAFÉ
Wednesday, April 14, 21 and 28-Class

Initial Confirmation Interviews have been scheduled for our 2010 Confirmation students. I look forward to seeing you at your assigned time, Rhonda

SCHOOL NEWS

April 5-7, No school

Friday April 9, 8:15 am school Mass.

Donations are being accepted for the annual Clean-A-Thon. Thank you for your support as the students collect money to enhance their education.

Please call the school office for more information.

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

St. Michaels Boy Scout Troop 346 will be having their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on April 10th in the Gym. Tickets will be sold at the door. Come hungry and check out the many baskets for bid during their silent auction. Proceeds will help purchase much needed camping equipment and the camper-ship program.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Thank you! Thank you! to all who attended & to our great volunteers who generously set up, served up, & cleaned up each week



Next week: April 11th!!

Sunday Morning
EXTRA!

Pastoral Planning UPDATE

Come to this presentation by **our parish representative, Paula Jones.**

How will we manage going from 92 to 71 priests in 2 years? What is the proposal for the Sioux Falls area? How do we minister to the people of St. Michael, the prisons, the hospitals, the nursing homes & colleges? Come with questions & ideas!!

Enjoy **Coffee & Donuts, Relax & Learn**

Come right after the 8:00 or 9:30 Mass to
the Oxford Room (Entrance B)

Contact Sylvia in the office if you would like child care to be provided during the presentation.

Next Pastoral Planning Meeting

Thursday, April 8. 6:30 pm @ Brandon-Risen Savior Church
Come learn about the future plan for the
Sioux Falls area Catholic parishes.

On site tours of the **Cathedral restoration**-experience first hand the exciting work being done in our Cathedral by artists & craftsman!

Sunday, April 11 2-4 pm

Sunday, April 18 5-7 pm

Sunday, April 25 2-4 pm

Please RSVP to 888-246-3386 or enawroth@sfcatholic.org

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of April 10/11, 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, April 5

Parish Office Closed
Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Tim Smith

Tues., April 6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CHUCK!!

Confessions 5:00 pm
Mass 5:30 pm Mass for Life
Virginia & Viola Hartle (d)
Book Study 6:30 pm

Wed., April 7

Mass 8:15 am
Jeannie Lammers & family
Café 6:30 pm
NO RE Classes
Teacher Trn 6:30 pm
Good News 8 pm

Thurs., April 8

Confessions 7:45 am
Mass 8:15 am Kim Charron
Baptism Class 7 pm
Adult Choir 7 pm
LPEC 7 pm

Friday, April 9

Mass 8:15 am Lucy Reif

Sat., April 10

Mass 8:15 am Eva Schulte (d)
Life Chain PP Noon
Confessions 3 pm
Mass 4 pm Rosemary McMahon (d)

Sun., April 11

Mass 8:00 am For the People
Sunday EXTRA 9 & 10:30 am
Mass 9:30 am George & Lillian Cormier (d)
Mass 11:00 am Skip Dearborn (d)
Mass 6:00 pm Carole Schneider
RCIA 7:15 pm

	Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 9:30 am	Sun. 11:00 am	Sun. 6:00 pm
Altar Servers	Kylie Kolsrud Jaizen Hagemeyer	Kimberly Schulte Michael Schulte	Sam Schartz Meghan Schartz	Katelyn Clement Zachary Waltman	Drew Stadem Marlayna Goff
Book	John Jarding	Teresa Schulte	Tina Griesgraber	Madisyn Waltman	Isabelle Loudenslager
Bus	Bob Lipetzky				
Lectors	Denny Moran Linda Roehrich	Steve Gaspar Rachel Laudadio	Mary Jo Martin Doris Krekelberg	Judy Smith Tim Czmowski	Kelly Loudenslager Dick Johnson
E.M.E.	Cup Bearer: <i>Deb Goldstine</i> Jen Porter Pat Price Connie Burkard Jim Jarding Linda Roehrich Denny Moran Brady Aldrich Kenny Arnett Becky Arnett	Cup Bearer: <i>Julie Dresselhuus</i> Deacon John Devlin Rachel Laudadio Reva Krahn Shirley Lorenz Dominic Boyer Debbie Schulte Terry Oppold	Cup Bearer: <i>Angie Quissell</i> Emily Quissell Mark Quissell Paige Heim Paula Heim Butch Martin Taylor Kneip Barb Clinton Brian Schaubman Susan Schaubman	Cup Bearer: <i>Don Dorn</i> Trish Dorn Mary Askew Chuck Robinson Ginger Waskow Ron Waltman Denise Clement Wanda Heisel Steve Kaufmann Amy Meyer	Cup Bearer: <i>Carol Kuntz</i> Deacon John Devlin Kaitlin Goff Dianne Wingen Kailey Tennesen Denise Tennesen Nancy Weaver Jane Schnell Sue Albert Brenda Burton
Sacristan	Becky Arnett	Terry Oppold	Susan Schaubman	Amy Meyer	Brenda Burton
E.M.E.		<u>Good Samaritan</u> Deacon John Devlin	<u>Covington</u> Amy Osborne Olson	<u>Sunnycrest</u> Molly Johnson	
Gifts	Alan Wieskamp	Don Olinger	Bryan Lund	Tom Schulte	Jill Stehly
Greeters	Betty Froehlich Kristi Irsfeld	Mike Escher Ted Lorenz	Julie Norton Mark Mulder	Lisa Behrends Kevin Crouch	Doyle Hardie Beth Goff
Receptionist	2:30 – 4:00 pm Betty Gibson	7:30 – 9:15 am Renee Kneip	9:30 – 11:00 am Mary Pat Bones		
Rosary	Jean Lipetzky				
SFCS Cert.	Jim Jarding Margaret Jarding	Nancy Brady Joyce Stucky	Renee Kneip Judy Spencer	Dave Melanson Judy Smith	Beth Goff ----?----
Ushers	Cliff Foley Mary Kirkvold Leonard Block Mike Burkard	Gerrit Dresselhuus Tom Lord Rich Dougherty J.R. Krahn	Ron Schauer Dick Molseed Doris Berscheid Bob Clinton Al Spencer	David King Mary Busch Phil Busch Terry Konechne Steve Norfolk	Sam Goff Scott Wingen ----?---- ----?----



Happy Birthday
Fr. CHUCK

ST. MICHAEL STAFF

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

FR. CHARLES CIMPL PASTOR
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DEACON JOHN DEVLIN PERMANENT DEACON
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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
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HAPPY EASTER!

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