

From the Desk of the Pastor,

The question has come up why the liturgies during Lent seem like "Good Friday." It's a good question that must always begin with what we believe about the nature of our redemption. While I was checking up on the Winter Olympics on the web, I came across a story about athletes who win the gold, and then come back in subsequent Olympics to compete again. These athletes find that it's harder to find the motivation and energy needed to prepare a second or third time. As one athlete put it, "once you've been to the top, you wonder why you would want to put yourself through all the pain and suffering to prepare for it again." Most of them found that winning the gold a second time was different than the first, the third time different from the second, and so on. We're reminded of how grace works through trial and tragedy. When we're in it, it's difficult to see God's hand; but once the trial is over, we see God's prints all over it. And then, when it happens again, it's never the same. We've grown from the experience and thus seek to go even deeper in our discovery. We win the gold, so to speak, when we see God's hand in the suffering and end up better for it. The resurrection story is analogous to this: To appreciate it and internalize it, we relive the trials and tragedy that got us here – the Passion and Death of Our Lord. It's not fun. It's not supposed to be fun. It's supposed to be transcendent, reflective, introspective, prayerful, penitential. Every liturgy in Lent is supposed to feel like "Good Friday" because we want to be intimately connected with what brings us everlasting life. It's our fallen human nature which would rather skip the meat and vegetables and go right to the dessert. We prefer the "warmth of the womb" rather than the "ecstasy of rebirth." And that is what Lent is all about...the arduous task of preparing ourselves for rebirth on Easter Sunday.

Father Morgan



**Happy Birthday Father Haggerty
 Saturday, March 13**

CFSA 2010: Prayerfully consider a gift to this year's appeal. Please drop your pledge card in the collection or mail it to the parish office. Representatives of our Finance Committee will be in the foyer again this weekend to receive your gift. Thank you for your participation and stewardship.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's now at Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit is proud to present our new Lighthouse Catholic Media Stand. 9 CD Titles available for just a \$3 each donation. Stop by the kiosk and pick up some CDs of the best nationally recognized Catholic speakers and grow in your faith. Our parish has partnered with Lighthouse Catholic Media to sponsor their Catholic CD of the Month Club. Get a brand new CD not available in the kiosk sent directly to your mailbox for just \$5 a month. You can sign up online with our parish's referral code (a portion of your subscription comes back to the parish). <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/cdclub/refer/44971>.

Yesterday's Kids St. Patrick's Day Potluck, 11:30 March 9th in the lower level of the church.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 PM.

Right to Life Meeting, Monday, March 8th, 6-8 PM.

ATTENTION PARENTS: ALL IN GOD'S PLAN PARENT MEETING on Thursday, March 11th from 7:00-8:45 PM in the lower level.

2 Host Families Needed for Totus Tuus team June 19-26. Contact Amy in the RE office 371-1478.

Lenten Opportunities

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent at 7PM
Soup & Sandwich Supper...Friday, March 12th..5:00-7:00 PM
 Prepared and served by our Boy Scouts

Broom Tree Retreats for Men and Women:

How to Pray: Day of Recollection Series with Msgr. Mahowald: Praying with the Prophets, March 16.

Silent Retreats: Men's (March 18-21). Call 263-1040 or www.broom-tree.org

Passion of the Christ Movie with Father Morgan

Watching and discussing the movie, **March 14 at 6:00 PM** (Fireside room)

Confessions: Wednesdays: 12-12:30 Thursdays 5:45-6:15 PM
 Saturdays 3:00-4:00PM Anytime by appointment

Praying during the "Year of the Priest"

In response to Pope Benedict naming June 19, 2009—June 19, 2010 the "Year of the Priest." Holy Spirit parishioners will **pray for priests every Friday in the Daily Mass Chapel at 3:00 PM for priests.** Come and pray for God's priests especially your priests here at Holy Spirit Parish.

Perpetual Adoration at Holy Spirit



Jesus is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus asks, "Won't you spend one hour with me in prayer?" We have **5 hours open** that need to be filled. Please call Cheri in the parish office to find out more about Perpetual Adoration. Have you ever thought of sharing an hour with someone? Anyone can stop by the chapel to pray, whether it be for just a few moments or for as long as you wish.

**3 AM Friday 1 AM Thursday 3AM Saturday
 6:00 PM Saturday 5AM Sunday**

Wednesday noon (some to share time or substitute)

REMEMBERING OUR MILITARY IN PRAYER



Please continue to pray for your men and women that are serving in the military, especially those from our parish. Please check the bulletin board in the back of the foyer to see the names of those who are serving.

Welcome our new families to Holy Spirit



Parish: Joe Hoffman, Chad and Julie Kirschenmann

ROSARY BEFORE SATURDAY MASS: The rosary will be recited before Mass on Saturday evenings beginning at 4:30 PM in the worship area.

Christopher West speaking at Holy Spirit Parish

Christopher West will present his "Introduction to Theology of the Body Seminar" at Holy Spirit Parish on **Saturday, April 24th, 9am-3:30 pm.** To register, visit the website, TOBInstitute.org or e-mail : kdavis@qwestoffice.net. The prices for the tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Call Kathy at 371-2320 if questions.

**PRAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD
 TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 12:15 PM.**

Funerals: We are looking for another person to help organize. Call the parish office



Daylight Savings Time BEGINS next Sunday, March 14th. Turn your clocks ahead.

Attention Ushers: Defibrillator Training, Tuesday, March 9, 7PM
 Anyone else wanting to come to the training is welcome.

This week the four sanctuary candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

Bernard Feldhaus (d) Maynard Page (d)

Youth News

Youth Group:

March 7 Youth Group, Jr and High School

March 14 HOLEY TOSS-12:15-3 PM

Forms for Youth events are available outside the Youth Room or in the foyer. Scholarships available, so do not let the cost of the trips keep you from participating.

FAMILY TO FAMILY INFORMATION:

Spring Distribution of clothing...**April 13-24**...if you would like to sponsor a family and did not do so in the fall, please let the parish office know. **Family to Family Golf Tournament...NEW DATE & LOCATION...**June 11th at Prairie Green Golf Course, 1PM shot gun...more information and registration to come. **SAVE THE DATE!**

AL-ANON. Park and enter on the West side of the building (back of the school). Enter front doors and first right to the media room. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:00 PM. Al-Anon is for families of alcoholics and is anonymous fellowship. Call Laurie 360-6773 for additional info.

Day of Intercessory Prayer for Priests, March 13

In an effort to support the priests of our diocese Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring "A Day of Intercessory Prayer for Priests" using Praise, Worship, Adoration and Intercession. The day begins at 10AM and will conclude at 3:00 PM at **Holy Spirit Parish in Mitchell, SD**. A free lunch will be served. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. To register, or for more information, contact Joan Barz at cottonwoodfrm@santel.net or (605) 940-4101.

Lenten Days of Recollection (March 8 and March 27)

Sponsored by the Office of the Marian Apostolate. "How Can I Draw Closer to Jesus Christ this Lent?" Monday, March 8th from 9AM-2PM. "The Meaning of Holy Week" Saturday, March 27, 9AM-1PM. All invited, no cost. Held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 8th & Cliff). Will begin with Holy Mass at 9:00 AM.

St. Michael's Parish Dinner - Sunday, March 7 (10:30-1 PM)

Pork Loin dinner with salads and desserts galore!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (March 12-14)

(Healing the trauma of abortion—one weekend at a time)

Strictly confidential Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Scripture based retreat exercises. Open to men & women of all faiths. 988-3775 or email mmergen@sfcatholic.org for registration materials & more information.

PROGRAM for PARENTS: Saturday: March 20, 2010 from .9:30a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dr. Thomas Phelan, clinical psychologist & author will present his "1-2-3 Magic Program for Parents of Ages 2-12" via DVD with Group discussion & exercises. Program includes: 1) Controlling Obnoxious Behaviors, 2) Encouraging Good Behavior, 3) Strengthening the Parent-Child Relationship. Come to 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. Please use the 4th street door. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. Space limited. Donation.

47th Annual Epiphany Sausage Supper, March 4, Epiphany Hall serving 3-7 PM.

Sioux Falls Catholic School System Position Openings:

Administrative Assistant: Full time/seasonal (7:15-3:45 PM) for St. Katharine Drexel School. Provide administrative, clerical, and public relations support for the Principal. Apply by phone to: Human Resources, SFCS, 575-3350 or email: shurley@sfcss.org

Holey Toss – Bean Bag Tournament ..EVERYONE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!!! FUN FOR ALL!!

All ages are welcome to participate in this great event. Teams of 2 may sign up to play. Additionally, we need individuals who would like to sponsor a team at a cost of \$50. **This will be a fun parish-wide event.** Please look on the parish website or contact Mark Nelson at 371-1387 for more information.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8

8:00 a.m. +Pat Froseth

Tuesday, March 9

8:00 a.m. +Mark Kennedy

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 a.m. Military Men/Women serving our country

8:00 a.m. +Al Erpenbach

Thursday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Kelly/Randy Schall Family

5:15 p.m. +Charles Theobald

Friday, March 12

7:00 a.m. Samir Dib

8:00 a.m. +Don Schmitz

Saturday, March 13

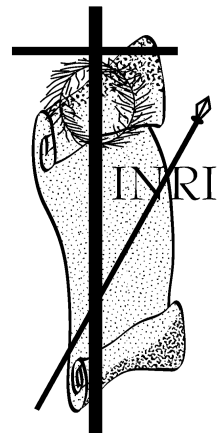
5:00 PM +Matthew Rutten

Sunday, March 14

7:30 a.m. +Duane Albers

9:00 a.m. +David Zimmer

11:00 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish



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MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15/ Ps 42:2-3; 3-4/ Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dan 3:25, 34-43/ Ps 25:4-9/ Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deut 4:1, 5-9/ Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/ Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ Ps 95:1-2,6-9/ Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/ Ps 81:6-11,14, 17/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/ Ps 51:3-4,18-21/ Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Josh 5:9-12/ Ps 34:2-7/ 2 or 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3,11-32

LITURGICAL STEWARDS ROLES

For the weekend of March 13/14, 2010

Servers: 5:00 PM – Sam Johnson, Jacqueline marko, Max Marko

7:30 – Olivia Roers, Ben Gellerman, Ethan Thompson

9:00 – Jeremy VerMulm, Nicholas VerMulm, Michael Kayser

11:00 – Katie Drummond, Avery Cleberg, Aryn Cleberg

Lectors: 5:00 PM – Michael Gulseth, Bill Kubat

7:30 – Ron Staebell, Melinda Winter

9:00 – Kristie Healy, Lori Homan

11:00 – Jeanne Green, Dan Hacking

Greeters: 5:00 PM – M/A Faris, J/J Fiegen, S Girard, P/T Garry

7:30 – Lisa Schnabel, Delores/Marvin Scott

9:00 – D/P Kopp, E Kroon, R/S Laskowski

11:00 – J/M Baruth, M/C Brandner, P Brandsgaard

Gift Bearers: 5:00 PM - Tony/Sandra Tiefenthaler Family

7:30 – Pat/Steve Albers

9:00 – William Burns Family

11:00 – Duane and Patricia Stauss

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Jeanne Hassel, Mary Jones **7:30** – Ted

Voss, Pat Albers **9:00** – Melanie Doetzel, **11:00** – Dan/Katie Fritz, Brad Coleman

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 - B/M Kolbeck, PErpenbach, K Koo-

ima, S Kouri, B Kubat, R Larsen, R Murphy **7:30** - B Aldrich, J BJORUM, M Ev-

ans, MA Hanten **9:00** - N Burns, M Cota, R/J Daniels, J Donovan, R/J

Dorman, L Healy **11:00** - J Gaetze, D Hacking, L Bates, S Biondi, A/J Drum-

mond, D/J Gronseth, C/T Haiar

Sacristans: 5:00 – Theresa Wallace **7:30** – Pat Albers **9:00** – Lyle/

Marya Leber **11:00** – Pam Michels

SFCS Certificate Sellers: 5:00 - Deb Madsen, Carolyn Maillous **7:30** -

Ruth Prostrollo **9:00** -Bob Lubke, Brad Schoenfelder **11:00** - Jeff/Anita

Drummond

ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Maureen Sage

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE

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