

Fr. Hal's Pastoral Perspective...

Jesus once said, "You will always have the poor with you". In biblical times widows were among the poorest of the poor. The widow in the first reading was not a Jew, and she had a son to support. She was down to her last handful of flour and had only a small amount of olive oil. After that she and her child would face starvation. Yet, by sharing it with the prophet, she has an ample supply of flour and oil. She represents those people who place all their trust in God, no matter their poverty and oppression. In the Gospel, Jesus acknowledges a poor widow's gift of only a few cents, which generosity resulted from her complete trust in God. Mother Teresa tells about a time when a beggar came up to her and said, 'Mother Teresa, everybody is giving to you, I also want to give to you. Today, for the whole day I got only 30 cents. I want to give it to you.' Mother Teresa thought for a moment: 'If I take the thirty cents he will have nothing to eat tonight, and if I don't take it I will hurt his feelings. So I put out my hands and I took the money. I have never seen such joy on anybody's face as I saw on the face of that beggar man at the thought that he too could give to Mother Teresa.' She went on to say: 'It was a big sacrifice for that poor man, who had sat in the sun all day long and received only thirty cents. It was beautiful. Thirty cents is such a small amount, and I can get nothing with it, but as he gave it up and I took it, it became like thousands because it was given with so much love. God does not look at the greatness of the work, but at the love with which it is performed.' True disciples of Christ are not distinguished by showy acts. Doing public actions can be hypocritical if the motive for doing them is being recognized or honored. We should live as we believe. We should make our actions be consistent with what we believe. We should live for Christ even when no one is looking. The readings today tell similar stories of generosity.. Both concern two very poor people – two widows. We wonder how someone who was as poor as the widow in the Gospel was able to perform such an act of goodness. It would certainly seem that one would need to have been faithful to such a practice of generosity over many years to be able to do what she did. Such an action of generosity is not achieved by a few great deeds but by a lot of little ones. Jesus tells us it is not how much we give that counts, but how much of a sacrifice it takes.

Make it a great week!



St. Therese Parish welcomes our new parishioners:

Ronald & Elaine Wingert

Eternal Rest Grant unto:

Clarence Aulner, brother-in-law of Lois Aulner



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday at 5:00pm
Or by Appointment

St. Michael Cemetery

Winter Hours: Monday thru Friday - 8:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday - 9:00am to 4:00pm

Reminder - No artificial flowers or decorations until November 1st



St. Therese Parish-Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



Parish Announcements



UPDATE! Thank you for your generosity toward World Mission Sunday! St. Therese parishioners offered \$1,404.00 to the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the church. This is a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries - and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!



Thank You to our Bakers who helped supply us with food items for "Pauline's Traditional Turkey Dinner". Also, a big thanks to everyone who helped with meal preparation, serving, cashiering and clean up. 125 adults & children attended dinner. What a wonderful tribute to Pauline's years of donating a Thanksgiving Dinner to our parish!
~ Social Ministry Committee



St. Therese Adult Prayer Group: Please join us for Faith, Fellowship, Music and Prayer! Our next session will be **Monday, November 16th** from 6:30-8:30pm at the church. Free Child Care with advance notice. ?? Call Tom Wingert at 351-6731.



Calling All St. Therese Musicians and Singers: Christmas Carols at St. Therese will be held on December 13, 2009 at 2:00pm. Musicians and singers wishing to assist in leading the music please contact Tom Wingert at 351-6731 or EMail Tom.wingert@dakotahbank.com.



Do you want to make a difference? Join 10 of your fellow parishioners committed to bringing quality educational opportunities to our parish. Specific interest in helping all live out our call to holiness is preferred. Please call Michelle Pellman (582-2525) or Twyla Steinberger (339-9882) for more information.

Upcoming Happenings at St. Therese

Nov. 7th & 8th	Fr. Hal's Birthday Celebration after all Masses
Nov. 11 8:00am	Mass - The Mass Intention is for Fr. Barber's 70th Birthday
Nov. 11 9:00am	Fr. Barber's 70th Birthday Breakfast Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. All are Welcome!
Nov. 14 & 15	St. Therese Alternative Christmas Gift Shoppe after all Masses
Nov. 21 & 22	St. Therese Alternative Christmas Gift Shoppe after all Masses
Nov. 22 2:00pm	Turkey Bingo - All are welcome!
Dec. 5th 9:00am-3:00pm	Children's Advent Retreat



ATTENTION CAMPERS!!!



I know it's hard to think about camping weather when we're experiencing fall/winter weather BUT...the annual St. Therese Parish Campout is Scheduled for **August 6th-8th, 2010 at Broom Tree Youth & Family Camp**. If you've come before, you know how great a weekend it is. If you haven't - it's really a MUST. There are 15 campsites & numerous cabins available to rent at \$20/night (campsite) or \$65/night (cabin). Please contact Stephanie Spader at tsspader@sio.midco.net or 332-0525 to reserve your site/cabin today!



*The Knights meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
The next meeting of the Knights will be at St. Therese
on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 7:30pm*



FROM YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

During this Year of the Priest as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, we wish to take the opportunity to thank all the priests who have served our parish in the past. These dedicated men have devoted their lives to the service of God and the Church. Our priests are our special connection to Christ through celebration of the sacraments. We are especially delighted that we currently have a seminarian, Dan Smith, who will be ordained to the priesthood in May of 2010 who calls St Therese his home parish. Say thank you to your priest. He truly will appreciate it.

Community Events

Sioux Falls Catholic School System Position Openings:

After School Teacher Assistant: PT/Seasonal for St. Mary School

Apply by phone to 575-3350 or Email - shurley@sfcss.org. All position openings are posted on SFCS website - www.sfcss.org.

EWTN's Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is coming to St. Lambert Parish! Sunday, Nov. 8th - from 7:00pm-8:30pm. St. Lambert Church, 1000 S Bahnson Ave. "The Big Deal about Mass and Why it Matters". This is an excellent opportunity for youth, families and all Catholics to learn more about the Mass. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome! See www.auremcordis.com for info.

Men's Spiritual Luncheons with Fr. Jim Mason or guest presenters are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall. The next Spiritual Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 11th. Lunch is provided with a free will offering.

Explore the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in Your Life - Living Beyond Yourself - Nov. 13th & 14th - from 7:00pm Friday, Nov. 13th until 9:30pm on Saturday, Nov. 14th. This retreat, based on Galatians 5:22-23 will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Sioux Falls. This retreat will focus on the fruits of the Holy Spirit, living proof that the Spirit of God dwells in us. Let yourself be challenged to develop an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God and through that relationship allow him to develop in you're the "Fruit" of the Spirit. Cost for the weekend is \$40 - includes 2 meals. Pre-registration requested. Call Jane Barz @ 940-4101 or cottonwoodfrm@santel.net.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - "Healing the Trauma of Abortion - - - One Weekend at a Time" - November 13th-15th (Friday evening until Sunday afternoon) in the Sioux Falls Diocese. Strictly confidential. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Scripture based retreat exercises. Call 988-3775 or EMail mmergen@sfatholic.org for registration materials & more information.

**St. Michael Parish—Bazaar & Bake Sale! Doors C&D)
Saturday, November 14th from 9:00am-3:00pm
Concessions will be available - Profits will go to the Parish Mission Trip!**

Faith For Life: The Genius of Women - Growing in the Life of Virtue

The next Faith for Life seminar will be **Saturday, November 14th** - 9:00am-3:30pm in the St. Mary's Parish Hall. What the Church proposes on the meaning & nature of femininity, with an emphasis on living Christian virtues. Pre-registration required. Cost \$20. Please call 988-3766.

November is National Adoption Month. Bethany Christian Services of Eastern SD is holding an **Adoption Information Meeting** for families considering adoption. **Families are needed** for both our Domestic & Intercountry Adoption programs. Come & learn the basics about adoption & ask questions in a safe, inviting environment. **Monday, Nov. 16th**, 6:30-8:30pm at Bethany Christian Services, 400 S Sycamore Ave, Ste 105-2. RSVP at 336-6999 to reserve your seat.

A Women's Discernment Group will be forming at Holy Spirit Parish - led by Vocations Promoter, Therese Ivers. Initial monthly meeting will be November 16th at 7:00pm. Those under 18 may attend this initial meeting with a parent to possibly form a youth group for discernment. Please contact Therese at 988-3779 or tivers@sfatholic.org if interested in attending.

Grieving a Loss During the Holidays - Six Tuesday evenings, Nov. 17th thru Dec. 22nd, from 6:30-8:30pm. This program is for adults who have lost loved ones and are grieving during the holiday season. The program will offer positive suggestions to help people with the adjustments that must be made. At Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Avenue. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services & Miller Funeral Home. Free will offering. Call to pre-register 988-3775.

We need your help...SEARCH Retreat Nov. 20th-22nd - 100 students will gather at Holy Spirit. Can you help? We are looking for Kitchen help throughout the weekend. **Friday** - 4:30-6:00pm (Supper), **Saturday** - 7:00-9:00am (Breakfast), 10:30am-1:30pm (Lunch) & 4:30-7:00pm (Supper), **Sunday** - 7:00-9:00am (Breakfast) & 10:30am-1:30pm (Lunch). **Also needed** - Adults to come and stay overnight for night duty. Please call Amy if you can help 371-1478. Thank You!



Sioux Empire Brass - Holiday Concert - Sunday, November 22nd at 4:00pm, at First Lutheran Church. This is a concert of antiphonal music for Brass, Percussion & Organ as well as hymn tune variations and Advent/Christmas music. The Sioux Empire Brass is a 35-piece brass choir, directed by Gary Pederson, made up of musicians from Sioux Falls and surrounding communities. David Larsen from our parish is a member of the group. Free will offering.

St. Nicholas Church - Old Fashioned Bazaar & Bake Sale - Sunday, Nov. 22nd from 10:00am-1:00pm. Homemade Soup & Sandwich. Cost \$5. Everyone is welcome!

Mark Your Calendar !

- November 8 —Middle School - Faith: Responding to God
 —High School - Mystics, Martyrs and Miracles: Saints
- November 11 —**NO FAITH FORMATION - K-5th grade & Confirmation**
- November 15 —6:00 Mass - Youth Liturgical Ministers
 —Middle School - Salvation History
 —High School - 3, 2, 1...Action: Living Out the Faith
- November 18 —3rd Group - Bring Your Own Big Person
 —Confirmation - The Creed: Jesus - Search for Historical Jesus

Safe Environment Training for Volunteers

A reminder for all K-5th grade and 6-12th grade Faith Formation volunteers!! Please complete your safe environment training as soon as possible. Training is available online through the Diocese of Sioux Falls website. If you have never completed training online before, please select Year One. If you completed Year One last year, please select Year Two. If you have any questions, please contact Bridget or Eric at the parish office ~ 338-2433.



Let's Get Ready for Jesus Advent Retreat

Mark your calendars! St. Therese is sponsoring our 5th Annual Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 5th at St. Therese from 9:00am-3:00pm. "Let's Get Ready for Jesus" is open to all children in pre-school through 4th grade. There will be music, games, lunch, activities, snack & fun.

This is a perfect time for parents to get some Christmas shopping done with the kids around. Registrations will be available soon.

Calling All High School Volunteers!!

We need volunteers (9th-12th graders) for the upcoming Children's Advent Retreat. Volunteers can help plan the event and/or assist the day of the retreat (8:30am—3:30pm). If you are interested in planning or volunteering for all or part of the retreat, please contact Eric or Bridget.



NCEA Here We Come



The Catholic Aid Raffle recently held in South Dakota & Minnesota was a huge success. St. Lambert School alone raised \$3015 with Mrs. Kunkel's 2nd grade class as the top class and Carla Reyes as the top seller. There were 5 prize winners from South Dakota. All of the proceeds will be combined with those of all the SFCS to pay for staff to attend the National Conference of Catholic Educators in April in Minneapolis. Thank you to all who participated !!

St. Lambert School Office: 338-7042

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SIoux Falls Catholic Schools

THIS WEEK AT ST. THERESE

November

SUN 8 8:30 AM Mass: LeRoy & Marilyn Creamer (d) Stingley Family
 9:30 AM Faith Formation Grades K-5
 9:40 AM RCIA Class
 10:45 AM Mass: Richard "Dick" Ortmann (d) Colleen & Family
 6:00 PM Mass: St. Therese Parishioners
 7:15 PM Faith Formation Grades 6-12

MON 9 6:30 PM Social Ministry Meeting

TUES 10 5:30 PM Mass: Lila VanDam (d) Don VanDam
 6:00 PM Faith Formation Committee Meeting

WED 11 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Hal Barber (Birthday)
 9:00 AM Fr. Hal's Birthday Celebration - Breakfast
 6:00 PM Backpack Program
 6:30 PM Faith Formation Grades K-5 and Confirmation Class

THUR 12 5:30 PM Mass: Ann Klotz (d) Randy & Deb Haas
 6:30 PM Social Outreach Fellowship Committee

FRI 13 7:50 AM Mass: Jan Wiczorek (h) Lana Ingalls

SAT 14 4:00 PM Mass: Greg Feller (d) Ted & Pat

SUN 15 8:30 AM Mass: Anthony Peters (Birthday) Peters Family
 9:30 AM Faith Formation Grades K-5
 9:40 AM RCIA Class
 10:45 AM Mass: Ardell Georgeson (d) John & Donna Merrick
 6:00 PM Mass: St. Therese Parishioners
 7:15 PM Faith Formation Grades 6-12

Daily & Sunday readings can be found at the following website: www.usccb.org/nab/

Ministries for the Weekend of November 14th & 15th

	Eucharistic Ministers		Servers	Ushers & Greeters	Gift Bearers	Lectors
4 0 0 PM	K. Ballard A. Heitkamp J. Heitkamp K. Mavity	L. Moran P. Moran Volunteer Needed	Carly Moran Jacob Moran	R. Jones S. Link J. Lockwood R. Oliver	John Lockwood Family	Phil Schmitz M. Smotherman
8 3 0 AM	D. Doorn C. Merron M. Pellman M. Wilhelmi	W. Wilhelmi Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Lauren Witte Zachary Witte	D. Peterl Derek Hammer Drew Hammer B. Steinberger	Richard Krogh Family	J. Moore D. Witte
10 4 5 AM	C. Anderson T. Behnke Y. Ennis K. Peterson	Cathy Strand D. Timmer R. Timmer	Keenan Gomez Louis Peterson	M. Fredrickson T. Fredrickson L. Fries M. Fries	Steve Trampp Family	R. Pierson B. White
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CFSA 2009

September Pledge Payments Are Due

St. Therese Parishioners - If you have an amount due on your CFSA Pledge, please send it in as soon as possible. We are so close to achieving our goal amount. Remember - after we reach our goal amount, all funds collected will stay at St. Therese, working for the needs of our Parish.

<i>CFSA 2009 Goal</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Pledge Pmts collected thru Nov. 3rd</i>	<i>\$48,429</i>
<i>Remaining Payments to Reach Goal</i>	<i>\$ 1,571</i>

Regular Support

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

Average Weekly Goal:	\$ 10,438
Reg. Support Week of 11/1:	<u>\$ 9,522</u>
Below Avg. Weekly Goal:	(\$ 916)

Families 640

CFSA Reminder - If you pledged using a September payment option, your payment is now past due. Thank you!

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your account each month, please call the Parish Office at 338-2433.