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Catholic Church*

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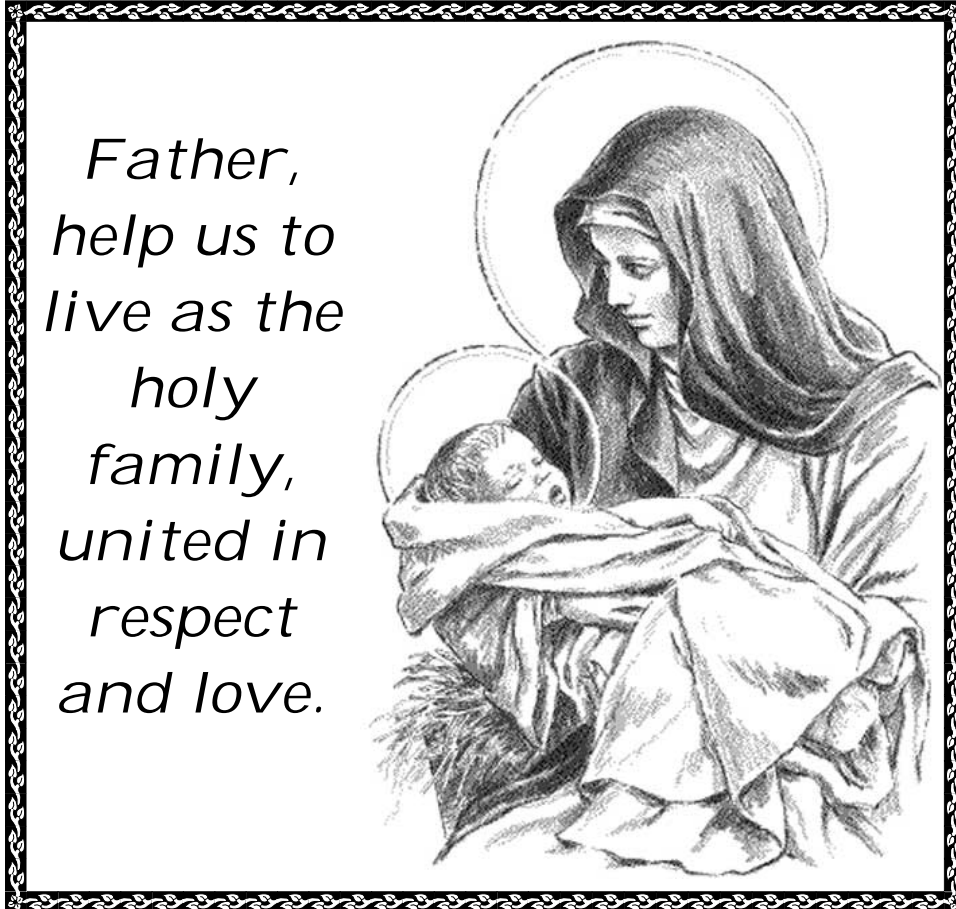
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***Feast of the Holy Family
December 27, 2009***



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Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Therese Parish?? Please call the Parish Office at 338-2433.

Committed to caring for God's whole family.

Fr. Hal's Pastoral Perspective...

All three readings today say something that concerns us all and that is family life. Each one has something to teach us and there is never a time when we are finished learning. We should find the first reading instructive. Sirach was a pious and learned Jew who lived in the second century BC. He wrote a collection of sayings to help others live their lives in accordance with God's Holy Word. In today's reading he shows us that the family unit has been honored as the foundation of the human race. The cornerstone of the family was traditionally the father and he had the place of honor. The father was given the right to be respected and obeyed by his family. We learn that the mother also shares the authority with the father in the home. The authority of both parents who are living in accord with God's revealed word is to be respected by the children. A close look at the text shows that the words "honor" and "revere" are found five times in our passage. From the context of the reading we can determine that the meaning of these words is to "show respect for," "being a credit to," "accept responsibility for," rather than "complying with the demands of." The teaching of this reading applies directly to the families of our own time in which we find the family structure is under attack. There are many forces that challenge family life: over-involvement, business, both parents working, violent and morally unfit entertainment on TV, DVDs, theaters, the media, computers, competition for time and dollars, and many other causes that separate family members. Children who respect their parents are not only doing God's will, but also are reaping spiritual blessings for themselves. Over many years it has been proven that children who respect their parents will themselves be respected by their children. One very important ingredient for family unity is prayer. It has been my common experience that when preparing couples for marriage, they seldom have spent much – if any, time in prayer together. It is a practice that can be extremely helpful to the newly married and will be a source of strength for them in the years ahead. Love and respect should always be qualities of family life. Love and respect for a parent is love and respect for God.

Make it a great week!



**Congratulations to . . .
Christopher Ferrel & Ashley Nieman
On their recent marriage**

Eternal Rest Grant unto:

Don Steensma, brother of Jo (Greg) Hauglid



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

**At the end of the day I bowed my head and said,
"Thank You Lord for everything".**

The St. Therese Finance Council would like to remind everyone that **donations for 2009** need to be received and/or postmarked no later than December 31st to be included in 2009 statements. Any donations received after that time will be included in 2010 statements. Thank you!



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day Mass Times
December 31st ~ 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
January 1st ~ 9:00 am**



Wow! The decorations in the church are truly beautiful this Christmas Season! A big **THANK YOU** to our St. Therese Environment Committee for sharing their many talents with our parish. It's so wonderful to have such beautiful decorations throughout the year!

We are so blessed!

Did you notice that St. Therese now has a handicap accessible door entrance? What a wonderful Christmas gift for the parish! It is with a grateful heart that we acknowledge our benefactors:



In Loving Memory of Dorothy Anderson
In Loving Memory of Diane Voeller
In Loving Memory of Mike Wynthein
Anonymous



Thanks!

Bishop Kettler - Fairbanks, Alaska

A big **Thank You** to all St. Therese Musicians & Singers who participated in our St. Therese Sing-a-Long on Sunday, December 13th. Everyone is still talking about how wonderful it was to attend such a professional performance!

Another big **Thank You** to all who participated in our Holiday Bake Sale. A special Thank you to those who brought all the wonderful baked items - our Bake Sale was a great success.

These December activities, along with proceeds from the Pie Auction held at Turkey Bingo last month, enabled St. Therese to send a total of \$1,215 to Bishop Kettler - Fairbanks, Alaska. Thank You again!



Have you ever considered taking communion to people who are unable to attend Mass on the weekend? We are looking for additional people to help distribute the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are either homebound or in assisted living. Please call the parish office to volunteer or for additional information.



Knights of Columbus News

*The Knights of Columbus
Wish everyone a Blessed Christmas
& the Happiest of New Years!*



FROM YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council needs your help. As a group we have a broad spectrum of talents and experiences, but we can always use input from parishioners that can enlighten us to perspectives we may overlook. If you see an issue in our parish that needs to be addressed or simply want to comment on current programs, we encourage you to visit with any one of the following Pastoral Council members: Dean Lipetzky, Dave Husby, Pam Oberembt, Jane Tatone, Randy Hawks, Steve Tripp, Pat Starr, Kevin Kavanaugh, or Ron Seaman. Please know that we will use all input in helping our parish grow.

Community Events

Sioux Falls Catholic School System Position Openings:

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

The **Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls** has an opening for a **Director of Youth Ministry & Catechesis**. This is a full time position with responsibility for assisting parish directors of religious education and youth ministers in catechesis for grades 7- 12, as well as for organizing and overseeing Diocesan youth events. A degree and experience in Theology or Catechetics is required. Send resumes to Twila Roman, HR Director, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or troman@sfcatholic.org.

Catholic Family Services - is proud to announce that Katherine Jerke, LPC-MH, LMFT, QMHP has been hired to provide counseling services in their Sioux Falls Office at 523 N Duluth Ave. Kathy is known for her work with children, adolescents, developmental disability issues, individual therapy, play therapy and marriage & family counseling. Call 988-3775 for an appointment.

Solemn Vespers

Bishop Paul Swain will preside over Solemn Vespers at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, December 27th. Vespers will begin at 6:00pm in the gym and will be followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

DWS Support Group for divorced, widowed and separated - Registration **Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00pm** at St. Joseph Cathedral School (south entrance). Open to people of all faiths. This is a 10-week program led by volunteers who have been through the program and want to give back after experiencing help with their grief and pain. Cost \$55 for books & materials. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 for more information. No pre-registration needed.



The Annual Marquette Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be held **Sunday, January 10th** at the O'Gorman Junior High Gym. Registration will begin at 1:00pm - the contest will start at 1:30pm. Open to all boys & girls from 10-14 years of age as of January 1st, 2010. All participants will need a parent or guardian's signature on their entry form. Awards will be awarded to the top performers in each gender's age category. All participants will receive FREE admission to the O'Gorman vs SF Lincoln Varsity Boys Basketball game on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30pm in the O'Gorman Sr. High Gym. Bring your basketball to practice! Call Michael Kirby at 338-8603 for more info.

Grieving the Loss of a Sibling - Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm, **January 12th thru February 16th**, at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave. This program is for adults grieving the loss of a brother or sister. The sibling bond has special and unique characteristics. This program explores the importance of the loss and skills for adjusting to the change. Directed by Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 to register. Cost - Free Will Offering.



Give the Gift of Love - Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A Weekend of Discovery . . . A Lifetime of Love! God sent His only Son at Christmas to say, "I Love You". Tell your spouse you love them by registering to attend our next Marriage Encounter weekend February 12th-14th at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Contact Rochelle & Curt Lauret at 362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.



Broom Tree Retreats - Silent Retreat Schedule:

Women's Silent Retreat	February 4th-7th, 2010 March 7th-7th, 2010
Men's Silent Retreat	February 18th-21st, 2010 March 18th-21st, 2010



TONIC SOL FA Benefit Concert

Plan to attend . . . Mark your calendars now!

Saturday, February 20th, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Washington Pavilion. Tickets are on sale NOW at the Washington Pavilion (**Great Christmas Gifts!**). Sponsored by Catholic Services. Thanks to corporate sponsors all ticket sales will go into the Gift of Hope Endowment to support ministry to people suffering from grief, loss or abuse.

Retrouvaille - Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages - March 12th-14th at Blue Cloud. Retrouvaille can help couples across the spectrum of concerns; from those who experience chronic troubles but are still committed to their marriage, to the situation of those who thought they were beyond hope, already separated, or even divorced. Contact: Family & Children Faith Formation Office at 988-3776 or 988-3708.

Mark Your Calendar !

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 —**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASS** - (K-12 Grade)
January 6 —Faith Formation Classes Resume (K-5 - Wednesday Night)
January 10 —Faith Formation Classes Resume (K-12 - Sunday)
January 10-24 —Hot Stuff Pizza Youth Group Fundraiser

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

If you are interested in being involved in our Vacation Bible School this coming summer, mark your calendars! We are having our first VBS meeting on **Thursday, January 21st at 6:30 pm!** Come and talk summer in the cold January weather! Contact Bridget for more info!



Summer Programs: Planning Ahead!

The new year is approaching rapidly! Any day now it will be 2010! As you are looking ahead at this new year and planning your summer vacations, please keep in mind our summer programs for children! We will have a Catholic summer day-camp for 1-6th graders from July 19th—23rd ~ **AND** ~ Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 2nd—5th for all Preschool - 4th grade students! We look forward to having your children involved here at Church the summer of 2010!!



HOT STUFF PIZZA FUNDRAISER

The Youth Group will be taking orders for their annual Hot Stuff Pizza Fundraiser after masses on the weekends of Jan. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24. Pizzas will be available for pick up after masses on Jan. 30-31, just in time for your Super Bowl Party.



Mark Your Calendars - 2nd Grade Parents!



Looking ahead to First Holy Communion: We will be having Parent Meetings for First Holy Communion on **Wed., January 6th at 6:45 pm and Sun., January 10th at 9:35 am.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend **ONE** of these parent meetings. Only one parent needs to attend, but the meeting is mandatory for parents of 2nd graders planning to receive their First Holy Communion at St. Therese Parish. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS



St. Lambert School

The Student Council members are the elves coordinating a Christmas store they named the CHRISTMAS STORE to keep Christ in Christmas! All students in K-6 have assembled many small craft/jewelry items to be sold at the store after our school Christmas programs. Proceeds of this outreach project will go to benefit Children's Home Society and Casa de Carlitos Foundation.



St. Lambert School Office: 338-7042

www.sfcss.org



THIS WEEK AT ST. THERESE

December / January

- SUN 27 8:30 AM Mass:** George & Leonore Wingert (d) Family
No Faith Formation Grades K-12 or RCIA Class
10:45 AM Mass: Special Intention
6:00 PM Mass: St. Therese Parishioners
- TUES 29 5:30 PM Mass:** Deanna Peters (Birthday) Peters Family
7:00 PM Liturgy Meeting
- WED 30 8:00 AM Mass:** Bob Murphy (d)
No Youth Choir Practice
No Faith Formation Grades K-5
- THUR 31 4:00 PM Holy Day Mass:** Francis & Ruth Cunningham (d) Mary Cunningham
5:30 PM Holy Day Mass: Don Steensma (d)
- FRI 1 9:00 AM Holy Day Mass:** Elvera Vigna (d) Nick Vigna
St. Therese Parish Office Closed
- SAT 2 4:00 PM Mass:** Harley Vigna (d) Nick Vigna
- SUN 3 8:30 AM Mass:** Tony & Stephanie Spader (Anniversary) Peters Family
No Faith Formation Grades K-12 or RCIA Class
10:45 AM Mass: Elaine Vogt (d) Larry Dhaemers Family
6:00 PM Mass: St. Therese Parishioners

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

Ministries for the Weekend of January 2nd & 3rd

	Eucharistic Ministers		Servers	Ushers & Greeters	Gift Bearers	Lectors
4 0 0 PM	D. Buchholz T. Buchholz P. Carr C. Edwards	B. Lockwood Phil Schmitz Volunteer Needed	Cassie Buchholz Joseph Irvine	T. Boggs M. Carr John Peters T. Tatone	John Faundeen Family	J. Cotton T. Leonard
8 3 0 AM	K. Hasvold J. Moore M. Moore M. Wilhelmi	W. Wilhelmi Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Austin Erickson Lindsey Hasvold	D. Doorn Allan Erickson Ann Erickson C. Erickson	Dave Burwitz Family	D. Husby J. Nohr
10 4 5 AM	A. Arendt T. Behnke J. Chambers M. Chambers	L. Feller C. Oren Volunteer Needed	Janaiya Arendt Jayden Behnke	A. Weber H. Weber M. Weber N. Weber	Ray Pierson Family	D. Meisinger J. Meisinger
6 0 0	A. Christianson D. Christianson	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Madeline Loger	J. Middlebrook J. Rozell Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Family Needed	E. Whalen

CFSA 2009

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you, St. Therese Parishioners who helped us reach our 2009 CFSA Goal of \$50,000! All funds collected from this point on, will remain at St. Therese, working for our parish needs. Please give the office a call if you have any questions regarding your CFSA Pledge payment schedule. Thank you again for your generosity!

CFSA 2009 Goal \$50,000
Pledge Pmts collected thru Dec. 22nd \$53,303
St. Therese Funds (Above Goal) \$ 3,303 ☺

Regular Support

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

Average Weekly Goal: \$ 10,438
Reg. Support Week of 12/20: \$ 16,095
Above Avg. Weekly Goal: \$ 5,657

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CFSA Reminder - If you pledged using a December payment option, your *Final payment is now 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.