



St. Therese Catholic Church

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Dear St. Therese Parishioners

The festival of Halloween originated in a pagan celebration, even though its name derives from the Christian festival of All Hallows or All Saints. It was introduced in the seventh century to remember all those saints and martyrs who had no special day to themselves, and was moved to November 1, to counteract the pagan celebration held on that date. October 31, the eve of November 1, was the last night of the year in the ancient Celtic calendar, and was celebrated as the end of summer and its fruitfulness. It was a festival which the Celts of Northern Europe marked with bonfires to help the sun through the winter. Only since the late 18th and early 19th centuries has Halloween developed as a happy time for the children, with costumes, lanterns and games. Before that it was regarded as a night of fear, and wise men, respectful of hobgoblins and wandering demons, stayed indoors. (Anon)

Did you know "the only difference between a saint and a sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future". (Oscar Wilde)



6th Annual Turkey Bingo - Sunday, November 22nd

In the Church Gathering Space from 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

Mark this date on your calendar!

You could win a turkey for your Thanksgiving Day table!



Each and every year the priests of our Sioux Falls Diocese are required to attend a retreat. I will be completing my retreat at Broom Tree Retreat Center near Irene when you receive this newsletter. For your information, the Retreat Master, the director of the retreat, is my seminary classmate, Fr. Tim Nolan. He substituted for me here at St. Therese for one weekend when I had my hip replaced in August of 2005.

ST. THERESE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOPPE

Would you entertain buying gifts that benefit people in need? Would you consider purchasing a gift that 'pays it forward'? St Therese Alternative Christmas Shoppe provides a way to buy gifts for loved ones, which benefits people in need, instead of conventional gifts. Our Christmas Shoppe will be open the weekends of November 14 & 15 and November 21 & 22. When you purchase an alternative gift for a loved one, you may choose to sponsor one of the following:



- A St. Therese Family in Need
- The Food Bank Back Pack Program
- Sister Liz Remily Clinic being built in Guatemala



The office staff and I extend to you our best wishes for the fall season!

Fr. Hal Barber

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Let's Celebrate Father's 70th Birthday for at least 3 days!

Day 1	Nov. 7th	After 4:00pm Mass	Stay and have popcorn with Father
Day 2	Nov. 8th	After 8:30am Mass	Stay and have fresh rolls with Father
Day 2	Nov. 8th	After 10:45am Mass	Stay and have fresh rolls with Father
Day 2	Nov. 8th	After 6:00pm Mass	Stay and have popcorn with Father
Day 3	Nov. 11th	8:00am Mass	Mass Intention is for Father Hal
Day 3	Nov. 11th	9:00am Breakfast	Join Father for his Birthday Breakfast (RSVP to 338-2433)



A basket will be available for anyone who would like to drop off a Birthday Card for Father Hal