

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

ST. GEORGE PARISH



Hartford, SD

**August 10,
2025**



ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sioux Falls, SD



**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

In a bible study Julie and I had with a group of men at the Minnehaha County Jail, a question was asked about the meaning of "gird your loins". I explained that in Jesus' time, people wore long robes, and they could be cumbersome. "Girding your loins" meant tying up these robes with a belt or rope that allowed for greater mobility and freedom in movement in doing daily tasks. Today in Luke's Gospel, Jesus uses this term as a metaphor to signify spiritual preparation to prepare us for a state of readiness. But be ready for what? Frequently, part of this same gospel is read at wake services and is meant to cause us to reflect on a subject that most find hard to think about: the coming of the Son of Man, either by Jesus' second coming or through our own death.

Remember the word gospel means 'good news'. The encouraging good news of this gospel is that Jesus gives us the keys to be prepared at any time to meet Him face to face. Because of our free will, we always have a choice on how we respond to this good news. I pray for loved ones who appear to be acting as the servant in today's second parable, who believe that the "master is delayed in coming." But I also must examine my own stewardship in how I treat the master's goods. As an ordained clergy, I try to be very mindful of the last line in today's gospel. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more". God has a special plan for each of us that only we can fulfill. The question we should always seek God's understanding of is "What is your will for my life?" As Jesus says in the first sentence of today's gospel, "your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." As in, "thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

This is the first step to "gird our loins." We let go of our will and begin to follow God's will for our lives. Please understand that we cannot do it on our own. It all starts with God's grace being poured into us at our Baptism and continues to be poured out through the Holy Spirit through prayer and a sacramental life. It also involves using our time, treasure, and talents for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor.

Another verse in the gospel that cuts to the bone is, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Is God the top priority in your life? Each time I prepare to preach or write a bulletin article, I remember what my spiritual director once told me. "Before you preach to someone else, they must first see it lived out in your life." So understand that as I write this article, the Holy Spirit is convicting me of how I could better "gird my loins." Let's help each other be prepared, for at an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come! Deacon Tim Dicks

**ST GEORGE & ST MICHAEL
PARISHES INVITE YOU TO THE**
Sizzlin' Summer
Social
 
**Noon to 3:00pm in downtown
Hartford**
Games & Food Trucks

Sunday, August 10



**Bishop O'Gorman Kickoff
Mass Celebration for
St. Michael families**
When: Sunday, August 10,
at the
6:00 pm Mass
Social time after the Mass.

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate Youth Opportunities

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2025

St. Michael QR Code and link:

Click here to register at St. Michael for CGS and RE up to grade 6.



St. George QR Code and link:

Click here to register at St. George.



BIG CHANGE FOR AUG 24 CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Due to the ICE CREAM SOCIAL at St. Michael on August 24, we will be changing the Confirmation class start time at St. George.

Confirmation class will now start at 8:00 am and conclude at 1:00 pm.

Please arrive at St. George by 7:45 am that day.



The St. Michael Ice Cream Social is in need of volunteers! If you need service hours for confirmation, please contact Antoni at antoni@olvictorysd.org Rhonda at rhonda@olvictorysd.org



St. George is still in need of RE volunteers for Wednesday evenings. We need 6 teachers for 4th and 5th grade. We need 6 assistants for the CGS classrooms. Please contact Katelyn for the 4th and 5th grade teachers and CGS assistants.

The junior high needs help with setup for the new EDGE program, which will feature different themes. We also need one female team leader for 8th grade. Contact Dana for junior high school openings.

August 27 is the first night of Faith Formation for St. George students. We will start with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a potluck and an open house. St. George will provide hot dogs & buns. We hope all families can attend Mass and the meal! Come see where your children's classrooms are and pick up the calendar for the year. **Classes start Wednesday, September 3.**

St. Michael Religious Education for grades 6-12



Click here to sign up for Fraternus, our Religious Education program for young men in grades 6-12.

Click here to sign up for Fidelis, our Religious Education program for young women grades 6-12

Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools is Hiring: HR Generalist

We are seeking a talented HR Generalist to join our vibrant, faith-based team!

Apply today and bring your skills to a place that values Faith, Unity, Excellence, and Integrity! **APPLY HERE**

Ages 14+ Need a Job that Fits Your Schedule? Join our O'G After School Care Team and earn while you learn!

- Work after school (no weekends and done by 6pm!)
- Gain experience for your resume
- Still have time for activities and homework **APPLY HERE**

Don't Miss the Chance to Register for the 35th Annual Golf Classic - Friday, August 22, at Spring Creek Golf Course.

Join us for a chance to win great prizes while enjoying a day on the course, supporting all O'Gorman High School Athletics!

Register here!



Our Lady of Victory Pastorate:

3-5 pm



August 24th

GET READY, ITS COMING!

AND SIGN UP TO HELP AT
THE ICE CREAM
SOCIAL

VOLUNTEER HERE



BAKE GOODIES HERE



St. Joseph Cathedral Children's Choir

The St. Joseph Cathedral Children's Choir provides a space for students to learn and participate in the sacred liturgy through the musical tradition of the Catholic Church. The SJC Children's Choir program is available to students within driving distance of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls, SD. The choir prepares music for weekday Solemnity Masses and major Diocesan Masses throughout the liturgical year. The Cathedral Children's Choir schedule is created so as not to interfere with home parish involvement on Sunday. For more information or if you have a child interested in participating, please contact Nicole Gerdes at ngerdes@sfcatholic.org.



**Mother-Daughter
Tea Party
September 7
for PES Sisters**

[Register HERE](#)



Holy Day Masses for the Feast of the Assumption

Thursday, August 14

St. George:

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

St. Michael:

Vigil Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, August 15

St. George:

7:00 am

Friday, August 15

St. Michael:

8:15 am

12:15 pm

Behold- Praise and worship with Adoration will be held on August 17, after the 6:00 Mass. Bring a friend, come and enjoy some quiet time with Jesus.

The **Emmaus retreat** for women is now accepting registrations. *The retreat will be held October 10, 11, and 12, at Lake Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp in Lake Shetek in MN.* This is a Catholic retreat for our pastorate. **Cost is \$150.** Scan the QR code or click this link to register. Call Dana Webskowski with questions or to assist you with registration. [Click here to register.](#)



Become a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus on **August 16**. The Exemplification or membership ceremony will be **at St. Mary's in Spirit Lake, Iowa**, but you will become an actual member of your local 4th Degree Assembly. Contact: Don Breuker 712-461-1321/Text or 712-336-4855/Land Line

Nick Michels is trying to get a screening of a new movie about St. Maximilian Kolbe, called "Triumph of the Heart" to Sioux Falls on Friday, September 12, which is the feast of the Holy Name of Mary. He needs help with funding the screening. If you wish to donate and buy tickets,

[Click Here](#)

**Nothing great is ever achieved without
enduring much.**

- St. Catherine of Siena

St. Michael:



Congratulations to **Madeline Mary Andera and Mickey Thomas Andera**, children of Catherine Danielson and Jeffery Andera, on their baptism. May God bless them always, and may their new life in Christ fill them with joy.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Patty Suiter, mother of Renae Green and grandmother of Daniel Green, and Richard Miller, a parishioner.** May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

St. Michael offers baptism preparation classes for parents wanting to baptize their child. They are held on the third Sunday of each month from 10:45 am to 11:30 am in the Oxford Room. **The upcoming class is on Sunday, August 17.** Please register before the class by calling the office 605-361-1600.

The Angel Gown Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, August 12**, @ 5:30 pm in the Oxford Room.

St. Michael Elementary Open House
Wednesday, August 13 5:00-6:30pm

St. Michael MASS TIME CHANGE:

Wednesday, August 27

The 8:15 a.m. Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m.

This is just for that day.

The St. Michael Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, August 15.**

Women at the Well

All women are welcome. Just come as you are!

No sign-up needed. **Saturday, August 16**

@ 9:00 am in the multipurpose room at St. Michael. Use Entrance F.

St. Michael Catholic Daughters Meeting on **Tuesday, August 12**, @ 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room.

St. George:



Congratulations to **Lydia Reding & Todd Struck**, who were married this weekend at St. George. May God bless you in your marriage!

We are in need of the following liturgical ministers: ushers for Saturday 5 PM Mass and sacristans for both Masses. Please contact Donna in the parish office as your assistance is needed.

St. George's Catholic Daughters
Monday, August 11 @ 6:30 pm

The next liturgical ministry schedule will be created soon, so please submit your unavailable dates to Donna by **August 13** for September and October.

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St George Cemetery Announcements!

As the St George Cemetery published rules state, "Flowers, shrubs or trees may not be planted on a plot. The parish will retain control of any plants in the cemetery. Any concrete planters must be on a monument's base extension to facilitate grass trimming and minimize sinking and be maintained in good condition. Temporary decorations such as plastic flowerpots, artificial flowers, and wreaths will be allowed one week prior to and two weeks after Memorial Day. Any such decorations are to be removed by the family by June 15th. Those remaining after June 15th shall be subject to disposal, including those in planters if they have become weather-beaten. Plastic flowerpots shall not be dug into the ground and left, as they hinder mowing and trimming efforts. No glass containers are allowed in the cemetery. Any decorations not on a cement base are the responsibility of the family to maintain and trim around. All decorations must remain within the footprint of the plot, so as not to encroach on an adjoining plot.

There are many graves that contain items that have NOT been trimmed around. This is the responsibility of the family. The items will be removed at the discretion of the cemetery committee so the mowing contractor can trim around all stones. Items can be retrieved from the directory stand by the columbarium.

ALSO! The columbarium, benches, and altar are complete. Grass will be seeded in the fall. Remember that all CFSA donations above our assessment will go toward cemetery projects and the upkeep of the cemetery. Columbarium sales are now open! Please contact Donna at the St. George Parish office for more information.

Sioux Falls Diocese Events

Notre Dame Football Experience for 4 Lucky Adults!

**Enter [HERE](#) for your chance to win
the experience of a lifetime!**

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Notre Dame vs.

University of Southern California

September 11, 2025

Fr. Michael Wensing

**"The Shroud of Turin and the
Burial Cloth of Jesus at Abbey of
the Hills in Marvin, SD.**

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Supper [Register HERE](#)

6:45 p.m. Presentation

7:30 p.m. Adoration and an opportunity
for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:30 p.m. Concludes

COST: Free will donation.

September 2025

Women's Healing Retreat "Just As I Am"

**Join The Lourdes Center Staff at the
Abbey of the Hills for a women's healing
retreat. The retreat will facilitate an
encounter with God's love through
content that includes consideration of
our wounds, their impact on our
relationships, Jesus' desire to heal and
restore us, and meeting us just as we are.**

CHECK-IN: Friday, Sept. 5 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.

BEGINS: Friday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m.

CONCLUDES: Sunday, Sept. 7, following lunch.

Freewill offering retreat. [Register Here](#)

*COST: No one will be turned away for inability
to pay. Suggested donation of \$315 for this
retreat.*

Calling all Catholic women...
Are you seeking ways to
deepen your faith and
connect with like-minded
women? Come check us out!



The Catholic Women's Professional League (CWPL) will host its August meeting on August 14 from 6:45 AM to 7:45 AM at St. Mary's Parish Hall. This month, we will be watching a video by Father Mike Schmitz, followed by a discussion. Deacon Ridder will be joining us. Follow us on FB @CWPLSF or email Tiffny Hagan with questions at cwplsf@gmail.com. **All are welcome!**

AUGUST 18
Minnehaha Country Club &
The Country Club of Sioux Falls

BENEFITING
BROOM TREE
RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Consider sponsoring a priest to play in this year's tournament and help support a great cause!

LEARN MORE:

605-988-3701

August 26

HUNTERS POINTE SHOOTING COMPLEX

An 8-week educational series for adults who are experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one through death.

Begins Sept. 9th

From 6 pm - 8 pm

707 W 4th
SF, SD 57104
Mater Ecclesiae Monastery

Sioux Falls Diocese Events

Sioux Falls Catholic Young Adults
(ages 21-35)

upcoming events

Register here!

COOKOUT
Come enjoy games, free drinks, & food after 5:30PM Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Sioux Falls.
6:30-9:30PM

15 AUG

Register here!

EVENING MASS + SOCIAL
Mass at 6:30PM @ St. Michael Catholic Church
1600 South Marion Road, Sioux Falls
Followed by socializing at Big Lost Meadery & Brewery.

19 SEP

Christ the King Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Tony and Becky Schmitz family. Everyone is welcome on **Sunday, August 10, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM** in the Christ the King school gym. Freewill donation.

BENEFITING
Newman Catholic Campus Ministry

31st Annual Bishop's Charity Hunt
EST. 1995

BISHOP'S CHARITY HUNT
Monday & Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2025
Horseshoe K Ranch | Kimball, SD

REGISTER
Scan the QR code, visit ccfesd.org or call 605-988-3701

In memory of
WAYNE PUETZ

SPONSORED BY
Avera **CorTrust Bank** **Math Electric Inc.** **Horseshoe K Ranch** **PRODUCED BY** **Catholic Community Foundation**

St. George Online Giving



St George:

General Needs:

Weekly Collection Needs	\$6,553.85
Weekly Receipts-Actual	\$6,460.75
Weekly Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 93.10)

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$32,769.25
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$35,185.89
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 2,416.64
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 25,103.75)
Actual Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 22,687.11)

CFSA 2025:

Goal	(\$63,500.00)
Cemetery Goal	(\$36,500.00)
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$74,896.25
YTD	(\$25,103.75)

Sacrificial Giving:

Giving online offers an easy and worry-free way to contribute to your parish. Safe and secure, easy to set up. Scan the code on your phone or go to www.olvictorysd.org.

St. Michael Online Giving



St. Michael:

General Needs:

Weekly Collection Needs	\$30,980.77
Weekly Receipts-Actual	\$28,676.99
Weekly-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 2,303.78)

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$154,903.85
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$148,950.54
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 5,953.31)
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 73,309.50
Actual Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 67,356.19

CFSA 2025:

Goal	\$203,000.00
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$276,309.50
YTD	\$ 73,309.50

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Daily Mass Times at St. George

Mondays: No Mass

Tuesdays: 5:30 pm

Wednesdays: 8:00 am

Thursdays: 5:30 pm Adoration 6-7 pm

Fridays: 7:00 am

First Saturday: 8:30 am

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturdays: 5:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am

Confession Times:

Saturdays: 3:30 -4:30 pm

Tuesdays: 4:45-5:15 pm

Thursdays: 6:00-7:00 pm

First Saturday: 7:45 am-8:15 am

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MASS INTENTIONS for St. George:

Sat., Aug. 9 | 5:00 pm +Helen Hoefert

Sun., Aug. 10 | 9:00 am Parishioners of the OLV Pastorate

Mon., Aug. 11 | No Mass

Tues., Aug. 12 | 5:30 pm +Gayland Trudeau

Wed., Aug. 13 | 8:00 am +Bridget Flanagan

Thurs. Aug. 14 | 5:30 pm +Paul J. Huls

Friday, Aug. 15 | 7:00 am +Kenneth and Ardell Lewin

Sat., Aug. 16 | 5:00 pm +John/+Susie/+Paulette Trapp

Sun., Aug. 17 | 9:00 am +Lois Opitz

Daily Mass Times at St. Michael

Mondays & Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm

Wednesdays-Saturdays @ 8:15 am

Weekend Mass Times: Saturdays @ 4:00 pm

Sundays @ 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Confession Times:

Mondays & Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm -5:15 pm

Thursdays @ 7:30 am-8:00 am

Saturdays @ 2:45 pm -3:45 pm

MASS INTENTIONS for St. Michael:

Monday, Aug. 11 | 5:30 pm +Alice Staebell

Tuesday, Aug. 12 | 5:30 pm +Sharon Haaland

Wednesday, Aug. 13 | 8:15 am +Mary King

Thursday, Aug. 14 | 8:15 am +Betty Wallace

7:00 pm +Jean Kalua

Friday, Aug. 15 | 8:15 am +Mary King

12:15 pm +John Paul Gossman

Saturday, Aug. 16 | 8:15 am +Mike Zeisler 4:00 pm Int. of Shane

Sunday, Aug. 17 | 8am +Kathy Weissenberger | 9:30am +Frank/+Esther Bruna |

11:00am +Eugene/+Viola Fox | 6:00 pm Parishioners of the OLV Pastorate

Saturday, August 16

Altar Servers: A McMahon, K & O Rogers

Reader: E Dissing

Sacristan: M Jesse

Ushers: S Kulzer, C & T McMahon, A Perrion

Offertory: A & D Perrion

EOMHCs: (Dcn. Tom-OM), E & R Dissing

Sunday, August 17

Altar Servers: J Lupkes, R & R MacFarlane

Readers: A Bartmann & G Blocker

Sacristan: P Lammers

Ushers: J Blocker, B Kramer,

B Lammers, T McMahon

Offertory: E & A Bartmann family

EOMHCs: (Dcn. Tom-OM), G Blocker, T Brown

Donuts: A & D Perrion

Weekly readings can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org>

<https://bible.usccb.org/#subscribe>

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St. Michael

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Monday-Friday

8:00am - 4:00 pm

8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday 8:00am-Noon

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