

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

ST. GEORGE PARISH



Hartford, SD

**August 31,
2025**



ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sioux Falls, SD



**22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Theological Virtue of Hope: by Deacon John Devlin

As you know, there are three theological virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity (also known as Love). A Theological Virtue is "one of three divinely given, supernatural virtues—faith, hope, and charity (love)—that directly relates to God and enables a person to live a holy life in pursuit of salvation and union with God. These virtues are not earned through human effort, but are infused into the soul by God's grace, typically at baptism, and helps people believe in God, trust in His promises, and love Him and others as a means to achieve their ultimate purpose in life."

As you have noticed, these are "supernatural" virtues, gifts from God to assist us on our faith journey. This differs from a "natural" virtue, such as prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Although these are virtues, they can (and should) be obtained by human effort and habit. The Theological Virtue of Hope is often misunderstood. We use "hope" in the same way we use "wish". We might hope to get a new job, win the lottery, have nice weather tomorrow, or stay healthy. These aren't all bad things, but they are not the same as Hope the Virtue.

Our Church defines hope as "the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 1817). That's different, isn't it? This virtue gives us a proper desire in our hearts for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life with God. It is a Theological Virtue because we don't rely on our own strength but on the power of the Holy Spirit. God has placed in us an aspiration for true happiness. Properly applied, it orders our activities toward God's Kingdom and keeps us from discouragement. Hope can sustain us in times of abandonment and opens our hearts to the confident expectation of eternal life. Speaking of Abraham, Romans 4:18 says - *"Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations."*

There are two sins against hope: despair and presumption. In despair, we abandon hope and lose our faith in God's promises. This can lead to depression, anger, and sloth. There are difficult and terrible events that sometimes happen in life, but we must persevere in God's Grace and the power of His Spirit.

Presumption fools us into believing we don't need hope. We presume that God has already done all of the work and that all we need is to just rest in that supposition. You may have heard some people say, "I declared my love for God on Sept 25, 2001, and now I'm in." Statements like that remove the necessity of virtue and fool the person into believing that they can do anything they like now because God has done it all. It's been said, "God saves us but not without ourselves".

Don't fall into either of these sins, but persevere in virtuous Hope. Have that confident expectation in God's promises and allow your life to be guided by your aspiration for happiness. Be like Abraham and "hope against hope" and allow God to accompany and support you through this journey of life.



*****Start thinking about your basket ideas! Our annual basket auction will start accepting baskets on October 15. More details to come in mid-September.**

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate Youth Opportunities

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2025

St. George:

RE Classes for St. George begin on Wednesday, Sept. 3!

Registration for Religious Education at St. George is coming to an end. Here is the link to register.

[Click here to register for St. George](#)

WE ARE IN CRUNCH TIME!

We need **ONE** 5th-grade teacher and **TWO** 4th-grade teachers to start classes on September 3. As Father Andy used to say, "If you are too busy to volunteer to teach St. George Children the faith, you are too busy!" Faith in the end is all that really matters. We have personally asked, and we are now begging for some parents to step up and teach. We also need assistants in the CGS rooms! **WE NEED YOU!** Please answer the call!

Do you enjoy decorating? We need help with the St. George Edge program. We need volunteers who can run with a theme and come up with decorating ideas. Contact Dana to obtain more details on the required information and the time commitment involved.

CGS Catechist Training is being offered in Brookings on September 12-14 and October 3-5, 2025, or in Rapid City on April 17-19 and May 15-17. We are seeking 2-3 individuals who are interested in receiving training for St. George Parish. Our goal is to offer CGS classes for students in PreK through 6th grade. To achieve this, we need more Catechists. St. George will cover the cost of your training in exchange for a commitment to teach for two years. Males and females are encouraged to answer the call.

St. Michael:

Please help support the St. Michael CGS program by contributing to our efforts to maintain a well-stocked and ready CGS program, ensuring our atriums (classrooms) are always prepared for our students. Thank you for your generosity!

[Click Here for our St. Michael CGS Wishlist.](#)



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Classes for St. Michael start on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

You should have received an email from the RE staff. If you didn't, please check your junk mail. Otherwise, please contact the office.



4th-5th-grade RE Classes and Fraternus and Fidelis Classes for St. Michael begin on Wednesday, Sept. 3!

St. Michael RE Notice:

Instead of having tidbits every week, RE students will be going straight to their classrooms on Wednesdays, and Fr. Cesar will host mandatory meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 19, and March 25 in the Multipurpose room from 6:00pm - 7:30pm



OCIA will begin on Tuesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Anyone who wishes to become Catholic needs to attend these classes. Catholics who wish to learn more about their Catholic faith are encouraged to attend OCIA. Classes go from September to March with confirmation at Easter.

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate:

3 Voices, which one is God?
September 2, 2025

Featured Speaker
Fr. Travis Grotty

Please Join us for a Chili Dog Fundraiser!

Social Time: 6:30-7:00
Speaker: 7:00-7:30
Q&A: 7:30-8:00

Plus Pints

BUFFALO RIDGE BREWERY
 102 N MAIN AVE
 HARTFORD, SD

The **Society of St Vincent DePaul** would like to thank Our Lady of Victory Pastorate for their generous donations to our Ellis Thrift Store. Many people are benefiting from your generosity. At this time, the store is in need of men's clothing. Anything you might have would be greatly appreciated. The thrift stores also accept clean, torn or stained clothing that can be recycled. Please label your donation as "salvage clothing". Thank you!



SVDP Diaper Ministry is looking for volunteers. Our ministry distributes diapers, wipes, and formula vouchers to those families who have chosen life. Last FY, we served 3,161 children, providing \$91,890 in assistance. Contact Deb at debfsiouxfallssvdp@gmail.com or Dorothy at edsioxsfalls@svdpsd.com to sign up.



Thank you to all who helped and donated to the Ice Cream Social, which provided a great time for everyone.
What a beautiful day the Lord made for us!



The Feast of St Michael Presents THE DEFEND US in our PUZZLE BATTLE ROYALE EVENT!

Sunday, September 28th

Meal of Wings and Things at 12:15 pm
 Puzzle Battle begins at 1:15 pm

Price per team of 4-\$40.00

Price per person just for meal \$10.00

Sign up for the :

- Family Category
- All Adult Category
- Single Person (to make a group of 4)
- Kids Only Category
- Meal Only

Sign up by : ↓
 • [CLICKING HERE](#)
 or
 • Scanning here



Adult Choir at St. Michael begins on Thursday, September 11. We practice every Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Anyone is invited to join. Please contact Ann Gooley if you are interested at ann@olvictorysd.org.

SAVE A LIFE GIVE BLOOD

Donate Blood at the ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE Monday, September 15

8:00am - 11:30am & 1:00pm - 4:00pm

IMPACT LOCAL LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Scan Here To Schedule Your Donation!



Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parent consent form, found at cbbllifeblood.org), weigh 110 lbs or more and be in good general health. Please bring a photo ID with you to the drive. To schedule your appointment, either scan the QR code above, or log onto cbbllifeblood.org, click on "Events," select September 15 and St. Michael's Catholic Church or call 605-331-3222.

St. Michael:



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dr. Tony Oliver, husband of Annai Desious and father of Joshua & Gabriella, and Anna Ortega, wife of Ernie and mother of Eric, and grandmother of Athen, Briella, Haleigh, & MaKenna.** May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Join **Cub Scouts Pack 346** and find lifelong friends, learn new skills, and begin new adventures! Our family-friendly and faith-centered pack is looking to meet you today! Register at beascout.org
**For questions, contact Paige Corcoran, Committee Chair- paigemwalton@yahoo.com
Ph: 406-274-6624

St. Michael MASS TIME CHANGE:

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

The 5:30 pm Mass will be held at 8:15 am.

No Confessions on that day.

This is just for that day.



Bishop O'Gorman School News

Imagine your child in a place where faith, knowledge, and service are woven into every day. That's what Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools offers. Here's how one teacher describes it: "Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools means being part of a community that values faith, education, and service. It's about fostering a nurturing environment where students can grow academically and spiritually." - Megan Bassett, 5th Grade Teacher, Christ the King Elementary



Congratulations to **Gabbi Holbert & Ryan Mazurek, and Alyssa Nelson & Danny Green**, who were married this weekend at St. Michael. May God bless you in your marriage!

"That Man is You" TMIY men's groups at St Michael Parish; Helping men grow in their Faith, Marriage and Family; 2025 Fall Semester Starts Sept 10/12

Friday mornings (6:15 to 7:30 am in Multi-Purpose Room, Entrance F) (breakfast). To join Friday Session →



or Wednesday evenings (5:45 to 7:00 pm in Parish conference room, Entrance A). To join Wed. Session →



Or text Jon Schulte at 605-359-6505 to inquire.

All women are welcome.

Just come as you are!

No sign-up needed.



Saturday, September 6 @ 9:00 am

in the multipurpose room at St. Michael.
Use Entrance F.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day.

School Masses for August & September:



Sept. 5- prepared by 5th grade
Sept. 12- prepared by 6th grade
Sept. 19- prepared by 4th grade
Sept. 26- prepared by 3rd grade
Sept. 29- prepared by 2nd grade

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](#)



St. George:

A man's ring was found at St. George the weekend of Aug. 23/24. Please contact the St. George Parish office to claim.

Hartford-Humboldt RTL-Next meeting:

Tues, 9/9 at 6:30pm at Central Valley Community Church



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day.

CDA Court #1533, Humboldt and Montrose will be hosting a non-clothing rummage and bake sale on **Saturday, Sept. 20**, from 9 am to 7 pm at St. Ann's Hall, 409 W. 3rd Ave. in Humboldt.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janet Olinger, sister of Jack Olinger**. May she and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

St. George assists in serving meals at the Hartford Senior Citizen Center three times a month from 10:45 am to 1:00 pm. The duties include aiding in preparing tables for guests, serving food, dining with guests, and then cleaning up. Monday, September 15, two assistants are still needed, and the sign-up sheet is in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please contact the St. George parish office.



Sending Hymn: We Belong to You

REFRAIN— We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you. In our daily living, dying and rising we belong to you.

In the waters of your mercy, When the old becomes the new, Souls united in the myst'ry: We belong to you. *(refrain)*

Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into All who seek to find their purpose; We belong to you. *(refrain)*

When we share the bread you've broken With the many and the few, We are blessed and we are broken; We belong to you. *(refrain)*

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Sioux Falls Diocese Events

The 54th Annual South Dakota Right to Life convention will be held **September 26-27** at Faith Evangelical Lutheran church in Pierre. There is also a youth event on Saturday, September 27 for middle school and high school students. Register at sdrighttolife.org.



Sioux Falls Diocese Events

Sioux Falls Catholic Young Adults
(ages 21-35)

upcoming
events



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**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.

Register here!



**Magnificat Sioux Falls Ladies
Prayer Breakfast with Catholic
author Marion Amberg.** Saturday,
September 13, from 9:30 am to Noon
at St. Lambert Parish. Tickets \$15.
Call/text Erin at 605-789-4977 or register [HERE](#).



SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
KICK OFF 7:30 PM @ MCNEANEY FIELD

Scan for full details.

**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

Save the Date!
October 22, 2025 7:00-9:00 PM
**Mount Marty University Cimpl Arena-
Yankton, SD.** Internationally acclaimed
speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your
faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with
tools to live the life God created you for: **A life of JOY!**
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/1663065](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1663065)
or Scan Code. Free meal! Sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus (Hot Dog& Chips) 6:00-6:45 PM.

REBOOT
A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

You're
Invited

PERPETUAL ADORATION SISTERS
of the Blessed Sacrament of the Diocese of Sioux Falls

SAVE THE DATE

fiesta
FUNDRAISER

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025

It's a CAKE WALK! Calling all Bakers:
The Perpetual Adoration Sisters Fall
Fiesta Fundraiser is **Sunday, October 5,
from 12-5:30 pm.** Last year's event
was a huge success, with the Cake Walk
being one of the favorite activities. We
are in need of donations of Cakes,
Cupcakes (6), Cookies & Bars (4 per
bag). They may be homemade or
purchased. NO PEANUTS, please.
Items may be delivered to the Mater
Ecclesiae Monastery, located just
behind the Cathedral of St. Joseph,
or to my house at 2014 South Main
Avenue on Saturday, October 4.
Please include your name and Parish
on a note attached to your treat.
*Please call Karla Ball at 605-940-2454 or
email at krb2014@gmail.com for info.*

BENEFITING
**Newman Catholic
Campus Ministry**

31st Annual
Bishop's Charity Hunt
EST. 1995

**BISHOP'S
CHARITY HUNT**
Monday & Tuesday
**SEPTEMBER
15-16, 2025**
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call 605-988-3701

In memory of
WAYNE PUETZ

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St. Michael Online Giving



St. George:

General Needs:

Weekly Collection Needs	\$6,553.85
Weekly Receipts-Actual	\$5,972.00
Weekly Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 581.85)
Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$52,430.80
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$52,996.89
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 566.09
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 24,253.75)
Actual Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 23,687.66)

CFSA 2025:

Goal	(\$63,500.00)
Cemetery Goal	(\$36,500.00)
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$75,746.25
YTD	(\$24,253.75)

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St. Michael:

General Needs:

Weekly Collection Needs	\$30,980.77
Weekly Receipts-Actual	\$22,624.28
Weekly-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 8,356.49)
Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$247,846.16
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$231,812.03
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$16,034.13)
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 74,935.50
Actual Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 58,901.37

CFSA 2025:

Goal	\$203,000.00
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$277,935.50
YTD	\$ 74,935.50

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Daily Mass Times at St. George

Mondays: No Mass

Tuesdays: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 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. 30 | 5:00 pm +Barb McCoy

Sun., Aug. 31 | 9:00 am +Nancy Mallinger

Mon., Sept. 1 | No Mass

Tues., Sept. 2 | 5:30 pm Int of Eric & Rechelle Dissing

Wed., Sept. 3 | 8:00 am Int of Bernard & Vera Burggraff

Thurs. Sept. 4 | 5:30 pm +Ron/+Iona Sechser

Friday, Sept. 5 | 8:00 am +Isaiah Orsten-Sechser

Sat., Sept. 6 | 8:30 am Intentions of Joshua Winter
5:00 pm +Ernie Bjergaard

Sun., Sept. 7 | 9:00 am Special Intention

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, Sept. 1 | 5:30 pm +Jonathan H. Olinger

Tuesday, Sept. 2 | 5:30 pm +Shirley Lorenz

Wednesday, Sept. 3 | 5:30 pm +Richard Schreier

Thursday, Sept. 4 | 8:15 am Int. of Ed & Elizabeth Galloway

Friday, Sept. 5 | 8:15 am +Art Robinson

Saturday, Sept. 6 | 8:15 am +Wayne Doss 4:00 pm +Ed/+Eilene Benz

Sunday, Sept. 7 | 8am Int. of OLV parishioners | 9:30 am +Loren Steffen |

11:00am +Gerry Fox | 6:00 pm +Victoria Villanueva Malagan

Saturday, Sept. 6

Altar Servers: F & K Ingalls, L Onkka

Reader: L Andersen

Sacristan: G Dvorak

Ushers: D & K Christensen, M Cypher, A Onkka

Offertory: S & T Rogers

EOMHCs: (Deacon Tom-OM), L Andersen, L Ingalls

Sunday, Sept. 7

Altar Servers: J Sebert, A & E Woodraska

Readers: A Bartmann & G Blocker

Sacristan: K & P Meehan

Ushers: J Blocker, G Boggs, B Kramer, T McMahon

Offertory: B & K Sundermann family

EOMHCs: (Deacon Tom-OM), G Blocker, G Boggs

Donuts: T & J Thornton family

Weekly readings can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org>

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

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Monday-Friday

8:00am - 4:00 pm

St. Michael

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday 8:00am-Noon

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