

# Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

## ST. GEORGE PARISH



Hartford, SD

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



## ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sioux Falls, SD

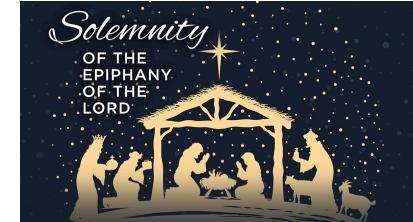


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The Epiphany of the Lord brings back fond childhood memories for me. In our home, we had a Nativity set that included the three Magi on camels. My parents would place the Magi figurines some distance from the manager. Each passing day after Christmas, they would move the Magi a little closer until the feast of the Epiphany, when they would arrive at the manger scene to meet the Holy Family. This childhood memory helps me appreciate the excitement and joy the Magi must have felt after their long journey to finally behold the child Jesus.



The Magi, who were pagan, traveled an estimated 800 miles to follow a star and pay homage to a newborn Jewish king. Their arrival troubled King Herod and all of Jerusalem. The idea of a new king could upset the status quo. There is no mention of the Jewish leaders traveling just six miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. Not even out of curiosity. The Jewish leaders knew of the prophecies about Jesus, and yet they refused to acknowledge His lordship from the very beginning. This can be a cause for reflection for us as a new year approaches. For example, are there areas in our lives that we feel the need to control and are unwilling to relinquish to Jesus so He can be our Lord? As for me, I need to renew daily my commitment to God's sovereignty in my life. I must trust that His love and Divine Providence will align my day with His holy will. Jesus desires to be Lord of our lives. Because He is a loving and merciful king, He will never impose His lordship upon our free will. Thankfully, He never stops pursuing us and longing for us to become a part of His kingdom here on earth.

The Magi understood by faith who Jesus the King was, even though all they saw was a little child. It's that same gift of faith that leads us as Catholics to Jesus' true presence in the Holy Eucharist. As the Magi paid homage to Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to honor His kingship, we too, can bring our spiritual gifts of worship, praise, and thanksgiving. As we humbly submit our entire lives to Jesus' Lordship, just as the Magi did, we can depart from here today another way.

Blessings, Deacon Tim Dickes



This is for all OLV  
kids in preschool-6<sup>th</sup>  
grade.



[Register  
HERE](#)

Holy Kid's Camp is  
Monday-Friday, July 27-31.  
Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am-12:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am-2:00 pm



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Speaker:  
Audrey Anderson  
January 6 2026

Soup Night

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

Buffalo Ridge Brewery  
102 N Main Ave  
Hartford, SD



Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

**"That Man is You" TMIY men's group Friday mornings, starting Jan. 9 (6:15 to 7:30 am in Multi-Purpose Room, Entrance F) (breakfast) Text Jon Schulte at 605-359-6505 to inquire or scan QR code to join Friday meetings:**



or Wednesday evenings, starting Jan. 7 (5:15 to 7:00 pm in Parish conference room, Door A) Scan this code to join Wednesday meetings.



- The St. George Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast on Sunday, January 4 from 8:30 am -11:30 am. The greatest breakfast in the state of South Dakota!**
- The St. Michael Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast on Sunday, January 11 from 9:00 am -11:00 am**

St. Michael Knights of Columbus Breakfast Deluxe Offering! Toppings Bar (whipped cream, chocolate chips, fresh fruit), Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages and Donuts !! Dine in or Carryout! **Gluten-free options will be available!**

**You are invited to both breakfasts! Come out and support our Knights of Columbus!**

## Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

**OLV Emmaus Sisters- Our Agape meal will be at St. George on Sunday, January 18, from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm in the St. George's parish hall.**

**All Emmaus sisters are welcome to attend.**

### SAVE A LIFE GIVE BLOOD

Donate Blood at the

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC  
CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, January 5

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

IMPACT LOCAL LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY



[Click here to schedule.](#)

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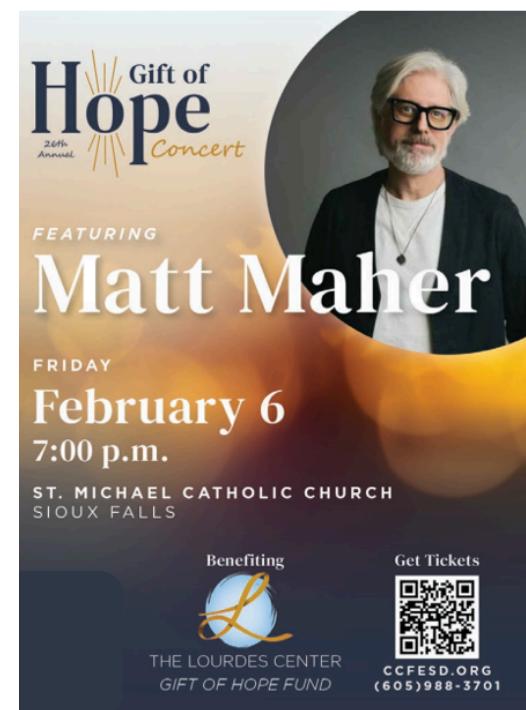
**Fr. Cesar and Fr. Mario will be gone January 5-January 12. They will be attending a PES conference in California. During that time, we will have a variety of visiting priests for daily & weekend Masses.**

This concert will be held at St. Michael.

However, you must purchase tickets through the Sioux Falls Catholic Community Foundation.



<https://ccfesd.org/events/gift-of-hope/>



**Our next Behold event is Sunday, January 4, at St. Michael. It begins after 6:00 pm Mass. It includes worship music, prayer, and adoration. Everyone is invited to attend.**



**Please keep Rhonda, Father Tom, and the others who are traveling to Guatemala for Love is the Mission in your prayers. They will be gone January 2-11.**

# Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

**This weekend is the time when we bless our homes for 2026.**

**Please take some blessed chalk, a bottle of Holy Water, and a flyer home with you. They can be found near the entrances.**

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:  
R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:  
R. From this time forth for evermore.

V. The Lord be with you:  
R. And with your spirit.

*Using the blessed chalk write 20 + C + M + B + 26 on the lintel of your front door (front porch step or other convenient location) while the head of the household says:*

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became man two thousand and twenty-six years ago; may Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

*Each room in the house is now blessed with holy water. You may dab water on one of the walls of each room in the house. Once finished, the Our Father is said together and then the following prayer is said by the head of the household:*

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

*The family then says the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel:*

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



### St. George Online Giving



St. George:

### 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](http://www.olvictorysd.org).

No financials until the January 11 bulletin.

### Bishop Hoch Deanery Scholarships

are made available by the Catholic churches in each respective deanery of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The scholarships are available to new students, students already in college and non-traditional students interested in attending or already attending Mount Marty University, Yankton. [Download application here.](#)



**We would like to extend a thank you to all of Our Lady of Victory volunteers who worked so hard preparing for the Christmas season. The decorations, the music, the liturgy, and the Christmas Masses were beautiful! We couldn't manage without you!**

Strengthen Your Marriage with NFP. Natural Family Planning helps couples live out the total gift of self in marriage, promoting communication, shared responsibility, and alignment with Church teaching. It's a moral, effective approach to family planning, not contraception. Interested in a class or resources? For more information and a list of instructors in our Diocese, [Click HERE: Marriage and Family Life](#)

**Camp Sydney 2026** – The Lourdes Center will be offering a grief camp for youth (to include their parents/guardians) this summer at **Broom Tree Retreat Center, beginning at 6 p.m. June 5 until 11 a.m. June 7, 2026**. Registration is required and can be completed online at [www.thelourdescenter.com](http://www.thelourdescenter.com) starting Jan. 15. For more information, please call 605-988-3775.

### St. Michael Online Giving



St. Michael:

# Our Lady of Victory Pastorate Religious Education



## St. Michael:

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

January 6 & 7: Classes as scheduled

### Grades 4-5:

January 7: Classes as scheduled

### Grades 6-High School: Fraternus/Fidelis

January 7: Classes as scheduled

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2. Act of Contrition (Traditional or Alternative)
3. Apostle's Creed
4. Hail, Holy Queen
5. 10 commandments
6. Morning Offering

##### 3rd section Blue Prayers

1. Mysteries of the Rosary (do not need to know the specific days to pray the mysteries)
2. Fatima Prayer
3. Prayer After the Rosary

**Please continue to work on your prayers. You can tell them to your teachers or to any of the priests or deacons.**

## D-CAMP REGISTRATION is now open!

Discipleship Camp makes a great gift from parents, grandparents, or godparents. D-Camp (Discipleship Camp) is our Diocesan summer youth camp. Junior High and High School youth come together for four days of faith and fun.

## St. George:

The January schedule for serving meals at the Hartford Senior Citizen Center, from 10:45 AM to 1:00 PM, is in the foyer. There is one opening for January 5 and two openings on January 12. Please sign up to assist on those days.



**Check out the Knights of Columbus Facebook page.**



Millions of Monicas meet Mondays @ 6:00 pm at St. George Parish.



## St. George:

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

January 6, 7, & 8: Classes as scheduled

### Grades 4-6:

January 7: Classes as scheduled

### Grades 7-High School: Ignite & Edge

January 7: Classes as scheduled

**The Confirmation Mass with Bishop DeGrood will be on Saturday, January 17, at 10:00 am. Students should arrive by 8:30 am.**

### OLV Confirmation Students:

We will be meeting on Sunday, January 11, at St. Michael. Please attend the 11:00 am Mass with your sponsor or parent and plan on staying afterward for a meal, class & confessions.

**The day will wrap up by 5:00 pm.**

### High School Camp 1

**June 14-17, 2026**

Youth Entering Grades 9-12, Fall of 2026

### High School Camp 2

**July 12-15, 2026**

Youth Entering Grades 9-12, Fall of 2026

### **Registration Link is HERE**



### High School Camp 2

**July 12-15, 2026**

Youth Entering Grades 9-12, Fall of 2026

### Junior High Camp

**July 16-19, 2026**

Youth Entering Grades 7-8, Fall of 2026



## 4th Degree Exemplification

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026

Location: St George Parish Hall  
408 S Western Ave.  
Hartford, SD

**Families Encouraged to Attend and Should Plan on Being Seated by 12:45**

**Exemplification Starts at 1:00 PM**

**Candidate Attire: Dark Suit and Tie**

**Exemplification Fee: \$25**

**Note: Council 11739 in Hartford will also be hosting a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Degree starting at 11:00AM**

**This ceremony is open to any Knight within the area. All are invited to participate.**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Maria Anderson, mother of BJ Kiser, grandmother of Damian, Grace, Olivia, & William, and sister to Mo Forsting, and Teresa Joan Frank, sister of Jim & Mary Frank.** May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.



**The Ron and Carolyn Downs Family** has been awarded the January 'Family of the Month' by the St. Michael Knights of Columbus Council. They serve as an inspiration to our parish, community, and council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.

## Women at the Well

**Thursday, January 8**

**7:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room**

The St. Michael Catholic Daughters Ministry is sponsoring the annual educational \$100 scholarship. It is open to Catholic and non-Catholic students in grades 4-12. The entry forms and rules are in the parish office.

The themes are:

"The Least of These" & "The Least of These: Lifting Others Up." **The deadline to enter is Feb. 4, 2026.**

**Coffee & Donuts this Sunday after the 8:00 am & 9:30 am Masses! Come down to the gym!**



St. Vincent de Paul's poor boxes are at Entrances A and B. You can help those in need by donating to these boxes. The money collected will assist families by providing food, utility and rent assistance, and other bills. Thank you to all who have donated!



## Bishop O'Gorman School News

### School Masses for January:



- Jan. 9--prepared by Staff
- Jan. 16--prepared by first grade
- Jan. 23--All School Mass offsite
- Jan. 30--prepared by second grade

Are you interested in working for Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools? We have a variety of openings available in our schools and offices. Please click on the link to see the choices.

**CLICK HERE**

**Catholic Schools Week is January 25-31. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community"**

Are you planning to enroll your child at Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools for the 2026-2027 school year? We offer an early application period for parish families. Please complete an [inquiry form](#) if you'd like to receive information about early application dates. We reach capacity in several of our classes, so inquire today!

Please reach out to the admissions department for any questions!

[admissions@ogknights.org](mailto:admissions@ogknights.org)

605-575-3341 or 605-575-3358



## Daily Mass Times at St. George

Mondays: **No Mass**

Tuesdays: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 am

Thursdays: 5:30 pm

Fridays: 8:00 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/Eucharistic adoration 6:00 pm

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

### MASS INTENTIONS for St. George:

Sat., Jan. 3| 8:30 am +Leo Liesinger

5:00 pm +Mary Lou/+Arnie Lusch

Sun., Jan. 4| 9:00 am +Barb Warne

Mon., Jan. 5| **No Mass**

Tues., Jan. 6| 5:30 pm +Lowell/+Joann Miles

Wed., Jan. 7| 8:00 am Int. of Victoria Villanuzva

Thurs. Jan. 8| 5:30 pm +Joe Schartz

Friday, Jan. 9| 8:00 am +Dan Haiar

Sat., Jan. 10| 5:00 pm +Barb/+John Masgai

Sun., Jan. 11| 9:00 am +Monica Westhoff

## 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, Jan. 5| 5:30 pm +Connie Butz

Tuesday, Jan. 6| 5:30 pm +Larry Schmidt

Wednesday, Jan. 7| 8:15 am +Delores Cink

Thursday, Jan. 8| 8:15 am +Frank/+Esther Bruna

Friday, Jan. 9| 8:15 am Int. of Sister Lynn

Saturday, Jan. 10| 8:15 am +Clark Kelley 4:00 pm +Joe Schartz

Sunday, Jan. 11| 8 am +Shirley Lorenz | 9:30 am Int. of OLV Parishioners |

11:00 am +Gerry Fox | 6:00 pm +Mel Larson

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## Saturday, January 10

Altar Server: F. & K. Ingalls, and E. Parsons

Reader: R. Whalen

Usher: E. Dissing, M. Ingalls,

S. Kulzer & D. Miles

EMOHC: (Dcn. John-OM), J. & M. Thornton

Offertory: M. & A. O'Kane family

Sacristan: J. Luke

## Sunday, January 11

Altar Servers: L. Onkka, B. & K. Sundermann

Readers: I. Oeltjenbruns & K. Sundermann

Usher: M. Bergeson, G. Dvorak,

A. Onkka, B. Sundermann

EMOHC: (Dcn. John-OM),

C. Kapperman, B. Olson

Offertory: K. & C. Nachreiner family

Sacristan: C. Kapperman

Donuts: D. & B. Deffenbaugh

Weekly readings can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org>

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

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Parishes

**St. George Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

**10:00am - 4:00 pm**

**St. Michael**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday**

**8:00am - 5:00pm**

**Friday 8:00am-Noon**

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