Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

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ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sioux Falls, SD

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

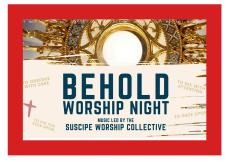


Recently, I read an article that shared comments Pope Leo gave in an interview this July. He was worried about the world forgetting "the value of human life, of the family, and the value of society". He asked: "If we lose sense of those values, what matters anymore?" He said the key to that phenomenon was the widening wage gap between the rich and the poor. The article continues as the Pope said: "For example, CEOs, 60 years ago, might have been making four to six times more than what the workers were receiving. The last figure I saw is that CEOs make 600 times more than what average workers are receiving." The Pope added that he heard that "Elon Musk is going to be the first trillionaire in the world". He said, "What does that mean, and what's that about? If that is the only thing that has value anymore, then we're in big trouble."

One remedy to the Pope's concern can be found in today's gospel. Jesus makes a statement that may find confusing when He says, "I tell you make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." First, let me try to clarify what Jesus is referring to when He speaks of dishonest wealth. He's not necessarily referring to wealth that is gained through dishonest methods, but also wealth that can lead to dishonesty. An example would be as the Prophet Amos refers to in the first reading, when the rich want to get richer by fixing their scales for cheating. Also, Jesus is not saying that being financially stable is a bad thing, but it does matter how we use it, realizing that at some point it will fail. We can't take it with us when we die.

If we can't take it with us, how do we make use of it "so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwelling". For me, it begins with acknowledging that I am a steward of my master's goods, just as in today's gospel. Everything that I possess is because of the God-given talents, gifts, and blessings that He has lovingly granted me. As a steward of His gifts, He expects me to act prudently and not squander His property like the dishonest servant in the gospel. In order to make an eternal dwelling with the blessings He has given in this life, we share those blessings so that others can be blessed. In using our time, talent, and treasure to build up God's kingdom here on earth, we will not only be welcomed into eternal dwellings, but also help to restore the values that Pope Leo is concerned we are losing. The last verse in the gospel, Jesus says, "you cannot serve both God and mammon". By God's grace, may we chose Him! Deacon Tim Dickes





Our next Behold Worship Night is Sunday, Oct. 5, at St. Michael Parish.

Behold is a time of prayer and praise that seeks to draw us into the heart of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, which includes praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and prayerful reflections.

Confessions will be available throughout the event. This event is free and open to the public and will be from 7:15 pm to 8:45pm.

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate:





Help by being a piece of the crew in putting on our **FEAST DAY PUZZLE ROYALE**



to help the weekend of Sept 27/28



Volunteer

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate! Please join us for a public rosary rally to commemorate the message of Fatima. <u>Our rosary will begin at</u> Noon on Saturday, October 11. Meet at the NW corner of the front parking lot at St. George in Hartford. We will pray the rosary for the salvation of souls and the conversion of our nation – asking God to save America through His Most Holy

Mother. Dress warmly and bring your

rosary and lawn chair. Questions?

Call: 605- 351-8778

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. Classes go from September to March with confirmation at Easter.



We are gearing up for our annual Fall basket auction!

Last year, the auction earned \$14,431, and it was spent on OLV Religious Education programs and youth retreats. We spent \$10,315 for youth retreats and \$3,600 for new youth religious education programming in our pastorate. We had 97 baskets donated, and 166 people participated! We are so very grateful for your support of this event! Thank you!

This year, our goal is \$10,000, and we will, once again, use it to help fund youth who are attending area retreats.

Baskets will be accepted in the parish offices from October 15 through October 24. Bidding will open on Saturday, October 25, and will close on Sunday, November 2.

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate has chosen 2 dates to pray in front of Planned Parenthood.

- Thursday, 10/9,
- Saturday, 10/18.

Will you dedicate 1 hour and come to the sidewalk in peaceful prayer to end abortion? Sign ups will be at the welcome tables and in the entryways. Questions? Call or text 605-351-8778.

> Hey ya'll, if you want to meet new people, love to have fun and want to play a little friendly volleyball sign up now by scanning the QR Code or click here





Click below...



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." - Galatians 5:22

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate Religious Education



St. Michael:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sept. 23 & 24---All Sessions as normal

Grades 4-5

Sept. 24

6:00pm Class

Grades 6-High School:

Sept. 24

6:30pm Fidelis in the multi-purpose room

Fraternus in the gym

Kids of the Kingdom Children's Choir at St. Michael begins on

Tuesday, October 7. We practice every Tuesday from 3:15-4:00 pm. Anyone is invited to join. Please contact Ann Gooley if you are interested at ann@olvictorysd.org.

Attention OLV Youth:

If you need service hours,

consider volunteering at the St. Michael Bazaar on Saturday, November 4. Ask Antoni or Dana for more information.

Opportunity to earn

St. George:

HEROSARY, To Holy Hero's God at Work Building Faith 100 commandments

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sept. 23, 24, 25---All Sessions as normal

Grades 4-6

Sept. 24

6:00pm Class

Grades 7-High School:

Sept. 24

Ignite & Edge 7:00pm



Bishop O'Gorman School News

We're Hiring!

Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools is actively seeking a dynamic, mission-driven <u>Principal for O'Gorman High School</u>. This position will start in the summer of 2026 in preparation for the 2026-2027 school year.

Our next leader will carry on the legacy of our four-time National Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence and advance the mission, vision, and values of Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools. This position is supported by a robust leadership team, including the President, Vice President for Educational Services, High School Assistant Principal, Directors, Principals across the school system, and the business office.

To apply, visit www.ogknights.org/careers

Join us for The Anxious Generation 5-week book study beginning

Sept. 24 in the St. Michael Teacher's Workroom from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. **Register HERE.** For questions, contact AJ Watson at ajfwatson@gmail.com or 703.786.9245.



School Masses September:

Sept. 26- prepared by 3rd grade Sept. 29- prepared by 2nd grade

At Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools, faith is not just a class we teach; it's the foundation of everything we do. From morning prayer to celebrating the sacraments together, our students learn to see Christ in every subject, every activity, and every relationship.

Join Our Team as a Full-time Custodian at St. Michael Parish! Are you seeking a



St. Michael:

We want to thank our "Chapel Angels" who faithfully clean our Adoration Chapel at St. Michael. We appreciate their dedication to keeping Jesus' home clean and welcoming.



Saturday, November 1 9:00 am - 2:30 pm at St. Michael Elementary School Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Nancy Andera, Lorraine Buckmiller,
mother of Allan, Corey Hybertson, son
of Joel & Kathy and brother of Chris and
Margaret Wilcox, aunt of Deb Snyder.
May they and all the faithful departed rest
in peace.



Congratulations to **Cora Lea Welbig, daughter of Tessa & Dustin** on her baptism. May God bless her always!



Scan the QR code to visit the St. Michael Facebook page.

The Knights of Columbus will hand out tootsie rolls after every Mass on Sept. 20/21. This is their annual fundraiser to help fund programs for people with disabilities.



The St. Michael Parish Boy Scouts are doing their annual Popcorn and Wreath fundraiser, which helps fund activities for the year. They will be available after all Masses on **September 27 & 28**. Please show them your support!

Sioux Falls Diocese Events





Knights of Columbus
Family of the Month for the
State of South Dakota
Congratulations

the Dave & Kim
Puthoff family





Eucharistic adoration and confession are every Thursday from 6 to 7 PM. Please bring your family and come to pray, read scripture, or meditate in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Stay for the hour or come for a shorter time.

Hartford-Humboldt Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch



Monday, October 13 5:00-8:00 pm

Please mention Hartford-Humboldt RTL with your call-in or take-out order: 605-528-3663 - THANK YOU for your support!

St. George:



Congratulations to Maeve Eileen Koenig, daughter of Kassidy & Natalie on her baptism. May God bless her always!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Masgai, father of Michael**. May he and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Congratulations



Rob & Jennifer Schulte & Family

KC Breakfast: Sunday, October 5 8:00 am -11:30 am



The St. George Catholic Daughters will have a free will bake sale on **October 5 from 8 am to 11 am** in the parish hall. We will be on the south side of the parish hall. Come see us during the KC breakfast.



Meghan & Jaron Finkbeiner, their children Tristan, Harrison and Gracelyn.

Gifts Hymn: Your Words Are Spirit and Life

REFRAIN— Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stronger than death. Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: life everlasting.

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul, reviving the weary spirit. God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom, bringing God's wisdom to birth. **(refrain)**

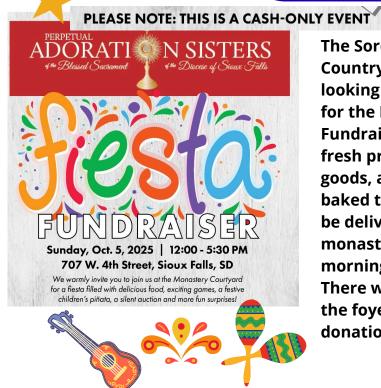
God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right. They gladden the hearts of people. God's command is so clear it brings us new vision; bringing God's light to our eyes. **(refrain)**

Living by God's truth is holy and sure; God's presence is everlasting. God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice; bringing God's justice to earth. (**refrain**)

God's word is precious, desired more than gold; worth more than we dare imagine and, sweeter than honey, this word will feed us, bringing fulfillment and joy. **(refrain)**

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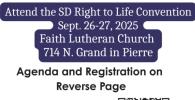
Sioux Falls Diocese Events



The Sordini Orchard
Country Store is
looking for donations
for the Fiesta
Fundraiser, specifically
fresh produce, canned
goods, and freshly
baked treats that can
be delivered to the
monastery on Saturday
morning, October 4.
There will be a table in
the foyer for all
donations.

It's a CAKE WALK! Calling all **Bakers:** The Perpetual Adoration Sisters Fall Fiesta Fundraiser is Sunday, October 5, from 12-5:30 pm. 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 call Karla Ball at 605-940-2454 or email at krb2014@gmail.com for info.









St. George Church's location for Life Chain:

The north sidewalk in front of Skechers (3514 W. 41st St.). Signs can be picked up at the O'Gorman H.S. parking lot, and parking is available along Seminary Rd. or Empire Oil (closed on Sundays).

St. Michael Church's location:

The north sidewalk in front of Walgreens (3620 W. 41st St.) and Sleep Number. Signs can be picked up at the parking lot of O'Gorman H.S., and parking is available behind Walgreens at Empire or on W. Kentucky Pl.

Tips for Life Chain:



- Water, lawn chairs, wheel chairs and strollers are welcome.
- This is an hour of quiet prayer.
- Space at least 10-25 feet apart unless monitoring children.
- Please stay on the sidewalk; yield to walkers.

The Rosary Coast to Coast will be prayed on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. All are welcome.

"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."
Saint Josemaria Escriva

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.

The financial reports reflect 2 weeks.



St. Michael Online

St. Michael:

General Needs:

| Weekly Collection Needs | \$13,107.70 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Receipts-Actual | \$12,617.00 |
| Weekly Overage (Shortfall) | (\$ 490.70) |

| Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget | \$72,092.35 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Year-To-Date-Actual | \$69,549.89 |
| Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall) | (\$ 2,542.46) |
| CFSA Overage (Shortfall) | (\$ 23,743.75) |
| Actual Overage (Shortfall) | (\$ 26,286.21) |

CFSA 2025:

| Goal | (\$63,500.00) |
|------------------|---------------|
| Cemetery Goal | (\$36,500.00) |
| Receipts-PLEDGES | \$76,256.25 |

YTD (\$23,743.75)

General Needs:

| Weekly Collection Needs | \$61,961.54 |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Receipts-Actual | \$47,291.95 |
| Weekly-Overage (Shortfall) | (\$14,669.59) |

| Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget | \$3 | 40,788.47 |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Year-To-Date-Actual | \$3 | 11,438.30 |
| Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall) | (\$ | 29,350.17) |
| CFSA Overage (Shortfall) | \$ | 75,855.25 |
| Actual Overage (Shortfall) | \$ | 46,505.08 |

CFSA 2025:

| Goal | \$203,000.00 |
|------------------|--------------|
| Receipts-PLEDGES | \$278,855.25 |
| YTD · | \$ 75,855.25 |

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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: 8:00 am

Weekend Mass Times: Saturdays: 5:00 pm Sundays: 9:00 am Confession Times:

First Saturday: 8:30 am

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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Saturday, Sept. 27

Altar Servers: B Johnson, G Stuessi, D Wilking

Reader: C Spielmann Sacristan: D Perrion

Ushers: D & K Christensen, T McMahon, Z Stuessi

Offertory: G & R Mohrhauser

EOMHCs: (Dcn. Mark-OM), L Andersen, C Spielmann

Sunday, Sept. 28

Altar Servers: R & R MacFarlane, E Maras Readers: M Bergeson and I Oeltjenbruns

Sacristan: C Kapperman

Ushers: M Bergeson, B Lammers, J Maras, J Reiser

Offertory: B & K Sundermann family

EOMHCs: (Dcn. Mark-OM), E Nester, B Olson

Donuts: D & B Deffenbaugh

MASS INTENTIONS for St. George:

Sat., Sept. 20 | 5:00 pm +Lowell +Joann Miles

Sun., Sept. 21 9:00 am Parishioners of OLV Pastorate

Mon., Sept. 22 No Mass

Tues., Sept. 23 | 5:30 pm + Mary Luke

Wed., Sept. 24 | 8:00 am +Heiberger +Schulte families **Thurs. Sept. 25** | 5:30 pm Int. of Anthony Bjergaard

Friday, Sept. 26 8:00 am +Burggraff +Penning Families
Sat., Sept. 27 5:00 pm +Dee and +Lloyd Battest

Sun., Sept. 28 9:00 am Int. of Miranda & Adam Eschen

Weekly readings can be found at https://bible.usccb.org/#subscribe

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Confession Times:

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

Thursdays @ 7:30 am-8:00 am Saturdays @ 2:45 pm -3:45 pm Social Media:

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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

MASS INTENTIONS for St. Michael:

Monday, Sept. 22 | 5:30 pm +Gayle Angle

Tuesday, Sept. 23 | 5:30 pm +Gene +Lorraine Weber **Wednesday, Sept. 24** | 8:15 am +Mary Margaret Gengler

Thursday, Sept. 25 | 8:15 am +Leo +Marguerite Mohs

Friday, Sept. 26 | 8:15 am + Stacy Lackey

Saturday, Sept. 27 | 8:15 am +Larry +Joan Meade 4:00 pm +Ted Sullivan **Sunday, Sept. 28** | 8am For the poor | 9:30 am parishioners of OLV Pastorate | 11:00 am +Delbert +Beatrice Kuhn | 6:00 pm +Mary Margaret Gengler

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