# **Our Lady of Victory Pastorate**

#### ST. GEORGE PARISH



Hartford, SD

September 1, 2025



ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sioux Falls, SD

23rd Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 



### Reflection of The Gospel of Luke 14, 25-33 by Father Albert

The disciples of Jesus renounce all things because they have found in Him the greater Good thing, in which every other thing receives its full value and meaning.

To explain this requirement, Jesus uses two parables: that of the tower to be built and that of the king who goes to war. Jesus does not want to address the notion of war here in the literal sense. But He speaks of the war deep within ourselves. We must all fight. It is a strong and encouraging decision to renounce evil and its seductions and to choose the good, ready to give of ourselves.

Everyone must be able to wage war against themselves and against the evil within themselves. This war against evil involves saying no to hatred, jealousy, anger, and the lies it uses to destroy human life. The enemy of our war is the evil of division.

As Pope Francis said in the Angelus of September 8, 2013, "the enemy of peace is division". This is why we must fight together with consistency, following no other interests than those of peace and the common interests.

This is what it means to follow Christ, precisely to take up one's cross. The cross is part of the life of Christians. The cross symbolizes suffering and the trials in your life. Jesus tells us that if you want to follow him, you must be willing to carry your cross.

Each of us has our own form of cross that we carry. Jesus wants us to carry our cross with love and conviction. Because Jesus said, He who does not carry his cross and follow me is not worthy of the kingdom of heaven.

If you encounter suffering in the name of peace, Jesus Christ will reward you, and you will inherit the kingdoms of heaven. **+©≻~~~~~** 



at Clergy Days in Chamberlain from Oct. 6-9.

Therefore, our Mass schedules will change for that week.

All of the priests will be Mon., Oct. 6--8:15 am Mass at St. Michael/No Confessions Tues., Oct. 7-- No Mass or Confessions at either parish Wed., Oct. 8--No Mass at either parish

Thurs., Oct. 9-No Mass or Confessions at either parish.

St. George will **NOT** have adoration.





We want to thank Jerry Foy for his years of service to St. Michael, as Jerry has decided to begin his retirement! We wish him the very best in the days ahead!

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

Are you seeking a fulfilling opportunity to serve your community and contribute to the preservation of a sacred space? St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls, SD, is seeking a Custodian to help maintain our facilities and create a welcoming environment for our parishioners and visitors. If you wish to apply or want to know more details, click **HERE** or check out our website: **www.olvictorysd.org**.

## **Our Lady of Victory Pastorate Religious Education**



St. Michael:

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** 

Sept. 9 &10---All Sessions as normal

**Grades 4-5** 

Sept. 10 6:00pm Class

**Grades 6-High School:** 

Sept. 10

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.

Start an adventure and join
St. Michael Cub Scouts Pack 346!

Click here: <u>beascout.scouting.org</u> (<u>choose pack 346 for St. Michael's</u>)

St. George:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sept. 9, 10, & 11---All Sessions as normal

**Grades 4-6** 

Sept. 10

6:00pm Class

**Grades 7-High School:** 

Sept. 10

Ignite & Edge 7:00pm



OCIA will begin on <u>Tuesday, September 30</u>, <u>from 7:00 to 8:30 pm</u> 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.

# **Bishop O'Gorman School News**



School Masses September: Sept. 12-prepared by 6th grade

SCHOOL 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



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.

# Brotherhood in Faith: How a group of O'Gorman friends chose to grow together

At first glance, they might just seem like a tight-knit group of high school friends — playing sports together, walking the halls after class, or catching up over Bible study. But for *Keenan Sheridan, Connor Holt, James Shea,* and their circle of friends, their bond runs deeper than sports and shared classes. READ MORE by scanning the QR code or visiting <a href="https://bit.ly/brotherhood-in-faith">https://bit.ly/brotherhood-in-faith</a>



St Michael's Fidelis Initiation Ceremony

Dear Fidelis Parents,

The Fidelis Initiation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Fidelis participates in two ceremonies a year: the Initiation Ceremony and the Accolade Ceremony. Ceremony is the necessary outcome of the twofold nature of man, intellectual and sensible, on account of which, as St. Thomas Aquinas says (Contra Gentiles, III, exix), he must pay God a twofold adoration, one spiritual, which consists in the interior devotion of the soul and the other corporal, which manifests itself in the outward form of worship, for there is no inward sentiment or feeling which man is not wont to express outwardly by some suitable gesture or action. The goal of all Fidelis ceremonies is to signify and acknowledge the progress of virtue through the grace of God.

At the Initiation Ceremony, the young ladies will be officially invited and accepted into the Fidelis Sisterhood.

R. Do you accept that you are a beloved daughter of God, redeemed by Jesus Christ and called to a life of virtue and holiness? V. Yes.

R. Do you accept that you are beautiful in His sight? V. Yes.

R. Will you strive to be a loving sister to all those who are here tonight? V. Yes.

Girls must wear Mass attire ( Dresses and nice skirts no higher than the girls' fingertips).

Parents/families are welcome and encouraged to witness the ceremony and join us for a small finger food potluck reception afterward.

The Ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please have all the girls arrive at 6:15 p.m. so that we can walk through what the ceremony will entail. Girls will meet the leaders in the Commons area at 6:15 p.m., and the parents can wait in the church until 6:30 p.m. at the start of the ceremony.

If you have not registered yet, please do so by visiting Fidelisonline.org. The ceremony is open to all young ladies in grades 6-12 and any adult participants or mentors who have completed diocesan youth protection training. All must be registered to take part in the ceremony.

Information for parents who have students enrolled in Fraternus or Fidelis.

If you have questions, please contact Antoni at antoni@olvictorysd.org.

St Michael's Fraternus Challenge Ceremony

Dear Fraternus Parents,

The Fraternus Challenge Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Fraternus participates in two ceremonies a year: the Challenge Ceremony and the Accolade Ceremony. Ceremony is the necessary outcome of the twofold nature of man, intellectual and sensible, on account of which, as St. Thomas Aquinas says (Contra Gentiles, III, exix), he must pay God a twofold adoration, one spiritual, which consists in the interior devotion of the soul and the other corporal, which manifests itself in the outward form of worship, for there is no inward sentiment or feeling which man is not wont to express outwardly by some suitable gesture or action. The goal of all Fraternus ceremonies is to signify and acknowledge the progress of virtue through the grace of God.

At the Challenge Ceremony, the young men will be officially invited and challenged to commit to the Fraternus Brotherhood. Each young man will be challenged to be a more faithful and devoted son of God, to dedicate themselves to one another in true Christian fraternity, and to complete this year together, and, like the Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, that they will not lose a single one of their number.

Young men must wear Mass attire ( dress pants and a collared shirt). Parents/families are welcome and encouraged to witness the ceremony and join us for a small finger food potluck reception afterward.

The Ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please have all the young men arrive at 6:15 p.m. so that we can walk through what the ceremony will entail. The young men will meet the leaders in the Commons area at 6:15 p.m., and the parents can wait in the church until 6:30 p.m. at the start of the ceremony.

If you have not registered yet, please do so by visiting Fraternus.org. The ceremony is open to all young men in grades 6-12 and any adult participants or mentors who have completed diocesan youth protection training. All must be registered to take part in the ceremony.

# **Our Lady of Victory Pastorate:**





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



Sign up here to help the weekend of Sept 27/28

Volunteer

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

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
- Single Person o make a group of 4)
- Kids Only
- Category Meal Only







The Society of St Vincent

**DePaul** would like to thank Our Lady of Victory Pastorate for their generous donations to our Ellis Thrift Store. At this time, the store is in need of men's clothing. Anything you might have would be greatly appreciated. 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 edsiouxsfalls@svdpsd.com to sign up.

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.

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...

The Emmaus retreat for women is 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.

# 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



COMMUNITY **BLOOD BANK** 

onors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parent consent form, found at cibilfeblood.org), weigh 110 lbs or more and be in good general health. Please bring a photo ID with you to the drive. hedule your appointment, either scan the QR code above, or log onto cibilfeblood.org. click on "Events," select September 15 and St. Michael's Catholic Church or call 605-331-322.

Strength, Sanctity, and Grace for Single **Moms** will resume their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 20 at 9am in the conference room. This group is for any single mom in the diocese to include unmarried, divorced, separated, or widowed. Contact Jenna at 605.366.0160 with any questions.





For the next 8-10 weeks, parking for the 8:15 am daily Mass may be crowded. Due to the playground upgrade, a portion of the parking lot is currently blocked off. Therefore, parents will park in the church parking lot when dropping off their children at school. Thank you for your patience!

Thank you to all who purchased supplies from our CGS Amazon wishlist! We love your support!



Our St. Michael Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program received a \$10,000 grant from the Catholic Community Foundation. This grant will help us grow our CGS program. We will be offering classes for adults who wish to become teachers. We are grateful for this gift!



# JOIN US

It's back! Join your friends and family for coffee & donuts in the gym after the 8:00 am & 9:30 am Masses on Sunday, September 7!

The Jeff and Joan Hess Family has been awarded the September '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.

## **CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU**







Congratulations to **Tracy Cramer & Ryan Bartels** who were married this weekend at St. Michael. May God bless you in your marriage!

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Gayle Angle, a St. Michael
parishioner, and Lucille Boyer, a
St. Michael 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 3rd Sunday of each month from 10:45 am -11:30 am in the Oxford Room. **The upcoming class is September 21.** Please register prior to the class by calling the office 605-361-1600.

"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.

St. Michael Catholic Daughters Meeting on **Tuesday, September 9**, @ 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room.

The Angel Gown Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, September 9**, @ 5:30 pm in the Oxford Room. All are invited to join us!

All women are welcome. Just come as you are! No sign-up needed.



**Thursday, September 11 @ 7:00 pm** in the multipurpose room at St. Michael. Use Entrance F.

# St. George:

A jacket was found at St. George the weekend of Aug. 30/31. 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

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.

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. On **Monday, September 15**, two assistants are still needed, and the signup sheet is in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please contact the St. George parish office.

### **Communion Hymn: In This Place**

We are all hungry people, we need shelter and strength. We are one in our hurting, we are one in our pain. In our suff'ring and sadness, we are saved by the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

**REFRAIN**— We are gathered at table as one in the Lord. We are gathered as people who are living the Word. Our hearts and our spirits are nurtured by grace. It is Jesus who fills us. He is here in this place.

All our lives are a Myst'ry; we see not where they lead. We are asked now to trust you and we know we must believe. As our feet become Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place. (refrain)

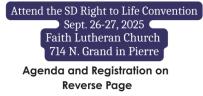
Though the world may tell us to look at ourselves, we reach out to another where suffering dwells. As our hands become Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place. (refrain)

In the bread that is broken is the Christ that restores. As we take, now receive him, we find love evermore. As the bread becomes Body, we are filled with the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.. (refrain)

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## **Sioux Falls Diocese Events**









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Be sure to mark your calendars for the next CWPL meeting, Thursday, September 11, at 6:45 AM in the parish hall at St. Mary's. We will begin a new topic and a new format for the next 3 months. Deacon Glen Ridder will be leading us through a study of the women of the bible. While we can't cover all of them, our goal is to learn about three of them each month. In September, we will be focused on: Mary, Mother of God, Martha, Sister of Lazarus, and Rebekah. Come as you are and bring a friend.



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







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.

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**.



# St. George Online Giving



### **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 <a href="https://www.olvictorysd.org">www.olvictorysd.org</a>.

# St. Michael Online Giving



#### St. George:

\$6,553.85
\$4,386.00
(\$2,167.85)

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$58,984.65
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$57,382.89
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 1,601.76)
CFSA Overage (Shortfall) (	\$ 24,243.75)
Actual Overage (Shortfall) (	\$ 25,845.51)

#### CFSA 2025:

(\$63,500.00)
(\$36,500.00)
\$75,756.25
(\$24,243.75)

#### St. Michael:

#### **General Needs:**

Weekly Collection Needs	\$30,980.77
Weekly Receipts-Actual	\$17,186.35
Weekly-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$13,794.42)

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$278,826.93
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$249,187.88
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 29,639.05)
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 75,010.25
Actual Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 45,371.20

#### CFSA 2025:

Goal	\$203,000.00
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$278,010.25
YTD	\$ 75,010.25

#### **Priests on Staff:**

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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

First Saturday: 8:30 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

Saturday, Sept 13

Altar Servers: E. D. & | Lutter

Reader: H McMahon Sacristan: I Luke

Ushers: T McMahon, D Miles, G Mohrhauser, C Skauge

Offertory: M & L Ingalls family

EOMHCs: (Dcn. John-OM), G & M Mohrhauser

Sunday, Sept 14

Altar Servers: C Brown, C Danielson, J Lupkes

Readers: | Ernster & | Oeltjenbruns

Sacristan: C Kapperman

Ushers: | Maras, R Schulte, B Voss, & M Wegleitner

Offertory: P & T Michaels family

EOMHCs: (Dcn. Tom-OM), M Bergeson, P Danielson

https://bible.usccb.org

Weekly readings can be found at

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

**Church Addresses:** 

Donuts: D & B Deffenbaugh

MASS INTENTIONS for St. George:

Sat., Sept. 6 8:30 am Intentions of Joshua Winter

5:00 pm +Ernie Bjergaard

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

Mon., Sept. 8 No Mass

Tues., Sept. 9 5:30 pm Deceased Members of Munce &

Kolbeck Families

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Wed., Sept. 10| 8:00 am Intentions of Grea Bruns **Thurs. Sept. 11** 5:30 pm +Gayland Frenchy Trudeau

Friday, Sept. 12| 8:00 am +Shawn Klein

Sat., Sept. 13| 5:00 pm +John, +Susie & +Paulette Trapp Website: www.olvictorysd.org

Sun., Sept. 14 9:00 am + Martin, Marie and Joanne Ginsbach

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**Parishes** 

Mondays & Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm St. George Office Hours: Wednesdays-Saturdays @ 8:15 am **Monday-Friday** 

Weekend Mass Times: Saturdays @ 4:00 pm 8:00am - 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

Daily Mass Times at St. Michael

**MASS INTENTIONS for St. Michael:** 

Monday, Sept. 8 | 5:30 pm +Paulette Takeda **Tuesday, Sept. 9** | 5:30 pm +Betty Wallace

Wednesday, Sept. 10 | 8:15 am +Dennis/+Leona Vogel

**Thursday, Sept. 11** | 8:15 am +Richard Schreier

**Friday, Sept. 12** | 8:15 am Int. of Asella Crum's birthday

Saturday, Sept. 13 8:15 am +Helen DeSleer 4:00 pm +Don/+Bob Sieverding

**Sunday, Sept. 14** 8am Int. of OLV parishioners 9:30 am +Dean Surrell

11:00am Int. of Jackie Jucht | 6:00 pm Int. of Vern Staebell

Phone: 605.361.1600

St. Michael Office Hours: **Monday-Thursday** 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday 8:00am-Noon

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