

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

ST. GEORGE PARISH



Hartford, SD

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent



ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Sioux Falls, SD



Pastorate phone number

605.361.1600

Website: www.olvictorysd.org

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Advent season is almost done. We are already in the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. We rejoice because the coming of Our Savior is at hand. As Christians, we cannot forget that the good news of the Gospel is a great reason to rejoice. It is precisely that joy that should motivate us to remain faithful to God and to wait patiently for His salvation. Jesus is coming to transform the world as the prophet Isaiah announced. He wants to start with our hearts!

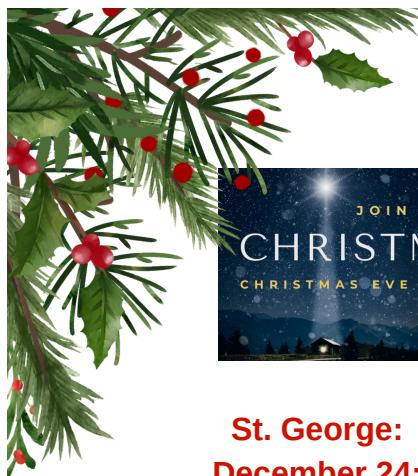
In what remains of this Advent season, I would like to continue encouraging you to grow in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some ways in which you can do that. For prayer, I invite you to join our **40-hour Devotion** starting this Sunday night and to make sure you get to confession before Christmas. **Our Advent Penance Service for St. Michael is on Tuesday, Dec 16, at 7 pm, and we will have 10 priests available to hear confessions. Advent Penance Service for St. George is on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:00 pm, and we will have five priests to hear confessions.**

For fasting, I invite you to practice more intentional silence throughout your day by avoiding distractions from social media and the news.

For almsgiving, I invite you to consider an **end-of-year gift** to support our pastorate and its various ministries, which depend on your donations.

In Christ,

Fr. Cesar Valencia P.E.S



St. George:	St. Michael:
December 24:	December 24:
4:00 pm	4:00 pm
10:00 pm	6:00 pm
	10:00 pm
December 25:	
9:00 am	December 25:
	8:00 am
	9:30 am



****On Tuesday, December 16, the daily Mass will move from 5:30 pm to 11:00 am to end the 40-hour Devotion.**

OLV 40 HOUR DEVOTION
Speaker: Father Leo Patalinghug

WHERE:
St. Michael Parish

WHEN:
Sunday, December 14 and Monday, December 15
Talks will start at 7:00 pm.
40 Hour Devotion will end on Tuesday, December 16, with Mass at 11:00 a.m.

40 HOURS OF ADORATION:
WALK-INS WELCOME, AND SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH TO SIGN UP AT 605-361-1600. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP BY SCANNING THIS CODE

[Click here to sign up online.](#)

Memorial Christmas
Flower donation:

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate:

If you wish to donate money towards memorial flowers for our Christmas decorating, please submit your payment and the names you want to remember. Cash or checks can be turned in at the parish offices. Online donations can be made through our website. Please PRINT the names clearly and legibly. All names must be into St. George or St. Michael parish offices by Monday, December 15, so the names can be put into the bulletin.

OLV Emmaus Sisters- we will have our Agape meal at St. George on Sunday, January 18, from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm in the parish hall. All Emmaus sisters are welcome to attend.

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 office. The themes are: "The Least of These" and "The Least of These: Lifting Others Up." The deadline to enter is Feb.4, 2026.



Both Parish Offices will be closed on December 24, December 25 & January 1. Offices will close at noon on December 31.

South Dakota Right to Life fundraiser - Sioux Falls Dec. 29

Enjoy a meal at Red Robin in the Empire Mall on Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to support SD Right to Life. Please mention the fundraiser to your server so your sales are counted. If ordering from the online menu, use the "fundraisers" category and select "add to bag."



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

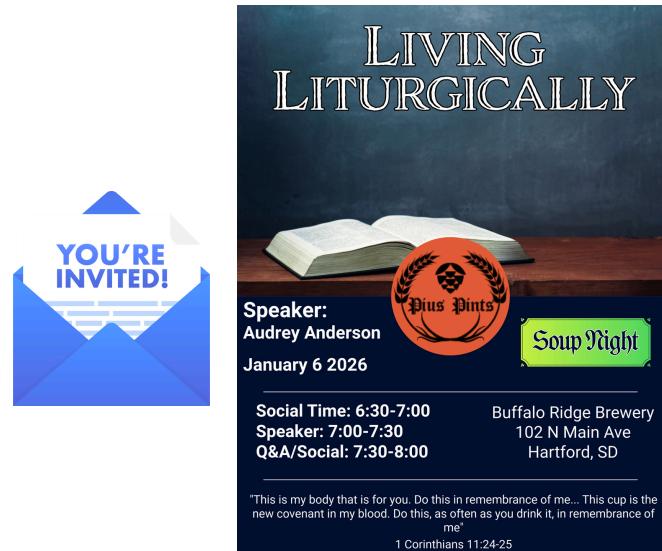
Scan Here To Schedule Your Donation!



**COMMUNITY
BLOOD BANK**
THE LIFE BLOOD OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parent consent form, found at cbblifeblood.org), weigh 110 lbs or more and be in good general health. You will need to bring identification with you to the drive, (ex: driver's license, CBB donor card, state ID, employee or student ID with photo, military ID or passport). To schedule your appointment, either scan the QR code above, or log onto cbblifeblood.org, select "Donate Blood," then "Blood Drive Calendar," January 5 and St. Michael's Catholic Church or call 605-331-3222.

Heading towards warmer climates for winter, or moved recently? Please let the office know so we can update our records to reflect your temporary away status or new home address, and ensure you receive your year-end giving statement, which will be mailed in January.



The PES Brothers are looking for young people ages 18-25 to join them on a mission trip to Peru.

[Click here to fill out the form.](#)

Important Dates:
Due date for application by 01/10
Buy flights by 02/01 (from \$700-1300)
First payment: 03/01 - \$450
Second payment: 5/20 - \$450



For more info contact: brbryan@pes-usa.org

Our Lady of Victory Pastorate Religious Education



St. Michael:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

December 16 & 17--Classes as scheduled

Grades 4-5

December 17--Classes as scheduled

Grades 6-High School: Fraternus/Fidelis

December 17--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.

St. George:

Saint George will be joining the area churches in providing TWENTY Christmas Dinner Boxes to families in need. You may purchase any combination of items or donate money to "fill in the holes." **Please leave any items you have purchased in the gathering space by December 14.** There is room in the parish hall freezer for the turkey & ham. Monetary donations marked "Christmas Boxes" can be left in the offertory. The sign-up forms will be in the gathering space for the items you will bring. Remember to mark the sheet when you get them.

Current Needs: (New items, please)

Gender Neutral Newborn Pacifiers
4 oz. Gender Neutral Bottles
Size 18-24 month Boy Pajamas
Size 18-24 month Girl Pajamas
High Chairs
(New) Cribs
Gender-Neutral Newborn Socks
Gender-Neutral Newborn Pajamas

Always Needed: (New items, please)

Diapers - Sizes 5 and 6

Pacifier Chains

Infant Toys

Toddler Toys

For info on other donation items, go to:

<https://alphacenterfriends.com/give/>

Go to top menu - click on "give" and scroll down to "shop our website".



Advent Baby Shower

St. George:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

December 16, 17, 18--Classes as scheduled

Grades 4-6

December 17--Classes as scheduled

Grades 7-High School: Ignite & Edge

December 17--Classes as scheduled



No RE classes on Wednesday, December 24 or Wednesday, December 31 at either parish.

Mark your calendars.....

1st Communion Masses:

Saturday, May 2--4:00 pm @ St. Michael
Sunday, May 3--9:00 am @ St. George and 11:00 am @ St. Michael

A ring was found after Mass on Nov. 30. If missing one, please call Donna.

Volunteers are needed to wash the altar server garments. Please contact Donna for more information.

Christmas church decorating on Dec. 21, following the 9 AM Mass. Volunteers are needed to assist with moving pieces out of storage and then setting up.

Liturgical ministers, please provide Donna with your unavailability dates for January & February by December 17.

In the foyer are signup sheets for liturgical minister positions for the two Christmas Eve Masses and for the one Christmas Day Mass. Please check your schedule and sign up to fill a position.

"Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." – St. Mother Teresa

 Congratulations to **Palmer Ann McCoy, daughter of Jarvis & Meggie** on her baptism. May God bless her always!

 Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Tom Seiler, brother of Jim & George Seiler; Michael Mahan, a parishioner, and Sherri Imker, cousin of Deacon Mark & Kristi Harriman**. May they and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

We are transitioning to a NEW online giving platform in which donations will merge seamlessly into our diocesan software. Please assist in the transition by clicking the link or scanning the QR code to create an account (or log in to your existing one if you registered for RE for 25-26) and choose your desired donations. If you need assistance, please contact Rechelle by calling the office during business hours or emailing rechelle@olvictorysd.org.



[Click HERE to activate.](#)

WELCOME TABLE

Love is the Mission is selling fudge this weekend from the Welcome Table. Stop by and pick up gifts or treats!

1/4 lb. for \$5.00

Buy one pound of fudge for \$20.00 and get 1/2 lb. for free!



You can get HOLY Fudge anytime?
Go to our website or Venmo
@Rhonda-Kelsey-2 with what you want!

Women at the Well. All women are welcome. Just come as you are.

No sign-up is needed.

Saturday, December 20, @ 9:00 AM

Multi-purpose room Entrance F



"Loving Father, as we light the pink candle today, we feel the joy of your Son's coming. Help us to share this joy with others, to find you in everyday moments, and to have grateful hearts as we prepare for Christmas



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE



Order YOUR

Peanut Butter Kisses-\$15 a dozen
Sugar Cookies \$15 a dozen
Monster Cookies \$15 a dozen

Mixed Plate -4 of each above- \$15 a dozen
Plate of Rolo Pretzels and Dipped Oreos \$20

 [Click Here to Order](#)



Cookies will be available for pickup on December 20-21.



Advent Angel Gifts

Will you share with those in need?

Agencies in the Sioux Falls area depend upon our generosity to lend a helping hand to those in need.

These are the agencies that St. Michael supports:

Alpha Center, Family Connections, Children's Home Society, St. Francis House, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, St. Michael Parish Assistance Fund, Hope Prison Ministry, & St. Vincent de Paul Society and Holy Innocents Ministry.

Take a slip of paper from one of the baskets at the entrances. Each agency has a different colored slip.

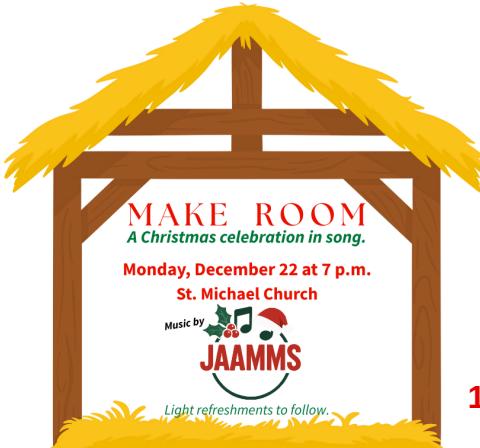
Purchase the item(s) on the slip(s) that you choose.

All gift cards/stamps should be brought to the Parish office.

Place your unwrapped gift near the large TV in the Commons, with the paper tag taped to it, by Sunday, December 21.

Join others for fellowship after the 8:00 am & 9:30 am Masses this Sunday in the gym.





St. Michael offers **baptism preparation classes** for parents wanting to baptize their child. They are held the 3rd Sunday of each month from 10:45 am -11:30 am in the Oxford Room. Upcoming class is Dec. 21. Please register prior to the class by calling the office 605-361-1600.

St. Michael Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 pm in the Art Room. Please use door F.



We're Hiring!

St. Michael Elementary is looking for caring, dependable individuals to assist with our after-school program, Monday through Friday from 2:45–6:00 p.m. (flexible hours available until 4:30 p.m. if preferred). This is a great opportunity for retirees, grandparents, or anyone who enjoys working with children in a faith-filled environment.

Interested? Contact Andrew asternke@ogknights.org or visit www.ogknights.org/careers

School Masses for December:

Dec. 19--prepared by Kindergarten



Come Serve Breakfast at the Banquet Dec. 22nd



Fulfilling the Mission of Matthew 25: 42-45 to Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty!

Father Cesar is asking that people use the approved bottles when filling them with Holy Water. He requests that empty pill bottles no longer be used. Thank you

Bishop O'Gorman School News



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

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
605-575-3341 or 605-575-3358



SCAN ME

Sioux Falls Diocese Events

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

TRADITIONAL MEXICAN CHRISTMAS COOKIES

ACCEPTING ORDERS NOV. 19 - DEC. 19
Place your order by calling 605-336-2374 or email Adoration707@gmail.com



Go Sing It on the Mountain

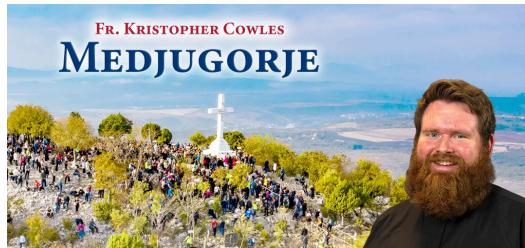
Advent Cantata at Risen Savior in Brandon
Sunday, December 21, at 4:00 pm with a Potluck to follow.



Annual Prison Christmas Packages

The SD Prison Chaplains Association is once again asking for donations for those incarcerated.

Christmas is a challenging and lonely time for inmates, and this small gesture lets them know they are not forgotten. For some, it is the only gift they will receive. Please join us in this beautiful act of charity and the Corporal Work of Mercy, "visit the imprisoned". Give electronically by visiting www.convergeheartland.org/donate and choosing the SDPCA Christmas Sacks tab or by using the QR code below. Any questions feel free to email Mo Irvine at prisonministry@sfcatholic.org.



Join Fr. Cowles on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje!
The trip is February 5-13, 2026.

Scan to QR code or click the registration button.



DECEMBER 18-21
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

BENEFITING BISHOP DUDLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE AND THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

TICKETS:
605-988-3701
CCFESD.ORG



Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls is looking to fill several positions....

If you thrive in a fast-paced environment and are eager to make a difference, we want to hear from you! [More information HERE](#).



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:30PM SOCIAL | 7:00-9:00PM TRIVIA



HOLY SPIRIT LOWER LEVEL
3601 EAST DUDLEY LANE

QUESTIONS?
SFCYA.INFO@GMAIL.COM

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
[@SFCATHOLICYOUNGADULTS](https://www.instagram.com/sfcatholicyoungadults)

Click there to register



Epiphany Concert Jan. 4 – Ring in the New Year with music and joy! On Sunday at 1:30 p.m., the Yankton Catholic Community proudly presents the 3rd Annual Epiphany Concert at the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel in Yankton.

**St. George Online
Giving****St. George:****General Needs:**

Weekly Collection Needs	\$6,553.85
Weekly Receipts-Actual	\$8,071.52
Weekly Overage (Shortfall)	\$1,517.67

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$150,738.55
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$158,986.98
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	\$8,248.43
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 20,998.75)
Actual Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 12,750.32)

CFSA 2025:

Goal	(\$63,500.00)
Cemetery Goal	(\$36,500.00)
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$79,001.25
YTD	(\$20,998.75)

Priests on Staff:

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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:****General Needs:**

Weekly Collection Needs	\$30,980.77
Weekly Receipts-Actual	\$49,338.26
Weekly-Overage (Shortfall)	\$18,357.49

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget	\$712,557.71
Year-To-Date-Actual	\$674,328.12
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall)	(\$ 38,229.59)
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 80,665.75
Actual Overage (Shortfall)	\$ 42,436.16

CFSA 2025:

Goal	\$203,000.00
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$283,665.75
YTD	\$ 80,665.75

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Online Giving Please consider
making a monthly
donation to
St. Vincent dePaul.



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****Bulletin Announcements**
must be in the St. Michael
parish office by noon on
Tuesdays.**

Teresa Hulscher
St Michael School Principal
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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

Fridays: **No Mass**

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., Dec. 13| 5:00 pm +John/+Susie/+Paulette Trapp

Sun., Dec. 14|9:00 am +Gilbert Bassett

Mon., Dec.15| **No Mass**

Tues., Dec. 16| 5:30 pm Int of Camden Bjergaard

Wed., Dec. 17| 8:00 am +Lois Opitz

Thurs. Dec. 18| 9:00 am +Andrew/+Jennifer Hoefert/+Abbigail Vitek

Friday, Dec. 19|8:00 am +Burggraff/+Penning Families

Sat., Dec. 20| 5:00 pm +Colleen Jesse

Sun., Dec. 21| 9:00 am Int. of OLV Parishioners

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Saturday, December 20

Altar Servers: D Wilking, C & O Rogers

Reader: E Dissing

Sacristan: G Dvorak

Ushers: C & T McMahon, A Perrion, C Skauge

Offertory: A & D Perrion

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

Sunday, December 21

Altar Servers: A, C, & G Strunk

Readers: P Meehan and K Sundermann

Sacristan: P Lammers

Ushers: G Dvorak, B Sundermann,
B Voss, M Wegleitner

Offertory: P & A Garry family

EOMHCs: (Dcn. John-OM),
B Olson, B Warrington

Donuts: M & N Wegleitner

Weekly readings can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org>

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

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Hartford SD 57033

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Website: www.olvictorysd.org

Social Media:



@St George &
St Michael
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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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, Dec. 15| 5:30 pm +Dr. Ada Lopez-Mendez

Tuesday, Dec. 16| 11:00 am +Esther Vogel

Wednesday, Dec. 17| 8:15 am +Richard Schreier

Thursday, Dec. 18| 8:15 am +Bill Heissel

Friday, Dec. 19| 8:15 am +Cathy Maxwell

Saturday, Dec. 20| 8:15 am +Gene/+Viola Fox

4:00 pm +Theresa/+Joe/+Daniel Mickalowski

Sunday, Dec. 21| 8 am +Don/+Stan Spader | 9:30 am +Vincent/+Lorraine Nuese | 11:00 am +Joe Schartz

6:00 pm +Clark Kelley