Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

ST. GEORGE PARISH



Hartford, SD

July 20, 2025



ST. MICHAEL PARISH

16th Sunday in **Ordinary Time**



Charity and Hospitality

I wanted to share with you a little experience I had in the Congo (DRC) during the war regarding charity. In the Bible, charity, or agape love, is God's selfless and unconditional love for humanity, and the love that Christians should have for one another. It is a love that is demonstrated through concrete acts of kindness, compassion, and service, and is considered the greatest of Christian virtues.

Charity must lead us to hospitality and mutual aid. Charity must be freely supported by faith in God; charity without faith becomes a simple act of altruism, motivated by a desire for recognition or reward. For us Christians, charity cannot be merely an act of humanism, but it is an act of faith and a conviction in my religion. Charity without belief in God leads to poor choices and disaster. I lived in a country for a very long time, experiencing a lot of war in the Congo and the sub-region of Central Africa. These wars caused a lot of damage, and many people were fleeing the war, and also, the refugees were tormented. Some people came there under the pretext of charity, but they still abused the refugees. They demanded inhumane physical and psychological torture from them. Sometimes they would kidnap children and run away with them. Many young girls were forced to endure immoral abuse.

In many cases of so-called hospitality that I witnessed during these wars, it was hospitality with an ulterior motive. People welcomed refugees into their homes, but then, brutal and inhuman work. It was awful to witness these atrocities.

Charity must be supported by morality, which is the product of faith and religion, and not simply by ethics, which is a product of reason. A humanitarian agent who acts with morality acts in the fear of God, but he who acts only by ethics, acts by altruism. Altruism can lead to making many mistakes and falling short. Charity must come from the depths of the heart of love that we have learned from our Lord Jesus Christ. Charity must also lead us to hospitality. The Lord Jesus Christ asks us for free and unconditional charity.



The year-end financial reports are available on the website, or you can also pick up a copy at each parish office.

God bless, Fr. Albert Ondjo

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We want to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers at Our Lady of Victory Pastorate who keep our lawns and flowers looking beautiful. It takes many hands to keep our lawns mowed, flowers pruned, and weeds removed. Thank you for your help!



Our Lady of Victory Pastorate:

ST GEORGE & ST MICHAEL PARISHES INVITE YOU TO THE Sizzlin' Summer Social

August 10th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this event. The event will be located in the empty lot across from the Hartford Brewery. We will have two food trucks, games, music, and a variety of beverages. Come and meet our new priests.

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Prayer for Bishop DeGrood

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your goodness and love. We pray for our **Bishop, Donald DeGrood**, who is in need of healing. We ask that you bring him strength, comfort, and a complete recovery. May Your healing power bring him to health and wholeness, so that he may join us at the altar of God soon. We pray through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the angels and saints that You would hear our prayer, Dear Jesus, and answer it. Amen



St. Michael's annual Ice cream Social for the whole OLV pastorate is Sunday, August 24 from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm Come for food, games, and fellowship!

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You are invited to attend the **First OLV Women's Emmaus Retreat**. This retreat will be held on **October 10, 11, and 12 at Lake Shetek Bible Camp in Curry, Minnesota.** Registration will begin Monday, August 4th. The cost to attend is \$150.00, which covers all of your food, room, and materials. Contact Dana Webskowski for more information on this beautiful women's ministry.

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National NFP Awareness Week is July 20-26.

This week is set aside every year by the USCCB to highlight the gift of God's gifts of love and life in marriage. To find out more about natural, safe, healthy, and spiritually enriching ways to plan your family, go to the Diocesan Marriage and Family link at: <u>https://sfcatholic.org/familylife/</u>



This is for Knights of Columbus members at either St. George or St. Michael.

Become a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus on **August 16**. The Exemplification or membership ceremony will take place **at St. Mary's in Spirit Lake, Iowa**, but you will become an actual member of your local 4th Degree Assembly. For more information, Contact: Don Breuker 712-461-1321 Cell/Text or 712-336-4855 Land Line msgrmccoykc@gmail.com

St. George:

St. George's RE Team Leader Training for grades 7-10, will be on Wednesday,
August 6, starting at 7:00 pm at
St. George.

Join us in praying the rosary for Pro-life at St. George: the 2nd Tuesday of the month after the 5:30pm Mass and every Wednesday after the 8:00am Mass.

For baptism, matrimony & member registration at St. George, please contact Donna at the parish office.



Knight of the Month: Andrew Zimmer



Family of the Month: Dave & Kim Puthoff

St George-Senior Class of 25-26

Please contact Greg Boggs for scholarship qualifications.



Anyone from St George interested in participating in the **Bishop O'Gorman Sporting Clays Tournament on August 26**, please contact Jim McMahon. We are seeking two to three additional participants.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the **St. George** <u>**Knights of Columbus**</u>, please don't



hesitate to reach out. We are a Catholic Fraternity of Men ages 18 and older, dedicated to four main degrees: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. *We meet once a month, on the third Monday, for a night of brotherhood, prayer, business, and fellowship.*

The St. George Parish Office will be closed July 21-25 because Donna is at CGS training.

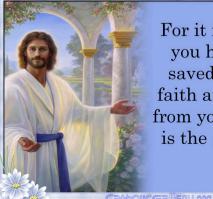
Dana needs 7 more black half-dress slips in any size and length. If you have some old black slips that you would like to donate, please bring them to the parish office.

Millions of Monicas meet on Mondays at St. George from 6:00-7:00 pm. All women are welcome to attend. Come check us out and give us a try as we pray for our loved ones to return to the Catholic Faith.

The **St. George Food Pantry** is open to anyone who is in need. It is open during office hours & by appointment; call & leave a message for Donna. Please specify what items you need & they will be bagged & waiting for pickup in the entry. Please spread the word that we are available and ready to help.

Are you new to the Hartford area, or are you looking for a parish to join? We

welcome you to Saint George! If you are interested in becoming a member of our parish, just contact the office by phone or email. Contact info is in the bulletin. Registration forms are also on the rack in the foyer.



For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God Eph 2:8

St. Michael:



Congratulations to **Nicolas Beau Padilla-Pollard**, **son of Gabina Padilla & Elizabeth Pollard, and Theodore Clay Meyer, son of Andrew & Valerie Meyer,** on their baptism. May God bless them always!



July is St. Michael's month to provide for the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament!

Pick up a slip, purchase the item, and return it to the grocery cart. Please bring gift cards, stamps, and perishable items to the parish office. Also, pick up a prayer intention slip, write it out, and put it in the box. The sisters will add that to their prayers! What a beautiful blessing that is!

Thank you so much to all who have contributed so far. The sisters are very appreciative of your care for them!

Visit the **Sordíní Gíft Shop** located next to the monastery chapel for that special gift!

Sordini

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, Birthday, or Christmas

The gift shop is named after their foundress... **Caterina Sordini** who was born on April 16, 1770 in Grosseta, Italy.

Store Hours Monday-Saturday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 27—the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: *"Blessed are those who have not lost hope" Sir 14:2*



Congratulations to **Austin Holzer** & Macie Class, who were married at St. Michael this weekend. May God bless them in their marriage!



Do you feel like you need more quiet time for prayer? St. Michael has an adoration chapel open 24 hours every day. You can call the parish office to learn how to sign up for this beautiful ministry.

St. Michael has an active prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please contact Betty at betty@olvictorysd.org or call the office 605.361.1600.

The Knights of Columbus are now using a QR Code to invite men to their organization and to keep you updated on their events. This code will take you to their Facebook page.



lf you are new to St. Michael's parish,

if you are interested in becoming Catholic, seeking to return to the practice of your faith, or haven't registered yet, we're here to help you.

JOIN

Please contact the parish office and ask for Rhonda.



Our Lady of Victory Pastorate Youth Opportunities

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2025

St. Michael QR Code and link: <u>Click here to register at St. Michael for CGS</u> <u>and RE up to grade 6.</u>



St. George QR Code and link: <u>Click here to register at</u> <u>St. George.</u>



St. Michael has opened more spots for students in grades 7-12 in our Vacation Bible School. Grades 7-12 will meet from

7:15-9:00 pm on July 27-31. Please click <u>HERE</u> to register or scan the QR code!



CGS Training in Brookings:

If you are interested in taking the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training for St. George, please contact Katelyn @



katelyn@olvictorysd.org. The training dates are Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, September 12, 13, and 14, & October 3, 4, and 5. We are seeking at least two individuals to participate in this training.

A list of volunteers needed for St. George Faith Formation is on the Welcome Table. Please look at the list and see where you can be involved in helping our youth grow in their faith.





on Sunday, August 24th, at St. George. The day will start with 9:00 am Mass and go until 3:00 pm.

This is a required retreat for all Confirmation Candidates. If you have questions or concerns, contact Antoni for St. Michael @ antoni@olvictorysd.org or Dana @dana@olvictorysd.org for St. George.

St. Michael Religious Education for grades 6-12



Registration for Fidelis and Fraternus will open at the end of July. Please look for the links in the upcoming bulletins.

These programs are for students 6-12 grade.

Bishop O'Gorman Schools: 6 Elementaries, O'Gorman Junior High, O'Gorman High School

Is it time to think about school? If you're wondering where your child will learn, grow, and thrive, consider Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools. We're more than academics—we're a faith-filled community rooted in Catholic values, strong character, and lifelong purpose. With part-time and full-time preschool available, we serve children from age 3 through high school across six elementary schools and our junior high and high school. At Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools, your child will be seen, known, and loved in a safe, structured, and nurturing environment where faith and learning go hand in hand.

Come explore what's possible. admissions@ogknights.org 605-575-3358.



Bishop O'Gorman Kickoff Mass Celebration for St. Michael families When: Sunday, August 10, at the 6:00 pm Mass Social time after the Mass





HUNTERS POINTE SHOOTING COMPLEX

All funds raised will go towards the Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools Foundation operations.

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa



Calling all Catholic women... Are you seeking ways to deepen your faith and connect with like-minded women? Come check us out! **The Catholic Women's Professional League** (CWPL) will host its August meeting on August 14 from 6:45 AM to 7:45 AM at St. Mary's Parish Hall. This month, we will be watching a video by Father Mike Schmitz, followed by a discussion. Deacon Ridder will be joining us. Follow us on FB @CWPLSF or email Tiffny Hagan with questions at cwplsf@gmail.com. <u>All are welcome!</u>

Online 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 <u>www.olvictorysd.org</u>.

St George:

General Needs:

Weekly Collection Needs Weekly Receipts-Actual Weekly Overage (Shortfall)		\$6,553.85 \$4,811.00 (\$1,742.85)
Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget		\$13,107.69
Year-To-Date-Actual		\$19,306.50
Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall) \$ 6,198.81		
CFSA Overage (Shortfall)		(\$ 25,123.75)
Actual Overage (Shortfall)		(\$ 18,924.94)
CFSA 2025:		
Goal	(\$63,500.00)	
Cemetery Goal	(\$36,500.	.00)
Receipts-PLEDGES	\$74,876.	25
YTD	(\$25,123	.75)

Priests on Staff:

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Bulletin Announcements must be in to the office by noon on Tuesdays.

St. Michael Online Givina

Sacrificial Giving:





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Weekly Receipts-Actual	
Weekly-Overage (Shortfall)	

Year-To-Date Receipts-Budget Year-To-Date-Actual Year-To-Date-Overage (Shortfall) CFSA Overage (Shortfall) Actual Overage (Shortfall) **CFSA 2025:** Goal Receipts-PLEDGES YTD

\$23,805.83 (\$ 7,174.94) \$61,961.54

\$30,980.77

\$68,678.50 \$ 6,716.96 \$72,183.75 \$78,900.71

\$203,000.00 \$275,183.75 \$ 72,183.75

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Parochial Vicars:

Daily Mass Times at St. George

Monday: No Mass Tuesday: 5:30 pm Wednesday: 8:00 am Thursday: 5:30 pm Adoration 6-7 pm Friday: 8:00 am

First Saturday: 8:30 am Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am

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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

MASS INTENTIONS for St. George:

+John/+Susie/+Paulette Trapp Sat., July 19| 5:00 pm Sunday, July 20| 9:00 am +Lois Opitz Monday, July 21| No Mass Tues., July 22| 5:30 pm +Lowell Huls Wed.. July 231 8:00 am Int of George/Denise Sechser family Thurs. July 24| 5:30 pm Int of Gerry & Lisa Dvorak Friday, July 25| 8:00 am +Carl & +Leona Rose Sat., July 26 5:00 pm +Ralph Ishmael Sun., July 27 9:00 am **OLV** Parishioners

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, July 21 | 5:30 pm +Zabrina Carlson Tuesday, July 22 | 5:30 pm +Richard Schreier Wednesday, July 23 8:15 am +Loreen Hartman Thursday, July 24 | 8:15 am +Sherry Scott Friday, July 25 | 8:15 am +Esther Vogel

Saturday, July 26

Altar Servers: E, D, and | Lutter Reader: C Spielmann Sacristan: D Perrion Ushers: E Dissing, D Miles, G Mohrhauser, A Perrion Offertory: A & P Perrion EOMHCs: (Dcn John-OM), E & R Dissing

Sunday, July 27

Altar Servers: C Brown, C Danielson, and K Schulte Readers: G Dvorak and A Maras Sacristan: C Kapperman Ushers: | Blocker, | Maras, | Reiser, and R Schulte Offertory: B & K Sundermann family EOMHCs: (Dcn. John-OM), P Danielson, B Warrington Donuts: C & L Andersen

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

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www.olvictorysd.org

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

St. George Office Hours: **Monday-Friday** 8:00am - 4:00 pm

Monday-Thursday Friday 8:00am-Noon

Formed website:

Formed is a valuable tool for all Catholics! It has videos, books, blogs, and more! Sign up for free under St. Michael Parish of Sioux Falls! formed.org

Saturday, July 26 | 8:15 am +Larry Whitmore 4:00 pm +Susan Bowen Sunday, July 27 | 8am +Gloria +Don Beaner | 9:30am +Daniel Devine | 11:00am +Eugene +Viola Fox 6:00 pm +Gary Biever