

Gathered at the Cross. Sent to Serve.

RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastorate of the Holy Cross

22 NOVEMBER 2026 | SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday | 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 8:00am & 10:30am

Weekday Masses
Monday | No Mass
Tuesday | 5:00pm
Wednesday | 9:00am
Thursday | 9:00am
Friday | 9:00am @ Bethany

Confession
Saturday | 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Other | By Appointment

Adoration
Thursday | 6:45am - 8:45am

GET IN TOUCH

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Pilgrim's Journey

It is good to be back home after my pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Mike Wensing and a group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Sioux Falls. As I said before I left, Fr. Mike has been to the Holy Land 15 times throughout his priesthood. This year's pilgrimage had been canceled 3 times because of COVID and then the war in the Middle East. I was a bit leery about going, knowing all that is going on in the world, especially in the Middle East. Sometimes my military background is a hindrance - I know too much and probably have seen too much in my military life as well.

Fr. Mike was especially excited to return to the Church of All Nations, located over the rock where Jesus prayed while experiencing His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, before His arrest and crucifixion. If you attended Fr. Mike's Theology on Tap talk a little over a year ago, you might remember how his pilgrimage group in 2015 experienced what they describe as a great miracle during Mass at that specific church. It was November 4, 2015, and Fr. Mike had just concluded Mass, which has the altar situated right over and behind the rock where Jesus prayed. After Mass, the pilgrims noticed that the rock appeared to have liquid coming out of the side of it. Some of the people dabbed it with a kleenex, and the substance was red. Additionally, one of the pilgrims tasted the substance off their finger and described the taste as like a nosebleed. Then the substance on the rock disappeared. This year, we had Mass on November 4, 2026, exactly eleven years after that incredible experience. Fr. Mike describes it as a Mass of thanksgiving for what the Lord had provided to him and the pilgrims through that incredible phenomenon, or miracle.

That is what happens on pilgrimages. Not every time do you experience something specific like that - those rocks did not bleed this year - but a pilgrimage is supposed to be an opportunity to deepen one's relationship with God, seek spiritual growth, and connect with the history and communion of the Church. What I went on was not a "vacation" and I did not go as a "tourist" but a pilgrim. We made multiple journeys each day to holy sites such as the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Magdala, Jerusalem, Calvary, Bethlehem, Jericho, the house where Peter denied knowing Jesus, the burial site of Jesus, and so much more. Pilgrimages are meant to be taken with the intent of encountering God in a personal and transformative way. It is not merely a physical journey but a spiritual one, reflecting the soul's journey toward heaven.

We began each day on the bus prior to 7 a.m.- that meant a 5:30 wake-up call each morning - I told you it was not a vacation! After getting on the bus, we prayed a pilgrim's prayer that reminded us why we were in the Holy Land and to remember certain intentions. Each day I prayed during the silent intentions for our parishes, St. Rose of Lima and Risen Savior, and all of our parishioners. At some point on the bus that day, our entire group prayed the rosary together, reflecting on the life of Christ through Mary. Lastly, at one of the holy locations we visited, we had a scheduled Mass.

If you want to know more about this journey and my hope that, in the future, our parish might be able to go on one of these pilgrimages, make sure you attend our Theology on Tap in January, where I will be presenting on pilgrimages and my experience this year in the Holy Land.

God Bless You... Fr. Andy

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, 23 Nov: (10 AM) Funeral Mass *Gwen Branson* †
Tuesday, 24 Nov: (5 PM) Feliz and Lavina Bergen †
Wednesday, 25 Nov: (9 AM) Mike Doyle †
Thursday, 26 Nov: (8 AM) Bill Smith †
Friday, 27 Nov: (9 AM @ Bethany) No Mass
Saturday, 28 Nov: (5 PM) Joesph Fulton Bruggeman †
Sunday, 29 Nov: (8 AM) Todd Williams †
(10:30 AM) Kerkvliet Family

2 Week Sanctuary Candle:
In Thanksgiving for our many blessings
1 Week Mary Candle:
All travelers
Foster children, especially over the holidays
1 Week Joseph Candle:
For the safety & protection of our deployed military
For the families of our deployed military

NEWS AND EVENTS

Congratulations to the family of Brooks Richard Busch, Troy & Megan. *May your little one be filled with God's wisdom and grace today & always.*

We give a warm welcome to our newest member, *Marissa Herll*, and all those visiting our parish today!

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of Don Witte, wife of Judy, father of Delton (Susan) Witte; Garland Marso, husband of Jeannie; and Gwen Branson. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Cookie Parade news: Volunteers are needed the day of our fundraising event! You can volunteer by using the QR code provided.

50/50 Cash Raffle chances are now available! *Tickets are $1, or you can have your whole wingspan for only $20.* **We are still looking for** Kid Entrepreneurs, items for our Country Store, and gift cards in any amount. Since this is our only fundraiser of the year, your help makes all the difference!

Short on Time? Let Laurie Bake Your Cookie Parade Cookies! Laurie Lambertz is offering to bake for anyone who needs help with this task. The cost will be $40.00 for six dozen cookies. Please contact Laurie at 605-839-9990 if you are interested.

Join us for our **Young Adult Advent Bible Study**, *How to Advent*! We'll gather on Thursday evenings in December at 6:30 PM to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming through Scripture, reflection, and fellowship. All young adults ages 18–30 are welcome! We hope to see you there!

You are invited to support the Knights of Columbus Choir, who will sing the National Anthem at the SkyForce vs. Cleveland Charge game on Wednesday, November 25, at the Sioux Falls Pentagon. Tickets are only $10 + tax & fees. Get your ticket online. This special price is only available in advance, so hurry!



Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM. Bring a food item to be blessed. The Parish Office will be closed on Nov. 26 & Nov. 27.



NEW WEBSITE: We have created a new combined site for our Pastorate - look for **pastorateoftheholycross.com**!

NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY OR CHURCH?

Join our parish family today and stay updated on all the happenings! Scan the QR code to join!

TODAY'S READINGS

EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17; PSALM 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6;
1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28; MATTHEW 25:31-46

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Christ the King: Serving Jesus in Others! 👑

This Sunday, November 22, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Church year! In our Gospel, Jesus tells us what He will look for when He comes again in glory as King of the Universe. Unlike earthly kings who sit on fancy thrones waiting to be served, Jesus rules with love and puts others first. He tells us a wonderful secret: whenever we feed the hungry, welcome a stranger, or comfort someone who is sad, we are doing it directly for Him!

Jesus wants to be the King of our hearts every single day. We honor Him not just with crowns and songs, but by noticing people who need help and showing them kindness. When we care for those around us, we are treating everyone like royalty and welcoming Jesus Himself!

💬 **Table Talk**

This week, we remember that we serve Jesus when we love and care for other people. At dinner or in the car, ask your kids:

- "Jesus says helping someone in need is the same as helping Him. Who can we show extra kindness to this week?"
- "How can we make Jesus the 'King' of our family and put Him first every day?"



Family Prayer 🙏

Jesus, You are the King of our hearts and our home. Help our family to see Your face in everyone we meet this week. Give us generous hands to help those in need and loving hearts that always put You first. Amen.

Congratulations, Nativity Cast!

We are excited to announce the students randomly selected for the Nativity portion of this year's Christmas Program.

Mary: Adylee Artz | **Joseph:** Isaac Marx
Wise Men: Rae Aeikens, Briggs Lutz, Benjamin Turek
Shepherds: William Story, Kilian Ailts, Landon Swenson, Kai Fuerstenberg
Angels: Maria Olson, Devon Traylor, Heather MacGregor, Avery Artz
Animals: Eva Moe, Serenity Miley, Tobin Kraft, Hadley Balsdon (Sheep); Mikaela MacGregor (Cow); Elise Ailts (Donkey)
Readers: Sylvie Krivarchka, Kennady Brand, Isabelle Larson, Brayden Lovell, Sylvie Landhuis, Parker Schut, Rozlie Swenson, Clara Olson, Gwen Riedel, Quinn Silvernail, Stella Bosch, Ainsley Johnson, Nora Lingen, Hailey Harms, Carson Krivarchka, Kellen Meeker, Talan Schlekeway, Brayden Hamilton, Wyatt Myers, Jett Koll

K-6th Grade Faith Formation Christmas Nativity Program

Save the Date: Join us on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 6 pm at the Brandon Valley High School PAC. All K-6th students will perform Christmas carols with a live Nativity, followed by refreshments in the Commons. This program replaces regular classes for the evening.

Weekly Youth Group

When: Every Monday in November | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Bring a friend and come ready to hang out! We are planning our calendar for the season, so bring your best ideas for winter outings you want to do this year. See you there!!

Mark your Calendars! Youth Group Field Trip Alert!

We're heading to Christ the King in Sioux Falls for an awesome night of hanging out with other youth groups!

When: Sunday, Nov 22nd | 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Don't miss out! Let Katie know ASAP if you're interested in coming!

RISEN SAVIOR PRESCHOOL


SAINT CECILIA

Happy Feast Day of St. Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music!

Including music in a preschool classroom is essential for whole-child development, cognitively, socially, emotionally, motor, and language pathways.

Every Monday, Ms. Laurie comes in for Music Mondays, and the kids are loving the songs they are learning about God and the birth of Jesus. We are preparing for Advent and the Christmas season! We hope you'll join us to share in our joy at our Christmas music program on December 17th at 6:30 pm.

No School:

November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break
December 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day
December 23-January 1: Christmas Break



STEWARDSHIP | MINISTRY

STEWARDSHIP

Needed each week for regular expenses $12,500.00

11/15/2026

Adult Envelope - $ 7,040
Plate Cash/Check - $ 2,538
Auto-Contributions - $ 9,205
Stipends & Stole Fees - $ 40
Children's Envelopes - $ 67
Buildings & Grounds - $ 398
Weekly Total - $ 19,288

New online giving & payments! Simply scan the QR code to make payments for Risen Savior!

FOLLOW US

Mass is recorded each weekend on YouTube - risensaviorbrandon

My Parish App: Text App to 55321 or download myParish App using your app store.

The **Risen Savior Mass** is broadcast on the ALLIANCE CHANNEL on Monday evenings at 8 PM. The **Sunday TV Mass** is also broadcast weekly by the Catholic Diocese of SF on Sundays @ 10:30 AM on KELOLAND.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Fill out the form located on the Sacraments page of the parish website.
Marriage: Diocesan policy requires six months preparation for all couples planning marriage. Please contact Fr. Young well in advance of a desired wedding date.

CFSA 2026 - OUR GOAL: $135,000

Thank you for your stewardship! Please remember to return your pledge card to the parish office if you haven't done so already. Currently, we have **$148,794** pledged, and **$143,991** has been collected. We have had 286 households participate to date.

SIMPLIFIED GIVING: One option is to share your gifts by signing up for Simplified Giving - Automatic Withdrawals. You can have your parish support, CFSA, or Contributions taken out weekly or monthly. Forms are available in the parish office.

AROUND THE AREA

What if this Advent began with something you didn't expect? On Sunday, November 29, following the 6 PM Mass at St. Michael's, join Lance Edward for **Healed & Forgiven**, an opportunity to discover what may be holding you back, what God desires for you, and how to leave the old behind. Experience an inspiring evening of biblical discovery, worship, prayer ministry, and an opportunity for reconciliation. Jesus Center of Life has donated all tickets, so admission is FREE! Pick up yours today at the parish office. Come as you are. Leave with renewed hope and a way forward.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUN 22 NOV
8 AM Mass
NO CGS
10:30 AM Mass

MON 23 NOV
10 AM Funeral Mass
NO CGS
6:30 PM Scriptural Rosary
7 PM Youth Group

TUES 24 NOV
5 PM Mass
5:30 PM O.C.I.A.

WED 25 NOV
9 AM Mass
NO K-10th Faith Formation

THUR 26 NOV
8 AM Mass
Happy Thanksgiving
Parish Office Closed

FRI 27 NOV
Parish Office Closed

SAT 28 NOV
4 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass

SUN 29 NOV
8 AM Mass
9 AM CGS
10:30 AM Mass



November 28 - November 29: First Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, 10:30 AM (Mass)
Server	Brayden Hamilton (1) Jack Putnam (2) **Open**	Xavier Pepper (1) Zeke Pepper (2) **Open**	Samuel Goembel (1) Gideon Witte (2) Isaac Marx (3)
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister	Zoe Angerhofer John Bystrom Mary Bystrom **Open** **Open**	Dcn. David Halter Tammy Heinrichs Will Pepper Chris Rokeh John Rokeh	Carla Gross Dcn. David Halter Joyce Tabbert Bryan Vielmette Eileen Vielmette
Lector	Ginny Nelson (1) Michael Putnam (2)	Mary Gile (1) John McGrath (2)	Jim Volk (1) Delton Witte (2)
Usher	Joe Blahovec Darin DeBoer	Pat Schoenfelder Drew Woelfel	Mark Gross Jeff Tabbert
Video-Tech		Russ Kielman	