

Gathered at the Cross. Sent to Serve.

RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastorate of the Holy Cross

29 NOVEMBER 2026 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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Happy Advent!

Today we begin our new Liturgical Year with the onset of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus," which means "a coming, approach, arrival." Who is arriving? Jesus, our promised Savior, on Christmas Day! Each year we celebrate Advent by placing an Advent wreath in the sanctuary of the Church. They aren't found only in Catholic churches, though, but also in families' homes as a visible way to prepare for the coming of Christ on Christmas morning.

The Advent wreath is a centuries-old tradition that is found in different Christian Churches, specifically Catholic and Lutheran. The tradition can be traced back to the Germans, although the exact date is unknown. Historians believe pre-Christian Germanic people lit candles around wreaths during the dark winter months as they anticipated the warmer months to come and longer periods of light. This was probably the earliest origin of what we now call the Advent wreath, which Catholics adopted in the Middle Ages, transforming an old pagan ritual into a Christian one. By the 1600's, the Advent wreath was a prominent fixture in most Catholic Churches as a way to anticipate and wait for the coming of Jesus.

The shape of the Advent wreath is a circle, which symbolizes God's infinite love-never-ending- and continuous life. Additionally, the wreath is typically made of evergreen leaves such as pine and adorned with holly or yew, representing our immortality. As you know, evergreens never lose their color, thus drawing upon the immortality of our lives and the never-ending love of God. The four candles that adorn the wreath are lit each week throughout the Advent season. The first candle is purple and often referred to as the Prophecy Candle, which signifies HOPE in the promised Messiah. The second candle is also purple, the Bethlehem Candle. As our late Pope Francis once prayed as he lit this candle, "May we be in this world a ray of light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." This candle represents PEACE, which can only come from Christ. On the third Sunday, we light the infamous rose (or pink) candle, called the Shepherds Candle. With this candle lit, we are anticipating the JOY that will come when the Messiah arrives. The last purple candle lit on the 4th Sunday of Advent is called the Angels Candle, reminding us of God's ultimate LOVE for us as He sends His only Son.

Today we begin to prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus. However you might choose to make this season special and different, do so. Maybe consider purchasing your own Advent wreath to help your family and home remain vigilant and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

God Bless You...Fr. Andy



GET TO KNOW US

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, 30 Nov: No Mass
Tuesday, 1 Dec: (5 PM) Gwen Branson †
Wednesday, 2 Dec: (9 AM) Mary Ann Christopherson †
Thursday, 3 Dec: (8 AM) Mike Doyle †
Friday, 4 Dec: (9 AM @ Bethany) No Mass
Saturday, 5 Dec: (5 PM) Ivy Krogman †
Sunday, 6 Dec: (8 AM) Richard Thier †
(10:30 AM) Parishioners of the HC

2 Week Sanctuary Candle:
That we quiet our hearts & make room for Christ this Advent
1 Week Mary Candle:
All travelers
For our Pastorate community
1 Week Joseph Candle:
All deployed military
Mark Gross - successful surgery

NEWS AND EVENTS

Born to New Life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the Waters of Baptism, we welcome:
Reagen & Reya Sylliaasen, daughters of VonnaGail and Cole
Lyra Murphy, daughter of Michael and Siana
Wishing you a journey of faith, guided by the love of Jesus and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Cookie Parade and Luncheon: Sunday, December 6!
Bakers, it's your time to shine! Please bake and donate six dozen homemade Christmas cookies and/or candies. On the day of the event, guests will fill a 9-inch pie plate with their own cookie assortment, $15 each or 2 for $25. Then warm up with soup in the parish hall starting at **noon**!
Cookie Drop-Off Times: Thursday & Friday until 4:30 PM; Saturday from 8:00 AM until 6 PM. You may also bring them to Mass with you on Saturday night or Sunday morning. We will have carts located in both entryways.
Win big too: Raffle Basket chances are $5 a piece.
50/50 Cash Raffle: continues through December 13.
$1 a ticket, or $20 for an arm-span.

Scan to volunteer!

Young Adult Bible Study will begin this Thursday evening at 6:30 PM.

Holy Land Olive Wood Art will be available December 12 & 13; you can complete some Christmas shopping early!

Calendars for 2026 are here! Thank you, George Boom Funeral Home, *for sponsoring our yearly calendar.* Pick up one today!

Lectors: New Lector workbooks are available in the Liturgy Room. Please stop in and pick one up today. (One per household, please!)

The Christmas Community Tree is up and ready for your generosity! Pull a tag from the tree and return the gift unwrapped with the tag attached by December 13th.

Ladies of all ages are invited to come to the **St. Rose of Lima Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 5,** at 1:00 PM. Entertainment begins at 1:30 PM. Tea sandwiches, desserts, candies, cider, and tea will be served. Wear your Christmas best!

NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY OR CHURCH?

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

TODAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7; PSALM 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9; MARK 13:33-37

CHILDREN & YOUTH

First Sunday of Advent: Staying Awake and Ready for Jesus! 🕯️

This Sunday, November 29, we begin the season of Advent and celebrate a brand-new Church year! In our Gospel from Mark 13:33–37, Jesus tells a story about a homeowner going on a trip who leaves his servants in charge, reminding them to "Watch!" and stay alert because they don't know when he will return. Advent is our special four-week countdown to Christmas, and Jesus wants our hearts to be wide awake and ready to welcome Him. Staying "awake" for Jesus doesn't mean skipping bedtime—it means paying attention to God and doing the good work He asks of us every single day. As we light the first purple candle of hope on the Advent wreath, we get our hearts ready through prayer, patience, and love so we are always prepared when Jesus comes!

💬 **Table Talk**
This week, we start our Advent journey by keeping our hearts awake and ready for Jesus. At dinner or in the car, ask your kids:

- "If Jesus were coming to visit our house tonight, what would we do to get ready for Him?"
- "What is one small way we can 'stay awake' and show Jesus's love in our family this week?"

🕯️ **Advent Wreath Blessing (Week 1)**

Lord Jesus, as we light this first purple candle of hope, wake up our hearts and fill our home with Your light. Help us stay ready for You by loving our family and showing kindness to everyone we meet. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.



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.

Nativity Program Acting & Reading Parts Cast Only:
All children who have a reading or acting part must attend a mandatory rehearsal on Sunday, **December 13, from 6:00–7:00 PM** in the church basement for costume fittings and practice (attendance is required to perform). On the night of the program, Wednesday, December 16, please drop your child off at the PAC at 5:00 PM for costumes and a final dress rehearsal.

Questions? Contact Pam at 605-582-6902

Youth Group

When: November 30 and December 21. | 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!!

Confirmation Teens:
We will be helping with the Nativity Program on December 17. Please be available to help from 5:30-7:00.



RISEN SAVIOR PRESCHOOL

Happy first day of Advent!
As your family enters this beautiful season of preparation, look in the columns to the left to find a few great ways to prepare and wait as a family. Preschoolers will be celebrating St. Andrew's feast day (Nov 30) while also learning about Advent during Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions this week. Next week is St. Nick's feast day! Be sure to get those candy coins to put in the kids' shoes. Saint Nick will be visiting the Cookie Parade; don't forget to stop by to see him before or after picking out your favorite Christmas goodies!



Our Christmas concert will take place Thursday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



No Pre-School:
December 8:
Immaculate Conception Holy Day

December 23-January 1:
Christmas Break



STEWARDSHIP | MINISTRY

WEEK AT A GLANCE

STEWARDSHIP

Needed each week for regular expenses $12,500.00

11/22/2026

Adult Envelope - $ 6,793
Plate Cash/Check - $ 1,571
Auto-Contributions - $ 1,045
Stipends & Stole Fees - $ 110
Children's Envelopes - $ 102
Buildings & Grounds - $ 0
Weekly Total - $ 9,621

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

Holy Trinity Catholic School in Huon, South Dakota is still looking to hire a 4th Grade Teacher. Please tell family & friends! Contact Principal Mrs. Michelle Shownfelder at (605)352-9344 if interested.





How well do you know your Christmas Cookies?

1. Spins round & round
2. Opposite of tall bread
3. Rare wild mushrooms
4. Churned cream
5. Don't leave this at a crime scene
6. Used to decorate a gift

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

MON 30 NOV
5:30 PM CGS
6:30 PM Scriptural Rosary
7 PM Youth Group

TUES 1 DEC
5 PM Mass
5:30 PM O.C.I.A.

WED 2 DEC
9 AM Mass
K-10th Faith Formation
5 -8 PM Adoration

THUR 3 DEC
6:45 AM Adoration
9 AM Mass
6:30 PM YA Bible Study

FRI 4 DEC
Cookie drop off until 4:30

SAT 5 DEC
9 AM Soup Prep
Cookie drop off
No Confessions
5 PM Mass

SUN 6 DEC Cookie Parade!
8 AM Mass
9 AM Cookie Sales
10:30 AM Mass
Noon lunch
4:30 PM Adult Bible Study

December 5 - December 6: Second Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM (Mass)	Sunday, 10:30 AM (Mass)
Server	Hailey Harms (1) Wyatt Harms (2) OPEN (3)	Londyn Schut (1) Parker Schut (2) OPEN (3)	Isaac Gaspar (1) Brecken Coughlin (2) Isaac Marx (3)
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister	Bruce Gluf Harveen Gluf Leann Sawyer Dorothy VonHoltum OPEN	Nancy Brand Jane Mutschelknaus David Mutschelknaus Pam Smith Doug Waller	Debbie Kribell Jeff Kribell Gary Lien Gary Marx Janelle Vis
Lector	Dorothy VonHoltum (1) Maywin Thoreson (2)	Karen Waller (1) Doug Waller (2)	Pearl Forman (1) Debbie Kribell (2)
Usher	Richard Ehrhardt Paul Sickler	Cade Tripp Steve Tripp	Carmen Hammond Don Hammond
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