



St. Michael's Church
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December 8, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Sunday, December 8: Roger Ritter +

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Sunday, December 15, at 9:00 AM

Sacristan: Greg Brewer

Greeter: Linda Birgenheir

Server: Megan & Ashlyn Snyder

Cantor: Tanya Cooper

Ushers: Pat McCarthy & Dale Gadbois

Readers: Matt & Lenorr Snyder

EM: Suzie Lambert

Rosary Leader: Sue White

President: Fr. Matt

Mass Intention: Francis Paulin +

PLEASE find a replacement if you cannot make your assigned date.

Confessions at St. Michael's in Hermosa will be heard **every Sunday** from 8:15-8:45 AM (before the 9:00 AM Mass).

Have something you would like announced by the priest at the close of Mass? Please e-mail Lenorr by Friday afternoon (snydersintheboonies@yahoo.com).

Please pray for Marie Birgenheir, Brenda Kummer, Chantry Nelson, Tracy Gillen, Ruth Schaefer, John Ralston, Alan and Lois Goodhue, Natalie Mellegard, Rose Bucholz, Forrest McGrew, John Hills, the family of Hazel Adams, Cecelia Carreon, and Diane Umscheid.

Are you new to our church and want to become



a member? Please fill out a registration form found in the box in the entryway. There is a place to return your form there as well. Welcome to St. Michael's!!

SPIRITUAL HOSPICE MINISTRY—Our mission is to pray for dying souls. To request prayers for the dying or to join our mission call 605-209-0667 or visit www.SpiritualHospiceMinistry.com.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS—Steve & Kathy Venteicher, Brian & Chelon Fichter, and Mark & Jana DeFreece (kids Wyatt & Layla).

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

November 24, 2019

HERMOSA

Regular Collection	\$	732.00
Online Giving	\$	145.00
Building Fund	\$	100.00
	\$	977.00
Special Collections		
Children's Collection	\$	12.00
Seminary	\$	55.00
Total Seminary Fund FY 2019	\$	825.00

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



BEST ADVENT

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MASS TO CELEBRATE THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be held at St. Michael's on Monday, December 9, at 6:00 PM. Please sign up for a ministry for this Mass.



PARISH FINANCE MEETING

will take place tomorrow evening after Mass at approximately 7:00 PM.



FAITH FORMATION

UPDATE—Next Sunday, December 15, is a faith formation Sunday! Fr. Brian will be facilitating the adult session this time. Everyone is welcome!!



NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR

LIFE—The Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee will host the annual National Night of Prayer for Life at Blessed

Sacrament Church in Rapid City. The event

will take place on Sunday, December 8,

from 5:00-7:00 PM. Participants will pray for Mary's

intercession to strengthen the "Culture of Life,"

protect religious freedom, provide life-affirming

solutions to societal problems, and for God to "revive

our land." Please join us for this special prayer event

for all life! For questions, contact Sue Jimmerson:

kjimmer48@gmail.com, or 605-721-7712.



EXCELSIS DEO: VERBUM CARO

FACTUM EST—Advent will be over before we know it...take a day away to focus on your relationship with Jesus. Join us for a Day of Recollection with

Fr. Kerry Prendiville on Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. The day will be focused on living the joy of the Gospel in the fleeting days of Advent. \$25 per person, includes lunch. Scholarships available. Register online at <http://terrasancta.org/Advent> or call us at 605-716-0925. Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Rd, Ste 300, Rapid City.



TEACHING FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST:

The Profession of Faith-The Creed is a summary of our faith and the story of Scripture. What is revealed in this Profession of Faith is salvation history, from creation to Christ's incarnation, death and resurrection, to the sending of the Holy Spirit, to the era of the Church and finally to the Second Coming. When we say the Creed, we publicly stand with God as the Body of Christ and solemnly declare to the Lord our belief in his saving love for us. We communicate our wholehearted allegiance to the Lord: "I believe in one God." We have just heard Jesus speak to us in his word and now we reaffirm our faith and belief as we continue to prepare ourselves for the intimate moment of this encounter, the Eucharist.



Faith Formation for the entire family!

Formation Sundays:	Schedule:
December: 15	9:00-10:00 Mass
January: 12 and 26	10:00-10:20 Simple Brunch
February: 9 and 23	10:20-11:45 Youth Class
March: 8 and 22	Time
April: 5 and 19	10:30-11:45 Adult
May: 3	Formation



Bulletins

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

DATES: Please note the following dates and the corresponding deadlines:

Sunday, December 29— submit by Thursday, December 12

If you have something you want in the bulletin, please contact Lenorr Snyder, 605-255-4668 or snydersintheboonies@yahoo.com.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we

"earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. *"Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'"* Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. *"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance...every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. *"The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals."* The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?