

Saint Michael Parish

112 N Idaho St, Clark SD 57225
 Nov/Dec Sun. Mass - 11:00am

Saint Henry Parish

605 4th St, Henry SD 57243
 Nov/Dec Sat. Mass - 5:00pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish

803 6th St, Florence SD 57235
 Nov/Dec Sun. Mass - 8:30am

Main Office ~ Office hours 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ~ Mon-Fri

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2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Dec. 8, 2019

From Fr Dan, My little ones, give yourself the gift of Advent this year. This wisdom of Holy Mother Church is reliable and authoritative on these such things. Turn down the societal noise and take this time before Christmas to reflect, to awaken, and to anticipate meeting Christ each day— preeminently His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is a main reason why He came on Christmas day— to give us Himself, the Most Holy Eucharist. This is the greatest gift here on earth. Remember to receive Him in a state of grace. So make sure a person sees a priest and receives the sacrament of Reconciliation — go to Confession.

If you did not receive the envelope with my letter and The Vocation Tree poster in the mail yet, let me or Dan Whalen in the office know. The large Vocation Tree poster you saw at Mass is now hanging in the back of the Church for your viewing and teaching others. Our $\frac{1}{2}$ Year of Vocation $\frac{1}{2}$ will run from the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct 27, 2019) through the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct 25, 2020). The Vocation Tree Frequently Asked Questions section is now on the back of the bulletin. There will be new questions and answers each month.

May this Advent anticipation of Jesus Christ inspire you today. God bless.

Additional Confession times this December:

- Florence: Wed, Dec 11th at
 5:30pm (Everyone)
 6:30pm (CCD teachers and students go first)
- Henry: Wed, Dec 18th at
 4:30pm (CCD teachers and students go first)
 6:45pm (CCD teachers and students go first)

Confessions:

**30 Minutes before Mass on
 Weekends and Holy Days
 or by appointment**

Mass Times during the Week

Tue – Dec. 10 – 5:15 pm - C
 Grace White

Wed – Dec. 11 – 9:00 am at
 Wookey Assisted Living in Clark
 Vince Geise

Thur – Dec. 12 – 8:30 am – F
 Hugo and Esther Maag

Fri – Dec. 13 – 8:30 am - H
 Bernard Pesall

Sunday Mass Times

Sat – Dec. 14 - 5:00 PM @ - H
 Darwin Keltgen and Family

Sun – Dec. 15 - 8:30 AM @ - F
 For the People

Sun – Dec. 15 - 11:00 AM @ - C
 Aria Wellman

Christmas Mass Times

Tue – Dec. 24 - 4:00 PM @ - F

Tue – Dec. 24 - 6:30 PM @ - H

Wed – Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM @ - C

Holy Hour this week inside the Church:

*Last names starting with
 “A and B”*

Wednesday’s at 5:30 pm

Saint Michael, Clark: Last Week's Offering: \$ 1,105 CFSA: \$ 475 Christmas Flowers: \$20

- **2020 Offertory Envelopes** are set out on the tables in the back of the church by the East entrance.
- **Saint Michael Advent Soup and Sandwich....**Sunday, December 8th after 11:00 am Mass. Anyone willing to bring a crock pot or roaster of soup, crackers/breads, or meat and cheese items, fruit....THANK YOU! Please plan to join us to celebrate the Advent season, and Father's birthday as well!

Saint Henry, Henry: Last Week's Offering: \$ 476

Blessed Sacrament, Florence: Last Week's Offering: \$ 1,089

- **Advent Crib:** Donations go to the Beacon Center. You can donate from Dec. 1 thru Dec. 24th.
- **Food Box** in the entry of the church. Donations going to Pearl's Project.
- **SCRIP gift cards:** *Sherri Sumner* will have them with her in church. If there are any gift cards you would like for Christmas, a list has been placed on the back table. An order will be placed on December 9th and will be in within 4-5 days after that. Please call Pat Grygiel at 758-2223 with your gift card requests.
- **Blessed Sacrament** is still looking for CCD teachers and substitutes. Contact Pat Callan 758-2156.

Since December 8, 2019 is a Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the next day, Monday, December 9th. Being on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass for that day is lifted in the United States.

Let's all celebrate Father Dan's 50th Birthday.

When: Saturday December 7, 2019 after the 5:00pm Mass.

Where: Double Barrel in Henry. 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: Adults = \$13 Children 5 – 8 yrs old = \$6.50 4 and under = FREE

Menu: Dinner will include chicken, pork roast, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, a full salad bar, cake.

No alcohol will be served. A reservation is not required to attend but....it will help for food planning if you text Sarah at 605-880-0244 with a count if you are planning to attend.

Bus trip to the Christmas concert in Hoven at the Cathedral on the Prairie: Bus leaves Watertown at 11:00am and Clark at 11:45am on Sun, December 8th. Cost is \$65 which includes a Sub sandwich sack lunch on the way home, bus ride and concert ticket. Contact Dan Duenwald @ 605-233-0010.

Bus Trip to Christmas at the Cathedral in Sioux Falls: Sat, Dec 21st. Bus leaves Immaculate Conception Church in Watertown at 10:30am and returns by 5:00pm. (Clark and Henry people contact Marne Hult below for your departure times.) Cost is \$65/person. Make checks payable to the 'Catholic Community Foundation'. Contact Marne Hult at 605-880-1460.

Human Services Center in Yankton is looking for donations for their patients. T-shirts and Sweatshirts, Sweat Pants, gloves, hats, pajamas, socks, playing cards, individual sized snack crackers and cakes, decaf pop, DVD's, crossword puzzles. Human Services Center, 3515 Broadway Ave, PO Box 7600, Yankton SD 57078-7600

Reckless ~ A Catholic Couples Retreat: February 1-2, 2020 @ Hilton Garden Inn, Sioux Falls SD. Presenters are Deacon James Keating and Ennie & Cana Hickman. Reckless is an opportunity for married couples of all ages and stages to invest in their relationship, enjoy a night away and be inspired in their journey of faith! To register or for more information go to www.sfcatholic.org/couplesconference

ESPAÑOL and English at www.formed.org – Movies and Books and Prayers... all on [formed.org](http://www.formed.org). The parish code is M38647.

Vocation Tree ~ Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I fit in? The Vocation Tree illustration is not a comprehensive picture of the entire Church! Particularly within the laity, many other branches exist and bear fruit, including children, adolescents and young adults who have not yet discerned a state in life vocation, widows and widowers, those who are separated, and single persons open to marriage. The Vocation Tree is meant to illustrate vocations in life that are both *discerned* and *chosen*.