

Saint Michael Parish

112 N Idaho St, Clark SD 57225

Saint Henry Parish605 4th St, Henry SD 57243**Blessed Sacrament Parish**803 6th St, Florence SD 57235**Main Office ~ Office hours 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ~ Mon-Fri****Saint Michael Parish****112 N Idaho St****PO Box 28****Clark SD 57225****Administrative Assistant: Dan Whalen****Phone: 605-532-3855****Email: office@cfhcatholics.org****All 3 Parish Websites can be found at www.parishesonline.com****Pastor: Fr. Daniel Smith****Phone: 605-532-3854****Email: frdanielsmith@sfcatholic.org****Confessions:**

- **Sat 4:30pm @ Henry**
- **Sun 8:30am @ Florence**
- **Sun 10:30am @ Clark or by appointment**

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 10, 2020**From Fr Dan,** Praise be Jesus Christ.

Life is precious and we can especially thank our mother for this this Mother's Day. The month of May is also the month for our Mother, Mary. Maybe a person can ask her for special prayers this month.

Bishop DeGrood has changed the suspension of public Masses to dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation. What this means is that public Masses may resume on May 15th or later per the pastor's discretion. Please keep in mind that this can change at any time. Also please remember that if you are sick or feeling ill, stay home. Also, while in the Church, use the COVID-19 precautions like maintaining proper social distancing and good hygiene. Again, Masses at this time are not obligatory. See next week's bulletin for public Mass times in our parishes.

Thanks be to God for last week's Easter Blessing at the Churches and thank you to Fr Kuhn and Fr Baumberger who helped me with this.

Thank you for all the different gifts of prayers, cards, flowers, and Masses since my father, Lyle Smith, passed away. His funeral was this past Wednesday, May 6th back home in Presho, SD. Dad passed away on Saturday, May 2nd. He was 80 years old and he had fallen a couple times in the assisted living in Brandon. It was not COVID-19.... it was just time. Dad did receive last rites and I did get to see him before he died. An obituary, slide show, and video are posted on the Isburg Funeral Chapel's website. Dad's funeral program is also posted on the bulletin board in the main entryway of the Churches.

May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. God bless.

Fr. Dan's private Mass and intentions this week**Tue – May 12 – C**

Brittany Monson

Wed – May 13 – C

Ken Karber

Thur – May 14 – F

Margery Byer

Fri – May 15 – H

Zachary Schaeffbauer

1st Holy Communion (and for everyone): The *Prayers to Know* and *How to go to Confession* documents are still available in the "Last Week's Bulletin" pile in the entryways of the Churches. They are also attached to each parish website. Parents, Godparents, Grandparents, Neighbor, please keep going over these with your 1st communicants so they will be in a state of grace when they do receive their 1st Holy Communion. Please practice how to bow before receiving Communion and saying "Amen" after the priest says "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ". One can practice receiving on the tongue and in the hand. Then practice making the Sign of the Cross with the right hand.

For additional help, one can go to the 'You are Loved' series under the 'Signs of Grace' at formed.org (parish code is M38647). Also Dynamic Catholic is available at this time at dynamiccatholic.com.

Perpetual Rosary: ...for an end to the pandemic and the conversion of hearts. The goal is to have someone praying the Rosary for this intention at every moment of every day until the end of this crisis (do keep praying the Rosary after). You can sign up for a time slot at signupgenius.com/go/9040b48adae2fa5ff2-perpetual.

While efforts in the areas of medicine, economics, and so on are certainly needed, God is still in charge. He alone is the all-powerful One. If He says no more virus, it's done; if He says 'not yet,' no human effort will turn it back. Prayer, a real turning to God, remains the first, most important, and most powerful remedy for all of our needs.

Serenity Prayer

O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

Mother Teresa Endowment Fund provides financial assistance to individuals or couples experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and who have considered abortion because of limited financial resources. Contact Catholic Family Services for counseling and assistance at 1-800-700-7867. (Donations can also be given to this fund.)

St. Raphael Fund assists the military and their families in meeting needs not supported in other ways. Applications for funds can be sent to St. Raphael Fund, 523 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; or call the Catholic Family Services office at 1-800-700-7867. (Donations can also be given to this fund.)

Blessed Sacrament, Florence: Last Week's Offering: \$ 430 Home Missions: \$ 60 CFSA: \$ 60
Good Friday: \$ 10 Easter: \$ 15

- **Many extra Blessed Sacrament Parish 100th Anniversary mugs** are in the entryway of the Church for your taking.
- **Blessed Candles** are in entryway of Church for while you pray at home.

Saint Henry, Henry: Last Week's Offering: \$ 495 Home Missions: \$ 25

- **Blessed Candles** are in the entryways of the Church for your taking while you pray in your home.

Saint Michael, Clark: Last Week's Offering: \$ 335 Home Missions: \$ 50

- **Thanks be to God** for the 4 new oak trees in St Boniface Cemetery
- **Interested in being a part of the St. Michael Prayer Chain?** If so, please call Bonnie Graves at 532-3361. Leave your name and phone number on the answering machine and she will add you to the list of members of the St. Michael Prayer Chain. Thank you for helping in this worthwhile service. The power of prayer is indeed a blessing to all of us.

COVID-19 Relief Fund: The Catholic Foundation has established a special COVID-19 emergency fund to help individuals or families in eastern South Dakota who due to COVID-19 have lost their jobs and do not have government checks coming to them in the payroll protection grants nor unemployment benefits. These monies are for groceries and such basic necessities. To apply for this Fund, please call the Main Office or speak with Fr Dan.

If you would like to contribute to this COVID-19 Relief Fund, please go to www.CCFESD.org or call the Catholic Foundation directly at 605-988-3788.