

**Saint Michael Parish**  
Clark, SD

**Saint Henry Parish**  
Henry, SD

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**  
Florence, SD

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**Confessions:**

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

***Holy Sacrifice of the Mass***

***Tue – May 18 - 5:15 pm – C***  
*Freida Stratman*

***Wed – May 19 - 9:00 am – C***  
*Roger and LaVon Blinsmon*

***Thur – May 20 - 8:30 am – F***  
*Delores Wensing*

***Fri – May 21 - 8:30 am – H***  
*Renee Opdahl*

***Sat – May 22 - 5:00 pm @ - H***  
*Alex Briggs*

***Sun – May 23 - 8:30 am @ - F***  
*For the People*

***Sun – May 23 - 11:00 am @ - C***  
*Marj Forest*

**Praying a Holy Hour inside  
the Church this week:**

***Last Names starting with***

***K and L***

***Wednesday's at 5:30 pm***

## **The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 16, 2021**

**From Fr Dan,** Praise be Jesus Christ. Happy Easter.

Welcome to this 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter where we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord. Today is a great day to ascend our minds and our hearts in a greater way to God. A few of our Bishop's thoughts below can aid us in this.

May today be a great day with our triune God— the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. God bless.

### **True, Goodness & Beauty - Loving Ourselves as God Made Us**

The fourth in Bishop DeGrood's series on Truth, Goodness and Beauty focuses on the great gift of our own creation in God's image, specifically where it applies to our sexual identity. After watching the video (1<sup>st</sup> link below), be sure to read Bishop's teaching letter on this topic by visiting the 2<sup>nd</sup> link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nnPVtQMug>

<https://www.sfcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Loving-Ourselves-as-God-Made-Us.pdf>

### **Bishop Donald DeGrood, March 30, 2021:**

"In God, this divine love, which is shared between the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit is so true, good and beautiful that by its nature it wants to share itself with everyone: you, me, the angels and saints. Wow! How blessed we are to be created by the Father in love, redeemed from our sins by Jesus offering His life to pay for the cost of our sins, and the Holy Spirit to animate us, that is, to bring new spiritual life to us each day when we receive the love of God and grow in our communion of love. Oh, what a gift it is to know, receive and share the truth, goodness and beauty of this love with God and others. ("Truth, Goodness and Beauty: Love of Others as God Made Them")

**Consider:** There is an unfortunate by-product that comes from marginalizing God: one wakes to find the universe a boring place. God is the one supremely interesting personality, and a world that banishes him also banishes its only genuine source of animation and interest. This explains something of the massive boredom of the modern age. Because we have no engrossing and abiding interest that engages the whole of our minds and personalities, we need to be constantly titillated and distracted. When seen as reflections of the infinite creativity of God swept up in a momentous drama, all things, even the least significant, hold interest. When God is absent, nothing— not art nor politics nor sports nor sex nor the pursuit of money nor even "the most interesting man in the world"— can keep boredom and disillusion at bay for long. (From Christendom to Apostolic Mission, p.82)

**PENTECOST VIGIL: Saturday, May 22, 2021:** Holy Mass @ 5:00pm in St Henry Church in Henry SD followed by Praise and Worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Prayer for a new Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and Revival. Fr Dan Smith officiating. Hosted by the Loving Servants Prayer Group. Thank you for considering this Holy Spirit moment.

**How a Catholic family of 16 lives debt-free:** Five years ago, a Catholic family of 16 made international news for sending their children to college without any debt – and now the parents are offering their financial advice in a book. Sam and Rob Fatzinger, parents of 14 children who live outside Washington, D.C. in Bowie, Maryland, authored the book “A Catholic Guide to Spending Less and Living More: Advice from a debt-free family of 16.”... “I hate when people say to me, ‘Oh we would love to have another kid, but we’re in debt,’” Sam said. More info: [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)

**Fr. Albert Cizewski's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood:** Sunday, June 6, 2021: 10:30am Mass at St John de Britto Church in Britton SD followed by a celebration at the Event Center in Britton. RSVP by May 26 by emailing [britton.stjohndebritto@sfcatholic.org](mailto:britton.stjohndebritto@sfcatholic.org) or calling (605) 448-2858. Mail cards to PO Box 108, Britton SD 57430.

**Family camp:** June 21 – 24, 2021 at Broom Tree, Irene SD. Broom Tree Family Camp allows for the full experience of camp activities, while providing rest and spiritual refreshment. More info: 605-263-1040, [broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:broomtree@sfcatholic.org), or [broom-tree.org](http://broom-tree.org).

**Job Opportunity:** The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls is seeking an active, practicing Catholic who is detail oriented to serve in the full-time position of Parish Accounting Services. The ideal candidate will be responsible for maintaining accounting principles and practices to ensure accurate and timely financial statements for parishes and other diocesan entities. Activities of the position include general ledger preparation and related reconciliations, completion of financial reporting, payroll, year-end tax filing and providing technical support for parish bookkeepers on accounting software program. **The position offers the option of working remotely from a parish office located outside of the Sioux Falls area.** Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to the Director of Human Resources, Twila Roman at [troman@sfcatholic.org](mailto:troman@sfcatholic.org) or 523 North Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

**Saint Michael, Clark:** Last Week's Offering: \$ 1,267.29

- **Are you missing a dish, bowl or pan?** Please check out the table located in the East entrance of the church. Whatever is not picked up by June 1<sup>st</sup> will be donated to the Clark Area ICAP.
- **Mass Intentions:** St Michael's is in need of Mass Intentions. This is a good opportunity to have a Mass intention included for a loved one or other special intention. Holy Mother Church provides this opportunity for us as a church community, linked in faith, to come together in prayer for those we love. You can simply drop an envelope in the collection with the intention noted. The suggested stipend is \$10 per Mass Intention.

**Blessed Sacrament, Florence:** Last Week's Offering: \$ 679 Home Missions: \$ 10

**Saint Henry, Henry:** Last Week's Offering: \$ 1,267

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