

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****Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2020****Easter Blessing – this Saturday and Sunday, May 2nd and 3rd**

Come and receive this year's Easter blessing while remaining in the safety of your car and keeping the windows rolled up as Fr Dan gives you a blessing and sprinkles you with this year's Holy Water. See the three locations and directions below, and remember to drive slow, do not stop and do not get out of the car. Also, remember to pray a Rosary on the way to Church and back home again. If one is unable to make it, please pray a Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be instead.

Saturday, May 2nd at 5pm @ Henry

- **Henry:** From Hwy 212 turn south in between St Henry Church and Rectory House

Sunday, May 3rd at 9am @ Florence

- **Florence:** Head south past the front of Blessed Sacrament Church on 6th St

Sunday, May 3rd at 11am @ Clark

- **Clark:** Head south past the front of St Michael Church on North Idaho St

Confessions:

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

Fr. Dan's private Mass and intentions this week**Tue – May 5 – C**

Mary Ann Benson

Wed – May 6 – C

Ken Karber

Thur – May 7 – F

Lynell Popham

Fri – May 8 – H

Gail Kittelson and Family

Sat – May 9- H

Calvin 'Bud' Schoepp

Sun – May 10

For the People

1st Communion (and for everyone): Attached to this bulletin and each parish website are the *Prayers to Know* and *How to go to Confession* documents. Parents, Godparents, Grandparents, Neighbor... one can 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). 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. Spread the word. (This was also noted the *National Catholic Register*.)

Blessed Sacrament, Florence: Last Week's Offering: \$ 975 Rice Bowl: \$ 24.66 CFSA: \$ 60
Good Friday: \$ 20 Easter: \$ 60

- **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: \$ 305 Home Missions: \$ 55 Easter: \$ 60

- **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: \$ 615 Home Missions: \$ 50 CFSA: \$ 100

- **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.

Family Fun Ideas:

1. Take a drive (with family or by yourself) out in the country and see what God has made and start with a prayer. The person in the prayer chair (person riding shotgun) leads.
2. Volunteer to pick up the sticks and branches in a cemetery, ditch or in a park. Bring them home, start a bonfire and roast some marshmallows.
3. Go fishing...the bite might be on. After you catch a fish, pray one Hail Mary thanking God.
4. Read each Sunday's Gospel the week before
5. When washing your hands, pray one Our Father. (Out loud)
6. Make a family Rosary walk (remember to pray the rosary while you walk)

Recent Pope Francis quotations:

- 'In Life, We Have Before Us Two Directions: Either We Are Paralyzed by Life's Disappointment or We Choose the Greatest and Truest Reality— Jesus, Who Loves Us'
- Pope Prays for Those Who Are Sad 'Because they are alone or because they do not know what to expect in the future'
- 'Let's Have Docility to Let Ourselves Be Transformed'
- Use The Silence of This Time as an Opportunity
- The Three Elements Needed for Praying Well— Faith, Perseverance and Courage
- Prayer Is What Opens the Door
- E tu, prega per me. Buona cena. A presto!

Things to Pray for:

1. To be healed... like from a speech impediment, or one leg is longer than the other, or something like dyslexia
2. To the end to the pandemic and conversion of hearts
3. For a family member to go back to Mass and go to Confession
4. For those who do not see the significance of God
5. For increased prayer and fasting
6. For people to remember Jesus Christ's protection

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.