

One mightier
than I is
coming



Confession Schedule :

Thursday, Dec. 17.....7 pm
Friday, Dec. 18.....7 pm
Sat., Dec. 19.....3 pm
Sun., Dec. 20.....1 pm
at Sacred Heart (Communal Penance)
Mon., Dec. 21.....noon and 7 pm
Tue., Dec. 22.....noon and 5 pm
Wed., Dec. 23.....noon and 7 pm

This Week at St. Mary's

Roncalli Nearly New Christmas items & pink tagged clothing will both be 50% off this week. We are open on Tue, Wed, Thurs and Sat from 12-4 pm. We appreciate your donations & your business.

Reminder: If you still have CFSA payments due, please send them in before the end of the year. Thank You!

Breakfast will be served after 8:30 Mass this Sunday, Dec. 13. Egg bake, muffins and fruit will be served.

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 14 - 20

Mon. 7:55 am	Eddie Karst +
Tue. 7:55 am	Matt Cler +
Wed. 7:55 am	Maria
Thurs. 7:55 am	Mavis Nikolas +
12:10 pm	Elizabeth Raba +
Fri. 7:55 am	Joe Meier +
Sat. 5:00 pm	Paul Lingor (anniv) +
7:00 pm	Thomas Barker +
Sun. 8:30 am	Ann Seaberg (anniv) +
10:30 am	All members of the Parish



Lectors

Sat. 5:00 pm	Russ Stone
7:00 pm	Tom Leonard
Sun. 8:30 am	Brad/Sandy Andera
10:30 am	Mike Russell

December 19 - 20

Mass Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Maleah & Victoria Eschenbaum
7:00 pm	Matthew Sperry, Ben Livermont
Sun. 8:30 am	Augustin, Maxwel & Reagan Reede
10:30 am	R. Johnsen, S. Mehlhaff, S. Sather

December 19 - 20

Music Ministry

Sat. 5:00 pm	Vonnie Reuer
7:00 pm	Sperry Family
Sun. 8:30 am	Bailey Dix
10:30 am	St. Mary's Hand Bells: Emily Geffre

December 19 - 20

Extraordinary Ministers

<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u> Linda DeWalt Rylie Eisenbeisz James Kraft Rose Kraft Donna Mehlhaff Dylan Sommers Mark Stone	<u>Sun. 8:30 am</u> Brad Andera Sandy Andera Craig Hartman Linda Lipp Marlene Loebis Mary Schwab Lindsey Swenson
<u>Sat. 7:00 pm</u> LeRoy Lewis Teri Lewis James Mattern	

December

Sun. 10:30 am
Lynn Hodny
Jon Olson
Maureen Schuchardt
Robert Schuchardt
Brenda Williams
Kathy Zirbel

Community News

If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to Fr. Joe Holzhauser, his new address is: 304 N Euclid Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

Needed: Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Eve and Day and New Years Eve & Day. Please contact Linda DeWalt at 225-2095 or lindade615@ gmail.com

Altar Servers needed for Christmas Eve Masses at 4 & 6 pm and midnight, Christmas Day at 9 am. Please call the parish office and volunteer. Thank you!

Catholic Daughters: All women are invited to attend our Christmas party on Thurs., Dec. 17 at 321 9th Ave. NE. We will begin with mass in the chapel at 6:30 pm, followed by treats, games, holiday music and a Christmas basket auction. For more info call Nancy Vander Hoek at 377-3218.



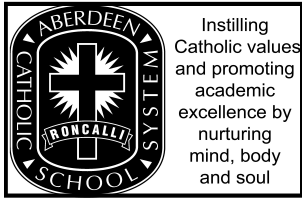
Shower Christ's Little Ones - Please share hope with others by participating in the 23rd annual Advent Baby Shower, which continues through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months and place them in the crib in the gathering area.

The Holy Doors are open...the Jubilee Year has begun! Let Mercy flow, let us be Mercy.



Congratulations: Our parish rejoices in the baptism of Frederick Richard Cole, son of Charles and Carrie.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is available 24/7 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital. Open hours are: Sun., 11 a.m., Mon. 3 a.m., and Thurs., 2 p.m. Call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001.



Excellence is our average

- Mon., Dec. 14 - Boys Basketball at Mobridge - 5:15 pm
- Tues., Dec. 15 - JH Girls Basketball vs. Mobridge - 4 pm
- Girls Basketball vs. Mobridge - 6:30 pm
- Gymnastics at Jamestown - 5 pm
- Wed., Dec. 16 - RHS Mass - 9:24 am
- RES Mass - 12:10 pm - Sacred Heart
- 7-12 Christmas Concert at RHS - 7 pm
- Booster Club Mtg. 6 pm
- Thurs., Dec. 17 - RPS Mass - 12:10 pm - St. Mary's
- Boys Basketball vs. Britton - 5:15 pm
- Fri., Dec. 18 - RHS Christmas Pageant - 9:30 am
- JH Girls Basketball at Britton - 4 pm
- Girls Basketball at Britton - 6:30 pm
- End of 2nd Quarter
- Sat., Dec. 19 - Girls Basketball at Sanford Clinic Pentagon

FAITH FORMATION NEWS


Thank you to all who helped from our Youth Group at Kids Against Hunger this past Sunday. We prepared 3,024 meals that were sent to Zambia this week.

Remember you can view pictures of activities and events happening in our parish at stmarysabr.tumblr.com

Confirmation students: a reminder if you have not turned in the 2 forms that are due you can leave them for Father Michael at the church office

First Reconciliation for all second grade students is **Saturday January 16**. Students with last names A-H will be at 9:00am and I-Z will be at 10:00am. Please continue working weekly in your workbooks and bring them completed to your First Reconciliation.

Sunday, December 20 – 9:30am Family Education Class



Advent Memorial Gifts - We invite those who wish to make donations in memory of loved ones during the Advent season to help defray the cost of decorating for Christmas. Please enclose the following with your gift and return to the parish. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin.

Name of deceased:

Name of donor:

A little story for Advent reflection during these troubled times:

There was once a knight, and he was sent by a king to destroy a dragon. He was very fearful for the dragon was fierce.

As he made his way to through the forest to confront the dragon, he saw, all around him, the bones of the many, many knights who had gone before him.

As he walked closer and closer to the dragon's lair, growing more and more afraid, he came upon an old man sitting in the forest leaning against a tree.

The old man, his eyes closed, said, "You have come to fight the dragon, haven't you?"

"Yes," the knight said.

"Do you wish to know how to defeat him?" the old man asked.

"Yes, please," the knight said, trembling at the sound of a dragon's roar in the distance.

"Many knights have heard my words, and all ignored them. They have all died," the old man said, without opening his eyes.

"Please tell me," the knight begged.

The old man opened his eyes and looked at the knight and said, "If you wish to defeat the dragon, don't become the dragon."

-Fr. Michael Griffin



Just a Thought...



Frosty the Mudman

WHEN ELSE CAN I WALK AROUND IN CONCEALED PAJAMAS ALL DAY?

Church Support: Dec. 5-6, 2015

- Envelopes: \$ 24,781.00 (HO HO HO indeed!!)
- Loose: \$ 1,497.75
- Children's: \$ 115.50