

BLESSED TERESA MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Teresa is a welcoming Catholic Community called by God's love and led by the Holy Spirit on a journey of spiritual growth. We strive to live the Gospel in the spirit of Blessed Mother Teresa and to grow in the likeness of Christ. We fulfill our mission through the celebration of the sacraments, Christian education, community celebrations of faith, sharing our gifts and talents, **ministering to one another, serving the needs of others as Christ did, and supporting everyone who enters this faith community.** We are a spiritual center for all people, through every stage of life, with developing ministries of service to others.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR: 4th Week of Advent

Mon Dec. 19 5:30pm Com. Svc.
 Tue 20 5:30pm Weekday
 Intention: d. Howard Hall
 Wed 21 5:30pm St. Peter Canisius
 Intention: d. Doris Arens
 Thur Dec. 22 5:30pm Weekday
 Intention: d. Alberta & Rose Heimes
 Fri 23 5:30pm Weekday St. John of Kanty
 Intention: d. Poor Souls
 Sat 24 4:30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
 9:30pm Christmas Mass at Night
 -----NATIVITY OF OUR LORD-----
 Sun 25 9:30am Mass
 Intention: Parish
 5:30pm NO Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Dec. 24; 4:30pm; Children's Mass (Children's Choir)
 hymns beginning @4:00pm
 9:30pm: Christmas Vigil Mass (Adult Choir)
 hymns beginning @9:00pm
 Dec. 25; 9:30am; Christmas Day Mass NO 5:30PM Mass
 Dec. 31: 4:30pm; Vigil Mass; Mary, The Mother of God
 Jan. 1; 9:30am Mass; Mary the Mother of God
 5:30pm; "

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Date	Saturday Dec 24 4:30pm	Sunday Dec 25, 9:30am	S10nday Dec 25, 5:30pm
Music	Cantors-Kelli Fernando & Jordyn Younger and Children's Choir Organist - Diana Twidwell	Cantors- Jordyn Younger Organist - Diana Twidwell Adult Choir	Cantor-Kelli Fernando Organist - Diana Twidwell
Greeters/Gift Bearers	Holland & Gerber Families		Hennies family
Reader	Phil Kratz		Victor Idahosa
Mass Servers	Mollie Walding		Ashley Idahosa
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Sharon Harrison		Bill & Mary Parker

CATHOLIC COMMENTARY:

We need to say a courageous and generous "yes" to God: True obedience comes from a free choice made in the light of what is true and good. It often requires a great deal of courage because it can involve going against the tide of social expectations. True obedience also aims at putting oneself at the service of something/Someone that is greater than oneself by accepting what God clearly wants us to do or what He wants to do through us. It is by saying, with Jesus and Mary, a wholehearted and totally unconditional "Yes" to Jesus that

he will be re-born in me or maybe even born in me for the first time. By my saying "Yes," Jesus will be born or re-born in others too.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Midnight: Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

May it be done to me according to your word. Lk 1:38

THE POINT AFTER

Jesus uniquely and particularly calls and chooses each of us!

BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH'S PRAYER LIST

Ruth Bove, Rita Fox, Liz Lindberg, Special Intention, Marilyn Christiansen, Diane Becker, Jason Jund, Bill Thayer, Tom Schwietz, Jim Dailey, Betty Gass, Donna Fruechtenicht, Bill Huse, John Huse, Jim Connelley, Roland McPherson, Carol Streeter (mother of Joni Walding), Allie Oakley, Nancy Dodds, Mary Lukavsky, Kate Wren, Terese & Daniel Wiese, Brett Lindberg, Lori Layhee Carolyn La Grecca, Joann Oswald Paul Danilson, Nick Wanderscheid, Ashley Gordon, Gwen Brewster, Special Intention and Marilyn Whitson. (Call rectory to have names added to list)

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND THOSE HOSPITALIZED

AND IN NURSING HOMES. We have begun a regular program of visitation to bring communion to people who cannot come to the church due to illness or disability. If you know of someone who would like to have a visit, please call the rectory to get their name on our list. We will need an address and phone. If you would like to volunteer to make calls, please contact Deacon Joe 712-253-9273 or the rectory 605-235-1942 to volunteer. We will offer a short training opportunity for those interested.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR: Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia for decorating the altar for Christmas can make a donation with the envelope or in the collection basket. Kathy Zortman is providing them at cost and will deliver them on Christmas Eve in matching foil covers. Any extra funds will be used to purchase flower for the rest of the year.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED:

We can always use extra voices, but especially at Christmastime!! Anyone interested in singing with the choir for one or more of the Christmas masses, please join us for the following practice: Wed Dec 21 - 7pm.

STEWARDSHIP-FINANCE MATTERS

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

Dec 10 & 11

Envelopes \$8306.00
 Building 2228.61(127.61 2nd collection)
 Loose 140.00
 Children's 56.45
 Votives 17.00
 CFSA 120.00
 Holy Day 313.66
 Flowers 70.00

TOTAL \$11,251.72

NOTE: To be on budget, our collections and building pledges **should be \$5,255 a week.** Please remember that when you attend another church, our bills still come in and need to be paid. Please help us by contributing when you may have been out of town. Have you considered auto-payment?

BUDGET SNAPSHOT YTD: (Thru 10/31)

	Actual	Budgeted	Parish Debt
Income	\$130,819*	\$91,341	Church & Rectory \$1,550,726
Expenses	\$100,874	\$90,074	Land \$ 522,258
			\$2,072,984

*Includes one-time flood relief donation from SF Diocese

We have pledged 79.2% (\$16,205.00) of our parish CFSA goal of \$20,470.00. 99 of our 192 households responded (51.6%). Congratulations and thank you

for your stewardship! Our goal is 100% participation, so please fill out your pledge card and return it as soon as possible, even if you are only pledging prayers, so we will not have to call you.

YEAR END DONATION OPPORTUNITIES: Those interested in making year end gifts to the Church have several opportunities to make the gift easier! Those over 70 ½ can make a transfer from their IRA to the church and avoid the income taxes on the distribution. This opportunity expires Dec 31, 2011. Also, those who have stocks or mutual fund that have increased in value can donate them directly to the church and deduct the full market value while avoiding the tax on the gain! Farmers can also donate grain and deduct the fair market value. Rather than giving the gain to the government in taxes, please consider giving it to your church. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory so we can help you.

PRE & YOUTH MINISTRY

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR CONFIRMANDS:

13 men and women were Confirmed by Bishop Swain last Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS:

YOUTH COUNCIL: Are you interested in planning activities for the younger parishioners at Blessed Teresa? The Youth council is a great idea. A reorganizational meeting of parents and youth will be held at 7pm on Jan 18 in the church basement. Please contact the Rectory with any questions
PRE INSTRUCTORS AND HELPERS NEEDED. Please consider volunteering to teach, substitute or assist next year. Contact, Kelly Von Mock 217-652-7348 drebtc@longlines.com or call the Rectory.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

CDA MEETINGS:

Board Meeting: No Board Mtg in December

General membership Meeting: Dec 13; 7pm, Holy Spirit.

INTERESTED IN JOINING? Please call the Parish Office!

KNIGHTS NEWS:

INTERESTED IN BEING A KNIGHT? If interested, please contact: Joe Bernard, Grand Knight 605-310-3263 or PO Box 111, Jefferson, SD.

info@stpeterscommunitycenter.com

SOUP KITCHEN SERVING: Sat, **Dec 17:** 11 am-1pm, 717 West 7th Street, Sioux City

KC CORPORATE COMMUNION: Sun, Dec 18, 9:30 am

KC MEETING: None for December but Jan 16, Jefferson first for year.

FATHERS FOR GOOD: An initiative by the KC's; visit

www.fathersforgood.org

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SOUP KITCHEN SERVING: The next serving time will be Jan 7, 2012 @717 West 7th Street, Sioux City. Prep and serving will run from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. We have had **67 different parishioners involved thus far.** Kids are welcome. Those interested in cooking/ serving at the Soup Kitchen, call Joe Twidwell or the Rectory to get your name on a list of volunteers.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Volunteers from our parish will be working at Habitat for Humanity homes on the 3rd Saturday of each month @ 8:30am. **The next day will be Dec 17.** No tools or experience necessary. For information or a ride, call Joe at 712-253-9273.

CSADV MENTOR PROGRAM: A woman-to-woman ministry; if interested call: 277-0131.

LIBRARY, BOOK & WEB SITE REVIEW

PARISH LIBRARY IS OPEN AGAIN. To check out a book or request a title, stop by the office or call 232-4858. Donations of books, CDs or tapes can be left at the parish offices. Questions please call Joe at 232-4858.

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA IN THE ENTRYWAY. I invite you to take a look through the CD rack as it will soon contain books and booklets. One person offered their stewardship of time to help around the office and this was one of the ways she could assist - please benefit from her generosity!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY OF THE MASS will continue to meet at 3:30 on Monday afternoons after the New Year. For information call.

Anne O'Mara, 712-212-4390 annejohno@longlines.com

FINANCE COMMITTEE Thurs Dec 22, 6:15pm

CHURCH CLEANING: Sun, Jan 8, 12:00 noon. Volunteers appreciated-no prior experience necessary.

LIVE NATIVITY SERVICE AND POTLUCK SUPPER: A special thank you to all those involved with the Live Nativity and Potluck. It was the most well attended parish event ever! A special thanks to John and Ann O'Mara for leading the way..

MEN'S POKER NIGHT??? If there are men that would like to gather for some prayer and poker, please get you name to Gen at the Rectory. If there is enough interest, a group could get together after the new year. Contact Steve Janowiak 208-301-3959

BROOM TREE SCHEDULE

Silent Retreat Schedule:

Please check the Broom Tree Website

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

PROLIFE "22ND OF THE MONTH" PRAYER SERVICE will be **Thurs, Dec 22 7 PM** at Trinity Heights. . Siouxland Right to Life will lead the prayer service. In case of inclement weather, please come to the Marian Center. Bring your families! Refreshments follow.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:

JAN 14-15

FEB 18-19

MARCH 17-18

For more information please contact Bart & Barb Workman at

eesdworkman@aol.com.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR DIVORCED, WIDOWED AND SEPARATED.

Ten week program led by volunteers who have been through the program and want to help. Registration **Monday January. 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at St. Joseph Cathedral School (south entrance) in Sioux Falls. Cost is \$55 for book and materials. Questions, call 605-988-3775, or e-mail hkarrow@sfcatholic.org. No pre-registration needed.

ADOPTION? If you feel you are being called to adoption, Catholic Family Services will be holding an informational meeting about the process of adopting a child. For more information and date please e-mail Christy Vander Woude, MSW cvanderwoude@sfcatholic.org or call our main office 800-700-7867.

GRIEF COUNSELING- If you haven't been able to attend one of Dr. Marcie Moran's Grief Programs, or feel you need more one on one time, Catholic Family Services is offering grief counseling for individuals, couples and families at a flat rate to help you through this difficult time. For office locations or to set up a time please give our main office a call 800-700-7867.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A SIBLING Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. January 10 - February 14, 2012 -Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. This group is non-denominational. Cost -Donation.

This program is for adults who are grieving the loss of a brother or sister.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER How about giving your spouse the best gift of all... Your TIME. We are now taking reservations for couples and religious to attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend scheduled for **February 10-12, 2012** at BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. Space is limited so contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or visit www.WWME.org.

NFP: For info about Natural Family Planning & Fertility Care: 605-988-3776; www.sfcatholic.org (Family & Children Faith Formation); www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp (USCCB).

PLEASE LISTEN, PRAY, AND SUPPORT KFHC 88.1 Catholic Radio. Set your radio dial to 88.1 or streams "live" on your computer go to: <http://www.kfhc881.com>

PRAIRIE ROME COMPANION: Online audio program with presentations and matters of faith. Dr. Chris Burgwald and Fr. Andrew Dickinson. To listen go to www.sfcatholic.org and click on Prairie Rome Companion.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES: Contact: 1-800-700-7867 or 605- 988-3776; mmoran@sfcatholic.org 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ANY ASSISTANCE: Please call either the Rectory 605-235-1942, Fr. Bob 605-290-0550 or Deacon Joe 712-253-9273.

The church and its family needs to be present and responsive to the needs of its family. This can be for financial, volunteer or emotional assistance. Do not hesitate for a second to ask for help.

HOLY HUMOR

Sign on a church bulletin board: "Merry Christmas to our Christian friends. Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends. And to our atheist friends, good luck.