I was talking with one of our welcome back team members several weeks ago, and she said something that stuck with me. She was talking about her family and the pandemic. How when everything shut down they had their family & their faith, the two most important things.

I’ve been thinking about this for a couple of weeks now. How we were given such a wonderful opportunity. I think God has blessed us with a sense of perspective we didn’t have before the pandemic. A sense of what is truly important in our lives.

And that perspective is the grace that lets us see the importance of faith and family. This is how we want to celebrate that:

1. Our parish is celebrating with a BIG event on September 11th & 12th - mark your calendars because it is going to be an incredible event.

2. We need each other! We need community and support and to see one another at Mass. Our children need to see their friends across the aisle on Sunday. Parents need to model the faith for their children. We all need to experience our oneness in the Eucharist and be open to what God desires to tell us through his word.

3. A vibrant active parish is a FUN place to be. Social events with our friends and neighbors are fun. Dang it, let’s keep having fun as a parish family. We can worship God, promote the faith, and raise our children and have fun doing it. Let’s be people of joy!

So here is my request. Stay involved. Stay active. Smile at others. Come to Mass. Bring your family. Participate in the parish events we have coming up.

I love being your pastor, and I love seeing your face at Mass and around the parish. Let’s keep this going. God is moving, and he is calling us forward in faith.

Blessings to you and your family,
You're Invited to our

Welcome Back!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
BLESSED SACRAMENT 6:00 PM
- Living Rosary - sign-up to lead a decade
- Ice Cream Social
- Movie on the Lawn - The Sandlot

FREE FOOD & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
ST. MICHAEL 12:00 PM
- Food Truck - Quite Frankly
- Carnival Games for kids
- Music
- Yard Games for adults

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Join Sr. Gabriel Marie as she delivers an exceptional series on eight Doctors of our Catholic faith. Each video will focus on one Saint.

The Saints are:
- St. Ambrose
- St. Gregory of Narek
- St. Hildegard of Bingen
- St. Anthony of Padua
- St. Catherine of Sienna
- St. Teresa of Avila
- St. Francis de Sales
- St. Therese of Lisieux

If you are looking for stories and history on these exceptional men & women, then this course is for you!

This series will be available through our Flocknote network beginning in October.

Curious Catholics
2021 FALL EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!
October 24th
DCN. PAT BROCKHAUS
ST. MICHAEL PARISH CENTER
5:00 PM
Sponsor this event! contact Allison at 712-277-2949 ext. 102

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Cornerstone of Catholicism

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HOLY CROSS PARISH ANNUAL FALL DINNER

DRIVE-THRU SNEAKY’S CHICKEN

11AM TO 2PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH PARKING LOT
2223 INDIAN HILLS DRIVE

CHICKEN DINNER $12.00
includes Sneaky’s chicken, Au Gratin potatoes, coleslaw, roll & butter, slice of pie

Pre-Order today
www.holycrossSC.org

Don't want to order & pay ahead of time online. Fill out the form below & send cash/check to the parish office in the enclosed envelope.

Name____________________________________________________________
Phone Number______________________________Email Address___________________________________________
Number of Dinners ($12/dinner)______________________ Donation Amount $__________________________

Pick-up Time (Circle One)

11:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:30 AM 11:45 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM 12:45 PM 1:00 PM 1:15 PM 1:30 PM 1:45 PM 2:00 PM
Together As One

The annual Diocesan Appeal begins this September. Together as One offers an opportunity to come together and support our parish and Diocese. Please prayerfully consider sharing your blessings with others in our Diocese & parish who need it most. Your generous offering enhances our ability to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of persons who are vulnerable and in need.

Parish Wish List

- Security cameras
- Landscaping - mulch, plants, sprinkler system repairs, etc.
- Tables & benches at our churches for parish gatherings

Trunk or TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
6:00 PM
BLESSED SACRAMENT PARKING LOT

Reserve Your Spot Today: Trunk-or-treat provides a safe environment for trick-or-treaters. Register on our website, decorate your cars trunk, and hand out candy.

Children come dressed in your Halloween costume and collect candy.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU TO:

MESSY GAMES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
6:30-8:00PM
BLESSED SACRAMENT PARKING LOT
3012 JACKSON STREET

6th, 7th, & 8th-Graders:
Join us to move through several stations to play, compete, cheer and get as messy as you can!

Register today on our parish website: www.holycrossSC.org/EDGE

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Upcoming Parish Events

September 2021

- We Care Organization: Siouxland Soup Kitchen
- 1st: Celebration Choir practice begins
  - Every Wednesday 6:45-8:00 PM (BS choir loft)
- 2nd: St. Michael Choir practice begins
  - Every Thursday 7:00-8:00 PM (SM St. Anthony Chapel)
- 6th: Labor Day-parish office closed
- 7th: Weekly Tuesday Adoration & Holy Hour begins 7:15-8:15 AM (BS)
- 8th: PREP starts 6:45-7:45 PM (BS)
- 11th: Welcome Back celebration 6:00 PM (BS)
- 12th Welcome Back celebration 12:00-2:00 PM (SM)
- 12th: Diocesan Together As One Campaign begins
- 15th: Lectio: Peter begins
  - 10:00 AM In-person (BS)
  - 7:15 AM Zoom
- 16th: RCIA begins 7:00 PM
- 18th: EDGE Messy Games 6:30-8:00 PM (BS)
- 22nd: 40 Days begins
- 22nd: Medicare Workshop
  - 9:30 AM (BS)
  - 6:00 PM (SM)
- 25th: Knights of Columbus Pulled Pork Dinner
  - 5:00-7:00 PM (SM)
- 26th: Knights of Columbus Pulled Pork Dinner
  - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM (SM)
  - 10:30 AM-Noon (BS)

October 2021

- We Care Organization: Foster Closet
- 3rd: Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast 8:00 AM-12:30 PM (SM)
- 10th: Knights of Columbus Breakfast 8:00 AM-12:30 PM (BS)
- 17th: Rekindle Retreat - All day event
- 20th: Retirement Workshop
  - 9:30 AM (BS)
  - 6:00 PM (SM)
- 23rd: Trunk-or-Treat 6:00 PM (BS)
- 24th: Curious Catholics
  - Deacon Pat Brockhaus 5:00-7:00 PM (SM)
- 31st: Drive-Thru Fall Dinner
  - 11:00 AM-2:00 PM (SM)

November 2021

- We Care Organization: Holy Cross Angel Tree
- 1st: All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
  - 6:45 AM Blessed Sacrament Church
  - 7:00 PM St. Michael Church
- 6th: Women’s Retreat (SM)
- 7th: Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast 8:00 AM-12:30 PM (SM)
- 14th: Knights of Columbus Breakfast 8:00 AM-12:30 PM (BS)
- 21st: Confirmation Mass 2:00 PM (SM)
- 25th: Thanksgiving
  - 8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament Church
  - 9:00 AM St. Michael Church
- 26th: Parish Office Closed
- 28th: First Sunday of Advent

FINANCE OVERVIEW

HOLY CROSS PARISH
JULY 2020 to JUNE 2021

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM -3:30 PM
3012 Jackson Street
Sioux City, IA 51104