



St. Michael Parish

November 23/24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Monday 10:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am-6:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am-5:00pm

Thursday 10:00am-6:00pm

Friday 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed

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WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Religious Education

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402-660-4527

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Sr. Jennifer Lee

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402-660-4527

Coordinator: Mother Assumpta P. Tangan

Trainers: Sr. Veronica Villaflor, Sr. Blanca Trinanés &
Sr. Jennifer Lee



English Mass Times:

Thursday November 28, 2019

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00am (English)

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00am &
10:30am (bilingual)

Weekday Masses

*8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday;

9:00am Saturday;

5:30p.m. Wednesday

(*8:15 am Wednesday School Masses)

Reconciliation

Weekday : English: 7:30am -8:00am

Weekend: Saturday (English) 3:45 p.m.-4:45pm

Bulletin column 24 November 2019 “From the Pastor”

Dear parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate once again one of my personal favorite holy days of the entire year, the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, known colloquially as “Christ the King.” I love the truth which this holy day proclaims – that Jesus is the true king of the whole created world, almighty God made flesh and ruling over all.

This is, of course, the final Sunday of our Church year prior to beginning a new Church year on the First Sunday of Advent. This past year, we have been hearing the readings for “Year C” of the Sunday cycle, which are most closely focused on the Gospel of St. Luke. Our readings for Christ the King in the C cycle are wonderfully appropriate. Our gospel reading finds Jesus wearing a crown of thorns and, stripped of all earthly power, dying the excruciating and humiliating death of crucifixion. And yet, in the midst of this seeming abject failure, one person acknowledges Him unambiguously as one who at least will be king: the good thief St Dismas, who requests of Him, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” Jesus responds to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” Dismas’s faith in a kingdom which is not only not apparent but seems absurd wins him a share in Jesus’ kingdom in the midst of his own willingness to suffer with Christ.

As we look around our world today, it can be difficult to see how Jesus is king of anything, much as it appeared to everyone but Dismas when He was dying on the cross. Our world seems to be growing progressively worse, with global conflict, political polarization, the wider culture’s rejection of integral sexual morality, racial hatreds, the expanse of drug usage, the spread and popularity of various forms of paganism, and even deep confusion within the Church seemingly becoming institutionalized. If Christ is king, why is all of this happening?

Our second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Colossians addresses this issue. St. Paul explains that Jesus is the very ground of existence and reality: “All were created through Him; all were created for Him. He is before all else that is!” We may not see Jesus in the fullness of His power even now, after the resurrection, but He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the template for human integrity, of living rightly in communion with God and one another. His kingdom will be realized in its fullness when He comes to judge the living and the dead. Those who have lived in the integrity of Christ, according to His pattern of communion and love, will enter into eternal glory and joy, while those who have rejected doing so will begin an eternity of misery. The truth of Christ’s kingdom will be real in the lives of all.

In the meantime, St. Dismas gives us the model of how to enter into the Lord’s eternal kingdom. First of all, against the contradictions of what his eyes can see in that moment, he discerns that Jesus is king and will enter into the fullness of a kingdom to come. Second, he is willing to accept his own guilt for his sins instead of attempting to justify them. Third, he is willing to suffer with Jesus for the very reason that he discerns Jesus’ holiness, his own guilt, and their common lot in that moment. Fourth, he puts himself on the line against the resistance of the whole crowd before the cross to proclaim that Jesus *will* enter into a kingdom, and to ask for a place of mercy there. When we

recognize Jesus as our Lord, profess our faith is His kingship, and are willing to live life in conformity to His model of loving communion, we become subjects of the most joyful and glorious kingdom that ever was, is, or will be. Praised be Jesus Christ the King for His love for us and His invitation to enter into the fullness of His kingdom!

As we head into this final week of the Church year, I have to report that we have had a situation come up with regard to parish finances unheard-of in the past few years. Our bookkeeper, Mrs. Jeannie Mahaney, was somewhat concerned that we would not be able to meet our financial commitments for the rest of November. While our monthly expenses, especially payroll, are expensive, we have been used to having a large cushion of around \$60,000 to \$70,000 in our general fund that made those expenses unproblematic, and this cushion has evaporated.

I conducted a bit of an “autopsy” on the causes of our shortfall with the finance committee. In looking at a four-month sample of July through November this year and last year, we found that our Sunday first collection giving was down, while our payroll had gone up – there was a net shortfall between these two issues of \$40,000 this year compared to last year. Our payroll has indeed increased slightly with the hiring of our part-time secretaries and our part-time maintenance worker, and somewhat more substantially with an increase in salary for our school teachers which would have been immoral not to do (they still make at least \$2,000 per year less in base than teachers in Catholic Schools in Sioux City). As I recall, I did at the time we made those part-time hires ask people to up their giving to the first collection by a dollar or two per family. It seems evident that some chose not only not to listen, but to go in the other direction with their giving. That is, rather directly, why we find ourselves in this situation. I repeat that request for increased giving at this time. In the meantime, we do have events like the Guadalupe Festival, our usual larger Christmas giving, and a large influx of income from the Children’s Scholarship Fund in December which should help us to begin to restore that cushion. I am convinced, however, that nothing can sustain that cushion better than persistently robust Sunday giving by parishioners. If we keep moving forward with subpar Sunday giving, the parish will soon be running in the red – the one thing I have always said that I want to avoid doing.

Many of you all may have noticed that we have, of course, still not hired a new parish coordinator. Most of our early, well-qualified candidates demurred from taking on the position or found other employment. We have had a few candidates since then, but the main hold-up is that I have not had a chance to check references on them as the preface to an interview. I am hoping that, by the time you read this, I will have made further progress on that process. Our part-time secretaries, Dulce Martinez and Jessica Munoz, have been holding the fort fairly well during this hiatus with some help from volunteer Denise Saltz-giver. Obviously, given our current financial struggles, we don’t want to add any further expenditures. I plan to proceed with the hiring process, but to delineate the starting date to be in January, when we will hopefully be on firmer ground. The parish coordinator position is essential to communications within the parish, and is something we cannot afford to be without beyond the short term.

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The finance council and I will be doing some further analyses to determine why the Sunday collections have not only failed to increase as we asked, but have gone down in this time period, so that we can address the situation more precisely. In the meantime, I had requested that people give more to the first collection if they wanted to give to the parish center over these weeks of having second collections for other matters. For the next two weekends, instead of this, we will take the second collection for the parish center, and if anyone wants to give to the military services or the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, they should put their envelopes for that purpose into the second collection.

Our feasibility study for our Capital Campaign indicated that most parishioners were on board with conducting a campaign. However, the finance committee, the For the Greater consulting company, and I are all agreed that it would be absurd to begin a campaign immediately until we get our day-to-day financial situation on a more even footing. Four things to convey about this decision:

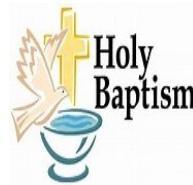
- 1.) Our plan had been to pay our initial payments to For the Greater for the capital campaign out of operating expenses and replenish that amount using money collected in the campaign earmarked for that. Our current November 2019 situation of having our operating reserves depleted and also therefore not having cash to pay For the Greater leads us to a double solution. We will work on replenishing the operating reserves by hopefully getting everyone to be giving at the levels we need for sustainability on one hand. On the other, instead of using second collection money that goes over what is needed for basic monthly payments to pay ahead on the parish center, we will set it aside in a reserve account which will help us pay the first several For the Greater payments when we begin our campaign. Then we will pay off the parish center using the campaign. This will of course have the effect of us losing the money we would have otherwise saved on interest by paying down the loan at this time, but it is a necessary preparation for the campaign.
- 2.) Of the projects which we had hoped to carry through with the campaign, the potentially most pressing is the boiler in the school. Almost everyone interviewed in the feasibility study agreed that it was the highest priority among our proposed projects. If the boiler happens to go out over the next several months, we have no other recourse right now other than taking out a loan to pay for the new boiler, and then recouping that money in the campaign.
- 3.) Our target time for beginning the campaign, which will have a floating goal to raise \$700,000-\$1,100,000 over three years, will be September of 2020.
- 4.) I had often stated that one of my goals in starting the campaign was to free second collection funds to be used for operating expenses, with a necessity of hiring a full-time director of religious education and a full-time maintenance employee. The director of religious education hire will have to wait, for sure, due to not having completed the campaign by this summer. It is, however, difficult to imagine us being able to move forward with-

out a full-time maintenance supervisor. Either Sunday giving will have to increase even more next summer, or new, younger maintenance volunteers will have to step to the plate.

I want to thank the members of our finance committee, John Comer, Sarah Stahle, Tony Gomez, and Mark Sayre, for their professionalism, ingenuity, and responsibility in helping me address this situation. Rest assured that we will move forward and have a campaign next September. I pray that things will go well for all of us at St. Michael's Parish in the meantime so that we may have success in addressing our day-to-day financial needs.

-Fr. Anthony Weidner

Parish Announcements



NEXT BAPTISM CLASS is December!!
Bring the following items to the Parish Center:

- ◆ Your child's birth certificate
- ◆ Copy of the marriage certificate for the sponsors
- ◆ Names and contact information for the Sponsors
- ◆ Enroll in pre-baptism class (\$25 per person/ \$50 couple)



St. Michael's School students are currently selling Jolly Time



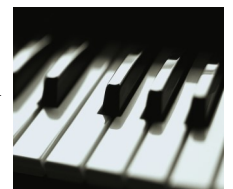
microwave popcorn, Jumpy Monkey coffee, Coated Kernels flavored popcorn, and Palmer Candy treats. The items will be delivered prior to Christmas, so please consider supporting our school as well as these great local businesses. Please contact any school student or the school office to make a purchase.



Thanks for your support.!



If anyone is interested to play piano part-time for the 5:00pm mass on Saturday evenings please contact Denise 402-494-0977



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



Mass time on Thursday
November 28, 2019
Thanksgiving Day is at
9:00am in English.

The Parish Office will be closed
on Thursday November 28, 2019
We will reopen on Friday
November 29, 2019 from
10:00am –6:00pm



Envelopes for Christmas flowers
and decorations will be in the
pews from Thanksgiving through
Sunday, December 15th. Money
may be given for Masses as memorials or for
self and all names will be posted throughout the
Christmas Season.



The Dakota County Ministerial

Alliance Thanksgiving Community Service
will be held Today Sunday
November 24, 2019 at 7pm in the St. Mi-
chael Parish Center, 312 West 13th St. (west
of the school gym), South Sioux City, NE.

A Free Will Donation
will be taken.

The Dakota County
Ministerial
Alliance helps
individuals and families
who are in need of

gasoline, lodging and food with the use of
our Emergency Fund vouchers that are given
out through our local South Sioux City Po-
lice. Thank you for assisting the poor in Da-
kota County by attending and or contrib-
uting to the Emergency Fund of the Dakota
County Ministerial Alliance.



ENGLISH CCD ANNOUNCEMENTS



This week on Wednesday November
27, 2019 there is NO CCD CLASS

Wednesday December 18 is the last
day of CCD CLASS and the LAST DAY to hand
in any documents.

Classes will resume Wednesday January 08, 2020.

3rd Quarterly
Meeting -
December 1st
3:00-5:00 p.m.



The two elements of our Parish
English and Spanish - will come
together for the 3rd Quarterly Meeting
which will be bi-lingual. The Steering
Committee is asking the groups who
spoke the last time to their respective
large groups to please share again
what their individual groups are about
to the whole group. Following each
presentation, there will be a translation
given by an interpreter. It is really im-
portant that we be fully aware of what
is happening within the parish. Follow-
ing these presentations, updates will
be given by Father Weidner and the
Committee. At the completion of the
meeting, there will be a **DESSERT
POTLUCK** so please bring your best
cookies, pie, bars, cake, etc. and
gather together for fellowship.

OFFERING

November 10, 2019

Envelopes\$6209.00
Loose -.....\$ 2747.21
Second Collection Envelopes...
\$264.00
2nd Collection Loose for
World Mission \$1658.77
Parish Center.... \$100.00
Fuel (Utility Collection) ...
\$1448.00

Tuition Collection...\$ 677.25
Other.....\$206.00

TOTAL \$12,770.98

**Total Amount Donated for
Parish Center
\$464,893**

**Parish Center Goal \$702,000
Amount still needed \$237,107.00**

*Thank you for your
continued support!*

November 23/24

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 PM JEAN BIRD &
MIKE MORRISON

7:30AM ROSEANN MOHAHAN

9:00 AM RAY OTTO &
DICK MCCORMICK

Lector

5:00 PM JOHN COMER

7:30 AM MEGAN TRAMP

9:00 AM MISTY ANDREASEN

Greeters

5:00 PM BECKY NELSON

7:30AM MIKE & MEGAN TRAMP

9:00 AM TAYLOR &
EMILY MATTISON

Community Events and Announcements



Enjoy GREAT Tax Credits, Help Students

There are still a lot of Iowa tax credits left for parish members with a heart for kids! If you give to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation at the Sioux City Diocese Office, you receive a 65% TAX CREDIT in Iowa (a GREAT benefit) and could also receive a federal charitable deduction. You can designate your gift to help students attend Holy Cross, Mater Dei, Sacred Heart and Bishop Heelan High School. Ask your tax advisor and act by Dec. 1. Obtain a Gift Form by email by contacting janet.flanagan@bishopheelan.org or PH. 226-0414.

Join Our Heelan Gym Celebration Dec. 3



All are invited to celebrate the opening of the beautiful new gym at Bishop Heelan High School Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 1:15 p.m. Bishop Walker Nickless will bless the new gym, named the "O'Gorman Fieldhouse." Heelan's pep band will perform and students, dignitaries and Siouxland Chamber ambassadors will cut the ribbon. Enjoy refreshments and the exciting completion of the final phase of building a new Heelan!



VOLUNTEERS: Are you a registered firefighter, nurse, emergency technician, doctor, or police? We NEED YOUR HELP! Please call the Parish Offices. 402-494-5423

NEEDING VOLUNTEERS!!!!



Birthright "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born" This is the mission statement of Birthright. We have had an office in Sioux City since 1973. We are staffed entirely by volunteers. Could you make room on your calendar to assist frantic parents choose life for their child? We have daytime and evening hours so we can accommodate your schedule. Male or female, young or not, there is a place for you in our office. We provide training but what you really need is compassion and the ability to quietly listen and love to share. Call Kim Otto for more information

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS!!!!

2020 OACCW College Scholarship

The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) and its deaneries are accepting scholarship applications from high school senior girls who are Catholic and plan to attend a public or private college or university.



Each deanery may award a scholarship, and the application and essay of the winner of each deanery scholarship will be sent to the OACCW Scholarship Chair to compete for a \$500 OACCW Scholarship. Requirements and mailing addresses for each deanery contact are available from high school guidance counselors. Scholarship application forms are available on the OACCW Facebook page in "Photos" in the menu bar on the left side of the page.

All documentation should be submitted to the applicant's Deanery Council of Catholic Women contact, and be postmarked by **January 15, 2020**. Late applications will not be considered.

Contact: Kim Estes
OACCW Publicity Chairman
402-340-2866/ 402-924-3125

...We ask you to notify us if you are moving from the Parish, have a change of address or phone number

...If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic Faith, **we welcome you back!!**. If you would like to speak to someone on staff, please do not hesitate to contact us.

...If a previous Marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to contact a priest.

...If you cannot come to Church because of illness, please notify us so that we might minister to you at home, hospital, or nursing care facility.

We are live with our new and improved website!!!!

There you have access to the schools information as well as being able access the weekly bulletins, mass

& confession times, information over the sacraments, and contact information on the parish office, CCD, and the ECEC! Please make sure to go visit at



www.smcsssc.com

CALENDARIO DE CATECISMO- CLASES DE ESPAÑOL NOVIEMBRE 2019

11-24-19	Clases de catecismo Examen – Para los grupos de primero y segundo año de primera comunión y primer y segundo año de confirmación
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POR FAVOR CONDUZCA DESPACIO CON PRECAUCION

El domingo pasado se observó que algunas personas estaban conduciendo rápido y sin precaución cuando estaban dejando a sus hijos para el catecismo. Por favor le pedimos que maneje con cuidado y despacio ya que siempre hay niños caminando por el estacionamiento. Evitemos un accidente y cuidemos la vida de las



Important Dates to remember

Sun, Nov 24 – Family Thanksgiving Night – School gym 4-7 pm

Tue, Nov 26 – School Thanksgiving Mass 3rd Grade

Wed, Nov 27-Sun, Dec 1 – NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

Mon, Dec 2 – Christmas Fund-raiser order are DUE

Tue, Dec 3 – ABSOLUTE FINAL day to turn in Fundraiser order



A few reminders:

1. It is very important that students arrive to school in time to pick up their breakfast, unpack their backpack and be in their seat by the 8:00 am bell. Students that arrive late not only start the day behind themselves but set the whole class behind. Please also try to schedule appointments outside of academic time.
2. Tuition is due the 15th of every month. It is important to make your monthly payments. We have to keep up with financial responsibilities of the school also and your timely tuition payments ensure we do. Thank you.
3. Please use Sycamore Education <https://app.sycamoreschool.com/index.php?schoolid=> to check on your child's progress in school, communicate with teachers, view lunch calendar, and monthly calendar. The middle school students all have their access information, but if you do not know your access information, please contact Mrs. Mahaney.
4. Our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelscc/?fb_dtsg_ag=Adwc-lqawBFp6O2OEYuyHKj5ikVdtzUTk3MVVWN81zBOQ%3AAAdwiiwp-hJb4nF5m5bSZrllAm1wRhvt1ISBI3DHw7yevog
5. SCRIP cards are available at school all day long. Please purchase the gift cards and use the program to pay a part of your tuition. It costs you nothing extra and everyone benefits.
6. St. Michael's has an open-door policy. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are partners in your child/ren's education.

God Bless, Mrs. Williams

* Information from Nov/ Dec Newsletter





ENGLISH MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23, 2019

9:00am **OPEN** _____

5:00pm † Roger †Robert K & †Russell K Schroeder

Sunday, November 24, 2019

7:30am †Carroll, †Evelyn, & †Grayson Muff

9:00am Kim Criddle

10:30am (Bilingual) **FOR THE PARISH**

Monday, November 25, 2019

8:15am † Deloris Burke

10:00am **REGENCY OPEN** _____

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

8:15am †Frank LaMere

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

8:15am † Charles Loyd Jones

5:30pm San Juanita Murgia

**2ND INTENTION 24 ANNIVERSARIO DE ADRIAN
& ROCIO ADAME Y ACCION DE GRACIAS Y
FAMILIA**

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 28, 2019

9:00am **OPEN** _____

Friday, November 29, 2019

8:15am †John Fuller

Saturday, November 30, 2019

9:00am **OPEN** _____

5:00pm † Roger †Robert K & †Russell K Schroeder

Sunday, December 01, 2019

7:30am †Carroll, †Evelyn, & †Grayson Muff

**2ND INTENTION KEISY ARISLU LOPEZ LOMELI
& SHIRLEY TRINIDAD RODRIGUEZ LOMELI**

9:00am † Virginia Kavanaugh

10:30am (Bilingual) **FOR THE PARISH**

Intenciones para la Santa Misa

ESPAÑOL Horario de Misas y INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sabado, 23 de Noviembre

10:00am Bautizos

7:00pm †Manuel Lopes, †Camila Aguinaga,

†Jesus Dominges, & † Guadalupe Gusman

Domingo, 24 de Noviembre

10:30am (Bilingüe) **PARA LA PARROQUIA**

12:00pm †Jose Luis Marquez & †Maria de los An-
geles Guevera Saucedo,

SGNDA INTENCION †URIEL RODRIGUEZ

1:30pm Cristy Gomez por su salud

SGNDA INTENCION: JUAN MOJICA

Lunes, 25 de Noviembre

6:00pm Servicio de Communion

Martes, 26 de Noviembre

6:00pm †Francisco Valadez

DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS

Jueves, 28 de Noviembre

10:30am Anniversario de Jesus y San Juanita
Murgia

SGNDA INTENCION DANIELA GARCIA

Bautizo despues de misa

Viernes, 29 de Noviembre

6:00pm †Jorge Arturo Orozco Bonilla

Sadado, 30 de Noviembre

10:00am Bautizos

7:00pm Jose y Flor Mendoza y familia

Domingo, 01 de Diciembre

10:30am (Bilingüe) **PARA LA PARROQUIA**

12:00pm †Domingo Aldana y †Basila Martinez

**SGNDA INTENCION ISIDRA DEANDA POR SU
SALUD**

1:30pm Cristy Gomez por su salud

Notes from the Steering Committee #18 November 23/24 2019

¹⁰ **Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.** 1 Peter 4:10

First of all, I would like you to attend our next Quarterly Meeting which will be our first bilingual meeting. We want both groups to be aware of what the other is doing so again, we are asking groups to share (2-3 minutes at the most) what they are about. Translation will follow. I am looking forward to hearing about these and I hope you will as well.

Following the presentation by groups, we will have updates from both the Committee and the pastors and an opportunity for parishioners to voice concerns/questions. We will go no later than 5:00 p.m. At the end of the meeting, we will have a DESSERT POTLUCK so please bring, as Father Mike says, "What you make best!"

I am so happy for several things which have taken place recently. First of all, I am again so grateful to Chrissy Martinez for getting the Pictorial Directory going. It is now being distributed for those who had their pictures taken. The directory also includes all the names and addresses of those who are currently registered with the parish. Second, I have been asking for and am glad that we are having the music of the LIHM Sisters at 7:30 mass. Music is such an integral part of our praise and thanksgiving for our Lord so thank you Sisters. Third, I am so happy that the new website is up and running – it can provide so much information. Thank you to Sandy Williams for all your hard work to get it going and to those who are contributing.

In the last two articles, we updated you on what had been happening with the Committee. We are working on several things primarily: 1) Becoming a Parish Council; 2) the Safety Plan; 3) Funding for our Parish; and 4) Faith Formation.

Becoming a Parish Council: We have gone back to our most recent guidelines (1991) and were also sent guidelines from the Hartington/Coleridge

churches and a template from the Archdiocese. Those have been compared and at our next meeting (on November 26th), we plan to go through each Article and make a recommendation as to how we should proceed with each item.

Safety Plan: His Armor will come in and do an inspection of our facilities and give us their recommendation. They will also do some training. We are presently looking into the panic bar doors which will be needed. Paola Velazquez, Safety Plan chair, is in touch with Police Chief Mahon and Fire Chief Merithew who will also assist us.

Funding: Father Weidner will be letting us know whether will be doing the Capital Campaign and we are also looking into how we can make it easier for parishioners to give to the Parish by digital means.

Faith Formation: Many of the Hispanic groups already have this incorporated into their groups. There is a wonderful Bible Study which meets on Thursday mornings at the Parish Center from 9-11:00 a.m. However, our younger members (as well as older) are in need of something that they can attend in the evenings. We have some ideas but we also plan to be in touch with the Evangelization Office of the diocese to get ideas and hopefully have something in place by Lent. This is essential!

Last but not least, I hope that you can attend the Community Service which is taking place at the Parish Center this Sunday, November 24th at

7:00 p.m. There will be some desserts available thanks to Father Mike's organizing. We also want to extend our condolences to Rev. Janelle Norton, president of the Ministerial Alliance, upon the recent loss of her husband, Mike. This event is important for two reasons: to gather with other Christians in our community and share our Christian faith and 2) to donate to the Alliance, funds which can go to help those who are in need. It is so much safer for our churches when they are approached for help to refer these needy people to the South Sioux City Police Department who gives the aid and assistance from the funds collected by the Alliance. Thanks Father Mike for representing our Parish in this endeavor.

- Mary Wiltgen, President of the Steering
Committee

Committee & Prayer Groups/Comité y grupos de oración

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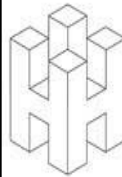
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