

March News 2017

Religious Education—K-8th grades Youth Discipleship & Evangelization—9-12th grades

Hi everyone! After experiencing the “lamb-like” weather, it’s looking like March will be coming in “like a lion”! We’re patiently waiting for God to grace us with a new season of springtime. As we reflect on the changing of seasons, we also need to reflect on the season of Lent which begins on March 1st. Father will continue to lead the *Stations of the Cross* throughout Lent. At SV parish stations will be on Thursdays at 5:30pm and at SL parish stations will be on Fridays at 5:30pm. March 3rd & April 7th stations @ SL will be at 4:30, since the KCs will be hosting their Fish Fry on these two Fridays. Thank you to all the parents who came to the Parent’s “Come & See” Night. Your willingness to be there is greatly appreciated and is a tremendous witness for your children. Any questions, please contact JoLynn—589-3898.

1st Communion News—First Communion Mass at St. Leo’s is at 10:30am on April 30th with a dinner reception immediately following Mass & for St. Vincent parish first communion is at 8:30am on that same day of April 30th. If you are looking for 1st communion gifts...the Carpenter Shop in Yankton has a variety of gifts. Plan on shopping early or get your order in soon. Cola will be putting together a slide show for first communion, so please send your pictures to cueckers@yahoo.com

Wed March 1st—Ash Wednesday Mass is 5:00pm @ St Vincent and 7:00pm @ St Leo Church. Martha’s Kitchen will be closed! This evening is considered to be a Spiritual formation night for our children/youth. Children and youth are asked to please report to their classrooms at 6:45pm for attendance and then they can sit with their families. Adult Ministry Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the church entries if you are able to assist with the Ash Wednesday, March 1st liturgies.

Fri March 3rd-5th--Going Deeper Retreat @ St Leo’s Church. It is for youth who are actively involved in their parish or have participated in other retreats and events and who have fervor to grow in the faith. The hope is that participants will experience a much deeper understanding of how to pray and how to know what God desires in their life. Further, participants will discover the beauty and practice of God’s heart speaking to yours each and every day. We will be spending time in silence and prayer, sharing in small groups, and having the opportunity to receive the Sacraments. This is not a Confirmation Retreat. The retreat is open to grades 11-12. However, youth in grades 9-10 may attend with a recommendation from their pastor. The cost for the retreat is \$75. Registration is now open. For more information go to www.sfcatholic.org, call 605-988-3766 or email [disciple ship@sfcatholic.org](mailto:disciple_ship@sfcatholic.org).

Fri March 3rd—KC Fish Fry serving from 5:00-7:00pm at St. Leo’s in the FCMC. Any high school youth needing financial help for summer trips please consider helping out. Contact JoLynn.

Wed March 8th--RE sessions for K-8th and small group for grades 9-12th beginning at 7pm. Martha’s kitchen will be open @ 6pm in FCMC. Confessions are scheduled for 2nd-3rd grades. Parents, please help them prepare for this sacrament. K-5th grade music practice @ 7:45pm.

Sat March 11th—Student Mass at 5:30pm at St. Leo’s Church & Mexican Taco Bar Fundraiser. K-7th grade children will be part of the ministries at Mass and the K-5th will be singing a song. Please come and participate in the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass this weekend in your home parish. If your child is not able to attend please contact JoLynn. K-7th grade children are asked to please meet in the dining hall by 5:00pm.

Mexican Taco Bar Fundraiser—The SL/SV youth will be hosting a Taco Bar on Sat March 11th. Come out for supper, enjoy the food & music, and support our youth. Serving time is 6:00-8:00pm in the Father Cronin Center. We’re serving soft shell tacos, taco salads, desserts, and drinks. All proceeds go to our youth attending summer camps and/or the Denver-Steubenville youth trip in June. Free will offering at the door.

Sun March 12th—Student Mass @ 10:30am for St. Vincent Children in Springfield. Please plan on participating in the Holy Mass today in your home parish. Ministry parts will be assigned as children come into church.

Wed March 15th—RE sessions for K-8th and LARGE GROUP for grades 9-12th beginning at 7pm. Adoration and confessions are scheduled for HS youth in the church for their large group activity. Martha’s kitchen will be open @ 6pm in FCMC.

Wed March 22nd— RE sessions for K-8th and small group for grades 9-12th beginning at 7pm. Martha’s kitchen will be open @ 6pm in FCMC. Confessions are scheduled for 4th & 5th grades. Parents please help prepare for this sacrament.

Sun March 26th— Fundraiser: Sunday Morning Breakfast—the 8th-12th grade youth has the opportunity to serve our parish guests. Please bring a dozen rolls/donuts/breakfast pastries, serve our guests, and clean up. Be ready to serve after the 8:30am Mass at St. Leo’s church. **These youth signed up to help: Mace, Tim, Bryce, McKeely.** If you can’t work please contact JoLynn—660-7008.

Wed March 29th— RE sessions for K-8th and small group for grades 9-12th beginning at 7pm. Martha’s kitchen will be open @ 6pm in FCMC. Father will be gone tonight for the KC Founder’s Day in Sioux Falls.

Fri March 31st-April 1st—THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

Discipleship Day is an annual conference for those adults seeking to respond to the call of the New Evangelization in their homes, workplaces and parishes. The conference is at Sioux Falls Convention Center and starts on Friday, March 31 at 7:00pm and concludes on Saturday, April 1 at 4:00pm with Mass. Whether you are directly involved in parish ministry or simply seeking to be a disciple in your daily life, this conference is for you! The theme for this year’s conference is the heart of the gospel. In short, we hope each participant will gain a greater understanding of what the Gospel is and how to proclaim it most effectively. This will be communicated through the lens of discipleship-focused ministry. Register today. For hotel and registration info, visit: www.sfdiscipleship.org or contact the Office of Discipleship & Evangelization at 605 988-3766 or email discipleship@sfcatholic.org.

Sincerely in Christ,
JoLynn Weber