

Calvary Cathedral Parish Profile

Calvary Cathedral is a celebratory community of grace. Our worship centers on the Holy Eucharist and draws on the rich heritage of liturgy and tradition within the Episcopal Church. Out of our common worship come a warm and caring fellowship with one another and a commitment to works of service within our city and diocese.

Our congregation is a vibrant mix of ages, ethnicities, genders, incomes and education levels, professions, and religious backgrounds. We seek unity in our diversity and envision a future together that expands the life and work of the Cathedral.

Membership

As of December 2007, Calvary Cathedral had 656 baptized members of which 546 were communicants in good standing. Fifteen percent were communicants under 16 years of age, while 40 percent were of retirement age or beyond. The average Sunday attendance for 2007 was 164. Attendance is currently increasing, and we make a deliberate effort to incorporate newcomers and welcome visitors. Post-service coffee hours are especially lively as people enjoy conversation and social connections.

Staff

Full-time Cathedral staff includes the Dean, an Administrator/Youth Coordinator, a Receptionist, and Sexton. A full-time clergy assistant to the Dean will be hired after the new Dean is in place. A Music Director, Organist, and High School Youth Leader are part-time staff. Non-paid ministries include five deacons, a Cherub Choir Director, a St. Augusta's Cathedral Shopkeeper, and a Library Administrator. The Cathedral houses the Diocesan Offices staffed by the Bishop and three full-time and two part-time employees.

Worship Schedule

Sunday services are a Rite I Holy Eucharist at 8:00a.m., a Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist at 10:00a.m., and our Native American congregation, Tiospaye Wakan, which meets at noon. The congregation of St. Matthew the Martyr (see Community Involvement) has a service in the Cathedral at 5:30p.m. Morning Prayer is offered weekdays at 10:00a.m.

Music

The Cathedral Choir is recognized as one of the finest church choirs in Sioux Falls. In addition to providing music on Sundays and for special services, the choir joins with the South Dakota Symphony String Quartet for a service of Lessons and Carols in Advent. We have a Cherub Choir of church school age children. The Cathedral organ is a twenty-five rank pipe organ. Extra musicians are hired for festive services; our area is blessed with a plethora of fine music performers and educators.

Education

Clergy and lay led education opportunities include Weekly Adult Lectionary Bible Study, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Lenten Studies, Acolyte Training, Lector Training, Okiciyapi Native Cultural Training, Women's Retreats and quiet days. Newcomers' Inquirers Classes and Confirmation Classes are offered as needed.

Ministry through Groups

Calvary has more than 15 active groups which serve all ages in the areas of music, worship, fellowship, outreach, reading, and writing. These include the Altar Guild, Women's Book Club, Daughters of the King, Foyer Groups, Funeral Committee, St. Augusta's Bookstore and Cathedral Shop, the Library, Calvary Men's Group, the Middle School and High School Youth Groups, St. Elizabeth and St. Monnica Guilds, KnitWits, Holy Comforters quilters, Family History Writing, and WebSite Committee.

Community involvement

Our members have volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Lower Brule Reservation church painting, The Banquet (providing food and fellowship for the homeless and economically disadvantaged in Sioux Falls), Souper Bowl of Caring (fighting nationwide hunger and poverty through youth projects), annual Rummage event (providing household goods and clothing to our community at very affordable pricing, and applying generated income to parish initiatives), Alternative Gift Market (encouraging honoring gifts for national and international humanitarian projects), and Thunderhead Episcopal Camp Scholarships.

Calvary's designated 2007 community outreach projects were Second Chance Rescue Center (a non-profit animal rescue sanctuary) and the South Sudan Education Project. Ongoing financial commitments were also made to Family Connection (hospitality house for people with loved ones in prison), Community Outreach (advocate organization for the poor of the Sioux Empire), and the Good Shepherd Center (ecumenical ministry and daytime shelter serving the homeless, poor and needy). The Cathedral offers space for the Church of St. Matthew the Martyr (gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender, and allied community), and the Teddy Bear Den (incentive and education program for limited-income, pregnant women and their children).

Vestry and Parish Councils

Calvary Cathedral is an Episcopal parish with a vestry comprised of eleven members who serve alternating three-year terms plus two wardens, a clerk and a treasurer. Six vestry members serve as liaisons to the following Parish Councils which provide direction:

- Worship and Spirituality Council
- Council on Missionary Emphasis
- Hospitality and Inclusion Council
- Council for Meeting Human Needs
- Council for Education and Leadership
- Council on Responsive Stewardship

Financial Data

129 pledge cards were received in 2007. The income and expenses for the past three years and the budget for the current year are set forth in the following table.

	2005 - Actual	2006 - Actual	2007 - Actual	2008 - Budget
Income	369,493	355,290	355,666	374,000

Expenses	360,922	328,812	371,763	373,124
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Church physical plant

The Cathedral consists of approximately 7,900 square feet of the original quartzite structure, plus 18,900 square feet of additions built in 1921, 1951 and 1991. The roof was recently replaced, and a \$150,000 campaign is currently underway for the purpose of repairing stained glass windows, repaving the parking lot, replacing the boiler, and renovating the lower-level kitchen. These projects should be completed within the current fiscal year.

History

Calvary parish organized and built the town's first church structure in 1872. Calvary Cathedral, the seat of the bishop of South Dakota, was constructed in 1889 through the efforts of the diocese's first bishop, William Hobart Hare, with a generous donation by eastern millionaire John Jacob Astor. The Cathedral has been at the present downtown location since that time and is one of the historical landmarks in the city of Sioux Falls.

The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota

The Diocese of South Dakota is unique within the Episcopal Church. Of the approximately 12,000 baptized Episcopalians in South Dakota, over half of them are Dakota, Lakota or Nakota (Sioux) Indian people. There are 93 churches in the Diocese: two of them Sudanese congregations, and 65 of them located on Indian Reservations. We also have two congregations on The Santee Indian Reservation in Northeast Nebraska, and one congregation in Southeast Minnesota at Brown's Valley on The Sisseton Episcopal Mission. Our Bishop, The Right Reverend Creighton L. Robertson, IX Bishop of South Dakota, was our first Native American Diocesan Bishop and is an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation. Bishop Creighton has announced his intention to retire and has called for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor. That process has begun in earnest with the election expected to occur in late Spring 2009 and the Consecration and Installation of our next Bishop being set for All Hallows Eve 2009.

Our Diocese encompasses the entire state and spans over 77,000 square miles in area but is relatively sparsely populated with a most recent census figure of 754,844. South Dakotans divide the state into distinct and different areas, East River and West River. This denotes the division created by the Missouri River which bisects the state, but the regions are also set apart by significant geographic, social and political differences. West River has a much more arid landscape with an economy based largely on tourism and ranching and, aside from the Indian Reservations, tends to have very conservative political views and is more sparsely populated. East River, where Sioux Falls is located, is more densely populated and has an agricultural economy based on farming. Political views are generally more moderate. Our state capitol is Pierre, pronounced *PEER*. South Dakota offers the benefit of no corporate or personal income tax.

Community Profile

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area reflects a population approaching 200,000. In contrast to the national economy, the regional economy is thriving. Major sectors of the economy include banking, health care, education, and agri-business.

Forbes Magazine in “Best Places for Business and Careers,” April 5, 2007, cited Sioux Falls as the number one “Best Smaller Metro” for the fifth year in a row.

Sioux Falls is an ecumenical society, and twelve major Christian denominations are represented by 140 houses of worship. The population also includes a small number of non-Christian religious organizations.

The Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science boasts a beautiful Performing Arts Center, Visual Arts Center, Science Center, and CineDome Theater. The Husby Performing Arts Series, the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Concert Series, annual JazzFest, and community theater provide numerous opportunities to engage the arts and culture, as does an annually changing downtown Sculpture Walk. The colleges and universities (noted below) also offer many programs and performances in the arts. Nine art galleries are located in the city and a private visual arts museum recently opened. A city-county collaboration supports two free public museums and an historic house. More than 50 historical markers stand in Minnehaha County commemorating the county and city’s past.

Sioux Falls is home to a zoo, a butterfly house, one indoor and five outdoor ice-skating rinks, and an Outdoor Campus with dioramas of natural habitats and offerings of outdoor courses such as ice fishing, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and local birding. Sixty-nine developed parks are located in the city, and many include specialties such as skateboarding, Frisbee golf, Japanese gardens, aquatic parks, natural areas, historic parks, soccer complexes, and outdoor ice rinks. A maintained bicycle/cross-country ski trail circles the town, and city parks host daily summer programs for children while five city recreation centers host programs year-round. Four semi-professional sports teams claim Sioux Falls as home base.

The city is a major regional health care center. Four of the facilities located in Sioux Falls are Avera McKennan, Sanford Health, Avera Heart, and SD Veterans Hospitals. Sanford Health recently received a \$400 million donation for the establishment of a world-wide system of pediatric hospitals and research facilities. This initiative is expected to bring 8,000 – 10,000 more jobs to the community. Avera McKennan also has plans for further expansion.

The community has excellent housing at affordable prices. The median cost of housing is \$159,500; median household income is \$47,829. Home appreciation last year was 5.17%.

The public school system has 25 elementary, 5 middle, and 4 high schools with a student/teacher ratio of 16:1. We have one of the highest graduation rates in the country. South Dakota has a statewide high-speed fiber optic network to which our public schools are “wired.” There are four public libraries in town and eight more within the county.

Higher education facilities include a State University Center, the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota, North American Baptist Seminary, Augustana College, The University of Sioux Falls, Kilian Community College, Mount Marty College Nursing Anesthesia Program, National American University, Colorado Technical University, and Southeast Technical Institute. Ongoing adult learning is

offered through the Center for Active Generations, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and community education programs.

A seat of one branch of Lutheran Social Services, our city is a growing multi-ethnic community, which celebrates its diversity with an annual festival of cultures. Though our population is 88 percent white, nearly two percent are foreign born and they represent 95 countries or regions with 125 different languages or dialects. Native Americans are nine percent of the population, and Blacks comprise one percent.

Sioux Falls is located in the heart of some of the best hunting and fishing in the nation, and South Dakota is renowned for its pheasant hunting and walleye fishing. The state has been called “the land of infinite variety” and features native prairie, rich farmland, rivers and lakes, ranch country, the Badlands, and the scenic Black Hills.

The Sioux Falls regional airport is served by Allegiant, Northwest, and United Airlines. The city is located at the intersection of East/West I-90 and North/South I-29.

Calvary Cathedral Website: <http://www.calvarycathedral.net/>

Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota Website: <http://www.diocesed.org/>

Other Informative Websites:

Official Website of the City of Sioux Falls

<http://www.siouxfalls.org/>

Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau, etc.

<http://www.siouxfalls.com/>

Sioux Falls Development Foundation

<http://www.siouxfallsdevelopment.com/newsDetails.cfm?NewsID=59>

Sioux Falls Community Profile 2007-2008

<http://www.siouxfallsdevelopment.com/Publications/CDP2007Web.pdf>

Sioux Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

http://www.fairus.org/site/PageServer?pagename=research_researchbbbc_sup

Argus Leader Newspaper <http://www.argusleader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage>

Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.siouxfallschamber.com/>

Downtown Sioux Falls

<http://www.downtownsiouxfalls.com/>

Washington Pavilion

<http://www.washingtonpavilion.org/>

Homeview Sioux Falls

<http://www.homeviewsiouxfalls.com/>

Jazz Festival

<http://www.jazzfestsiouxfalls.com/>

South Dakota Symphony

<http://www.sdsymphony.org/>

Best Places

http://www.bestplaces.net/city/Sioux_Falls-South_Dakota.aspx

U.S. City Guide: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

<http://www.answers.com/topic/sioux-falls-south-dakota?cat=travel>