

## Rich Heritage

- ◆ Parish will be 125 years old in 2012
- ◆ Volunteerism of forefathers built parish
- ◆ Challenge to maintain left to future generations
- ◆ Listed in National Register of Historic Places

## Learned Volunteerism

- ◆ 20,000 Volunteer hours to restore church in 80s
- ◆ New roof and geo thermal
- ◆ KC members restored cemetery altar
- ◆ 70+ volunteers move pews during floor refinishing
- ◆ 110+ volunteers facilitate Annual Christmas Concert
- ◆ Entire parish works together for Annual Church Bazaar
- ◆ Parish volunteers conduct church tours
- ◆ 40+ years KC Hunters feed
- ◆ Altar Society Cleans Church
- ◆ Prayer group meets weekly in homes
- ◆ Parish Adoration Chapel  
-10 hr/day spent with Jesus



Adoration Chapel



Annual Corpus Christi Procession



## Major Challenge

- ◆ Maintenance and improvement of the parish faith
- ◆ Maintenance of the parish facilities
- ◆ Planning for the future
- ◆ Producing more vocations

## Very Productive

- ◆ ***Parish teaching has produced 30 Nuns and 9 Priests***
- ◆ Parish Alumni has generated at least one new priest in another diocese.
- ◆ Former parishioner is in third year of Deaconate formation in diocese.
- ◆ Parishioner provides full time pastoral care in health facility.
- ◆ Hoven Koinonia hosted 17 retreat weekends in parish facilities and assists other retreat centers.
- ◆ Numerous parishioners were youth directors of Search weekends.
- ◆ Past parishioners were adult coordinators for Search weekends for 15 years and 5 years.
- ◆ Past parishioners serve as CCD teachers, parish council members and Eucharistic ministers in other parishes.
- ◆ Parish shares musical talents: soloist, organist, parochial music teachers, choir members, and cantors in other parishes.
- ◆ Former parishioner serves in church sponsored mentor programs.
- ◆ Many parishioners serve as Lectors and Sacristans in our parish and other parishes.
- ◆ Former parishioners serve as parish youth directors and Newman Center activities director.
- ◆ Many parishioners and former parishioners are very active in Right to Life having continuously provided state board, state and national officers.

***These activities and events are not just one day happenings, they require the leadership of the pastor and his committees.***

# St Anthony's Parish

Hoven, SD

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- ◆ **Learned Volunteerism**
- ◆ **Major Challenge**
- ◆ **Very Productive**





Area residents appreciate the Christian Cultural event in the parish



St. Anthony's parish is the hub



6 days/week volunteers operate the "Next to New" store and food pantry



All Faith Choir and SD Symphony Orchestra annual Christmas Concert

Monsignor Helmbrecht said it best, **"external monuments of religion can be erected only when true piety and genuine religious convictions, seated in the heart, are the motive."**

These convictions were the motive for not only erecting the beautiful "Cathedral of the Prairies" in the early 1900s but also for restoring it to its original beauty in the 1980s with over 20,000 volunteer hours. And again most recently, volunteer hours and personal sacrifice enabled the parish to install a geo-thermal heating/cooling system.



Newly Renovated St Anthony's Rectory



Year long planning for the Christmas Concert helps with the maintenance of the church



50 + volunteers along with continued donations made the geo thermal a reality

More pictures and details can be found on the St Anthony's link at [www.hovensd.com](http://www.hovensd.com)

