

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2015

Congratulations to all the new First Communicants and their families this weekend! What a special day to begin to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in Holy Communion. The Church cannot

say enough about how important such a gift is to the believer. St. Cyril of Alexandria (b. 376) said, "As two pieces of wax fused together make one, so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him and he is in Christ." St. Augustine said, "On the altar you are looking at the same thing as you saw there last night. You have not heard, however, what this is, what it signifies, or about the greatness of the reality of which it is a sacrament. Your eyes are looking at bread and cup. This is the evidence before your physical sight. But your faith must be instructed concerning it - this bread being Christ's Body and the cup containing His Blood. Though perhaps these words may be enough to initiate faith, faith must be further instructed in accordance with the Prophet's words: 'Believe that you may understand' (Is 7:9)." St. John Chrysostom said, "How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment." I could go on with quotes from the Fathers of the Church and the saints forever. What is important to know is that Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion in a special way which the human mind will never understand. But even though our minds will never understand, our hearts always will. May these young people always remain close to our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. - Fr. Larry



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM

We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: WILLIAM MICHAEL, son of Travis & Sarah (Jones) Bartunek. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.




Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to Juanita Kirby and family on the death of her sister Joanne Kaskie of Sioux Falls. May you take comfort in knowing the soul of your loved one is at peace.



BENEFIT BREAKFAST SET FOR HAAG FAMILY

A Community Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, April 19th** to benefit the Chad Haag family whose home in Alexandria was destroyed by fire last November. The Breakfast will be served from **9:00 AM to 12:30 PM** in the **John Paul II School Gymnasium**. A free-will offering will be taken to support them in their time of need. The breakfast is being sponsored by the Mitchell Knights of Columbus.

PARISH COLLECTION

	Envelopes:	\$16,205.00	(406 parishioners)
	ACH:	\$ 2,218.00	(21 parishioners)
	Loose:	\$ 2,498.00	
	Children:	\$ 322.09	
	Total collected last week:	\$21,243.09	Thank You!

OTHER COLLECTIONS

	Holy Land:	\$ 1,598.41	
	Rice Bowl:	\$ 1,007.69	Thank You!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,040,979	(79%)
Parishioner response:	268	(26%)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal:	\$ 106,500	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 65,594	(61%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 58,694	(55%)
Parishioner response:	382	(35%)

Loan balance owed to Diocese: \$ 27,247.85

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your bank account each month, please call the Parish Office at 996-3639.

NEW TO THE AREA? MOVING? Please contact the parish office at 996-3639.



School News from John Paul II


Robin Cahoy - Principal
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Congratulations to our second grade class who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Know you will all be in our thoughts and prayers as you receive the body and blood of Jesus for the first time.

There will be a PTO meeting on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 in the Faculty Lounge. Please join us for this meeting as we close out this year's activities and plan for next year. We are also hoping and praying that someone will be open to the Vice President position for the 2015-16 school year.

Congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade classes on their Modern Woodmen Speeches - we are very proud of all of your hard work. Honorable Mention for 6th grade include Olivia Husmann, Marianna Novak, Katy Sebert, and Nick Rubendall. 5th Grade honorable mention winners were Jace Larson, Tyler Loecker, Mara Miskimins, and Brock Sparks. Congratulations to all of you. The top three places in the Modern Woodmen Speech contest were Luke Haiar placing third overall, Olivia Huber second place overall, and Elias Grimsley was awarded first place overall. Elias, Olivia, and Luke will represent JP II on Tuesday, April 14 in the District competition at John Paul II School. Good luck to all of you!

A reminder to our high school seniors who graduated from John Paul II School that all scholarship applications are due in the MFCE office by Wednesday, April 15th.

 Join us for the JP II SCHOOL RESTAURANT NIGHT at CULVERS this Tuesday, April 14th from 5 to 8 PM. The school receives a percentage of all purchases made from both inside and drive-up sales between those times.

 Thanks to those who have volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels! I just need one more driver for **Rt 5 - April 27 to May 1**. If you are willing to take this last route please call Kathy at 996-7977 or 630-0448.



Faith Formation News

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director
996-3842 or email: clemmer@sfcss.org
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Pre-Marriage #3: The PM#3 session is this Sunday, April 12th at 1:30 PM in JP II art & science room. Use south entrance to school.
*Note: PM#3-April; PM#1-May; PM#2-June. NO Pre-Marriage classes are scheduled after June.

Gr. K-12 Faith Formation: Classes as usual this Wednesday, April 15th. This is the last FF class for this school year.

RCIA: Class this Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Nazareth Room.



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Last Call! The Marilyn Peschong Memorial Scholarship and John Paul II PTO Scholarship applications are due by this Wednesday, April 15th. To be eligible a student must have attended John Paul II School for a minimum of three years, and have graduated from sixth grade at JP II as well. They are each a one-time \$500.00 scholarship. If you know of someone who may be eligible please encourage them to apply. If you are eligible and did not receive an application in the mail, please contact me by phone or email. Thank you! Both applications are available online at www.mitchellfce.com.

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SAVE THESE DATES! Upcoming LEGACY Events! 125th DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars now and join us for these remaining LEGACY Events:
Friday, May 1st - Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker - Noon Mass at the Cathedral of St Joseph.

Saturday, June 27th - Woonsocket Legacy Event - Starting at 2:30 with farm tours, petting zoo, children's activities, antique farm equipment display. Mass at 4:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. For more details visit the website.

Sunday, July 12th - Marty Legacy Event - Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St Kateri Tekakwitha - with a Mass, Native American ceremonial activities, special music, tours and historical information sharing. Special music provided by Broken Walls. For more details visit the website.

August 14-16 - Diocesan-Wide Legacy Event - Plan to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event! More details will soon be available on the website, however mark your calendars now. Special speakers include Chris Padgett, Curtis Martin, Scott Hahn, Jennifer & Joe Fulwiler, with a special concert with Matt Maher.

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SACRED HEART MONASTERY invites you to its Spring 2015 Theology Institute on **Saturday, April 25, 2015** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Monastery Chapter Room in Yankton. In celebrating the 50th anniversary of Vatican II, this presentation, "The Liturgical Reform and the Church of Vatican II," will be given by Dr. Massimo Faggioli, associate professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. There is no charge, but for planning purposes, please register by e-mailing S. Marielle at mfgrigge@mtmc.edu or calling 605-668-6000. For further information or to print out a flyer, you may find the Theology Institute page at www.yanktonbenedictines.org/center-theology-institute.

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - May 15-17 **Strictly Confidential**. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment, open to *men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents* who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational, sponsored by Catholic Family Services. For registration materials & more information, call Margi at 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email mculhane@sfcatholic.org.

Mass Intentions

- 4/14 8:00am d. Roy Northrup
- 4/15 8:00am d. June Hohn
- 4/16 8:00am d. James Tyler
- 4/17 8:00am d. Victor Thelen
- 4/18 5:00pm d. Harper Gillen
- 4/19 8:30am For Holy Family Parish
- 10:00am For the JP II PTO, Education Committee, MFCE Board and Holy Family/Holy Spirit Staff Members
- 11:30am d. Paul & Veronica Friedrich

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Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 04/18 5:00pm L-S Schreiner; EM-Deacon Graves, J Morrison, B&J Auch, S Moege, J Schreiner
- 04/19 8:30am L-D Nesheim; EM-M Ommen, A Deinert, B McNeil, D&D DeFries, J Schlimgen
- 10:00am L-N Sparks; EM-A Sparks, T&K Harrington, C Symes, R&D Hohn
- 11:30am L-A Sankara; EM-T&M Day, D&S Heesch, J Van Oort, Volunteer

Mass Servers

- 04/18 5:00pm M&L Voelzke, J Fritzeimer
- 04/19 8:30am C Lepley, B Wilson, Volunteer
- 10:00am E&T Regan, K Thomas
- 11:30am K&P Nash, C Bartunek

Ministers of Hospitality

- 04/18 5:00pm D Callies, L Dorale, J&N Fradet
- 04/19 8:30am B,D&D Slaba, B Young, T&V Zens
- 10:00am J&C Beatch, M Alexander, P&L Essig
- 11:30am H&L Andersen, T&M Day, Volunteer

BULLETIN BOARD



- 04/11-12 **First Holy Communion** - All Masses
SCRIP sold after all Masses this weekend
- 04/13 **KC Business Mtg** - 7:00pm - KC Hall (Steaks at 6)
- 04/14 **Eucharistic Adoration** - 8:30am to 8:00pm
- 04/15 **Faith Formation Classes** - ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm - JP II School
- 04/16 **Finance Mtg** - 7am - Conference Rm
RCIA - 7pm - Nazareth Rm
- 04/17 **JP II School Mass** - 9am - Holy Spirit Church
- 04/18 **Confessions** - 3:30 to 4:30pm
- 04/19 **Benefit Breakfast Haag family** - 9am to 12:30pm - JP II Gym

Holy Family Church Annual Motorcycle Blessing



Saturday, April 25 - 1:00 PM - Church Parking Lot

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The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday, April 13th** at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall. If you will be joining them for steaks at 6:00 PM, please let Vince know at 770-9913 as soon as possible.

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Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain

As part of the diocesan Life Chain Link, please join Bishop Paul J. Swain in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st Street in Sioux Falls on **April 21, 2015 at 12:00 noon**. If you are unable to attend, please consider joining in prayer in your own parish, or sign up for another prayer time on the online calendar. To learn more or to sign up to pray, visit the "Life Chain Link" page of the OMFRL website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.

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McGovern CROP Walk - April 15 - 4:00 PM

Dakota Wesleyan University - Sherman Center

Join the Walk! Students and Mitchell residents will gather to walk for Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org). Fight Hunger globally and in our community. 25% of funds raised will go to the Mitchell Area Food Pantry. For more information call 996-7721.