

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015

"The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behaviour after

the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father. The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of one's self. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy."

--Pope Francis

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal:

Next weekend we will be taking up the collection for the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. This Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, where educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this Appeal.


BENEFIT BREAKFAST SET FOR HAAG FAMILY



A Community Breakfast will be held **TODAY, 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.

Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Leota Roth who went home to the Lord and to Betty Hoffman on the death of her brother, Lloyd Thome of Mitchell. May our Lord comfort you with His overwhelming peace and hope at this sad time.

PARISH COLLECTION

	Envelopes:	\$10,185.00	(314 parishioners)
	Loose:	\$ 1,448.03	
	Children:	\$ 174.36	
	Total collected last week:	\$11,807.39	Thank You!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,041,936	(80%)
Parishioner response:	268	(26%)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal:	\$ 106,500	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 65,794	(61%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 58,994	(55%)
Parishioner response:	383	(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

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Our John Paul II School would like thank our office personnel as we will celebrate Administrative Professional Day on Thursday, April 22! God certainly blessed John Paul II when He sent us Ms. Melanie Auch as Business Manager, Mrs. Rosanne Muth, our secretary and Mrs. Jackie Rezac, secretary and librarian. Thank you so much for all your long hours of hard work, pleasant smiles, and your strong commitment to Catholic education. You are the best!

Our 3rd grade students will enjoy the Arbor Day presentation that will be held on Monday, April 20. They will be given a small tree to plant at home.

We are excited for the 3 – 6th grade Spring Concert that will be held on Thursday, April 23 at the Mitchell High School Auditorium at 7:00. There will be lots of good singing and dancing!

April 24 is the day that Mrs. Kline's class has been waiting for! They were the top selling class for the raffle tickets this year and will have a pizza and bowling party in the afternoon.

The 3 – 6th grade classes continue with the Smarter Balanced testing this week. Please make sure your student is getting plenty of rest and a good breakfast.

We still have Preschool openings for the 2015-16 school year. We would love to have you visit/tour our John Paul II School and see first-hand how we "Connect Kids to Christ."

The MEALS ON WHEELS board members would like to invite all those who have delivered Meals on Wheels to a "Thank You" Coffee on Friday, May 1st, from 2-4 pm at Wesley Acres. Hope you can stop by for coffee, cookies and conversation. You are appreciated!

Pray for Life with Bishop Swain – April 21, 2015 at 12:00 noon in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st Street in Sioux Falls. Visit the "Life Chain Link" at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.

Happy Birthday to DORIS JATON who turns 80 years young today, April 19th. May God grant you good health to enjoy the rest of your many days!





Faith Formation News

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Gr. K-12 Faith Formation News: Classes for this year have ended. We thank the 230+ families who enrolled their sons & daughters in our Faith Formation program this past year. We thank the 65+ adult volunteers who shared their time, talent and faith with the young people of our parishes! *We are blessed!!* **We will begin FF registration for the 2015-2016 school year this week.** The FF registration form is posted to the FF website (www.ffmitchell.com) under the FORMS tab and is also available in the literature rack outside the FF Office. Parents, if you plan to enroll your Gr. K-12 children in FF for this next school year, please complete the registration on or before May 21st. Please contact Christine in the FF Office with your contact information if you are new to the parishes or if you have a Gr. K or Gr. 1 child next year. Thank you.

RCIA: The last class for our RCIA group will be this Thursday, April 23 from 6:00-7:00 PM in Holy Family Church basement.

Totus Tuus: The parishes will be hosting the Totus Tuus (VBS) program **June 28-July 2**. New 4-day format! The fee is \$15 per child, non-refundable. Totus Tuus is for the youth of the parishes entering Gr. 1-12 this next school year. Info & reg. form is at the FF Office or at the FF website (www.ffmitchell.com).

Vocation Events for Youth: The diocesan office of vocations is hosting a **Diocesan Nun Run** for young women ages 16-college age to visit all of the religious communities of our diocese April 30-May 3. No cost for this event.

The vocations office is also hosting a **JPII Camp** for young men ages 13-17 at Abbey of the Hills near Milbank May 29-31. There is a fee for this camp. Information is available at the FF Office or on the FF website.





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Happy Easter to all of our friends!

Thank you to the students who submitted applications for the John Paul II PTO and Marilyn Peschong Memorial Scholarships. Our committees have a very tough decision selecting winners from our outstanding alumni! Congratulations to the First Communicants and RCIA Candidates who received sacraments the past few weekends. I pray you are blessed by the Holy Spirit as you move forward in your lives as Christ's disciples. The Ymker Greenhouse Flower Fundraiser is underway. Order forms were in last week's bulletin and can be found on our website or in the parish offices. Thank you for your continued support!

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 Applications for the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Richard Miller Memorial Scholarship **are due in by April 21st**. Mitchell area high school seniors and college undergraduates are eligible to apply for the \$500.00 scholarships. For more information/applications please contact your area high school guidance counselor or either parish office.

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 **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Mac& Cheese, Tuna, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Chili Beans and Cereal. Please place food donations in the container in the main entrance of the Gathering Area or bring to the Food Pantry at 724 N Sanborn Blvd. Monetary donations may be mailed to: **Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301.** Thank you!

Mass Intentions

- 4/21 8:00am d. Francis Metz
- 4/22 8:00am d. Deloris Gossman
- 4/23 8:00am d. Richard "Rocky" Kirby
- 4/24 8:00am d. Patricia Rands
- 4/25 5:00pm d. Jerry Oberembt
- 4/26 8:30am d. Patrick Skelly
- 10:00am For Holy Family Parish
- 11:30am Anniv. of d. of John Jackson

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Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 04/25 5:00pm L-S Kirby; EM-Deacon Graves, R Wuertzer, T Kirby, D&D Dunn, V Weber
- 04/26 8:30am L-J Feiner; EM-F&M Bruna, T Clemens, D Kirkus, D&C Harrell
- 10:00am L-J Schumacher; EM-R&T Kriese, T Schumacher, P Essig, M Gauer, J Thury
- 11:30am L-J Van Oort; EM-M Hatwan, K Mohr, M Wilson, H&B Kelly, Volunteer

Mass Servers

- 04/25 5:00pm C&E Delehant, K Fridley
- 04/26 8:30am G&P Phinney, Volunteer
- 10:00am A Uher, J Miller, A Bergeson
- 11:30am A,E&K Mika

Ministers of Hospitality

- 04/25 5:00pm B&J Freeman, J&J Fritzeimer, S Grosz
- 04/26 8:30am R&C Easton, B&D Everson, R&S Heying
- 10:00am L&V Boehmer, J&J Heemstra, T&J Schumacher
- 11:30am G&C Docter, T&M Grajkowske, Volunteer



BULLETIN BOARD

- 04/19 **Benefit Breakfast Haag family** – 9am to 12:30pm – JPII Gym
- 04/20 **Our Lady Rosary Makers** – 1pm – Nazareth Rm
- 04/21 **Parish Council Mtg** – 7:00pm – Conference Rm
- Eucharistic Adoration** – 8:30am to 8:00pm
- 04/23 **RCIA** – 6pm – Church Bsmt
- JPII School Spring Concert** (3-6 Gr) – 7pm – MHS Auditorium
- 04/24 **JP II School Mass** – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
- 04/25 **Motorcycle Blessing** – 1pm – Church Parking Lot
- Confessions** – 3:30 to 4:30pm
- 04/25-26 **Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal**
- SCRIP sold after all Masses this weekend**



Holy Family Church Annual Motorcycle Blessing

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

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The Mitchell Area RIGHT TO LIFE will be meeting on Sunday, April 26th at 7pm at the Mitchell Pizza Ranch. Please join us as we plan for hosting the SD Right to Life Convention in Mitchell this coming September. Choose Life!

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GRIEVING LOSS FROM SUICIDE April 21-May 26, 2015 from 6:30 – 8:30pm at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD. A program for families who have lost a loved one from suicide. The suddenness of the death, the confusion and the painful reactions are significant topics of the program. This is a time when professional support is needed. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Non-denominational. Cost- Donation Call 988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org with any questions or to register.

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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE Weekend for widowed, divorced & separated is designed to allow people to work through the emotions of losing a spouse. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The next weekend is **Apr. 24 – 26, 2015**, at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, Irene, SD. For more info or an application, please call: Jeanne (605) 361-9857 or email carol203cc@gmail.com.