



Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

"A disciple is one willing to surrender himself for the sake of others," "Jesus is the example of discipleship, the example of one who dies to self. Stewards are always in the process of emptying ourselves." ~ Bishop Sylvester Ryan

Easter is a time of renewal for Catholics. I encourage you to take this time of joy and celebration to make "Easter Resolutions" in your call to be true disciples and faithful stewards of God's gifts.

*Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. We need to constantly reflect on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolve to follow through on those changes. I hope you can find some inspiration in the following quick examples:

Stewardship of Prayer: Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to short, daily prayer times.

Stewardship of Family: Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together.

Stewardship of Health: Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

Stewardship of Possessions: Resolve to possess a little more "lightly". Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

Stewardship of the Parish Family: Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts.

Stewardship of Money: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Stewardship of Neighbor: Resolve to be a person of hospitality; to make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

Stewardship of the Poor: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

"Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option." ~Bishop John McRaith

*Excerpts from the International Catholic Stewardship Council

During this Third Week of Easter, I pray your heart continue to be filled with Joy as we celebrated the Resurrected Christ!

~ Nicole Fuhrer, Development Director, Mitchell Foundation for Catholic Education

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$ 8,845.00 (299 parishioners)

Loose: \$ 996.00

Children: \$ 81.01

Total collected last week: \$ 9,922.01 Thank You!

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2017 Goal: \$ 117,000

Pledged thus far: \$ 70,285 (60%)

Collected thus far: \$ 60,090 (51%)

Parishioner response: 403 (37%)

Pledge amount needed to reach goal: \$46,715

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (ACH): If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your bank account each month, call the parish office at 996-3639. Forms can also be found on our website, www.holyfamilymitchell.com (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome those who are new to our parish and ask them to call the parish office for registration information, or if you are moving, please also notify the parish office at 996-3639.

BAPTISM: Last Sunday of the month after the Saturday evening Mass (6:15pm) or Sunday after the 11:30am Mass (12:45pm). Please notify the parish office and a Baptism Information Form will be provided.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday – 8:30am – 8:00pm

† Open volunteer spot from 3 to 4pm. Please call the parish office.

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS: Tuesday–5:30pm and Saturday–3:30pm

† PARISH NEWS



Happy Anniversary to...

Elwin & Rosalie Hohn who celebrate 50 years of marriage on Saturday, April 29th.

Greetings may be sent to 410 W. 10th Ave., Mitchell, SD 57301.

May the Lord bless you with many more blissful years together.

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Congratulations to...

Art & Helen Polkreisz as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 7th.

Greetings may be sent to 26158 414th Ave, Ethan, SD 57334.

May God bless you both on this very special day!

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Contributions totaled \$435.00 so far. Your contributions will help strengthen the church at home and ensure that the gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



† PARISH NEWS CONT....



On behalf of the Bids for Kids committee, THANK YOU for your tremendous support of last Friday's event! We are still tallying the numbers, but by the looks of it, are sure it was another HUGE Success! It is so humbling to see the outpouring of generosity from so many. We pray God bless you for your goodness. ~Jodi, Renee & Nicole

S.C.R.I.P. WILL BE SOLD IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER MASS TODAY!

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



Robin Cahoy – Principal – 1510 W Elm Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301
(605) 996-2365 – Website: www.johnpaul2.org

A special thanks to all who came out to our Bids for Kids Event which supports Catholic Education in the community of Mitchell both in John Paul II and the Faith Formation classes. We had a great crowd, an awesome meal, and lots of giving people to make this night a success. Thank you to the committee members, Renee LeBrun, Jodi Wilson, and Nicole Fuhrer who put together an amazing night for all of us to enjoy.

May is a very busy month in our school and in the church. It is the month we honor our Mother Mary. We will begin by celebrating the month of Mary at our Wednesday Mass on May 10 with the Crowning of Mary. Our second grade students will wear their First Communion finery, while our sixth grade students will process in with flowers and crown Mary. This special mass will begin our celebration of her life during the month of May. The Angel of the Year Award will be presented at the May Crowning Mass also. This award will be presented in recognition to one staff member for their dedication to Catholic Education.

We are in the last few weeks of school already. I would like to thank the many people that have supported John Paul II School during this 2016-17 school year. This includes the teachers, staff, parents, parishioners, priests, and most importantly - the students! We believe that everyone is a gift from God. We take these wonderful gifts as they walk through our doors and help them to grow academically, physically, emotionally, and most importantly, spiritually. Our faith is a way of life. We have instilled this in all the students, especially over the past few years in our sixth grade students who will be leaving us soon to continue their educational journey at the Middle School. We ask that you continue to see the good in the world and to help build the kingdom of God. May you always look for Jesus in the ordinary things that happen each day. Congratulations and God's blessings to all of you. You hold a special place in our hearts. We will miss you.

May Activities include:

- 1 – Spirit Day is Beach Day
- 2 – Dairy Queen Night from 5 – 8:00; Game Day
- 3 – Mass @ 9:00; First Penance @ Holy Family
- 4 – Economics Fair
- 6 – First Communion @ Holy Family
- 7 – First Communion @ Holy Spirit
- 9 – 4th grade to Alexandria
- 10 – May Crowning Mass
- 12 – 5th grade to Pierre; 6th grade to Sioux Falls
- 15 – Kindergarten fieldtrip to Creekside Veterinary Clinic
- 17 – Mrs. McNeil and Mr. VanOverschelde retirement party
- 22 – SD Life Museum 4th grade; Preschool Night
- 23 – 4th grade to DeSmet
- 24 – Graduation Mass @ 9:00; graduation @ 5:30
- 25 – Last day of school; 12:30 Dismissal

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

05/02	8:00am	d. Leon Peschong
05/03	8:00am	d. Aaron & Barbara LaBrie
05/04	8:00am	d. Gene Gebel
05/05	8:00am	d. Arnie Dagen
05/06	5:00pm	Anniv. of d. of Jerry Oberembt
05/07	8:30am	d. Sue Bannwarth
	10:00am	d. Carol VanErdewyk
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

05/06	5:00pm	L-S Kirby; EM-Deacon Graves, T Kirby, V Weber, R&C Scheich
05/07	8:30am	L-J Feiner; EM-Deacon Graves, J Schlimgen, J Schroeder, A Deinert, D Kirkus
	10:00am	L-A Novak; EM-Deacon Graves, K Hohn, J Thury, R&D Hohn
	11:30am	L-P Paulson; EM-Deacon Graves, J Paulson, H&B Kelly

Mass Servers

05/06	5:00pm	C&E Delehant, J Johnson
05/07	8:30am	C Singrey, B Wilson, Volunteer
	10:00am	E,M&S Novak
	11:30am	C&E McCardle, P Scheich

Ministers of Hospitality

05/06	5:00pm	M&J McMahon, M Pecenka, O Vermeulen
05/07	8:30am	B&D Everson, S Grosz, S Kirkus, H Titze
	10:00am	M Alexander, T&J Hohrman, Max Alexander, K Larson
	11:30am	H&L Andersen, G&C Docter, C Hohrman

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



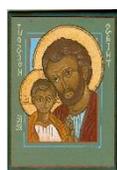
05/01	Parish Office Closed
05/02	Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm JPII Restaurant Night – 5-8pm – Dairy Queen Confessions – 5:30pm
05/03	John Paul II School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church St. Joseph Guild – 5:15pm – Holy Spirit Parish Hall Full Choir – 6pm Music Office RCIA – 7:30pm – Nazareth Rm
05/06	First Holy Communion – 10:30am – Holy Family Church Confessions – 3:30pm
05/07	World Day of Prayer for Vocations First Holy Communion – 11:00am – Holy Spirit Church

AREA HAPPENINGS

The **Mitchell Area Right to Life** will be having a meeting on Monday, May 1st, 2017 at 7:00pm at Holy Family Church, Nazareth Room. Please contact Sonja with any questions at 770-6463.



Join us for the JPII SCHOOL RESTAURANT NIGHT at DAIRY QUEEN this Tuesday, May 2nd from 5 to 8 PM. The school receives a percentage of all purchases made from both inside and drive-up sales between those times. Thank you for supporting John Paul II School!



St. Joseph's Guild - Men's Father/Son Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 5:15 to 6:30 PM in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Next meeting will be on May 3rd. Come hungry. We will have supper and then feed the soul.