



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

Happy Easter!

We know what Easter is: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. But what does it mean? It means many things: forgiveness of sin, the conquest

of death, the possibility of eternal life for those who die, the power to live a new life in Christ, the friendship with God restored, and the new creation of the universe after the pattern of the Risen One. Yes, it is all these things. Jesus summed it all up on Holy Thursday when he gave us the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we come to the summation of the Paschal Mystery. As St. Paul said, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again in glory." But what does that mean for my day-to-day life? In the Gospel of John, at the Last Supper Jesus takes a towel and washes his disciples' feet. In this little action is also contained the whole of the Christian message. The great Son of God, who is Light from Light, True God from True God, has stooped low by his humanity to take the place of the slave. In this condescension, he has not only given us new life but given us the pattern of our own lives. One of my favorite photographers is Russell Lee, who worked for the Farm Security Administration during the 1930's. He has one poignant photograph from 1938 Missouri of a poor sharecropper's wife washing the feet of her children. Even though they are desperately poor, the scene speaks of love, tenderness, compassion and mercy. No wonder Jesus chose this small ritual as the image of his mission. Resurrection means new life, and new life means service. May your Easter be filled by joy, hope, faith, and service! – Fr. Larry

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY.



We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: KOLBY ALAN, son of Sonja Wells and Kaleb Niehoff. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.



Holy Family wishes to Congratulate Alex VanOverschelde & Shelby Mushitz who were united in marriage here last weekend. May the Lord bless them as they begin their sacramental life together.



Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to Joe Nagel and family on the death of his brother Dan of Rapid City. May our Lord comfort you at this difficult time.

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$11,766.00 (360 parishioners)
Loose: \$ 1,369.00
Children: \$ 129.51
Total collected last week: \$13,264.51 Thank You!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal: \$1,300,000
Collected thus far: \$1,038,895 (79%)
Parishioner response: 268 (26%)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal: \$ 106,500
Pledged thus far: \$ 64,104 (60%)
Collected thus far: \$ 57,199 (53%)
Parishioner response: 377 (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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Easter Sunday celebrates one of the greatest days in history - when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave. Happy Easter to all our friends and families of John Paul II School!

We are blessed to have the Mitchell High School Friend de Coup Show Choir perform for us in the MPR on April 8th. What a wonderful example of musical talent to expose our students to.

We will have Snack Shack beginning on Wednesday, April 8th. Students have done very well giving up the extra snacks from the Snack Shack during Lent, however, they will be happy to have it back again this week.

The 6th grade class is putting their business skills to work this week by setting up several businesses at the Economics Fair from 11:30 – 2:30 on Thursday, April 9. There will be lots of wonderful booths so that everyone can purchase items. We hope you can join us in the MPR for this fun annual event.

We welcome all to join us as we celebrate the mass at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 10th in Holy Spirit Church.

Our 5th & 6th grade students participated in the Modern Woodmen Speech Contest this week. The names of the top 3 overall speeches will be in next week's bulletin.

We will not have school on Monday, April 6th.



Thanks to those who have volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels thus far. I am still in need of 7 drivers for the following routes; **Rt 1** - April 27 to May 1 and May 4 to 8, **Rt 2** - April 13 to 17, **Rt 3** April 13 to 17 and **Rt 5** - April 13 to 17, April 27 to May 1 and May 4 to 8. If you can help please call Kathy at 996-7977 or 630-0448.



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.



Faith Formation News

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Pre-Marriage #3: The PM#3 session will be NEXT Sunday, April 12th at 1:30 PM in JP11 art & science room. *Note: PM3-April; PM1-May; PM2-June...NO PM classes are scheduled after June.

Gr. K-12 Faith Formation: Classes as usual this Wednesday, April 8th.

Prayer Request: Please keep in your prayers the second graders preparing for their First Holy Communion at next weekend's Masses at both Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes.

RCIA: Class this Thurs., April 9th at 7:00 PM in the HF Nazareth Room.

Thank you to all of the young people who shared their time and talent by participating in the Living Stations of the Cross. What a prayerful portrayal of our Lord's Passion! Thank you to all of the adult volunteers who helped with the Stations of the Cross.

Congratulations to Sarah Bartunek, Bethany Brunssen, Megan George, Michael Morgan, Brian Nash, and Shane Teel who joined the Church this Easter Vigil. May God continue to bless your journey of faith!



Mitchell Foundation
for Catholic Education

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Our Catholic Schools were blessed for many years with "Living Endowments" of sisters, priests, and brothers. Through their lifelong service and contributions they endowed our Catholic Schools. Today Catholic schools are challenged to provide even greater educational and ministerial programs than ever before with annual budgets growing larger and larger.

Meeting these needs requires financial resources. The future of Catholic Education in Mitchell lies in the building of endowments through planned giving strategies. Planned giving will give us confidence for the future of our John Paul II School, Faith Formation programs and Parishes. Endowments and major gifts through planned giving will build up our "savings accounts" to sustain these opportunities for generations to come.

Development is a ministry. I am here to help you create a stewardship plan to share the treasures in which God has provided.

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ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK
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.

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CORN PALACE FOOD PACK – April 18, 2015

The Impact Lives Corn Palace Food Pack is coming up quickly! Through this event you give dignity and honor to those who do not even have food to feed their families. Friends, families and strangers gather together in the Corn Palace to provide the very basic of food to those brothers and sisters in 3rd world countries. You can sign up to help by going to: www.signupschedule.com/cornpalacefoodpack.

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 7PM ~ Holy Spirit Church. Ron Fuchs will give a program about The Crop Walk. Please try to attend. We welcome all ladies who are members of Holy Family Church or Holy Spirit Church to join CDA! Contact Barb Young at dbyoung@mitchelltelecom.net for more information.

Mass Intentions

- 4/07 8:00am d. Jerry & Mary Anne Wiersma
- 4/08 8:00am d. Kathryn Ellwein
- 4/09 8:00am d. Charles & Leona Summers
- 4/10 8:00am d. Glen Jatton
- 4/11 5:00pm Anniv. of d. of Walt Kampshoff
- 4/12 8:30am For Holy Family Parish
- 10:00am d. Marlys Stirling
- 11:30am d. Anita Berg

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Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 04/11 5:00pm L-P Paulson; EM-Deacon Graves, M VanderHeiden, R Wuertzer, J Paulson, T&S Kirby
- 04/12 8:30am L-D Nesheim; EM-W&K Schoenfelder, B&E Sullivan, D&B Young
- 10:00am L-D Uher; EM-R Hempel, C&L Bannwarth, J Traupel, W&M Puetz
- 11:30am L-M Winter; EM-K Ewing, S Peschong, H&B Kelly, J Hunt, Volunteer

Mass Servers

- 04/11 5:00pm A&C Vermeulen, D Easton
- 04/12 8:30am M&J Kelly, Volunteer
- 10:00am B&B Sparks, J Rients
- 11:30am C&E McCardle, S Mauszycki

Ministers of Hospitality

- 04/11 5:00pm M&P Pecenka, P Zweifel, M Bittner
- 04/12 8:30am R&D Kelly, D&S Kirkus, G&M Paradeis
- 10:00am J&N Puetz, B&B Puetz, T&D Sabers
- 11:30am D&S Heesch, R&B Morgan, Volunteer

BULLETIN BOARD



- 04/05 **Happy Easter!**
- 04/06 **Parish Office Closed – No JP11 School**
- 04/07 **Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm**
- 04/08 **Faith Formation Classes – ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm – JP11 School**
- 04/09 **Sixth Grade Economics Fair – 11:30am to 2:30pm – JP11 School**
- RCIA – 6pm – Nazareth Rm**
- 04/10 **JP II School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church**
- 04/11 **Confessions – 3:30 to 4:30pm**
- 04/11-12 **First Holy Communion – All Masses**
- SCRIP sold after all Masses this weekend**
- 04/12 **Divine Mercy Sunday**

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"The Easter Bunny must have a lot of chickens workin' for him."

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