



*Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 23, 2015*

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Dear Parish Family,

The phrases "do not fear" and "do not be afraid" appear 365 times in the Bible. Ironic? I think not. And here's what I think the church misses about fear. Let me pose this as a question. What is the opposite of fear? Courage? Bravery? William Wallace? Wrong. Wrong. And right, but you're ruining my point. The opposite of fear is...LOVE. Add to this the reality that God is love. So, according to the Transitive property of mathematics, the opposite of fear is...God. If you're a child of God, the one sin that shouldn't plague you is...fear. Yet, Christians are the most fearful people on earth. Even our salvation is rooted in fear. Does it bother anyone that the primary method of bringing people to Jesus has been to scare them away from hell? That's fear language, the antithesis of God. Look at what John says.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 1 John 4:18

The church is scared to make decisions out of fear. Christians are hesitant to step into dangerous situations out of fear. The catalyst for our obedience is fear. Where's the love?

Peace to you and yours!

Fr. Stevens



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

"EACH HOUR I SPEND WITH JESUS WILL DEEPEN HIS DIVINE MERCY WITHIN MY HEART"



On August 28th at 7:00 PM at Holy Family Church, Prairie Fire Voices and members of LyricWood will present "A Late Summer's Love Song." Prairie Fire Voices, a 12 voice chamber choir, will perform an eclectic variety of repertoire on the theme of love from composers such as Thomas Tallis, William Dawson, and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Members of LyricWood, DWU's string orchestra, will perform chamber music for strings and accompany Prairie Fire Voices on Eric Whitacre's Five Hebrew Love Songs. The concert is free and open to the public.

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SAVE THE DATE - September 30, 2015 - 8:45 AM

Take a bus trip to Bow Valley, NE to tour KRUSE Stained Glass and learn how they are restoring our church windows. The bus trip will take approximately 2 hours to get there. We will tour the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, eat lunch at Sudbeck Service and then tour the glass plant. Meet in Holy Family parking lot. Bus leaves at 8:45 AM. Please sign up at Holy Family Office by September 10th. We hope for a maximum of 45 or a minimum of 30. Price will depend on the number of sign-ups but will be from \$21 to \$31 each (meal separate expense).

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$10,927.67	(284 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 4,655.00	(26 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 871.03	
Children:	\$ 130.02	

Total collected last week: \$16,583.72 Thank You!

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,078,049	(82%)
Parishioner response:	268	(26%)

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CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal:	\$ 106,500	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 76,289	(71%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 71,997	(67%)
Parishioner response:	407	(38%)

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

The first few days of school are over and the students and teachers have adjusted to their new routines rather quickly. The students are happy to be able to see their old friends and also meet some new friends that have joined us at John Paul II this year. We welcome all our new students and their families to John Paul II. We are happy to be able to share our faith with you.

Our magazine drive kick-off will begin on Friday, August 28th with a school assembly. This is one of our major fundraisers of the year so we would appreciate your support. This fundraiser not only helps us to meet our budget, but also allows us to purchase the "extra" items that we choose for our students. If you have a magazine that you would like to reorder or purchase, contact any student or call the school office.

I would also like to invite you to attend our weekly school Masses. Mass will be held in the Holy Spirit Church at 9:00 AM every Friday. Our classes take turns preparing the liturgies and we would like to have you join us for this wonderful celebration of faith.

Thank you to the families that have already donated to our iPad Fund. We are in need of \$16,069 to fully fund this project. At this time, we have received \$6,000 in donations. The Tessier Family Foundation has so generously offered to match up to \$8,000 for this project. If you are able to make a donation, please send it to the school in an envelope marked "iPads" or turn any donations directly into the school office. If you are not able to make a monetary donation, we ask that you pray for the success of this project. Thank you for your help and consideration.

SCRIP is a wonderful way to earn money toward tuition or lunches for your family. SCRIP can be purchased at any time after Monday at noon in the office and on rotating weekends in the churches. If you are unsure of how to get started with SCRIP please ask in the office.

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The SD Right to Life Convention will be held in Mitchell this year on Saturday, September 12th, from 1:30pm-8pm at Mitchell Christian School. Registration for adults-\$30, Student-\$15, which includes numerous speakers, teen breakout session, booths, supper, and snack. There are 8 youth scholarships available. To take advantage of this opportunity for your teen to attend for free, call Sonja at 770-6463 to reserve your spot. Go to www.sdrighttolife.org or call 770-6463 for more information. Registration flyers can also be found in the church office. Pray for respect for all human life!



Faith Formation News

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director
996-3842 or email: clemmer@sfcscs.org
Website: www.ffmitchell.com

Faith Formation News: The FF Staff Meeting will be this Wednesday, Aug. 26 from 6:00-6:45 pm in the JP II MPR. The Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting will be this Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 7:00 pm in the JP II MPR. We are still in need of a Gr. 9 teacher & helper... please prayerfully consider. FF classes begin Sept. 2.



Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process of welcoming adults into the Catholic faith and was the model used from the early days of the Church to prepare adults for entrance into the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church. The weekly RCIA classes will begin in September. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Church, please pray for them and invite him or her! If you are interested in taking the RCIA classes in the Catholic faith or would like more information please contact Christine in the Faith Formation Office, 996-3842.

Safe Environment News: The SE training is at: www.safeandsacred-sfcatholic.org and available 24/7. For questions or assistance with online training, contact Christine in the FF Office.



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Prayer for the School Year

Father, Bless the students who are beginning another school year. Give them wisdom and strength as they learn. Bless the teachers as they instruct and as they serve as examples to their students. Bless the parents as they let their children go, whether for the first year of preschool or college. In your name we pray, Amen!

THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus Maher Council for their support of Catholic Education with proceeds from their Dakotafest booth!

If you feel called to make a donation to the "Adopt-A Student" tuition assistance program for John Paul II School, come and see me, and we can visit how you can help!

"All in God's Plan" will be held in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, September 17th, 6:15 PM at St. Michael's Parish "All in God's Plan" is a is a program for Mothers & Daughters and Fathers & Sons to come together in separate gender sessions to learn age appropriate information about human sexuality, human development, and chastity formation. For more information and to register, call 605-988-3755 or visit: www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife.

It's Time to go to School

One early morning, a lady went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!" Son: "But why Mom? I don't want to go." Mom: "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go." Son: "Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!" Mom: "Oh, that's no reason to not to go to school. Come on now and get ready." Son: "Give me two reasons why I should go to school." Mom: "Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"



Mass Intentions

- 8/25 8:00am d. Veronica Trammel
8/26 8:00am Anniv. of d. of Rob Marchand
8/27 8:00am d. Clifford Gossel
8/28 8:00am d. Glen Jatton
8/29 5:00pm d. Lillian Jenks
8/30 8:30am d. Adeline Sprecher
10:00am Anniv. of d. of Eugene Gebel
11:30am For Holy Family Parish

The following Eucharistic Ministers are listed on the current schedule, although, Fr. Stevens will now only need a total of 4 Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass. The new schedule beginning October 3rd will reflect this change. Thank you for your patience with this change.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 08/29 5:00pm L-P Paulson; EM-Deacon Graves, D Callies, S Moege, R Wuertzer, M Bittner, S Loecker, J Paulson,
08/30 8:30am L-B McNeil; EM-A Deinert, D&C Harrell, J Schlimgen, W&K Schoenfelder
10:00am L-J Schumacher; EM-C&L Bannwarth, R&D Hohn, P Essig, T Schumacher, Sr. G Volz
11:30am L-C Hanks; EM-D&S Heesch, H&B Kelly, M Hatwan

Mass Servers

- 08/29 5:00pm C&E Grimsley, K Bannwarth
08/30 8:30am G&P Phinney, Volunteer
10:00am J Larson, N McCormick, E Moody
11:30am A Driscoll, J Heesch, Volunteer

Ministers of Hospitality

- 08/29 5:00pm M&J McMahon, M&P Pecenka, P Zweifel
08/30 8:30am R&C Easton, B&D Everson, R&S Haying
10:00am Sr. G Volz, M Alexander, J&C Beach
11:30am G&C Docter, T&M Grajkowske, Volunteer

BULLETIN BOARD

- 8/25 Eucharistic Adoration - 8:30am to 8:00pm
Confessions - 7 to 8pm
8/26 JP II Education Mtg - 12pm - Holy Spirit Conference Rm
8/28 JP II School Mass - 9am - Holy Spirit Church
DWU Choir/Orchestra Concert - 7pm - Church
8/29 Confessions - 3:30 - 4:30pm
8/29-30 SCRIP sold after Masses



Join us for the rosary and discussion of the upcoming Sunday scripture readings on Tuesday mornings 10:15 - 11:30 in the St Thomas Aquinas conference room at Holy Spirit Church. Starting date will be Sept 8th. For more information contact Deb Lorenzen at 996-0037.

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide- Fall Session begins Wed., September 9th, at St. Mary School, 2001 S 5th Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions are held Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 or mculhane@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.



MITCHELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 31st-2:30 to 6:00 PM - Avera Queen of Peace Bloodmobile, 525 North Foster. To make an appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.