

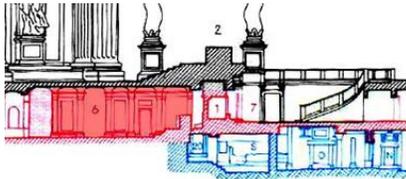


**August 27, 2017**

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

“AND SO I SAY TO YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,”

MT 16:13-19



**“On This Rock I Will Build My Church...literally.”**

Did you know the iconic Basilica of St. Peter in Rome was only built in the 1500s? Before that, the Roman Emperor Constantine built a slightly smaller Basilica that stood for over a thousand years. Before Constantine’s church there was a small monument called ‘the Trophy’ that marked the spot of St. Peter’s resting place just outside the city walls on the Vatican Hill.

How do we know all of this? For centuries historians relied on eyewitness accounts of pilgrims who visited Rome, but all we had was testimony...until 1939. In the midst of World War II, Pope Pius XII gave secret orders to excavate the Necropolis under St. Peter’s.

The team worked for years, digging only at night to avoid unwanted attention. First they found the original altar of Constantine’s church, directly beneath the current Papal altar. Several meters below they discovered the thin columns of the Trophy, and slightly below the Trophy they found a red brick wall covered with ancient graffiti which said, “Peter is here.”

Carefully drilling through the wall they discovered bone fragments wrapped in a lavish purple and gold cloak, the ancient colors of royalty. The bones were studied and determined to belong to a burly man of about 60. After reviewing the evidence both the archeologists and the Pope concluded that the bones were most likely those of the fisherman and friend of Jesus, St. Peter.

It turns out, when Jesus said, “on this rock I will build my Church” he was speaking figuratively about the Papacy...and literally.

Fr. Andy

**PARISH COLLECTION**



Envelopes:	\$10,847.67	(330 parishioners)
ACH/WeShare:	\$ 6,047.00	(38 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,104.00	
Children:	\$ 49.70	

Total collected last week: **\$18,048.37 Thank You!**



**IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT. AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (ACH):**

With the introduction of We Share online, please prayerfully consider this option for your automatic contributions. You can access this on the parish website ([www.holyfamilymitchell.com](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com)). If you presently have your ACH through the parish and wish to consider WeShare, please let us know in writing, allowing you the option to manage your giving through WeShare. If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance setting up your WeShare please stop in the office or call us at 996-3639.

**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:** Baptisms will take place after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday's or the 11:30am Mass on Sunday's. Please notify the parish office (996-3639) and a Baptism Information Form will be provided.

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

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



**THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**† PARISH NEWS**



*Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to Lee & Barb Healy on the death of Lee's mother, Lillian of Brandon. May our Lord comfort you with His overwhelming peace and hope at this sad time.*

**LEGION OF MARY:**



On September 7th, 1921, the Legion of Mary was founded by Servant of God Frank Duff in Ireland. The largest lay apostolate in the world, its mission is “the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation, under ecclesiastical guidance, in Mary’s and the Church’s work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.”

A new chapter of the legion is being established here in Mitchell. Do you wish to enter into the service of Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces? Come to the weekly meeting at Avera Brady Home (1414 W Cedar Ave, Mitchell) following the 10:30 Brady Mass. A regular meeting time will be determined for future meetings by prospective member schedules. For more information, contact Deacon Nick Baus (605) 770-3187, or Father Duman at Brady residence.

**R.C.I.A. STARTING SOON!**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** begins in September. If you or any adults you know:

-**desire to join the Catholic Church**

-**want to be Confirmed**

-**are already Catholic but would like to learn more about your faith**

Contact Fr. Andy at [frandrewthuringer@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frandrewthuringer@sfcatholic.org) or by calling the parish office at (605) 996-3639.

## FAMILY FORMATION NEWS



### Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches

K-6: Christine Lemmer – [familyformation@ffmitchell.com](mailto:familyformation@ffmitchell.com)  
7-12: Briana Fiegen – [youthdirector@ffmitchell.com](mailto:youthdirector@ffmitchell.com)

**K-12 Family Formation News:** Thank you to all of the families who registered. We are excited about this new format of religious education! We thank the adults who have said "yes" to teaching and helping out. Your commitment is a witness to our young people of the importance of learning and growing in the Catholic faith. However, **WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MANY VOLUNTEERS.** Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Christine or Briana.

**You're invited to participate in prayer!** Prayer is the backbone of the Family Formation Program. We invite all parishioners to commit to praying for the Family Formation program... families, volunteers, etc. Our immediate need: help us pray for more volunteers. If you would commit to praying a specific day of the week for K-12 Family Formation, that would be great! You can offer any kind of prayer-- Mass, rosary, chaplet, litany, etc. Please include the Prayer for the Sanctification of the Family. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church Gathering Space. Thank you!

## JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



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

The first few days of school are over and the students and teachers are beginning to adjust 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.

School pictures will be taken on August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have a younger child that is not enrolled at John Paul II School and would like to have their picture taken, please bring them to the school starting at 7:45 am. Once the school day begins, we will be busy with classes taking pictures. The picture envelopes will be sent home by the teachers.

I would like to invite all to attend our weekly school Masses. Mass will be held in the Holy Spirit Church at 9:00 A.M. every **Wednesday beginning August 30.** Our classes take turns preparing the liturgies and we would like to have you join us for this wonderful celebration of faith. The students will need to wear their uniforms each **Wednesday** for mass unless noted.

SCRIP can be purchased at any time in the school office, and sales will resume after Masses on September 9<sup>th</sup> in the churches. If you are unsure of how the SCRIP program works and benefits our school, please ask in the school or parish offices. We are in the process of filling a schedule for families to sell SCRIP at the weekend masses. We need as much help as possible to accomplish this. Please let us know if you are willing to help out. Parents with children in JP II can earn their volunteer hours by selling SCRIP. It is also a wonderful way to earn money toward tuition or lunches for your family.

### Mitchell Area Food Pantry

The food pantry is MOST in need of these items:  
**CEREAL – JUICE – CANNED AND FRESH FRUIT.**



Donations may be left in the bin located in the foyer of the main entrance to the Gathering Space or you may bring them directly to the Food Pantry at 212 W 1st Ave. Thank you for your generous support! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mail to: Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301. Thank you!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28	8:00 AM	For Sr. Loretta Von Ruden
Tuesday, August 29	8:00 AM	For Kay Kurtenbach
Wednesday, August 30	8:00 AM	✠ Margaret K. Zard
Thursday, August 31	8:00 AM	✠ Gene Gebel
Friday, September 1	8:00 AM	✠ LuVern Neugebauer
Saturday, September 2	5:00 PM	✠ Dan Rowe
Sunday, September 3	8:30 AM	For Sarah Barr
	10:00 AM	✠ Louis Nolz
	11:30 AM	For Holy Family Parish

### Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

09/02	5:00pm	L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, T&S Kirby, M Bittner, S Moege
09/03	8:30am	L-(D Kirkus – Sub request); EM-F&M Bruna, A Deinert, D&B Young
	10:00am	L-A Novak; EM-C&L Bannwarth, T&J Schumacher, T Kriese
	11:30am	L-A Sankara; EM-D Heesch, K Mohr, S Peschong, P Paulson

### Mass Servers

09/02	5:00pm	A Kaus, B&T Sabers
09/03	8:30am	C Singrey, B Wilson, Volunteer
	10:00am	E,M&S Novak
	11:30am	J Heesch, J King

### Ministers of Hospitality

09/02	5:00pm	J&C Lynde, O Vermeulen, M&J McMahon
09/03	8:30am	S Kirkus, B Young, T Zens, B Everson, (D Everson – Sub request)
	10:00am	T&J Hohrman, J Grosdidier, M Miiller, L Sparks
	11:30am	H&L Andersen, C Hohrman, L VanDrongelen, R Morgan

## WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



08/28	<b>Properties Mtg</b> – 12 noon – Nazareth Rm
08/29	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> – 8:30am to 8:00pm <b>Confessions</b> – 5:30 to 6:30pm
08/30	<b>John Paul II School Mass</b> – 9am – Holy Spirit Church <b>Finance Mtg</b> – 7pm – Nazareth Rm
08/31	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> – 7pm – Music Office
09/02	<b>Confessions</b> – 3:30 to 4:30pm



### Knights of Columbus Family Picnic

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parishioners to our Annual Family Picnic at Patton-Young Park on September 10, 2017. There will be free food, fellowship and games for all ages. More information to follow in the weeks to come!

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

will meet on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in Holy Family Church basement.

## OFFERINGS FROM CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

**SURVIVING DIVORCE Program-Fall Session** begins September 6 in Sioux Falls. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775, [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org). Scholarships available.