



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2015

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Dear Parish Family,

Last week I touched on fear, this week, apathy. Apathy's best friends are

passivity and entitlement. Together, they're a vicious threesome. There's nothing mediocre or normal about God. His power is beyond comprehension. His beauty is beyond description. His love is beyond measure. The same God who created the universe and formed stars desires a relationship with you.

Yet, the attitude is often, "Okay, God loves me. That's great. What's for lunch?" No. You don't get it; God loves you! And you're really just content with, "That's great." What?!

Our apathetic approach to God explains a lot about why people in America aren't lining up to become Christians. I mean, think about it. How many Christians have you met that left you thinking, "Wow, I want to be like them?" But this should be the norm, right? Am I way off here? Shouldn't you be so transformed by God that people want to ask about your life, even if they hate God? In Scripture, when men and women truly experience God, everything changes. Everything. So, that begs the question, "Have you experienced God?" and if so, "how has it changed you?" It's time for a Fall fixer upper!

Peace to you and yours!
Fr. Stevens

P.S. I will be leaving Sunday after the Masses to drive down to Kansas. My mom is visiting my grandmother and family there. I will be away from Holy Family Parish, Sunday August 30th and return Friday September 4th. Fr. Gerry Thury will say some of the daily Masses, others I will say down there. Please check the bulletin. -S.D.S



PARISH COLLECTION		
Envelopes:	\$11,273.00	(308 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,284.00	
Children:	\$ 134.47	
Total collected last week:	\$12,691.47	Thank You!
<i>An average of \$13,000 in weekly contributions is needed to offset the cost of living increase for parish expenses, etc. Thank you!</i>		

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,078,587	(82%)
Parishioner response:	268	(26%)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal:	\$ 106,500	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 76,289	(71%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 72,027	(67%)
Parishioner response:	407	(38%)

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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What an awesome week! I was able to stop in each classroom during the last couple of weeks to see and talk with the students. It is always so fun to see how much they have grown over the summer months.

Our John Paul II students began the annual magazine drive this past Friday, August 28th and the drive will continue until Friday, September 11th. Magazines make wonderful gifts for birthdays, Christmas, or just for families to enjoy. If you need to renew a magazine, or just want to subscribe to one for your enjoyment, then now is the time to contact a John Paul II family, or the school office to order.

We will be taking school pictures for Pre 3 and K-6th grade students on Wednesday, September 2nd, and the Pre1 pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 3rd. Remember to bring your biggest SMILE with you to school on picture day and to dress in some nice bright colors. If you have children that are not in school and would like their pictures taken, come to John Paul II at 7:45 on either Wednesday or Thursday. Please be sure all picture order packets are back to school by picture day!

We will attend Adoration with our classes on Thursday and attend the All-School Mass on Friday at 9:00 am. We hope you can join us.

Our kitchen has undergone some staffing changes this week. Laura Baus is now the Food Service Manager/Head Cook. We welcome Lisa Vermeulen to our John Paul II school family as the assistant cook.

We are still taking donations for the iPad Fund. We are getting so close. Thanks to all who have already donated. We will be taking donations until September 15th which will be matched up to \$8,000 by the Tessier Family Foundation. What a wonderful blessing!

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The Mitchell Area Right to Life will be having a meeting on Sunday, August 30th at 7:00pm at Holy Family Church,

Nazareth Room. Please come and help us finalize plans for the SD Right to Life Convention to be held on Saturday, September 12th from 2-8pm at Mitchell Christian School. There are 5 teen scholarships remaining for your teen to attend for free. Student rate is \$15, adults \$30. Come hear from Wesley J. Smith, "Human Exceptionalism;" Reagan Nielsen, Midwest Regional Coordinator of Students for Life of America; Network; Teen breakout session; dinner; pie auction; and so much more! Call Sonja at 770-6463 for details or go to www.sdrightrighttolife.org to register.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Adoration has been canceled on September 1st as Fr. Stevens will be on vacation.

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).

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Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Maureen Kunkel who went home to the Lord, to Ron Boehmer and family on the death of his mother, Colleen and Ronda Carpenter and family on the death of her father Ronald Callies. May God's peace and consolation be with you in your time of sorrow.



Faith Formation News

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director
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Faith Formation News: Our FF year begins this Wednesday, Sept. 2 for students in Gr. K-12. The Early session is 5:30-6:30 pm and Late session is 6:45-8:00 pm. We invite all parishioners to pray for the young people, parents & staff for a successful year of growing in and living out our Faith.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 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.

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



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The future of Catholic Education in Mitchell lies in the building of endowments through planned giving strategies such as wills and bequests. Planned giving gives us confidence for the future of our school, faith formation programs and parishes.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who helped with the food stand and those who came out to support us at DakotaFest this year. It was a great success!! --Grand Knight Doug Timmer

Its Back to School Time! Vacations, family reunions, and summer camps are almost over--its been busy! Have you had a chance this summer to grow in your relationship with your spouse and God? Turn your heart and mind to your spouse, and dedicate a weekend to knowing your lover on a deeper level by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at Broomtree Retreat Center, Irene, SD on September 11-13th.

Our Prayer Chain is willing to pray for you or anyone in need of special prayers. At Holy Family, call Kathy Domeyer, 996-7977, Betty Puetz, 996-5067 or LaVonne Sand 996-7162. At Holy Spirit, call Joan Honomichl at 996-6855 or Judi Bartscher at 996-6145 or 770-6145.

Mass Intentions

- 9/01 8:00am d. James Graves
9/02 8:00am d. Maurice & Irene Robinson
9/03 8:00am For Sarah Barr (Fr. Stevens will take intention with him)
9/04 8:00am d. Marlys Sterling
9/05 5:00pm d. Dan Rowe
9/06 8:30am d. Roland Bowar
10:00am Anniv. of d. of Stella Puetz
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

- 09/05 5:00pm L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, R&C Scheich, T&S Kirby, M Redder, D Petersen
09/06 8:30am L-M Ommen; EM-D&B Young, M Ommen, F&M Bruna, T Clemens
10:00am L-T Sabers; EM-R Hempel, J Heemstra, K Hohn, R&T Kriese, W&M Puetz
11:30am L-J VanOort; EM-J Hunt, S Peschong, K Mohr, A Sparks

Mass Servers

- 09/05 5:00pm N&G Rubendall, D Easton
09/06 8:30am B Wilson, 2 Volunteers
10:00am M,E&S Novak
11:30am E&C McCardle, S Mauszycki

Ministers of Hospitality

- 09/05 5:00pm M Bittner, D Callies, L Dorale
09/06 8:30am R&D Kelly, D&S Kirkus, G&M Paradeis
10:00am L&V Boehmer, P&L Essig, J&J Heemstra
11:30am D&S Heesch, R&B Morgan, Volunteer

BULLETIN BOARD

- 8/29-30 SCRIP sold after Masses
9/01 NO Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions
9/02 Faith Formation Classes - ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm - JPll School
St. Joseph's Guild Mtg - 5:15 to 6:30pm - 1217 State Ave.
9/03 NO Morning Mass
9/04 JPll School Mass - 9am - Holy Spirit Church
9/05 Confessions - 3:30 - 4:30pm

CDA NEWS:

Attention all Catholic Daughters! Our first meeting following the summer break will be held on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 PM at Holy Family Church. Please try to attend and consider bringing a friend or relative who might be interested in becoming a Catholic Daughter. Thanks!

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.

St. Joseph's Guild - Men's Father/Son Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. Next meeting will be on September 2nd at 1217 State Ave, Mitchell. Come hungry. We will have supper and then feed the soul.

Contact Deacon Nick Baus at 996-9636 for more information.

