



August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you watch much History Channel you may have noticed that they are very interested in aliens. Everything seems to come down to the fact that the earth was inhabited by aliens with much more superior intellect than ours. This is postulated as the explanation for such wonders as the pyramids. According to the alien theory, aliens showed us how to do these things and then left for home.

Sounds crazy doesn't it! There are even theorists that say many of the divine actions of the Old Testament can actually be attributed to alien technology. For example, Elijah didn't go to Heaven in a chariot, but instead returned to his home planet in a space craft.

So if this is craziness why am I writing about it? The description of the Transfiguration is very "other worldly". Many science fiction films have depicted aliens in human form who eventually show their true nature to be something other than what it appears to be.

The Gospel is not science fiction, but reality. Jesus is the Son of God, He takes on flesh, and He walked this earth. Today, He gives three of the apostles a glimpse of His Divine nature. After He completes his task here on earth He returns to heaven, not in a space ship, but through His power as God.

We live in a world that wants to do away with God. They will use any possible explanation to cause doubt. For many people it is easier to believe in an alien society that is superior to ours, than it is to believe in God. Be assured Jesus is not an alien--He is the Son of God!

Fr. Ken

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$ 6,839.00	(250 parishioners)
ACH/WeShare:	\$ 7,060.00	(40 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,083.03	
Children:	\$ 100.83	

Total collected last week: \$ 15,082.86 Thank You!



MASS TIMES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TUES., AUGUST 15TH - 8:00 AM, 12:15, 5:15 PM
NO Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions that day.



We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: **ASHTON ANN**, daughter of Andrew & Brooke (McBrayer) Mentele and **KADE KURT** son of Michael & Paula (Kummer) Morgan. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.

THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT. ALL IN ONE PLACE.

www.formed.org is a website to which both Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes have subscribed. It allows any parishioner to sign up for 24/7 access of various study programs, movies, audio recordings, and books. In short, **FORMED** is like "Catholic Netflix." This program delivers quality Catholic resources for children, teens, and adults, making it an excellent tool in the work of the new evangelization. A free App is also available for download to your devices! If you have not already signed up, we encourage you to do so by contacting your respective parish for the **FORMED** access code. Visit the website at **www.formed.org** for details, or contact Christine Lemmer with questions.

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, 996-6855 or Judi Bartscher, 996-6145 or 770-6145.

We Believe in the Power of Prayer



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). 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
(NO Adoration on Tuesday, August 15th due to the Holy Day)

We are currently **IN NEED OF A SCHEDULED ADORER**, for the **10-11 AM** hour. Call the parish office at 996-3639 to volunteer.

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



8:00 AM morning Masses are now celebrated **MONDAY** through **FRIDAY** at Holy Family.

FAMILY FORMATION NEWS



Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches

K-6: Christine Lemmer – clemmer@ffmitchell.com

7-12: Briana Fiegen – briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com

IMPORTANT! – All Parents of K-12 students:

If you missed the registration deadline for Family Formation (known before as Faith Formation), **the final deadline is August 15th**. After this date, the cost for the parishes will significantly increase and there will be a late fee. Registration and payment is all online at <https://holymitchell.weshareonline.org/>

We need teachers for Gr. K-6 and small group leaders for Gr. 7-12. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent in this area. If you are interested in volunteering in anyway with the program or have questions, please contact either Christine or Briana.

Safe Environment Training News: The annual SE training is now ready. The only training offered is online. If you volunteer in Gr. K-12 Family Formation or at JP II School, you will need to complete the training. **THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES THIS YEAR. Please read the directions for training by going to the FF website at www.ffmitchell.com and clicking on the Safe Environment Training Instructions.**

The deadline to complete the training is Sept. 6. No one will be allowed to volunteer until we have their SE training certificate. *Thank you for your cooperation and for volunteering your time & talents in our parishes and school!* Questions? Contact Christine at 996-3842 or email familyformation@ffmitchell.com.

The Office for Youth Director (Gr. 7-12), Briana Fiegen, has moved location from Holy Family to John Paul II School. The new phone number for Briana's office is 605-933-9331.

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



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

The summer seems to be moving by very quickly and school will begin before you know it. As parents and students are purchasing items from the school supply list, the teachers and staff are busy getting the school ready for the beginning of a new year.

The current staff and grade assignments for the John Paul II 2017 - 2018 school year are: **Daycare** – Lisa Hagerty with a ½ time Aide to be hired; **Preschool** – Megan Rokusek; **Preschool Aide** Sarah Weins (new hire); **Kindergarten** – Rebecca Driedger and Mindy Mentele; **First Grade** – Katie Olson; **Second Grade** – Lynn Yahne and Mandy Lewis; **Third Grade** – Dawn Morgan; **Fourth Grade** – Denise Heisinger; **Fifth Grade** – Janelle McMahon; **Sixth Grade** – Jennifer Herrmann; **6th Grade Religion** – Christine Lemmer; **Support Services** - JoAnn Honermann; **Music** – Elizabeth Morrison; **PE** – Ross Kortan (new hire); **Computer** – Lisa Larson; and **Speech** – Karin Larson. Our Title teacher will be announced before school begins.

We are blessed to have our John Paul II office staff of: **Business Manager** – Jill Bannwarth (new hire); **Secretary** – Rosanne Muth; **Secretary/Librarian** – Jackie Rezac; **Maintenance Engineer** – Nick Baus (new hire). School Lunch Staff includes **Head Cook** – (lunch program coordinator) – Laura Baus; and **Assistant Cook** – Lisa Vermeulen.

I have a difficult time finding words to tell you how truly blessed John Paul II School is to have the teachers and staff we have in our school. *Their dedication to our students, families, and Catholic education are truly unmatched anywhere. God's blessings and my thanks to them.*

We will have the final school registration in the multi-purpose room on Monday, August 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We welcome everyone to bring their school supplies and "Meet the Staff" on Thursday, August 17th from 6:30 – 7:30. The first day of the 2017-18 school year will be on Wednesday, August 23.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

08/07	8:00am	For the conversion of sinners
08/08	8:00am	d. Alice Schmidt
08/09	8:00am	d. Louis Nolz
08/10	8:00pm	d. Michele Franey
08/11	8:00am	d. Larry Hauser
08/12	5:00pm	d. William & Helen Koupal
08/13	8:30am	d. Sue Bannwarth
	10:00am	d. Jerry Weber
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

08/12	5:00pm	L-S Kirby; EM-Deacon Graves, K Rubendall, T Kirby, R&C Scheich
08/13	8:30am	L-C Harrell; EM-A Deinert, T Magnuson, D Harrell, D Nesheim, J Schlimgen
	10:00am	L-T Kriese; EM-R&D Hohn, R Kriese, J Thury, J Traupel
	11:30am	L-A Sankara; EM-H&B Kelly, K Mohr, D Heesch

Mass Servers

08/12	5:00pm	J Ebert, A Fergen, C Trisco
08/13	8:30am	C&J Mentele, Volunteer
	10:00am	C Miller, B&B Sparks
	11:30am	J Heesch, J King, J Wyatt

Ministers of Hospitality

08/12	5:00pm	B Freeman, J&J Fritzemeier, A Vermeulen, S Grosz
08/13	8:30am	B&D Everson, J Miller, H Titze, T Zens
	10:00am	J&C Beatch, T&C Riddle, K Soukup
	11:30am	M Kattner, Z Mohr, B&L Schleich, C Weins

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



08/08	Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm
	Confessions – 5:30 to 6:30pm
	Parish Council Mtg – 7pm – Nazareth Rm
08/10	Choir Rehearsal – 7pm – Music Office
08/12	Confessions – 3:30 to 4:30pm

LIFE CHAIN LINK

As part of the diocesan Life Chain Link, please join Bishop Paul J. Swain in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st Street in Sioux Falls on **Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 12:00 noon**. If you are unable to attend, please consider joining in prayer in your own parish, or sign up for another prayer time on the online calendar. To learn more or to sign up to pray, visit the "Life Chain Link" page of the OMFRL website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.

Prayer for Rain: O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. It is through your divine providence and infinite power, that the wonder and splendor of all creation surround us. "How majestic is your name in all the earth." We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to meet our needs. During this time of drought, we are mindful of our dependence on you for all that sustains our body and soul. We pray for the cooling, gentle rain that will once again bring life to the fields and crops that feed us, restore the colorful rainbow of flowers and the cooling shade of the trees. We also pray for all those who are suffering from natural disasters. May they look to you for the strength to restore their lives and heal their wounded land. Help us to always be good stewards of your creation and care for the many resources of this earth. May your grace refresh our souls. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen.