



Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2015

Dear Parish Family,

Christ packs three momentous lessons into this discourse on the Eucharist in today's Gospel passage.

First, he points out the mystery of faith, that no one can believe in him "unless he is drawn by the Father." Faith in Jesus Christ supplies us with life's only dependable fuel, and yet, faith in Christ is God's gift, no one can conjure it up on their own, in a chemistry lab. When we look at the small white Host, no scientific test can prove that Jesus Christ is truly present there, body, blood, soul, and divinity. And yet, we know that he is; we have been given the gift of faith. This is why the priest says, after the consecration at each Mass: "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith."

Second, this faith in Christ leads to "eternal life." Later in the Gospel, Jesus tells us that eternal life consists in knowing "the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom [God has] sent" (John 17:3). In Biblical language, "knowing" implies deep interpersonal intimacy, the kind of relationship we all yearn for. That we can have a relationship like that with God himself, who is more lovable, more beautiful than any other person is or can be, is the Good News of Jesus Christ. God hasn't kept his distance from us sinners; he wants us to know him and share his life.

Third, Jesus himself is the "bread" of this eternal life, its source and sustenance. Without bread, without food, physical life perishes. Without Jesus, without his "flesh for the life of the world" in the Eucharist, our life of intimate communion with God will perish. It's that simple - and it's that crucial. Eleven times in this discourse Jesus speaks of himself as the bread of life; he's really hoping that we'll get the message.

The gift of faith gives us access to eternal life, and the Eucharist makes that life grow within us.

Have a Blessed and Good week,
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 WHITHIN MY HEART"



We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: AUBREE DEBOER, daughter of Destenie DeBoer. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.

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Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to Tony Kummer, Duane Kummer and Joanne Hegg and families on the death of their brother Florian. May our Lord comfort you with His overwhelming peace and hope.

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$11,644.00 (304 parishioners)
ACH: \$ 2,478.00 (22 parishioners)
Loose: \$ 1,171.00
Children: \$ 109.37

Total collected last week: \$15,402.37 Thank You!

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal: \$1,300,000
Collected thus far: \$1,065,138 (81%)
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: \$ 71,517 (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
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Are you counting down the days until the beginning of the 2015-16 school year? School will begin on Wednesday, August 19th this year. There will be an Open House on Thursday, August 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring all your school supplies to your new classroom and meet your teacher! Please meet in the MPR at 6:30 for all staff introductions.

There will be a Safe Environment Training for all who will be volunteering with school activities this year from 5:50 – 6:30 in the MPR before the Open House on August 13. This will be the ONLY Safe Environment Training that will be shown this year. The training can also be taken online at www.safeandsacred-sfcatholic.org.

We are accepting donations for the iPad project that we have implemented. If you are able to make a donation, please send it to the school in an envelope marked "iPads" or turn any donations directly in to 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. Enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT NEWS: The Safe Environment Training

can be accessed 24/7 at: www.safeandsacred-sfcatholic.org. All parish & John Paul II School employees and volunteer adults who work with children under age 18 in the Faith Formation Program and JP II School are required to have a background check and complete annual safe environment training. The SE training is good from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. Please take the training and have the certificate emailed to Jackie Rezac for John Paul II employees & volunteers by Aug. 19th or to Christine Lemmer for Parish employees & Faith Formation volunteers. The new diocesan coordinator for SE is **strongly** requesting that we have as many people taking the **online** training as we can this year. For questions or assistance with online training, contact Christine in the Faith Formation Office. ***NOTE: One on-site** safe environment training (watching the DVD) is scheduled for Thursday, August 13 from 5:50-6:30 pm in JP II Multipurpose Room. If you miss the on-site training you will need to do the online training. –Robin Cahoy & Christine Lemmer



Faith Formation News

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



Faith Formation Registration: If you have not registered your children in Gr. K-12 for Faith Formation please do so by this Wednesday, August 12th. Stop by the Faith Formation Office located in John Paul II School to register. You can find a form online at www.ffmitchell.com.



Urgent! Needed—Faith Formation Teachers:

We have several open teacher positions to fill for this year's religious education program! All of our teacher & helper positions need to be filled by Aug. 17th...just one week away! Prayerfully consider sharing your time & talents in our Faith Formation program. Classes are held on Wednesdays with the early session from 5:30-6:30pm and the late session from 6:45-8:00pm. Volunteer for the year (Sept-April) or just one semester (Sept-Dec or Jan-Apr). All volunteers must meet the safe environment requirements of the diocese. *We thank the many men and women who have volunteered to share their time & talents in our Faith Formation program!* For more information or to volunteer, please contact Christine in the FF Office, 996-3842.



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.



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As a lead team member for our local council, I am attending the Annual Convention for Catholic United Financial this weekend in Mankato, MN. Please pray for my safe travel.

I have been working hard on finishing our Summer edition newsletter of "The Common Link" and hope to have it out to you before school starts.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to teach Faith Formation this year. I know there are still a few opening. Please prayerfully consider! To Teach is to Learn!

Thank you also to those who have donated to the Ipad fundraiser for John Paul II School. We are hoping to have funds raised as soon as possible so our students can start utilizing this technology shortly after school starts. "No God...No Peace, Know God...Know Peace"

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August 14-16 – Diocesan-Wide LEGACY Event *Is NEXT WEEK! Register Today!*

Last call for registering to be a part of the culminating event of our 125th diocesan anniversary celebrations. Three days packed with amazing opportunities to learn, have fun, pray and grow in your faith. Visit www.sfcatholic.org or call 605-334-9861 or check with your parish.

For those not able to attend the LEGACY event, the closing Mass will air live on UTV at 11 a.m. on August 16. It will also be streamed online at sfcatholic.org and at Keloland.com. Please share and join in the celebration. (The regular Sunday TV Mass will still air as usual at 10 a.m. on Keloland stations.)

Mass Intentions

- 8/11 8:00am For Mary & (d.) Rob Marchand
- 8/12 8:00am d. Alice Schmidt
- 8/13 8:00am d. Leona Baysinger
- 8/14 8:00am d. Rose Schneider
- 8/15 5:00pm d. Sue Bannwarth
- 8/16 8:30am Anniv. of d. of James Schneider
- 10:00am d. Kimberly Miiller
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

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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

- 08/15 5:00pm L-S Kirby; EM-Deacon Graves, M Redder, T Kirby, R&C Scheich, R Wuertzer, M VanderHeiden
- 08/16 8:30am L-C Harrell; EM-Deacon Graves, D&B Young, F&M Bruna, D Nesheim
- 10:00am L-W Puetz; EM-Deacon Graves, M Puetz, D Price, R&T Kriese, J Heemstra, K Hohn
- 11:30am L-B Robinson; EM-Deacon Graves, S Peschong, D&S Heesch, J Hunt

Mass Servers

- 08/15 5:00pm O Husmann, J Fritzeimer, E Vermeulen
- 08/16 8:30am G&P Phinney, Volunteer
- 10:00am H,J&M Bartscher
- 11:30am A&C Weier, C Bartunek

Ministers of Hospitality

- 08/15 5:00pm B&J Freeman, J&J Fritzeimer, S Grosz
- 08/16 8:30am R&D Kelly, D&S Kirkus, G&M Paradeis
- 10:00am T&J Hohrman, T&C Riddle, T&D Sabers
- 11:30am D&S Heesch, R&B Morgan, Volunteer

BULLETIN BOARD

- 08/10 **KC Business Mtg** – 7:00pm – KC Hall (Steaks at 6)
- 08/11 **Eucharistic Adoration** – 8:30am to 8:00pm
Confessions – 7:00 to 8:00pm
- 08/13 **JPII School Open House** – 6:30 to 7:30pm – JPII School
- 8/14-16 **Diocesan-Wide LEGACY Event** - SF Arena & Convention Center
- 08/15 **Confessions** – 3:30 to 4:30pm



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, August 10th at 7 PM in the KC Hall. If you will be joining them for steaks at 6:00 PM, please let Vince know at 770-9913 as soon as possible.

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DAKOTAFEST – August 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2015

The Knights of Columbus are seeking help for their Food Booth at DakotaFest. You do not have to be a KC member to help out. Most of the proceeds from the event will go to John Paul II School and the HF/HS Faith Formation program. Call Doug Timmer at 996-2419 to volunteer. Thank you!

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The 21st Annual "Bishop's Charity Golf Classic"

is scheduled for August 30 & 31. The Sunday night "Broom Tree Banquet" will be held at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls beginning at 5:00 pm with social and silent auction. On Monday, there will be two simultaneous golf tournaments, "The Bishop's Scramble" and "The Bishop's Cup", which will be held at The Country Club of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha Country Club with a shotgun start at noon. Register online for the Banquet and/or Golf at: www.cfesd.org or contact the Catholic Foundation at 605-988-3877 or 1-888-246-3386.

