



3rd Sunday
in Advent

Third Sunday of Advent



December 11, 2016

Dear Parish Family,
The Liturgy –

Advent means “Coming” derived from the Latin *adventus*. In the Catholic Church, we celebrate this time of year as a penitential season, a time of getting our souls ready to celebrate Christmas with joy. Advent reminds us that God moves towards us, and our response must be that we move towards God. The Second Person of the Trinity, who takes on our humanity, brings us into the Divine Life through our Baptism and we are called to grow more and more into that life of grace.

Liturgically, the Season of Advent has a triple focus. It is a time of preparation to celebrate the arrival of the Lord at his birth in Bethlehem. It is also a time to remember and look forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of history. It is also a time to remember that Christ comes to us always, especially in the Eucharist and into our hearts.

In the Liturgy of the Word. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: “When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel.” In other words, Christ comes to us in this form - we must receive him with joy as we listen and pay attention to the Word of God. This is another “Advent” and we should be mindful that Christ is wanting to speak to our hearts in this part of the Mass.

It is a great time of year for new beginnings. A good discipline for everyone is to read the daily Mass readings from the USCCB.org website. They are posted for every day of the year. By knowing what texts will be read at Mass, we can be more attentive to them when they are proclaimed by the lector. If you have time, you can read through the Sunday readings in the pew missalette before Mass. They are a great source of inspiration for our prayers of preparation.

Nigel McBain, Director of Music and Adult Faith Formation

THIS WEEKS ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE AT HOLY FAMILY

DEC 13 (Tue.) 12:00pm, 5:30pm
DEC 14 (Wed.) 12:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
DEC 15 (Thu.) 12:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
DEC 17 (Sat.) 3:30pm



UPCOMING COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

DEC 11 (Sun.) St. John’s, Plankinton – 3:00pm
DEC 18 (Sun.) Holy Family Church, Mitchell – 3:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

DEC 24 (Sat.) 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm
DEC 25 (Sun.) 10:00am



The deadline for MEMORIAL DONATIONS for the Christmas flowers is Monday, December 19th. If you wish to make a contribution in memory or honor of your loved one(s), please have your information to the parish office by noon that day for it to make the submission deadline for the Memorial Insert.

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$10,677.00 (297 parishioners)
ACH: \$ 3,927.67 (31 parishioners)
Loose: \$ 1,013.00
Children: \$ 59.83

Total collected last week: \$15,677.50 Thank You!

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AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (ACH): If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your bank account each month, call the parish office at 996-3639. Forms can also be found on our website, www.holyfamilymitchell.com (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

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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: Last Sunday of the month after the Saturday evening Mass (6:45pm) or Sunday after the 11:30am Mass (12:45pm). Please notify the parish office and a Baptism Information Form will be provided.

PARISH BULLETIN: Guidelines for bulletin submissions for Parish Events:

1. Submission deadline is Monday by noon
2. Send submissions by email to holyfamily@mitchelltelecom.net
3. All submissions are subject to the approval of the pastor and are considered according to the following priorities:
 - Items pertaining to Holy Family Church
 - Items pertaining to the Diocese of SF which pertain to the parish community
 - Non-parish events which pertain to the mission of the parish and its community
 - Submissions are run once, if you would like a submission to run for an additional week, please send a reminder email by Monday noon.
 - No submitted item is guaranteed to be printed in the bulletin; incomplete or inappropriate submissions will not be considered



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesdays – 8:30am to 8:00pm
CONFESSIONS to follow at 5:30pm

† PARISH NEWS



Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Imogene Van Overschelde and Carroll Hunstad who went home to the Lord. May our Lord give you peace and comfort at this time of great sorrow.

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Thank you to all who supported the Mitchell Area Food Pantry in any way throughout the year and especially the Christmas Basket donations of canned tuna. We have exceeded our goal and have collected approximately 590 cans! Your donations make a huge difference for many in our community. God Bless.

–Mary Alexander - HF Food Pantry Representative

CHURCH DECORATING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th

We will begin to decorate the church and gathering area for Christmas at **5:00 PM** that day. We will need volunteers to put trees together - a few not afraid to climb ladders. Supper will be provided. (Please, no small children)



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MEALS ON WHEELS – January 2 to February 10, 2017. Still in need of 19 drivers! Five routes from Queen of Peace, Monday to Friday, meals picked up at 10:45 am. Approximately 40 - 50 minutes per route start to finish. Copies of each route available to those who want one. To volunteer call Kathy, 996-7977 or 630-0448.

S.C.R.I.P. IS BEING SOLD IN THE
GATHERING SPACE AFTER ALL MASSES

† PARISH NEWS CONT....



HOLIDAY FRUIT BASKETS

The Stewardship Committee will again be distributing Holiday Fruit Baskets to the homebound. A local grocery store will put the baskets together which will include fruit, nuts & sweets. We are accepting monetary donations to help with the expense which may be placed in the Sunday collection or brought to the parish office. Please label accordingly. Questions? Call Mary Timmer at 996-2419. Thank you!

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RESPECT LIFE ADVENT SHOWER

The Holy Family Respect Life Committee invites you to participate in the **Annual Advent Shower**,



now through Advent. *PLEASE NOTE* we are only requesting the following items: **Diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, receiving blankets and lap blankets for nursing home residents.** Items can be placed in the designated area in the Gathering Space...crib for infants/rocking chair for elderly. Donations will be distributed in the Mitchell area. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches

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

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

Adult: Nigel McBain – musicholyfamily@gmail.com

Family Advent Event - Sunday, December 11th



Prepare your hearts for the King

2:00-2:10: Prayer service; **2:10-3ish:** Caroling (simple Christmas hymns) to nursing homes and other local homes; **3:15:** Showing of the movie

“The Nativity Story” *Popcorn/snacks, water, hot cider, and hot chocolate provided after caroling. *All ages are welcome. Grade 6 and under need to be accompanied by a parent. *Meet in Holy Family Gathering Space (Prayer service and movie will take place on Holy Family campus). *Will need a couple helpers to drive during caroling. *Sign-up by emailing Briana at briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL



Looking for that perfect Christmas Gift?

What better gift for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list than tickets to an inspiring performance at *Christmas at the Cathedral*. This year's theme, “Re-Imagine Christmas” offers an opportunity to imagine ourselves experiencing the very first Christmas. Through beautiful music and inspiring reflections, audiences will experience how God “re-imagined” the world through the Incarnation – God coming among us – in the birth of His Son, Jesus, who came in weakness. The performance dates are December 15, 16, 17, & 18. There are six performances from which you can select. The production is pleased to welcome back tenor, Scott Piper and soprano, Marni Raab, along with storyteller, Vickie Fuller. Dan Goeller and Kevin Humke will be conducting the *Christmas at the Cathedral* Orchestra and Choir. Proceeds from this year's performances will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and the Cathedral of St. Joseph ongoing care and maintenance endowments. There are several ways to get your tickets: 1) at any Sioux Falls HyVee store, 2) on-line at www.ccfesd.org, 3) phone 605.988.3765 4) email events@ccfesd.org, 5) stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave). Please also note that many volunteers are needed and if interested, you are encouraged to call 605-988-3765.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

12/13	8:00am	Anniv. of d. of Margaret Sullivan
12/14	5:30pm	d. Larry Hauser
12/15	8:00am	Anniv. of d. of Colleen Nohr
12/16	8:00am	Anniv. of d. of Jamie Beatch Shannon
12/17	5:00pm	d. Bill & Helen Koupal
12/18	8:30am	d. Edward & Bernice Hohn
	10:00am	d. Haley Bannwarth
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

12/17	5:00pm	L-M Pecenka; EM-Deacon Graves, R&C Scheich, V Weber, M Redder
12/18	8:30am	L-M Ommen; EM-Deacon Graves, J Schlimgen, M Ommen, W&K Schoenfelder
	10:00am	L-L Novak; EM-Deacon Graves, C&L Bannwarth, K Hohn, D Price
	11:30am	L-R Grimsley; EM-Deacon Graves, J Van Oort, K Ewing, H&B Kelly

Mass Servers

12/17	5:00pm	C&E Delehant, A Fergen
12/18	8:30am	J Herrlein, K Nash, L LeBrun
	10:00am	E,M,S Novak
	11:30am	C&E McCardle, C Bartunek

Ministers of Hospitality

12/17	5:00pm	M Bittner, J&J Fritzeimer, A&O Vermeulen, M Novak
12/18	8:30am	B&D Everson, R&D Kelly, T&V Zens
	10:00am	M Miiller, H Morgan, T&C Riddle, N Zimmerman, K Soukup
	11:30am	C Brewster, M Kattner, E Mauer, C Gehrke, C Weins, L VanDrongelen

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



12/11	Family Advent Event – 2pm – Holy Family Gathering Space
12/12	Knights of Columbus Business Mtg – 7pm – KC Hall (Steaks at 6)
12/13	Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm
	Men's Choir – 4pm – Music Office
	Children's Choir – 5pm – Music Office
	Women's Choir – 6pm – Music Office
	Parish Council Mtg – 7pm – Nazareth Rm
12/14	JPII School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
	Gr. K-6 Faith Formation – 5:30-6:30 – JPII School
	Full Choir – 6pm – Music Office
	7-12 Faith Formation – Meal, 6:30/Class, 7 to 8:15pm – JPII Gym
	R.C.I.A Class – 7:30pm – Nazareth Rm
12/15	Catholic Daughters – 6:30pm – Brady-Bishop Hoch Villa (Parking lot)
12/16	Finance Committee Mtg – 12 noon – Nazareth
12/18	Communal Penance Service – Holy Family – 3pm
(SEE THIS WEEKS CONFESSION TIMES UNDER FR. STEVENS COLUMN)	

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** December meeting and “Christmas Goodie Sampler” will be **Thursday, December 15th** at Avera Brady Health and Rehab ~ 500 West Ohlman Street. If you wish to go Christmas caroling, please be there by 6:30 PM. Use Entrance 6 at the Bishop Hoch Villa and park in south parking lot. The meeting and sampler will begin at 7:00 PM. Please bring a dozen cookies to share.