



# 3rd Sunday in Advent

## Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives." CONNECTIONS 11-28-93

Dear Parish Family,

**Parish Council:** Some months ago I asked for volunteers or nominations for a renewed Holy Family Parish Council. I am delighted to appoint them to a three year term effective January 1, 2016.

Karen Harrington, Delbert Northrup, Audrey Stahl, Jodi Wilson, Steve Peschong, Tony Maguson, JP Kelley. Our first meeting will be in January, TBD.

**Music Director/Organist:** Let me again express my gratitude to those who have so generously volunteered in helping with music at Holy Family. It is my hope to make an announcement next week. More as details develop.

Fr. Stevens

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

"EACH HOUR I SPEND WITH JESUS WILL DEEPEN HIS DIVINE MERCY WITHIN MY HEART"



### THIS WEEKS ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE AT HOLY FAMILY

- DEC 15 (Tue.) 7:00pm
- DEC 16 (Wed.) 7:00pm
- DEC 17 (Thu.) 7:00pm
- DEC 18 (Fri.) 7:00pm
- DEC 19 (Sat.) 3:30pm



### UPCOMING COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

- DEC 13 (Sun.) Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Dimock – 3:00pm
- DEC 20 (Sun.) Holy Spirit Church, Mitchell – 3:00pm



**The deadline for MEMORIAL DONATIONS for the Christmas flowers is this Friday, (December 18th). 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.**

### EXCITING NEWS! TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Father Stevens has determined it is time for a new pictorial church directory. Our first week of photography will be January 19-23, 2016. We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. Please contact Carol Grode-Hanks at 996-7044 this week to volunteer to be a part of this much needed project. You can reserve your own photography session by clicking the link on our website.



### PARISH COLLECTION



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| Envelopes: | \$11,838.00 | (342 parishioners) |
| ACH:       | \$ 2,920.67 | (28 parishioners)  |
| Loose:     | \$ 1,420.00 |                    |
| Children:  | \$ 138.80   |                    |

Total collected last week: \$16,317.47 Thank You!

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

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| Our Goal:             | \$1,300,000 |       |
| Collected thus far:   | \$1,108,376 | (85%) |
| Parishioner response: | 268         | (26%) |

### 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 at [www.holyfamilymitchell.com](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com) (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

**NEW TO THE AREA? MOVING? Please contact the parish office at 996-3639.**



### School News from John Paul II

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

The third week of Advent will be a busy one for John Paul II! On Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> our Preschool 3 students will be performing their Christmas concert at 5:30 in Holy Spirit Church. We thank Mrs. Bechen, Mrs. Selland, and Mrs. Aksom for all their help in making this concert so special. On Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will perform their concert at 7:00 in the Mitchell High School Auditorium. The students, along with Mrs. Selland, our music teacher, have been working to make this performance very special.

There will be a PTO Meeting on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Faculty Lounge. We will continue with our School Carnival plans.

Our restaurant night this month will be at Papa Murphy's all day on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. It is perfect timing for a night of no cooking or washing dishes!

The end of the first semester will be on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be having their Christmas parties on that day.

Our Student Council continues to collect new baby items for the Advent Baby Shower. Any baby items such as diapers, bottles, outfits, blankets, baby toiletries, etc. are welcome. These items can be put in the playpen in the East hallway of the school.

I am so proud of our staff at John Paul II for making monetary donations to several Mitchell community projects on Giving Tuesday. The staff gave donations to: Avera Queen of Peace to help purchase a 3D mammography machine, the MFCE annual fund drive, and the KMIT angel tree project. What an awesome way to give back to the Mitchell community and a wonderful example to others.

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT:** As the end of the year approaches, please consider making a yearend tax deductible contribution to the John Paul II Adopt-A-Student Fund. This fund allows families to attend John Paul II School who might otherwise not be able to because of financial restraints. For more information please call the school at 996-2365. Thank you!

### JOHN PAUL II RESTAURANT NIGHT – PAPA MURPHY'S

Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – ALL DAY!

JPII School receives a percentage of all purchases made at Papa Murphy's that day!



We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: MYA ROSE, daughter of Robert & Jessi (Huether) Kampshoff and LOGAN PAUL, son of Shane & Angela (Kayser) Teel. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.





**Faith Formation News**

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director  
996-3842 or email: [clemmer@ffmitchell.com](mailto:clemmer@ffmitchell.com)  
Website: [www.ffmitchell.com](http://www.ffmitchell.com)

**Faith Formation News:** Gr. K-12 FF classes as usual this Wednesday, Dec. 16. (No FF classes Dec. 23 or 30).



**Special Advent Children's Program:** All children in Gr. K-5 from Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes are invited to participate in a special Advent program to be held in Holy Family Church. **We will meet from 4:00-5:00 PM on the following dates: Mondays, December 14 & 21.** The program is FREE. If you plan to have your son or daughter participate in these sessions, please call or email Christine in the FF Office so that we will have enough materials.

**RCIA NEWS:** Class as usual this week, Dec. 17 at 7:00pm in the Holy Family Conference Room. (There will be no RCIA classes Dec. 24 or 31).



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**Happy Third Week of Advent!**

Thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Fund letter and prayerfully consider what gifts you can share. We truly rely on the generosity of our Catholic Community to sustain our efforts. As always if you would like to consider a larger gift, or establishing a permanent Endowment with our Foundation, please stop or call and visit with me about where the funds are needed most and can be directed. Thank you to those who have already turned in a pledge card and donation. Please continue to pray for the success of our fund drive. Blessings of Joy to 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\* This year 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.



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**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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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 yams. We have collected approximately 463 cans! Your donations make a huge difference for many in our community. Blessings to all!

-- Mary Alexander - HF Food Pantry Representative

**SCRIP IS NOW AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKEND!**

With the success of the SCRIP Program in raising funds for our school, SCRIP will now be available for purchase after ALL weekend Masses with the exception of holidays and summer months. Thank you to all who support this program!

**Mass Intentions**

- 12/15 8:00am Anniv. of d. of Colleen Nohr
- 12/16 8:00am Anniv. of d. of Jamie Beatch Shannon
- 12/17 8:00am For the deceased members of the Laurence Johnston family
- 12/18 8:00am Anniv. of d. of Daryl Roetzel
- 12/19 5:00pm For Blanche & Red Krell (70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
- 12/20 8:30am d. Lewis Rowe
- 10:00am d. Dick & June Hohn
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

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**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**

- 12/19 5:00pm L-B Robinson; EM-Deacon Graves, R&C Scheich, V Weber K Rubendall
- 12/20 8:30am L-M Ommen; EM-W&K Schoenfelder, J Schlimgen, A Deinert, M Ommen
- 10:00am L-A Novak; EM-P Essig, D Nesheim, D Price, R&D Hohn
- 11:30am L-K Ewing; EM-D&S Heesch, P&J Paulson, J Hunt

**Mass Servers**

- 12/19 5:00pm A&E Vermeulen, T Voeltz
- 12/20 8:30am P Phinney, K Nash, Volunteer
- 10:00am G Hempel, C&J Hohn
- 11:30am C&E McCardle, A Moller

**Ministers of Hospitality**

- 12/19 5:00pm J&C Lynde, M&P Pecenka, M Bittner
- 12/20 8:30am D&S Kirkus, G&M Paradeis, Volunteer
- 10:00am P&L Essig, J&J Heemstra, T&J Hohrman
- 11:30am D&S Heesch, R&B Morgan, Volunteer



**BULLETIN BOARD**

- 12/14 **Children's Advent Program** – 4pm – HFC Gathering Space
- KC Business Mtg** – 7pm – KC Hall (Steaks at 6)
- 12/15 **Adoration** – 8:30am to 8:00pm
- Properties Committee Mtg** – 12 noon – Conference Rm
- 12/16 **Faith Formation Classes** – ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm – JPII School
- 12/17 **JPII Restaurant Fundraiser** – All day – Papa Murphy's Pizza
- RCIA** – 7pm – HF Conference Rm
- 12/18 **JPII School Mass** – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
- 12/20 **Church Decorating** – 12:30pm – Church/Gathering Area

**OUR LADY ROSARY MAKERS WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER**

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The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 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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**CHURCH DECORATING...**

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.** We will begin to decorate the church and gathering area for Christmas at **12:30 PM** that day. (Please, no small children as there will be no childcare.)

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**The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide- Winter Session** begins Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at St Mary School, 2001 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 [mculhane@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mculhane@sfcatholic.org). Scholarships are available.

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**19th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral**

December 17, 18, 19 & 20.

**"Love Came Down at Christmas"**

Tickets: Sioux Falls HyVee stores, on-line at [www.cfesd.org](http://www.cfesd.org), Phone 605.988.3765, Email [bkuyper@sfcatholic.org](mailto:bkuyper@sfcatholic.org), or stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave).

