



Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 18, 2016

4th Sunday in Advent

Dear Parish Family,
Ideas affect actions.

The idea that we have of another person affects how we relate to that person.

- If someone gives me a million dollars, I am going to think he is a great guy, and I will treat him accordingly.
- If I find out that a friend has been stealing from my bank account, I am going to think he is a liar and a back-stabber, and my dealings with him will turn cold.

Our idea of someone affects how we interact with them. What is our idea of God? What do we think God is like?

As the Catechism teaches us, God is the origin and end of all things, and "man was created to live in communion with God, in whom he finds happiness" (#45).

Communion with God, a relationship with God, this is what we were created for.

But the quality of that relationship depends on what we think this God is like.

- Someone who doesn't believe in God at all will have no relationship with him.
- Someone who thinks God is an angry, intolerant tyrant will have a fearful, unstable relationship with him.
- Someone who thinks God is a distant and impersonal force will have a cold, distant relationship with God.

God became man on Christmas Night 2000 years ago because he wanted to correct our mistaken ideas about what he's like.

- He wants us to have the right idea about him, so that we can live in a right relationship with him.
- What is this right idea?
- Look at the baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, laid in a manger, smiling helplessly at his mother Mary - that is the true God, a God who comes to meet us right where we're at.

Next weekend we will celebrate Christmas, and welcome many to home to celebrate with us. Thank you to all who have or will help in any way to prepare Holy Family for Christmas. If you are going to be with us for Christmas Masses, help is always needed to ensure that all goes smoothly. Please let the office know if you are able to help in any of the Liturgical ministries.

Peace to you and yours. ~Fr. Stevens

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

DEC 18 (Sun.) Holy Family Church, Mitchell – 3:00pm

THIS WEEKS ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE AT HOLY FAMILY

DEC 20 (Tue.) 5:30pm, 7:30pm
 DEC 21 (Wed.) 12:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
 DEC 22 (Thu.) 12:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
 DEC 23 (Fri.) 12:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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



PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$13,848.10 (302 parishioners)
 Loose: \$ 841.57
 Children: \$ 80.17

Total collected last week: \$14,769.84 Thank You!

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.

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 Duane Welch who went home to the Lord. May our Lord comfort you in your time of grief.

UNBOUND – A Call to Serve the Poor – January 7/8

Grounded in the Gospel call to serve the poor, Unbound is a lay Catholic organization working with persons of all faith traditions to create a worldwide community of compassion and service.

Rev. George Knab, a priest of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a Roman Catholic congregation of priests and brothers founded after the French Revolution by St. Eugene De Mazenod, will visit, preach, and preside at all the Masses on behalf of Unbound, the weekend of January 7-8, 2017. Father Knab will preach on ways we can live out the Gospel call to walk with people in poverty and help them live with dignity in the UNBOUND ministry.



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.

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. "Many hands make light work"

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MEALS ON WHEELS - January 2 to February 10, 2017.

Still in need of 10 more 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.

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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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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!

LAST WEEKEND TO BUY S.C.R.I.P. BEFORE CHRISTMAS!
SEE THE S.C.R.I.P. REPRESENTATIVE IN THE
GATHERING SPACE AFTER MASS TO PURCHASE

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Annual Fund Drive Update:

I would like to take this time to thank the parishioners who have made a pledge of to our annual fund drive. This includes pledges of prayer and financial participation. I would like to encourage parishioners who have not yet made a pledge, to prayerfully consider doing so. Our Annual Fund Drive is an on-going appeal. Though we mail out the pledge cards in November, they can be returned at any time throughout the year; whenever you decide you may be able to contribute-prayerfully or financially. Your participation in our Annual Fund Drive is what allows our Foundation to continue serving our Catholic community year round. 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 for your consideration to join in our mission to *Protect the Future of Catholic Education in Mitchell!* Advent Blessings of Peace and Hope.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL on KELO TV on Christmas Day

If you were unable to attend the 20th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral in person, we invite you to watch a taped broadcast on Christmas Day from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on KELO TV.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| 12/20 | 8:00am | d. Dorothy Haiar |
| 12/21 | 8:00am | Anniv. of d. of Lewis Rowe |
| 12/22 | 8:00am | For the dec. Members of the Laurence Johnston & John Thompson families |
| 12/23 | 8:00am | d. Virginia Tyler |
| 12/24 | 5:30pm | For Holy Family Parish |
| | 7:00am | For Holy Family Parish |
| | 8:30am | For Holy Family Parish |
| 12/25 | 10:00am | For Holy Family Parish |

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

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| 12/24 | 5:30pm | L-V Redder; EM-D Callies, A Deinert, T&S Kirby, D Nesheim, M Redder, W&K Schoenfelder, J Schroeder |
| | 7:00pm | L-C Lemmer; EM-Deacon Graves, R&D Hohn, J Schlimgen (5 Volunteers needed) |
| | 8:30pm | L-J Paulson; EM-C Robinson, B&E Sullivan, P Paulson, D&B Young, (3 Volunteers needed) |
| 12/25 | 10:00am | L-D Kirkus; EM-J Heemstra, T&J Schumacher, S&J Schreiner |

Mass Servers

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| 12/24 | 5:30pm | C Groepper, A Fergen, (Volunteer needed) |
| | 7:00pm | B Wilson, (2 Volunteers needed) |
| | 8:30pm | (3 Volunteers needed) |
| 12/25 | 10:00am | (3 Volunteers needed) |

Ministers of Hospitality

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| 12/24 | 5:30pm | (Volunteers Needed) |
| | 7:00pm | (Volunteers Needed) |
| | 8:30pm | (Volunteers Needed) |
| 12/25 | 10:00am | (Volunteers Needed) |

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



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| 12/18 | Holy Family Communal Penance Service – 3pm – Church |
| 12/19 | Church Decorating – 5pm – Church/Gathering Space |
| 12/20 | 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 |
| 12/21 | 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 |
| 12/24 | Christmas Eve – Mass times: 5:30, 7:00 and 8:30pm |
| 12/25 | Christmas Day – Mass: 10:00am |
- (SEE THIS WEEKS CONFESSION TIMES UNDER FR. STEVENS COLUMN)

OFFERINGS FROM CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE:

Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. **January 10 – February 14, 2017** at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. Role change and loneliness are secondary losses which can complicate the grieving process. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational – Cost – Donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.