



*The Holy Family  
of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph  
December 27, 2015*

Jesus our most loving redeemer, you came to enlighten the world with your teaching and example. You willed to spend the greater part of Your life in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth. In this way, You sanctified that family, which was to be an example for all Christian families. Graciously accept our family, which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day. Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep it in holy fear, in peace, and in the harmony of Christian charity. By conforming ourselves to the Divine model of Your family, may we attain to eternal happiness. Amen.

**NO MORNING MASS ON DECEMBER 29, 30, 31**  
**NEW YEARS DAY/MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES**  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – 5:30 PM (No 8:00 AM)**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – 9:00 AM (NO 8:00 AM)**  
**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON**  
**THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> & JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**EUCCHARISTIC 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"

**IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY!**  
 Plans are underway for a new church directory. We have partnered with *Lifetouch* for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photograph taken, and you will receive a complementary 8X10 portrait and directory for participating. 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 933-0400 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 at [www.holyfamilymitchell.net](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.net).

**As you have probably noticed, the stained glass in the choir loft windows has been removed and is currently being restored. We are accepting donors for these four windows. What a great way to honor or memorialize your family. Contact the parish office if interested or want more information.**

**PARISH COLLECTION**

Envelopes:	\$10,890.67	(317 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 4,700.00	(27 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,225.53	
Children:	\$ 136.29	
<b>Total collected last week:</b>	<b>\$16,952.49</b>	<b>Thank You!</b>

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)**

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,115,424	(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.

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**  
 We are blessed to have you join us this weekend! If you are visiting and looking for a church home, please consider joining our Catholic Community. To register in the parish or if you regularly attend Holy Family, but have never registered, please call the parish office at 996-3639 for more information, or you can find registration forms online at Holy Family's website [www.holyfamilymitchell.com](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com).

**School News from John Paul II**  
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The teachers and staff at John Paul II School wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2016! We are all enjoying time with our families and friends during the holiday season. School will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup> – Happy New Year!

The SCRIP program that benefits our school, as well as parishes, has truly begun to be supported by so many people! Purchasing gift merchandise cards for families' everyday expenses such as groceries, gas, restaurants, and many local stores helps our school as well as tuition for individual families. You may dedicate your purchases for tuition of a specific family or to our school's Adopt-A-Student plan. Scrip will be sold after masses in both parishes every weekend except holidays and over summer vacation. Please call the school to find out more about this awesome program!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest with JPII and the Faith Formation students. **5 to 7 age division:** 1<sup>st</sup> Taryn Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sawyer Grimsley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reagen Mueller. **8 to 10 age division:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kyana Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Caden Olegario, 3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Beckstrom. **11 to 14 age division:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kara Magee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brock Sparks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sara Muszycki.

**We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism:** ADRIAN LEE, son of Aaron Mayer and Abby Trudeau. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.



*Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to Leland & Diane Neshiem on the passing of Leland's brother, Joel of Mitchell and Todd & Rebecca Hempel on the passing of Todd's mother, Bernice of Mitchell. May our Lord surround you with strength and comfort at this sad time.*



**Faith Formation News**

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*May the blessings of peace and joy fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and in the New Year of Our Lord 2016!*

**Gr. 6-8 Youth:** Youth from Holy Family & Holy Spirit parishes in Gr. 6-8 are invited to the **"Fifth Day of Christmas" Youth Event** ... Board games and baking/decorating Christmas cookies on Tuesday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM in Holy Family Church Basement. Cookies & cocoa will be served.


**Faith Formation News:** No Faith Formation classes on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.


**RCIA NEWS:** There will be no RCIA classes Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>—Christmas break.




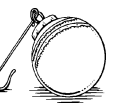
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A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all! I'd like to thank you for sharing your most precious gifts of time, talent and treasure with us over the past year! We truly do rely on your goodness to fulfill our mission. With a grateful heart I pray that the light of our new born Christ child radiate in your lives, and that your life be filled with JOY! JOY = Jesus, Others, Yourself! Let all that you do be done in His name. Amen.

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 Thank you to all those who helped plan and carry out the liturgy schedule for Christmas this year. The Choir, Cantors, Musicians, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and **all the extra volunteers** who helped make everything run so smoothly. God has truly blessed our parish with wonderful and caring people.

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 The Respect Life Committee would like to thank those of you who so generously contributed items to the Respect Life Advent Shower this year. The lap covers will be distributed to nursing homes in the Mitchell area and diapers and other baby items to local families and facilities as well as Bishop Dudley Hospitality House in Sioux Falls. Your acts of kindness certainly reflect the meaning of Christmas.

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 THANK YOU to all who donated toward the cost of the "Holiday Fruit Baskets" and to those who delivered them to the homebound. 60 deliveries were made this year and once again very much appreciated by all who received them. Have a blessed New Year!

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 Thank you to Cindy Easton and her decorating crew for doing an outstanding job again this year! Once again the Church and Gathering Area looked amazing! God bless you all!!

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 December is the month when all Churches of Mitchell are needed to help restock the Food Pantry. Items most in need are: Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Chili Beans, Mac & Cheese, Canned Meat and Cereal. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mail to: Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301. Please consider the gift of helping those less fortunate in our community. Thank You!

**Mass Intentions**

- 12/29 No Mass – Intention rescheduled to 1/3/16 at 11:30am
- 12/30 No Mass – Intention rescheduled to 1/10/16 at 11:30am
- 12/31 5:30pm d. Mary & Joseph Spencer
- 01/01 9:00am For Holy Family Parish
- 01/02 5:00pm d. Gene Webster
- 01/03 8:30am d. Dorothy Graves
- 10:00am For Holy Family Parish
- 11:30am d. Paul Weber

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**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**

**Mary, Mother of God:**

- 12/31 5:30pm L-B Robinson; EM-T&J Schumacher, B&J Auch, J Schreiner
- 01/01 9:00am L-D Kirkus; EM-J Hunt, M VanderHeiden, V Weber, B McNeil, J Traupel

**Weekend Masses:**

- 01/02 5:00pm L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, D Petersen, M Redder, D Callies, R Wuertzer
- 01/03 8:30am L-J Feiner; EM-Deacon Graves, D&B Young, W&K Schoenfelder
- 10:00am L-T Sabers; EM-Deacon Graves, D Nesheim, J Thury, J Heemstra, A Sparks
- 11:30am L-A Sankara; EM-Deacon Graves, D&S Heesch, J Hunt, K Ewing

**Mass Servers**

**Mary, Mother of God:**

- 12/31 5:30pm D&E Easton, J Fritzeimer
- 01/01 9:00am W Schoenfelder

**Weekend Masses:**

- 01/02 5:00pm K&K Fridley, O Husmann
- 01/03 8:30am K Gullings, K Nash, Volunteer
- 10:00am E Moody, E Novak, J Riens
- 11:30am J Heesch, E&T Mika

**Ministers of Hospitality**

**Mary, Mother of God:**

- 12/31 5:30pm Volunteers
- 01/01 9:00am Volunteers

**Weekend Masses:**

- 01/02 5:00pm B&J Freeman, J&J Fritzeimer, S Grosz
- 01/03 8:30am R&D Kelly, D&S Kirkus, Volunteer
- 10:00am B&B Puetz, J&N Puetz, M Alexander
- 11:30am G&C Docter, T&M Grajkowske, Volunteer



**BULLETIN BOARD**

- 12/31 **Mary, Mother of God** - Mass at 5:30pm
- 01/01 **Mary, Mother of God** - Mass at 9:00am
- 01/02 **Confessions** – 3:30 to 4:30pm
- 01/03 **Epiphany of the Lord**

**SCRIP will not be sold after Mass during the holiday school break. SCRIP sales will resume the weekend of January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Just for the fun of it...**

- What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Snowflakes!
- Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can ho-ho-ho!
- Where do snowmen go to dance? Snowballs!
- Why was Santa's little helper depressed? He had low ELF esteem!
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a shark? Frostbite!
- Where do you find reindeer? It depends on where you leave them!
- What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic!



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**Life isn't tied with a bow but it is still a gift.**