



# Second Sunday of Advent

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December 4, 2016



Dear Parish Family,

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God.* "The prophecy makes clear that it is to be fulfilled, not in Jerusalem but in the wilderness: it is there that the glory of the Lord is to appear, and God's salvation is to be made known to all mankind." ~From a commentary on Isaiah by St. Eusebius of Caesarea, Bishop. All who are baptized are called to be prophetic in the world, declaring the way of the Lord, and making straight the path. Advent is a season that calls us, urges us, and convicts to shake off our complacency. Two practical ways to shake off that complacency: One: get involved in your parish. Ask yourself, is there some service I can render to God? Could I lend my voice as a member of the choir, or a cantor assisting to lead the congregation in the worship of God. Could I step up and help proclaim the Word of God as a Lector? Or assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion. I think you get my point, new help is always welcomed and needed. Could I improve and be more consistent in my financial stewardship? Two: When was the last time I went to Confession? Advent is a great time for that encounter with Christ. Please refer to the bulletin and our website for confession times. Let us be a prophetic people and turn toward the Lord!

Peace to you and yours,  
Fr. Stevens

### Mass times for the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) are as follows:

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM (NO 8 AM)

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 12:15 & 5:30 PM (NO 8 AM)

### THIS WEEKS ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE AT HOLY FAMILY

DEC 6 (Tue.)	12:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
DEC 7 (Wed.)	12:00pm, 7:30pm
DEC 8 (Thu.)	5:30pm, 7:30pm
DEC 9 (Fri.)	12:00pm
DEC 10 (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



MEMORIAL DONATIONS for Christmas flowers and decorations are now being accepted. If you wish to make a contribution in memory or honor of your loved one(s), you may use the designated envelope that is included in your church support packet. Just indicate whom the memorial is for and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by noon on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> to be listed in our Christmas bulletin.

### PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$ 8,383.00	(267 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,158.00	
Children:	\$ 100.29	

Total collected last week: \$ 9,641.29 Thank You!  
*An average of \$14,000 in weekly contributions is needed to offset the cost of living increase for parish expenses, etc. 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](http://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.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

CONFESSIONS 5:30 PM

### † PARISH NEWS



We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: **MADISON NICHOLE**, daughter of Eric & Brittany (Nelson) Boehmer. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.



*Holy Family wishes to Congratulate Sara Schultz & Timothy Steckel who were united in marriage at Holy Family last weekend. May the Lord bless them as they begin their vocation of married life.*



*Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Hoscheid who went home to the Lord. May our Lord give you peace and comfort at this sad time.*



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

**DWU's 'Service of Lessons and Carols':** The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music at Dakota Wesleyan University will present its "Service of Lessons and Carols" at 7:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 9, at Holy Family Parish, Mitchell. The concert will feature Christmas hymns and Scripture readings and is free and open to the public.



**BOOK FAIR THIS WEEKEND:** The Book Fair will be held after all Masses this weekend (Dec. 3/4) at Holy Family Church. New! Religious Christmas cards available 10/\$5. Also---Holy cards and books for all ages. *Books make great gifts!!*

### CHURCH DECORATING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>



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)



It's almost MEALS ON WHEELS time again. We start January 2 to February 10, 2017. There are five routes from Queen of Peace, Monday to Friday, meals are picked up at 10:45 am. The routes are somewhat larger now so figure 40 - 50 minutes start to finish. I will make copies of each route available to those who want one. Call Kathy Domeyer to volunteer, 996-7977 or 630-0448.

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**FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS BASKETS:**

We are almost at our goal of 500 cans of TUNA! If you would like to donate to the Food Pantry Christmas Baskets, donations are needed by **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please use the blue container in the Gathering Space entrance for your donation.

**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!



**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!

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

**JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS**



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

Our Advent theme this year is “Christ be our Light”. This is such a special season to bring out our Catholic traditions to share with our school children. We will decorate the hallway trees, the main hallway bulletin board, the classroom doors, pray with our Advent Angels, and many other seasonal activities within our classrooms. Christmas is not the many gifts that we receive, but rather the birth of our Savior on Christmas day that we celebrate in school and with our families.

Our weekly 9:00 All School Mass this week will be on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. No school mass on Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Our monthly restaurant night is on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Culver's from 5 – 8:00. We hope you can come out and support the school. The student council has declared that day the day to wear red, green, or Christmas sweaters to school.**

Please remember to write the dates on the calendar for the upcoming concerts: K – 2<sup>nd</sup> will be on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> will be on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, both at 7:00 at the high school. Our PM Preschool class will hold their concert on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 in Holy Spirit Church. The music around the school sounds so festive at this time of year.

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT:** As we begin to look to the end of 2016, please consider making an end of the year **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 due to financial restraints. For more information about this special program please call the school office at 996-2365.

**MFCE NEWS**

THANK YOU to those who have already turned in their pledge cards for our Annual Fund Drive appeal. Each contribution is a gift from God. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance of our mission and for the success of this appeal. –Nicole Fuhrer, Director

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

12/06	8:00am	d. Hub & Edna Weber
12/07	5:30pm	d. Lyddie & Leander Weber
12/08	12:15pm	For Andrew Young
	5:30pm	For Holy Family Parish
12/09	8:00am	d. Gene Paradeis
12/10	5:00pm	d. Doug Zweifel
12/11	8:30am	Anniv. of d. of Ronald Kight
	10:00am	For Holy Family Parish
	11:30am	d. Gene Bartscher

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**

**Immaculate Conception Masses:**

12/7	5:30pm	L-J Shields; EM-Deacon Graves, T&K Harrington, T&S Kirby
12/8	12:15pm	L-D Nesheim; EM-S Loecker, W&K Schoenfelder, D&B Young
	5:30pm	L-N Sparks; EM-R&C Scheich, A Sparks, <b>2 Volunteers</b>

**Weekend Masses:**

12/10	5:00pm	L-S Kirby; EM-Deacon Graves, D Petersen, S Loecker, T Kirby, R Wuertzer
12/11	8:30am	L-C Harrell; EM-D Harrell, F&M Bruna, B&E Sullivan
	10:00am	L-N Sparks; EM-J Traupel, A Sparks, J Thury, W&M Puetz
	11:30am	L-A Sankara; EM-D&S Heesch, J Hunt, K Mohr, S Peschong

**Mass Servers**

**Immaculate Conception Masses:**

12/7	5:30pm	A Fergen, C&J Mentele
12/8	12:15pm	E Delehant, E Novak, K Gullings
	5:30pm	B&B Sparks

**Weekend Masses:**

12/10	5:00pm	C Groepper, J Johnson, E Vermeulen
12/11	8:30am	C Singrey, B Wilson, <b>Volunteer</b>
	10:00am	N McCormick, B&B Sparks
	11:30am	J Heesch, J King, B Jarding

**Ministers of Hospitality**

**Immaculate Conception Masses:**

12/7	5:30pm	H Titze, <b>Volunteers</b>
12/8	5:30pm	L Sparks, Z Mohr, <b>Volunteers</b>

**Weekend Masses:**

12/10	5:00pm	D Callies, L Dorale, J&N Fradet, M&J McMahon
12/11	8:30am	D&S Kirkus, M&E Reyes, T Misiaszek, H Titze
	10:00am	M Alexander, L&V Boehmer, B&B Puetz, Max Alexander
	11:30am	T&M Grajkowska, K Nelson, S Podzimek, C Reimnitz, Z Mohr

**WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD**



12/06	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> – 8:30am to 8:00pm <b>Men's Choir/ Holy Family Band Practice</b> – 4pm – Music Office <b>Children's Choir</b> – 5pm – Music Office <b>JPII Restaurant Night</b> – 5 to 8 – Culver's <b>Women's Choir</b> – 6pm – Music Office
12/07	<b>Immaculate Conception Vigil</b> – Mass: 5:30pm <b>Gr. K-6 Faith Formation</b> – 5:30-6:30 – JPII School <b>7-12 Faith Formation</b> – Meal, 6:30/Class, 7 to 8:15pm – JPII Gym <b>R.C.I.A Class</b> – 7:30pm – Nazareth Rm
12/08	<b>Immaculate Conception</b> – Masses: 12:15 and 5:30pm <b>JPII School Mass</b> – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
12/09	<b>DWU Concert</b> – 7pm - Church
12/11	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>(SEE THIS WEEKS CONFESSION TIMES UNDER FR. STEVENS COLUMN)</b>

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTER NEWS**

**DECEMBER MEETING CHANGE! THURSDAY, DEC 15!** Meet at Avera Brady Bishop Hoch Villa meeting room at 6:30pm – Entrance 6. Caroling with Brady Residents. Meeting and Cookie Exchange to follow. Mark your calendars!