



First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

Dear Parish Family,

I will be away from Holy Family for a bit of post-Christmas, pre-Easter, rest and retreat. I will be going down to visit my mother and family, for a few days, and then a few days of rest and retreat. The next two weekends you will have guest priests.

Fr. Charlie Smiegh, a Franciscan priest from Chicago, who works with Cross International, will be our first guest. Father Charlie, will be sharing with you the amazing and demanding work and needs of the foreign missions. Fr. Shaun Haggerty, who is the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, will be our guest the following weekend. I have known Fr. Haggerty for a long time, and know him to be a good priest! His only real fault is his love of the Minnesota Vikings! I will return to Holy Family, Friday March 4th. Be assured of my prayers for you, and I ask you to pray for me! Upon my return, there will be an extended Lenten Confessional Schedule. Please do your best to welcome and assist these guest priests.

Peace to you and yours, Fr. Stevens

PARISH NEWS

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MORNING MASS FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 4 WHILE FATHER IS AWAY.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF THE SACRISTIES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL WORK IS COMPLETED. HOURS OF ADORATION AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ARE THURSDAY 8:00 AM TO FRIDAY 7:30 AM AND STATIONS ARE HELD EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AT 7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GOOD FRIDAY.

Thanks to those who have already so generously responded to this year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, we ask that you please fill it out and return it to the parish office whether pledging or not. Our goal is 100% participation offered through time, talent or treasure. Thank you.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father Charles Smiech will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism.
COLE ANTHONY, son of Jesse & Katie (Kampshoff) Royston.
May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.



PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$11,979.00 (324 parishioners)
Loose: \$ 1,033.00
Children: \$ 170.33

Total collected last week: \$13,182.33 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 at www.holyfamilymitchell.com (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

NEW TO THE AREA? MOVING? We welcome all visitors and those who are going to make this parish your home. Parish registration forms can be picked up and turned into the parish office. Also, if you are moving within the community or leaving the area, please notify the office at 996-3639 of your new address/phone number.

HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION?



If you haven't signed up yet and would like to be included in our new church directory please make your appointment soon! There are photography sessions still available in February. You can schedule your appointment online at www.holyfamilymitchell.com. Be part of our history at Holy Family. Sign up for your session today!

COURT MARGARET MARY #2453 is participating in a statewide Education contest. This year's theme is "We Are Stewards of God's Creation. How Do We Care for the Environment?" Students in Grades 4-12 and adult CDA members are encouraged to participate. Divisions include: essay, poetry, art, computer art, music and photography. If interested, contact Nicole Fuhrer at 999-9127 or mfce@mit.midco.net for rules. Deadline is Feb. 28th.

48th Annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Supper



Sunday, March 6th - Serving from 3:00 to 6:30 PM
John Paul II Gymnasium - Advance Tickets: \$8.00
At The Door: \$9.00 - Children 12 & under: \$4.00
(Tickets available for purchase in the Parish Office.)



We are still in need of 10 more drivers on all 5 routes for weeks 3, 4, 5 & 6. If you would be willing to drive please call Kathy Domeyer 996-7977 or 630-0448. Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Tuna Helper, Chili Beans, Canned Fruit, Cereal and Meat. Please

place food donations in the container in the main entrance of the Gathering Space or bring to the Food Pantry at 724 N Sanborn Blvd. Monetary donations may be mailed to: **Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301.**



Please join us for the ...

JPII SCHOOL RESTAURANT NIGHT

at the North MCDONALD'S this Tuesday, February 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The school receives a percentage of Extra Value and Happy Meal purchases made from both inside and drive-up sales between those times.



OUR LADY ROSARY GROUP will meet **Monday, February 22nd** instead of the 15th due to President's Day.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director
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One of my favorite Scripture passages is Acts 2:42-47. One can see how the structure of the Church takes shape. In Acts 2:42 we can see the liturgical, catechetical and pastoral dimensions: *"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles [catechetical] and to the communal life [pastoral], to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers [liturgical]."*

What does this mean for us? At our baptism, we each received the task of carrying on the mission of Jesus. We are called to evangelize and share our faith, and boldly proclaim Jesus Christ by the witness of our lives. In other words, be a disciple of Jesus.

- We can grow in our faith by praying the Scriptures, participating in study groups, etc. We can teach the faith to our young people...parents in the home assisted by catechists in the parish. [catechetical aspect]
- We can be of service to our parish family and our community... living out the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, and Works of Mercy. [pastoral aspect]
- We can encounter God in the Mass and the Sacraments of the Church. In the Mass we are being fed and nourished by God's Word and by His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This is the heart of our Christian life. It is the place to give God worship and praise and thanks; and, then, to go out to be Christ to others. [liturgical aspect]

Are we always successful in living out our baptismal call to holiness? No. But, we take courage from the saints. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (soon to be Saint Teresa of Calcutta) was known for saying "God does not ask that I be successful but faithful." Everyone has gifts and talents to share to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. It takes us all. Let the Light of Christ we received at our baptism be a beacon of light to those we encounter and for whom we share and pass on our rich Catholic Faith!

I invite you to bookmark in your Internet "Favorites" the Faith Formation website (www.ffmitchell.com) that details programs, events, etc. for parishioners of all ages. Have a blessed and holy Lent!
--Christine Lemmer

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

RETRouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages

The next Retrouvaille weekend is **March 18-20, 2016**. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. For questions or to register please contact 605-988-3755 or visit online www.retrouvaille.org.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD: Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm **March 1- April 5, 2016**- Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register, the program is non-denominational. Cost - Donation. This program is for adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. The program is designed to be educational and will offer positive suggestions to help people to survive and learn to live fully again.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE *Weekend Non-Denominational Retreat* for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. Starts **Friday, March 18, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. and concludes Sunday, **March 20, 2016** at 12:00 p.m. at Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene, SD. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran and guests. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org for more information or to register. Registrations limited.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 02/16 8:00am For the Gary & Kay Shafer family
- 02/17 8:00am Anniv. of d. of Jack Scheich
- 02/18 8:00am d. Bernard & Mary Feldhaus
- 02/19 No Mass - Father Stevens out
- 02/20 5:00pm d. Luvern Weber
- 02/21 8:30am d. Norman Paulsen
- 10:00am For Holy Family Parish
- 11:30am Anniv. of d. of Jim Schmidt

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 02/20 5:00pm L-B Robinson; EM-Deacon Graves, R&C Scheich, M Bittner, S Moege
- 02/21 8:30am L-D Kirkus; EM-D&B Young, J Schlimgen, D&C Harrell
- 10:00am L-D Nesheim; EM-R&D Hohn, K Hohn, R Hempel, A Sparks
- 11:30am L-C Hanks; EM-T&M Day, K Ewing, M Hatwan, K Mohr

Mass Servers

- 02/20 5:00pm C&E Delehant, T Milliken-Auch
- 02/21 8:30am P Phinney, K Nash, Volunteer
- 10:00am J Rients, B&B Sparks
- 11:30am J King, C&J Mentele

Ministers of Hospitality

- 02/20 5:00pm D Callies, L Dorale, J&N Fradet
- 02/21 8:30am D&S Kirkus, B,D&D Slaba, B Young
- 10:00am T&C Riddle, T&D Sabers, T&J Schumacher
- 11:30am D&S Heesch, R&B Morgan, Volunteer

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD

- 02/14 **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 02/15 **Presidents Day - Parish Office Closed - No School**
- 02/16 **Properties Mtg - 12 noon - Conference Rm**
Adult Lenten Study - 7pm - Church Bsmt
- 02/17 **Education Committee Mtg - 12 noon - Holy Spirit Conf Rm**
Faith Formation Classes - ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm - JP II School
- 02/18 **RCIA - 7pm - Conference Rm**
- 02/19 **JP II School Mass - 9am - Holy Spirit Church**
- 02/20 **No Confessions while Father is away**
- 2/19-3/4 **No weekday morning Masses**
- 2/20-21 **Cross Catholic Outreach - Fr. Charles Smiech**
SCRIP sold after all Masses



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Marilyn Peschong Memorial and John Paul II PTO Scholarship** applications are due by April 15th. To be eligible a student must have attended John Paul II School for a minimum of three years, and graduated from sixth grade at JP II as well. They are each a one-time \$500.00 scholarship. If you or someone you know are eligible and did not receive an application in the mail, contact Nicole Fuhrer by phone, 999-9127 or email, www.mitchellfce.com. Applications are available online at www.mitchellfce.com.

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 The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, Maher Council #1079 of Mitchell, will award two Richard Miller Memorial Scholarships this spring. Mitchell area high school seniors and college undergraduates are eligible to apply for the \$500.00 scholarships. Applications are due by April 21st. For more information/applications please contact your area high school guidance counselor or either parish office. ALSO...The South Dakota Knights of Columbus have student loans available. Applicant must have a relative who is a current member of the Knights of Columbus. Applications may be picked up at either parish office or apply online at www.kofc1079.org.