



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



February 26, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

One thing that can blind us to Christ's saving truth and make us vulnerable to the "bread-alone" temptation, is self-deception. We don't like to face up to our weakness. We don't like to take full responsibility for our sins, for our habits of selfishness and our reluctance to change. And so, we deceive ourselves, making excuses. Maybe we put too much blame on someone else for our faults - passing the buck. Maybe we try to convince ourselves that because we aren't axe-murderers or terrorists, we're perfect saints. Maybe we just block out the voice of conscience and don't think about the unreformed parts of our life.

The Church is too good of a mother to be satisfied with this kind of spiritual immaturity. She has us begin every Mass the same way: "I confess to almighty God... that I have sinned through my own fault..."

God already knows our weakness and our sins. He knows how much they obstruct our spiritual progress, and how much we need his grace to overcome them. That's why he invented confession. In confession we can take full, personal responsibility for the times we have misused God's gifts. In confession we experience God's forgiveness personally, one-on-one, audibly. Most of us already know this, and we use the great gift of confession frequently. But we also know plenty of people who don't - and they are suffering deeply on the inside because of it. Maybe a word of encouragement, an invitation, a sharing of experiences from us is all God needs to bring them back and give them a fresh start. Jesus wants to nourish our souls with his truth this Lent. Let's help him out. Let's do the one thing that he can't do for us: take a step in his direction, and help someone else do the same.


Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

ASH WEDNESDAY (3/1/17) MASS TIMES:
7:00 AM, 12:00 NOON AND 5:30 PM

† PARISH NEWS

† **STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT**
AT 12:00 NOON WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GOOD FRIDAY

PARISH COLLECTION

	Envelopes:	\$ 8,678.17	(270 parishioners)
	ACH:	\$ 5,345.00	(31 parishioners)
	Loose:	\$ 1,226.92	
	Children:	\$ 91.15	
	Total collected last week:	\$ 15,341.24	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 (6:15pm) or Sunday after the 11:30am Mass (12:45pm). Please notify the parish office and a Baptism Information Form will be provided.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM
Confessions: 5:30PM



Today we collect pledge cards for the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal – 2017. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the diocese to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another. Every gift, regardless of the size, is important to the success of Catholic Family Sharing Appeal and the many ministries that it supports. Our goal this year is \$117,000 and 100% participation through time, talent and treasure.

If you did not bring your card this week, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible. We need participation from everyone to support the many works of our diocesan church. If you cannot participate financially, fill out your card and offer a prayer for the success of Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. Again, any amount raised above the goal will stay in the parish. To those who returned their cards, thank you for your generous response!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - RICE BOWL
Pick up your family's Rice Bowl at any Church entrance

S.C.R.I.P. AND RAFFLE TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER ALL MASSES

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting JP II with the Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial! We are so very close to reaching our goal! Raffle sales end this weekend. The weekly \$50 winners so far have been:

Eric H., Rosalie S., Liz D., Michelle O. and Linda K.
Grand prize drawings will be drawn on March 10th.

John Paul II School will have their Preschool/Kindergarten Registration Night on Monday, March 6th. Please come to visit the teachers and their classrooms between 6-7:30 PM.



YOUTH BREAKFAST

Where: Holy Spirit Parish Hall
When: TODAY! Feb. 26th after 9:00am Mass
Menu: Pancakes, bread pudding, sausage, and banana. Gluten free pancakes available!

OTHER HAPPENINGS

A BIG THANK YOU to all the folks who gave of their time to deliver Meals on Wheels from Jan. 2 to Feb. 10, especially those who delivered for two weeks. Your generosity is so appreciated, especially by all those who receive the meals. Bless you all!



I also wish to announce my impending retirement from this "job". I've been doing it since the 80's and there needs to be an infusion of young blood. Holy Family doesn't deliver again until Nov of 2018 so there's plenty of time to consider taking on a once a year job that's not very difficult. Think about it. Any questions, call Kathy Domeyer 996-7977 or 630-0448.



The Catholic Daughters would like to thank the generous people of Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes for their unbelievable response to our Lifesaver Against Abuse campaign. Last weekend we were able to raise \$1,436.17! Half of that amount will be sent to the South Dakota State CDA project and will be used to assist victims of abuse within the Catholic Diocese. The remaining funds will stay in the Mitchell area – primarily the Mitchell Area Safehouse. It is hard to imagine that in our small community there are those who are abused – many of the victims are children – and how important it is to help them. Thanks to our Mitchell Catholic community, we will be able to provide some assistance and help make a difference to those who are most vulnerable. Thank you!!

49th Annual KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sausage Supper - Sunday, March 5th

Serving from 3:00 to 6:30 PM

John Paul II Gym - Advance Tickets: \$8.00,

At The Door: \$9.00 - Children 12 & under: \$4.00

(Tickets available for purchase in the Holy Family or Holy Spirit Parish Offices.)



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

02/28	8:00am	d. Joe Schoenfelder
03/01	7:00am	d. Joe Nagel
	12:00pm	d. Leona Zens
	5:30pm	For Holy Family Parish
03/02	8:00am	d. Jerry L. Weber
03/03	8:00am	d. Fr. James Joyce
03/04	5:00pm	d. Tom Lambrecht
03/05	8:30am	d. Sue Bannwarth
	10:00am	d. Kenneth Steichen
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Ash Wednesday:

03/01	7:00am	L-K Ewing; EM-B&J Auch, B Young
	12:00pm	L-N Sparks; EM-A Sparks, M VanderHeiden, J Traupel
	5:30pm	L-T Kriese; EM-F&M Bruna, R Kriese, D Nesheim, R Wuertzer

Weekend Masses:

03/04	5:00pm	L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, M Redder, D Callies, M VanderHeiden, V Weber
03/05	8:30am	L-C Harrell; EM-W&K Schoenfelder, J Schlimgen, D Harrell, B Young
	10:00am	L-D Nesheim; EM-J Heemstra, C&L Bannwarth, R&D Hohn
	11:30am	L-A Sankara; EM-D&S Heesch, P&J Paulson

Mass Servers

Ash Wednesday:

03/01	7:00am	C&J Hohn, J King
	12:00pm	M Mauszycki, B&B Sparks
	5:30pm	C Grimsley, K&T Mika

Weekend Masses:

03/04	5:00pm	C&E Delehant, J Ebert
03/05	8:30am	L LeBrun
	10:00am	C Miller, J&R Rients
	11:30am	A&E Driscoll, J Wyatt

Ministers of Hospitality

Ash Wednesday:

03/01	7:00am	
	12:00pm	
	5:30pm	J&C Beatch, J&N Puetz, K Soukup

Weekend Masses:

03/04	5:00pm	L Dorale, J&N Fradet, J&J Fritzemeier, C Janzing
03/05	8:30am	C Hegg, E McGregor, D&S Kirkus, E Reyes, T Zens
	10:00am	C Bartscher, J Heemstra, M Miiller, B&B Puetz
	11:30am	T&M Grajkowske, B&L Schleich, C Gehrke, E Mauer

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



2/26	Youth Breakfast – Holy Spirit Church (After 9am Mass)
2/28	Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm
	Men's Choir Rehearsal – 4pm – Music Office
	Children's Choir Rehearsal – 5 pm – Music Office
	Confessions – 5:30pm
	Women's Choir Rehearsal – 6 pm – Music Office
3/01	Ash Wednesday – Mass Times – 7am, 12pm, 5:30pm
	No St. Joseph's Guild Men's Group this month at HS Parish Hall
	John Paul II School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
	No Faith Formation Classes
	Full Choir – Singing at the 5:30pm Mass
	RCIA – Attend the 5:30pm Mass, meeting to follow – Nazareth Rm
3/02	Adult Faith Formation Course – Morn 9am/Eve 6:30pm – Naz. Rm
3/03	No JP II School – Staff Development Day
	Stations of the Cross – 12 Noon
3/04	Confirmation – 10:30am – Holy Spirit Church
	Confessions – 3:30pm
3/05	KC Sausage Supper – 3 to 6:30pm - Holy Spirit after 9am Mass