



# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

Dear Parish Family,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, please check the bulletin for the Mass Schedule. Also refer to the bulletin for Stations of the Cross, and additional Confession times. Let us also be mindful of the fasting/abstinence opportunities, the Church invites us to:

*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. I always thought it was great that for some time each year we could evidence our Catholic Faith, in such a simple way by being mindful of what we eat, and how much! As a boy some of my non Catholic family would tease me about being a "mackerel-snapper"! Make this your best Lent ever!! Lent is not about what you give up; but really about what you gain! A great online resource to check out is <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>. After all the Masses this weekend a Lenten Care-package will be given to each household, filled with great resources to make this a Great Lent!*

**Sacristies:** Work continues on the north and south sacristies.

**Rectory Basement:** Work continues on the rectory basement as well. Will continue to update on both projects as they develop.

**Gathering Space:** The question was raised why are there chairs set up in the Gathering Space; the simple answer, for use at daily Mass, while the sacristy work continues. Again I invite you to please fill the main Church first. Of course if you have a legitimate need to sit in the Gathering Space, fine. Otherwise, I encourage you to be seated in the Church. A bad habit is coming a few minutes before Mass begins. Come a bit early, quiet your heart in prayer, and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you! Rushing in minutes before, struggling to find a place to sit, hustle and bustle...leads to anxiety and distraction.

**Parish Council:** My first meeting with the newly formed Parish Council will be this week at 7pm. Our Agenda will focus on some basics: time and day of regular meeting and the choosing of a Chair, and Secretary. Minutes and discussion points will be made public. I encourage you to bring ideas or concerns to members of the Parish Council.

Peace to you and yours!  
Fr. Stevens



*Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Ann Schoenfelder who went home to the Lord, to Craig Fergen and Michelle Sudbeck and families on the death of their mother Carol of Parkston and Rob Miller, Ann Kuyper, Susan Callies and families on the death of their mother Jackie of Mitchell. May you know that God is near in your time of grief.*

## PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$ 8,944.00	(296 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 3,250.67	(29 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 938.00	
Children:	\$ 85.72	
<b>Total collected last week:</b>	<b>\$13,218.39</b>	<b>Thank You!</b>

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**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.

## PARISH NEWS

**NEW TO THE AREA? MOVING?** Please contact the parish office at 996-3639.



**DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF THE SACRISTIES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL WORK IS COMPLETED. HOURS OF ADORATION AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ARE THURSDAY 8:00 AM TO FRIDAY 7:30 AM.**



**MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>)**  
7:30 AM, 12:15 & 5:30 PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** WILL NOT BE HELD IN THE CHURCH THIS LENTEN SEASON DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF THE SACRISTIES. STATIONS WILL BE HELD AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AT 7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GOOD FRIDAY.



Today we collect pledge cards for the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal - 2016. Every gift, regardless of the size, is important to the success of CFSA and the many ministries that it supports. If you did not bring yours 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 CFSA. Our goal is 100% participation through time, talent and treasure. Again, any amount raised above the goal will stay in the parish. To those who returned their cards, thank you for your generous response!

### TIME TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION!



Appointments are filling up fast! 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 still photography sessions available in February. There will be volunteers in the gathering space after Mass to help you sign up if you would like. You may also schedule your own appointment online at [www.holyfamilymitchell.com](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com). Be part of our history at Holy Family. Sign up for your session today!

### 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Supper



Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - 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.)**



**Happy 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Boy Scouts of America!**

# 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)

Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service was the theme of the 2016 Catholic Schools Week this past week. We celebrated through many activities and events with our school family. Through these events, the school focused on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

This week marks the beginning of Lent, a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works in preparation of the celebration just 40 days later, Easter. The following is a schedule that our John Paul II School family will commit to during Lent:

- Monday – Silence in the lunchroom (Give)
- Tuesday – Divine Mercy Chaplet (Pray)
- Wednesday – No snacks (Fast)
- Thursday – Rice Bowl - one per classroom (Give)
- Friday – Stations of the Cross (Pray) 2:30

John Paul II is participating in the Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools raffle again this year. Help support our school by purchasing a \$5 ticket at the school or after mass. The raffle sponsor, Catholic United Financial, is covering the cost of the raffle so every cent of each \$5 ticket sold stays at our school!

The plans for our 2016-17 Preschool and Kindergarten Registration are in full swing!! We are so blessed by the support of our parishes which allows our parish families the opportunity to attend John Paul II School! Our high standard of academics as well as the integration of our Catholic faith into each subject everyday truly allows our children to live and grow in their faith and knowledge. If you would like to receive materials and an invitation to attend either our Preschool or Kindergarten Registration on Monday, March 7th please call the school at 996-2365. We would love to show all families how we "Connect Kids to Christ!"

February activities:


- 8<sup>th</sup> – PTO meeting @ 7:00
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:00
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher conferences; Book Fair; Valentines parties
- 12<sup>th</sup> – No School
- 15<sup>th</sup> – No School
- 16<sup>th</sup> – McDonald's Night 5 – 8:00
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Education Committee meeting @ 12:00
- 25<sup>th</sup> – ALICE presentation @ 7:00
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day to turn in raffle tickets
- 27<sup>th</sup> – DWU Spelling Be

## MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Beginning February 10th and running through March 20th there will be prayer vigils held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 6511 W. 41st St. in Sioux Falls. This will be a peaceful time of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and increased respect for human life from the time of conception. For more information see the website at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/sioux-falls/calendar/> or to volunteer call Cathy at 605 261-5649.

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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS meeting reminder!** Thursday, February 11 at Holy Spirit Church – 7PM! A Lenten devotion will be presented. If your \$25 dues have not been paid, please bring to the meeting or mail to Tonya Meaney – 948 Kippes Cove – Mitchell, SD. Questions? Call Barb Young @ 996-6839. Thanks!

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 How would you like a really good Lenten project? Holy Family does Meals on Wheels this year from Feb. 15 to March 25. There are still five routes, Monday thru Friday. Meals are picked up at 10:45 am at Queen of Peace Hospital. If you would like to volunteer or want more information call Kathy Domeyer, 996-7977 or 630-0448.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 02/09 8:00am d. Barbara Loneman
- 02/10 7:30am d. Doug Weber
- 12:15pm d. Dick Weber
- 5:30pm For Holy Family Parish
- 02/11 8:00am **For the living & deceased members of the Stratman family**
- 02/12 8:00am For the Oberembt family
- 02/13 5:00pm d. Bill & Joyce Schreiner
- 02/14 8:30am d. Rob Marchand
- 10:00am For Holy Family Parish
- 11:30am d. Marilyn Peschong

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

#### Ash Wednesday:

- 02/10 7:30am L/EM-Morning Mass Volunteers
- 12:15pm L-C Harrell; EM-D Harrell, W&K Schoenfelder
- 5:30pm L-S Kirby; EM-T&J Schumacher, J Thury, C Symes, T Kirby

#### Weekend Masses:

- 02/13 5:00pm L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, M VanderHeiden, M Redder, D Petersen, R Wuertzer
- 02/14 8:30am L-B McNeil; EM-F&M Bruna, A Deinert, M&M Ommen
- 10:00am L-W Puetz; EM-M Puetz, J Traupel, C&L Bannwarth, P Essig
- 11:30am L-P Paulson; EM-J Paulson, H&B Kelly, S Peschong, J Hunt

### Mass Servers

#### Ash Wednesday:

- 02/10 7:30am Volunteers
- 12:15pm Volunteers
- 5:30pm A Uher, J&R VanDriel

#### Weekend Masses:

- 02/13 5:00pm D&E Easton J Johnson
- 02/14 8:30am C Singrey, B Wilson, Volunteer
- 10:00am E&T Regan, E Moody
- 11:30am A&E Driscoll, J Heesch

### Ministers of Hospitality


#### Ash Wednesday:

- 02/10 7:30am
- 12:15pm Volunteers
- 5:30pm Volunteers

#### Weekend Masses:

- 02/13 5:00pm M&P Pecenka, P Zweifel, M Bittner
- 02/14 8:30am R&D Kelly, B&D Everson, R&S Heying
- 10:00am T&J Hohrman, B&B Puetz, J&N Puetz
- 11:30am T&M Grajkowske, G&C Docter, Volunteer

## WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD

- 02/07 **Scout Sunday**
- 02/08 **JPII PTO Mtg** – 7pm – JPII Faculty Lounge
- KC Business Mtg** – 7:00pm – KC Hall (Steaks at 6)
- 02/09 **Eucharistic Adoration** – Suspended until further notice
- 02/10 **Ash Wednesday** – Mass times: 7:30am, 12:15 & 5:30pm
- JPII School Mass** – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
- No Faith Formation Classes**
- 02/11 **Parish Council Mtg** – 7pm – Conference Rm
- JPII Parent Teacher Conferences** – 3:30 to 8:30pm – JPII MPR
- RCIA** – 7pm – Church Bsmt
- Catholic Daughters Mtg** – 7pm – Holy Spirit Church
- 02/12 **No JPII School or School Mass**
- 02/13 **Confessions** – 3:30 to 4:30pm
- 02/13-14 **SCRIP sold after all Masses**
- 02/14  **Happy Valentine's Day!**



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