



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



January 1, 2017

Dear Parish Family!

I wish each of you a blessed and happy New Year, 2017! I again want to thank each of you for all the kindness shown to me as Christmas approached. Your cards, gifts, and promise of prayers are greatly appreciated and serve to encourage.

Next weekend Fr. George Knab, OMI, from Unbound Ministries, will be celebrating the Masses. Please refer to the bulletin insert for more details. Thank you for your great generosity to those most in need in our world, and your great Holy Family hospitality to Fr. Knab.

I will be taking my annual retreat and rest days, January 8th returning January 13th. Please pray for me, during this time of rest, prayer and discernment, and know I will be praying for you and your intentions!

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

† PARISH NEWS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY NO MORNING MASS ON JANUARY 6, 2017 - FATHER WILL BE OUT

BEGINNING JANUARY 1st THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS ON MONDAY'S UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



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

UNBOUND - A Call to Serve the Poor - January 7/8

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. George Knab O.M.I. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas decorations in the Church/Gathering Space next Sunday, January 8th at 1:00 PM. Please come and help lighten our load!



PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$14,586.00 (282 parishioners)
Loose: \$ 2,092.18

Total collected last week: \$16,678.18 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.

ATTENTION Ladies of the Altar Society... Please note the blue envelope included in your January support envelopes to be used for your annual Altar Society dues. Thank you.

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.

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Additional Christmas Memorials In Loving Memory Of:

Clyde & Norma Shafer, Leo & Elsie Hemmer, Limbert & Johanna Sibson, Ray & Bertha Torbet and Dorothy Hart by Kay & Gary Shafer; Clifford & Margaret Young and Elmer & Marion Bothun by Keith & Barb Young.



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.



The Respect Life Committee would like to thank all the wonderful people who gave so generously to the Advent Shower. We were overwhelmed with the love and support of this annual project.

MITCHELL FOOD PANTRY



January is Holy Family's month to help restock the Food Pantry. At this time, items most in need are Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti O's), Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables and Dinner Sides, Cereal and Hamburger. Donations may be left in the bin located in the foyer of the main entrance to the Gathering Area or you may bring them directly to the Food Pantry (Please mark donations "Holy Family" so our church gets credit for them). If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mail to: Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301.

A new site for the Mitchell Food Pantry will open on Feb. 1, 2017 at 212 W 1st Ave, formerly the Hair Affair. We ask for your continued support of Mitchell Food Pantry through your generous donations of money and food. We are also reaching out to our church communities in search of volunteers to help us run the Pantry in areas such as: helping clients with paperwork and "shopping", cleaning, stocking shelves, and hauling food that has been donated by local businesses and organizations. For more information, call the Mitchell Food Pantry at 999-8150.

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



Robin Cahoy – Principal
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The teachers and staff at John Paul II School wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2017! We are all enjoying time with our families and friends during the holiday season. School will resume on January 3rd – Happy New Year!

There will be a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting on January 5th to begin this New Year. We look forward to many parents attending to help plan the activities for the upcoming School Carnival on January 29. The meeting will begin at 7:00 in the faculty lounge on the east end of the school.

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!

S.C.R.I.P. SALES WILL RESUME AFTER MASS THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7/8 IN THE GATHERING SPACE

MITCHELL FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION NEWS



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On behalf of the MFCE Board of Directors, I would like to wish you all a Christmas season filled with the love, hope and joy that Jesus brings. As the year comes to a close, I hope you know how deeply grateful I am for your prayerful and financial support this past year. I continue to pray for all of our friends and benefactors, and will share our mass intentions with you throughout the year.

Dear Lord, We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word. Amen

OFFERINGS FROM CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE: Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. **January 10 – February 14, 2017** at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. Role change and loneliness are secondary losses which can complicate the grieving process. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational – Cost – Donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT – January 13-15, 2017

Strictly Confidential. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services. For registration materials & more information, call Margi at 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email mculhane@sfcatholic.org. Deadline for registration will be January 5, 2017

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

01/03	8:00am	d. Landon Friedrichson
01/04	8:00am	d. Anita Steinfeld
01/05	8:00am	d. Clarence & Regina Schlimgen
01/06	No Mass	– Intention rescheduled to 5/10/17 at 8:00am
01/07	5:00pm	d. Jerry Oberembt
01/08	8:30am	d. Rosemary Peschong
	10:00am	d. Michael Skelly
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

01/07	5:00pm	L-M Pecenka; EM-Deacon Graves, R&C Scheich, S Loecker, R Wuertzer
01/08	8:30am	L-M Ommen; EM-F&M Bruna, D&C Harrell, M Ommen
	10:00am	L-D Uher; EM-T&K Harrington, R&T Kriese, R Hempel
	11:30am	L-C Hohrman; EM-H&B Kelly, S Peschong, K Mohr, S Heesch

Mass Servers

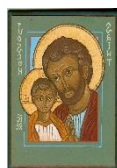
01/07	5:00pm	C Grimsley, K Gullings, J Johnson
01/08	8:30am	J Herrlein, L LeBrun, K Nash
	10:00am	M&K Bannwarth, G Hempel
	11:30am	A&E Driscoll, P Schleich

Ministers of Hospitality

01/07	5:00pm	B&J Freeman, J&C Lynde, M&J McMahon
01/08	8:30am	B&D Everson, R&D Kelly, T Misiaszek, B Young
	10:00am	J&J Heemstra, B&B Puetz, J&N Puetz
	11:30am	H&L Andersen, G&C Docter, S Podzimek, C Reimnitz

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD

01/01	Mary, Mother of God – New Years Day
01/02	Parish Office Closed
01/03	John Paul II School classes resume Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm Confessions – 5:30pm Men's Choir – 4pm – Music Office Children's Choir – 5pm – Music Office Combined Full & Women's Choir – 6pm – Music Office
01/04	John Paul II School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
01/06	No Morning Mass – Fr. Stevens out
01/07	Confessions – 3:30pm
01/7-8	SCRIP sales resume after all Masses
01/08	Epiphany of the Lord Church decorations taken down – 1pm



St. Joseph's Guild - Men's Father/Son Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 5:15 to 6:30 PM in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Next meeting will be on January 4th. Come hungry. We will have supper and then feed the soul.

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"With happy faces and hearts full of cheer,
let us embrace a brand New Year!!"

--Catherine Hull, Pittsburgh, PA

