



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 29, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Stewardship is a humble and grateful recognition that everything we have is a gift from God. It is *consistent, sacrificial* generosity by donations of our time, our talent and treasure. I have heard from many benefactors, the funny thing about true stewardship is that the more generous they are, the more God continues to bless them. When you give from a place of gratitude for the blessings in which God has given, a special joy enters your heart.

"For it is in giving that we receive." --St. Francis Assisi

Our Foundation is centered on the mission that we seek to do God's will, and aim to assist you in your call to stewardship. The support of the parish must come first, but we ask that you consider us in addition. Ultimately, the financial support that you give the MFCE also benefits our parishes. One of our main goals is to ease the burden from the parish budgets in support of both John Paul II School and our parish Faith Formation programs. The need is substantial, it is constant, and it will not diminish. On the contrary, the needs of our parishes are growing. This is a wonderful gift and sign of the Holy Spirit at work! A wise priest recently said, "We do not want to just survive, we want to THRIVE!" To make this happen, we MUST invest in our future! We must forge ahead for the future of OUR Catholic Church here in Mitchell! I thank you for your past, present and future support of our Parishes, our Foundation, and all aspects of Catholic Education in Mitchell! Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



This week, we are so excited to join in the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week at John Paul II School. This year's theme, "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service" encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged. The logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is *at the center* of all Catholic education.

Nicole Fuhrer --Director, Mitchell Foundation for Catholic Education

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We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: DAVID NATHANIEL, son of Nathaniel & Katie (Graves) Raak. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$10,092.00 (298 parishioners)
Loose: \$ 965.00
Children: \$ 85.23

Total collected last week: \$ 11,142.23 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 (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

ATTENTION Ladies of the Altar Society... Please note the blue envelope 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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

JOB OPENING: Holy Family is seeking a person to fill the full-time position of Financial Secretary. Interested persons should inquire at the parish office, 222 North Kimball St., Mitchell, SD for an application and job description. Office hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Tue. – Fri.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes / World Day of Prayer for the Sick



Holy Mass will be offered Saturday, February 11th at 10:30am, in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, and to commemorate the World Day of Prayer for the sick. The Mass will include the communal rite of The Anointing of the Sick, and prayers for the sick & dying. A light luncheon will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

Calling all interested in serving as Marriage Sponsor Couples!

We are working to strengthen our support for engaged and married couples. A sponsor couple is a couple-to-couple ministry in which married couples mentor engaged couples to help them prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you are interested in becoming a marriage sponsor couple, please contact Briana Fiegen at briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com.

Kelly Benson from the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at the diocese will be coming to Mitchell to do a one-day training for both Holy Family and Holy Spirit parishes. Please prayerfully consider your gifts and how you can contribute to our parish family.

7-12 FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches
7-12: Briana Fiegen – briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com

The calendar for future youth breakfasts is incorrect. There is only one remaining --- it will be a pancake breakfast on February 26th at Holy Spirit Church after the 9am Mass. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The long anticipated week of celebrating Catholic Schools has finally arrived! Our students, families, and parishes will celebrate John Paul II's commitment to the national theme for Catholic School's Week "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service" throughout this week! We hope you can join us for the many events scheduled.



Please come and enjoy the John Paul II Carnival this Sunday for delicious food, games, fellowship, and fun! Serving in the gym will begin at 11:00 with the traditional barbecue pork loin sandwiches, pizza, and so many other delicious foods. The games for the Carnival will begin at 12:00. Our PTO has games and events scheduled for children and adults who attend. We invite you to join us for an afternoon of great food and family fun. The tuition and class basket raffle board winners will be announced at 2:45.

We have many fun days planned during the week such as:

- Sunday is the beginning of **Catholic Schools Week**: carnival 11 AM – 3 PM
- Monday is **Nation Day**: Patriotic songs and valentines; wear red, white & blue
- Tuesday is **Community Day**: Community Champions Fair; donate cans of soup
- Wednesday is **Student Day** – Mass @ 9:00 AM; Surprise assembly
- Thursday is **Staff Day**: Staff Luncheon by PTO; Bishop Swain visits at 1:00
- Friday is **Family Day**: Bingo, Bananas, and Bonding time

I would like to give a very special invitation to our parish families to come to our Catholic Schools Week Mass on Wednesday, February 1st at 9:00 AM at Holy Spirit Church. During this Mass we thank God for the parishes of Holy Family and Holy Spirit, and our school families and students of John Paul II School. Our students will wear their new Catholic Schools T-Shirts donated by Avera +and truly celebrate the gift of a Catholic education.

We are blessed that Bishop Swain will visit John Paul II on Thursday and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us in the church at 1:00. You are invited to attend.

Thank you to the many families who have purchased the United Catholic Financial Catholic School Raffle tickets! We are so excited about the awesome prizes and please remember – every cent that is spent purchasing tickets remains in our Catholic School! We have many goals to meet in the next few weeks. Thank-you for helping us to reach our goals through your purchase of raffle tickets.

Preschool/Kindergarten registration has been set for Monday, March 6 from 6 – 7:30 PM. Please watch your mailbox for invitations. We are excited about the continuation of childcare for the upcoming school year to make our program more parent friendly.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

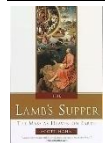
Nigel McBain – musicholyfamily@gmail.com

Adult Faith Formation Courses: Starting on Thursday, February 2, we will be running a weekly Learning and Discussion Course based on Dr. Scott Hahn's, "*The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*", the book which was given out this Christmas. We will examine the content of the book in more detail and particularly how it relates to the Church's teachings in the Second Vatican Council. The course will run for nine weeks.

There will be two opportunities to attend the course:

- The morning session will take place on Thursdays at 9:00am, after the morning Mass, in the Nazareth Room, with coffee and refreshments.
- The evening session will take place at 6:30pm, on Thursdays, also in the Nazareth Room.

Please contact Nigel at musicholyfamily@gmail.com to register your interest in this course and indicate which session you'd like to attend. There is also a sign up form on the homepage of our parish website: www.holyfamilymitchell.com to register.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

01/31	8:00am	d. Aaron & Barbara LaBrie
02/01	8:00am	For the living & dec. members of the Stratman family
02/02	8:00am	d. Leo Murley
02/03	8:00am	d. Bernard Niehus
02/04	5:00pm	d. Gene Koupal
02/05	8:30am	d. Leon Peschong
	10:00am	d. Kenneth Steichen
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

02/04	5:00pm	L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, M Redder, V Weber, K Rubendall, M VanderHeiden
02/05	8:30am	L-M Ommen; EM-M Ommen, D Nesheim, B McNeil, B Young, Volunteer
	10:00am	L-D Uher; EM-C&L Bannwarth, R&D Hohn, J Traupel
	11:30am	L-A Sankara; EM-T&M Day, K Ewing, J Hunt, K Mohr

Mass Servers

02/04	5:00pm	G Rubendall, C Trisco, E Vermeulen
02/05	8:30am	3 Volunteers needed
	10:00am	C&N McCormick, C Miller
	11:30am	A&E Driscoll, A Moller

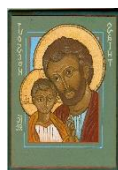
Ministers of Hospitality

02/04	5:00pm	L Dorale, S Grosz, C Janzing, L VanDrongelen, M Novak, (A Larson – Sub requested)
02/05	8:30am	C Hegg, E McGregor, J Miller, T Misiaszek, T Zens
	10:00am	M Alexander, L&V Boehmer, T&C Riddle, Max Alexander
	11:30am	C Gehrke, T&M Grajkowske, M Kattner, E Mauer, B Schleich

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



1/29-2/4	Catholic Schools Week
1/29	John Paul II School Carnival -11am-3:00pm
1/31	Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm
	Men's Choir Rehearsal – 4pm – Music Office
	Children's Choir Rehearsal – 5pm – Music Office
	Confessions – 5:30pm
	Women's Choir Rehearsal – 6pm – Music Office
2/01	John Paul II School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
	Faith Formation Classes – K-6 5:30pm/7-12 6:45pm – JP II School
	Full Choir Rehearsal – 6pm – Music Office
	RCIA – 7:30pm – Nazareth Rm
2/02	Adult Faith Formation Course – Morn 9am/Eve 6:30pm – Naz. Rm
2/03	Feast of St Blaise
2/04	Confessions – 3:30pm



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. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1st. Come hungry. We will have supper and then feed the soul.

**S.C.R.I.P. AND RAFFLE TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD IN THE GATHERING SPACE
AFTER MASS TODAY!**