



July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I grew up in South Dakota and I worked for farmers in my younger years but I would never call myself a farmer. As a pastor to farmers I have asked many questions because things have changed so much since I was a kid.

When I was in Gettysburg SD I learned that technology now allows the farmer to monitor the fruitfulness of a piece of ground and that they could adjust their seed and fertilizer accordingly. So I said, "That means you add more fertilizer and seed to the less productive areas?" The farmer responded, "Father why throw good money after bad land!"

That experience forever changed how I experience today's Gospel about the sower of the seed. If God followed the farmer's rule only the good soil would get the seed. But we aren't talking about farming but about the salvation of souls.

Every soul is created in the image and likeness of God. All souls can and should be fruitful. Thankfully God didn't predestine who would be fruitful and who wouldn't. Instead we all have equal opportunity.

May we all be fruitful with what God gives us.

Fr. Ken

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$ 10,081.00	(277 parishioners)
ACH/WeShare:	\$ 890.00	(6parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 820.75	
Children:	\$ 53.90	

Total collected last week: \$ 11,845.65 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!



IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT. AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS (ACH):

With the introduction of We Share online, please prayerfully consider this option for your automatic contributions. You can access this on the parish website (www.holyfamilymitchell.com). If you presently have your ACH through the parish and wish to consider WeShare, please let us know in writing, allowing you the option to manage your giving through WeShare. If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance setting up your WeShare please stop in the office or call us at 996-3639.

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: Baptisms will take place after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday's or the 11:30am Mass on Sunday's. Please notify the parish office (996-3639) and a Baptism Information Form will be provided.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday – 8:30am – 8:00pm
We are currently **IN NEED OF SCHEDULED ADORERS**, for the **10-11 AM** and the **3-4 PM** hours. Call the parish office at 996-3639 to volunteer.

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS: Tuesday-5:30pm and Saturday-3:30pm



8:00 AM morning Masses are now celebrated MONDAY through FRIDAY at Holy Family.

† PARISH NEWS



Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Leonard Jarabek and Jerry McGraw who went home to the Lord. May God's peace and consolation be with you in your time of sorrow.

THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT. ALL IN ONE PLACE.

FORMED is an internet-based platform that both Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes have subscribed to allowing all parishioners who sign up, 24/7 access to various study programs, movies, audios and books. In short, www.formed.org is like "Catholic Netflix." There are sections in Spanish, too. This type of platform delivers quality Catholic resources for children, teens and adults and is an excellent tool in the work of the new evangelization. An APP is now available! Download the FORMED app for free – see the FORMED website for details. FORMED is available to any parishioner who has Internet access. Each parish has its own code to access FORMED. If you have not already signed up, we encourage you to do so by going to www.formed.org and entering the code and then registering your profile (name, email address, etc.). You may call your own parish office to receive their FORMED code or you can contact Christine at 996-3842 or email familyformation@ffmitchell.com to get the code for either Holy Family or Holy Spirit parish.

Books for Sale: The bookcase located near the south entrance of Holy Family Gathering Space has several items for sale -- books for adults & children, holy cards, Christmas cards, etc. You will find envelopes there in which to place your payment (drop at the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection). We hope to sell these surplus items from our last Book Fair. Thank you!

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



Robin Cahoy – Principal – 1510 W Elm Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301
(605) 996-2365 – Website: www.johnpaul2.org

Happy summer to everyone! We want to extend a warm welcome to Father Ken Lulf and Father Andy Thuringer to John Paul II School for the 2017-18 school year. We look forward to attending Wednesday morning masses for the school with them and Father John beginning on August 30. We also look forward to seeing them in the halls at John Paul II School.

Please mark your calendars for School Registration on Monday, August 7th from 7 AM to 3 PM to make final registration arrangements. School will begin on Wednesday, August 23. Enjoy your summer vacation!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches
K-6: Christine Lemmer – familyformation@ffmitchell.com
7-12: Briana Fiegen – youthdirector@ffmitchell.com

RE-CAP of how K-6 Family Formation will work:

Week 1 of the month: Parents and children come to Family Formation once per month.

- Parent/Adult Session:** Parents attend in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. There will be a speaker followed by a time for discussion and then going through the lessons parents will cover at home during the remaining weeks of the month.
- Children Session:** While the parents are in their session, the children will meet in the JP II classrooms to cover the lesson with a similar topic as the parent session.

Week 2: Parents cover one lesson in their home.

Week 3: Parents cover one lesson in their home.

Week 4: Parents cover one lesson in their home.

Repeat monthly through May. A more detailed calendar with specific dates, times, etc. will be provided in early August.

➔ **Register by Thursday noon, July 20. We will place our order for materials that afternoon.**

Method of registration & payment is ONLINE: Register your children in K-12 Faith Formation (K-6 Family Formation/7-12 Discipleship) by going to our Faith Formation website www.ffmitchell.com.

Cost: \$50 per child with a \$100 family limit. If you volunteer on a regular basis as catechist or catechist's helper/substitute, small group leader, or Core Team, there is a \$50 discount. **We need many adult volunteers in these areas. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with our young people.** Questions? Contact Christine in the Family Formation Office, 996-3842.

7-12 Formation:

Week 1: Open for Family Formation Night

Week 2: Discipleship Group Meeting

Week 3: Discipleship Group Meeting

Week 4: Large group session

If your child in grades 9-12 do not sign up for a discipleship group, they will only be participating in the large group session once a month. If you would like to make changes to your registration contact Briana before or Christine after July 16th.

The Office for Youth Director (Gr. 7-12), Briana Fiegen, has moved location from Holy Family to John Paul II School. A phone line is in the process of being installed. In the meantime, please contact Christine in the Faith Formation office with concerns. Thank you!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

07/17	8:00am	For Holy Souls in Purgatory
07/18	8:00am	d. Luvern Neugebauer
07/19	8:00am	d. Neil Hanten
07/20	8:00pm	For the Friends and Benefactors of the MFCE
07/21	8:00am	d. Ida Rowe
07/22	5:00pm	d. William & Helen Koupal
07/23	8:30am	d. Jackie Miiller
	10:00am	d. Jake Martin
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

07/22	5:00pm	L-S Kirby; EM-Deacon Graves, J Schreiner, T Kirby, V Weber, (M VanderHeiden – Sub-Request)
07/23	8:30am	L-D Kirkus; EM-W&K Schoenfelder, J Schlimgen, D Nesheim, A Deinert
	10:00am	L-J Schumacher; EM-D Price, W&M Puetz, J Thury, T Schumacher
	11:30am	L-A Sankara; EM-T&M Day, K Ewing, M Wilson

Mass Servers

07/22	5:00pm	B&T Sabers, E Vermeulen
07/23	8:30am	J Herrlein, L LeBrun, Volunteer
	10:00am	T DeJong, J&R Rients
	11:30am	J Johnson, J King, A Moller

Ministers of Hospitality

07/22	5:00pm	J&C Lynde, M&J McMahon, O Vermeulen
07/23	8:30am	R&D Kelly, S Kirkus, S Grosz, E McGregor
	10:00am	B&B Puetz, T&D Sabers, Max Alexander
	11:30am	B&L Schleich, C Brewster, C Gehrke, C Reimnitz

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



07/17	Our Lady Rosary Makers – 1pm – Nazareth Rm
07/18	Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm
	Properties Mtg – 12 noon – Nazareth Rm
	Confessions – 5:30 to 6:30pm
07/20	Choir Rehearsal – 7pm – Music Office
07/22	Confessions – 3:30 to 4:30pm



Mitchell Area Food Pantry

The food pantry is MOST in need of these items:
CEREAL - PASTA - STUFFING MIX - JUICE - CANNED AND FRESH FRUIT.

Donations may be left in the bin located in the foyer of the main entrance to the Gathering Space or you may bring them directly to the Food Pantry at 212 W 1st Ave. Thank you for your generous support! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mail to: Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301. Thank you!



BISHOP'S CUP Golf Tournament: August 28, 2017

Minnehaha Country Club – Tee times: 8 AM and 1PM

Register today at CCFESD.ORG or call 605-988-3705

Proceeds benefit Broomtree Retreat Center

New info Natural Family Planning....is good for your marriage, body, and soul. Classes can be taken in person or online in the comfort of your own home! Visit sfatholic.org/respectlife/natural-family-planning & click on "Scheduled Classes" to see what's available.