



*Seventeenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2015*

Dear Parish Family,

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with the Holy Family Parish Council. The following topics were discussed: Finance, Properties, Liturgy, Altar Society, Education/Youth, Respect Life. Those who could be present did their best to brief me and fill me in. I was very grateful, and I think the meeting highlighted some key concerns. I would highlight them as three concerns:

1. Youth Ministry: There needs to be for our tweens, teens, and young adults opportunity's for: prayer, study and service. The youth see the other Christian Churches do this: fun trips, mission trips etc. We have this amazing Gathering Space, let's use it! Our young people need to know they are wanted and needed and that the future really does depend on them. Further I am concerned about our college age folks as well.

2. Participation in the life of the parish: not just attending Mass. More opportunities for us to serve the greater Mitchell area, and be involved in the work and mission of the Diocese. Maybe a service trip or mission trip was suggested. I think this is a great idea.

3. Parish Council membership: I hope to have Mass reps for the parish council. One new member to represent each Sunday Mass time. You can nominate or volunteer your name. I will draw the names out of a hat at Mass in September. So pray about it, think about it. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your hearts, and minds, and to give you courage to say yes! I love being Roman Catholic! We have an amazing story, history and tradition to share! We can engage the culture, and compete in the world of ideas. But we must do it with joy, enthusiasm, and faith!

**Old/New Rectory:** After further consultation with the Parish Council, Finance Council, and Buildings committee, it was resolved to go forward to the razing and removal of the old rectory. And to finish the basement of the new rectory. More as that develops.

**Sacristy remodel:** Before Fr. Larry left, he began the process of updating and remolding the sacristies. I will update you as we go forward.

**Stained Glass:** The Ascension window should be returned soon at the end of July, and then the removal of the Our Lady of the Rosary window.

**Front steps/sidewalk:** Work is progressing on the resurfacing project of the front steps, and repairs to the sidewalks will continue. So be careful, and remember: "step on a crack and break mothers back". ☺

**Gathering Space/Sunday Mass:** Some concern has been raised about sitting there for Sunday Mass. I would ask you good folks if possible: let's fill the Church first. If there is a real need to sit there fine. Folks with mobility issues are one thing, but coming late, and leaving early...well not so much. Thank you!

Have a great week!! Fr. Stevens



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Adoration on August 4<sup>th</sup>**



*Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John Brosnan who went home to the Lord. May you find strength and comfort in the love and hope of our Lord.*

**PARISH COLLECTION**



Envelopes:	\$13,137.67	(288 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 4,560.00	(24 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,388.00	
Children:	\$ 153.21	

**Total collected last week: \$19,238.88 Thank You!**

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)**

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,063,277	(81%)
Parishioner response:	268	(26%)

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**CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)**

Our 2015 Goal:	\$ 106,500	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 76,289	(71%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 70,866	(66%)
Parishioner response:	407	(38%)

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**AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** If you would like to have your church contributions automatically deducted from your bank account each month, please call the Parish Office at 996-3639.

**NEW TO THE AREA? MOVING?** We welcome all those who wish to become members of Holy Family Parish. Registration forms can be picked up in the parish office or found on our website, [www.holyfamilymitchell.com](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com). Also, if you are moving within the community or leaving the area, please notify the office of your new address/phone number at 996-3639.



**School News from John Paul II**

Robin Cahoy – Principal  
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One of the goals of the Parent Teacher Organization at John Paul II School over the past few years is to set aside money annually to update our technology. As a result of the generosity of not only our school community, but the entire Mitchell community, parish families, and Catholic Aid we have been able to update the computer lab and also purchase new laptops for all the teachers. We are very blessed to be a part of John Paul II School and the educational efforts of the teachers, administration, and parish communities are second to none.

Now that the computer lab, teacher laptops, and Promethean Boards are updated to best serve our students, we know we have a missing link in our technology at John Paul II. We are one of a small percentage of schools that does not offer the use of iPads. At this time we are asking you to prayerfully consider giving a donation to make the purchase of iPads possible for our students. The approximate cost of one iPad is \$599. We would like to purchase 25 iPads, 25 iPad cases, and a charging cart making the total project worth \$16,069. If you are able to make a donation, please send it to the school in an envelope marked "iPads" or turn any donations directly into the school office. If you are not able to make a monetary donation, we ask that you pray for the success of this project. Thank you for your help and consideration.

School registration will be on **Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please mark your calendars for that day. The registration forms have been sent.

SCRIP continues to be sold at the John Paul II School office on a daily basis. Please call the school in advance for SCRIP as summer office hours vary. Scrip will not be available at the parishes in the month of July. Thank you to all who continue to help fund our school using the SCRIP cards! It is making a huge difference in our budget as well as helping our families with tuition!

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"PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE." ☺ --MOTHER TERESA



### Faith Formation News

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director  
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Website: [www.ffmitchell.com](http://www.ffmitchell.com)

**Faith Formation Registration:** Please register your children in Gr. K-12 for FF by this Friday, July 31. If you are new to Mitchell—welcome! A registration form can be found at the FF website: [www.ffmitchell.com](http://www.ffmitchell.com) or stop by the FF Office located in JP II School.

**Volunteers Needed!** Our Faith Formation program for the young people in Gr. K-12 is in need of more adult volunteers---teachers, classroom helpers/substitutes. Volunteer for the year (Sept-April) or just one semester (Sept-Dec or Jan-Apr). We have openings in both the early (5:30-6:30 pm) and the late (6:45-8:00 pm) sessions. All volunteers must meet the safe env. requirements of the diocese. If you would like more information or to volunteer, contact Christine in the FF Office.

**Interested in joining the Catholic Church?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process of welcoming adults into the Catholic faith and was the model used from the early days of the Church to prepare adults for entrance into the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church. The weekly RCIA classes will begin in September. **If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Church, please pray for them and invite him or her!** If you are interested in taking the RCIA classes in the Catholic faith or would like more information please contact Christine Lemmer in the Faith Formation Office, 996-3842.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT NEWS:** The Safe Environment Training can be accessed 24/7 at: [www.safeandsacred-sfcatholic.org](http://www.safeandsacred-sfcatholic.org). All parish & John Paul II School employees and volunteer adults who work with children under age 18 in the Faith Formation Program and JP II School are required to have a background check and complete annual safe environment training. The SE training is good from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. Please take the training and have the certificate emailed to Jackie Rezac for John Paul II employees & volunteers by Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> or to Christine Lemmer for Parish employees & Faith Formation volunteers. The new diocesan coordinator for SE is **strongly** requesting that we have as many people taking the **online** training as we can this year. For questions or assistance with online training, contact Christine in the Faith Formation Office. **\*NOTE: One on-site safe environment training (watching the DVD) is scheduled for Thursday, August 13 from 5:50-6:30 pm in JP II Multipurpose Room. If you miss the on-site training you will need to do the online training.** –Robin Cahoy & Christine Lemmer



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I have had the honor of teaching some pretty awesome 7<sup>th</sup> grade students these past 2 weeks in the summer Faith Formation program! Though sometimes it can be a struggle (*teenagers!*), I honestly love to teach Faith Formation. Each time I teach, I learn something new; and it keeps me in touch with the future of our Catholic Church. It also makes me appreciate the opportunity my children have/had to attend John Paul II School, and have our faith intertwined in their educational journey. Religious persecution is real, and we are so very blessed to be able to practice our faith openly. Thank you for supporting Catholic Education in Mitchell and continuing to help provide these opportunities of faith for our students!

### Grieving the Loss of a Parent- August 4<sup>th</sup> through September 8<sup>th</sup>

A six week program directed by Dr. Marcie Moran held *Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM*, at Catholic Family Service, 523 N. Duluth Ave Sioux Falls. This program is for adults grieving the loss of a parent. Parents play significant roles in the lives of their adult children and this loss requires a significant adjustment. To register or questions call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867.

### Mass Intentions

- 7/28 8:00am d. Rose Marie Moran
- 7/29 8:00am d. Rev. Leonard Kayser
- 7/30 8:00am d. Leona Roeder
- 7/31 8:00am d. Hank Kunkel
- 8/01 5:00pm d. Gene Bartscher
- 8/02 8:30am d. Edward & Bernice Hohn
- 10:00am For Devonias Oster
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

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### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 08/01 5:00pm L-P Paulson; EM-Deacon Graves, J Schreiner, M VanderHeiden, B&J Auch, V Weber, J Paulson
- 08/02 8:30am L-M Ommen; EM-D Kirkus, A Deinert, D Nesheim, M Ommen, B&E Sullivan
- 10:00am L-J Shields; EM-J Traupel, A Sparks, C Symes, P Essig, Sr. G Volz, T&K Harrington
- 11:30am L-A Sankara; EM-T&M Day, K Mohr, S Peschong, S Loecker

### Mass Servers

- 08/01 5:00pm L&M Voelzke, K Fridley
- 08/02 8:30am G&P Phinney, Volunteer
- 10:00am B&B Sparks, K Thomas
- 11:30am E&C McCardle

### Ministers of Hospitality

- 08/01 5:00pm M&P Pecenka, P Zweifel, M Bittner
- 08/02 8:30am B,D&D Slaba, B Young, T&V Zens
- 10:00am Sr. G Volz, M Alexander, J&C Beatch
- 11:30am H&L Andersen, T&M Day, Volunteer

### BULLETIN BOARD



- 07/28 Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm
- MFCE Board Mtg – 12 noon – MFCE Office
- 08/01 Confessions – 3:30 to 4:30pm
- 08/03 JP II School Registration – 7am – 3pm – JP II MPR



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### CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE BEGINNING AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>:

Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM, Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment. Confessions will no longer be heard on Sunday mornings before the 8:30 Mass.

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### Diocese of Sioux Falls - 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### Celebrating a LEGACY of Faith

### August 14-16 – Diocesan-Wide Event:

Plan now to be a part of the culminating event of our 125<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Celebrations to be held at the Sioux Falls Arena and Convention Center. Three days packed with amazing opportunities! Powerful presenters and guests include Curtis Martin, Dr. Scott Hahn, Jennifer Fulwiler, Matt Maher, Chris Padgett, Ken Davis and more. Come pray together with thousands of your fellow Catholics from across eastern South Dakota as we give thanks for the past, celebrate today and look forward to the future.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

[www.sfcatholic.org/legacy](http://www.sfcatholic.org/legacy) | 605-334-9861 | [125events@sfcatholic.org](mailto:125events@sfcatholic.org)

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**FOUND:** Two rosaries in the Church within the last few weeks. Please claim in the parish office.