



# Third Sunday of Lent



March 19, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

We all experience two kinds of thirst in life, and unless we understand the difference between them, we will always be frustrated. The first kind of thirst is horizontal thirst. We thirst for, we desire, the good things of this earth: food, drink, companionship, fun, entertainment, a nice house, a good income, success at work or school. It's part of our nature to desire these things; there's nothing wrong with them. But we also have another kind of thirst - vertical thirst. This is a deeper thirst, a deeper desire. It's a desire for meaning and purpose. This desire is also built into our nature. There is nothing we can do to destroy it, just as there is nothing we can do to destroy our natural desires for food and water. But unlike horizontal thirst, our vertical thirst cannot be satisfied by our own efforts. Only God himself can satisfy it. And he created us like that on purpose. It's as if he put a homing device in the very core of our being, and it constantly draws us towards him, towards intimate, personal contact with his eternal, transcendent love. This is why even when all of our horizontal thirsts are satisfied, when we have money, success, and pleasure, we are still restless. Our deeper, vertical thirst can't be satisfied by things of this world. As the Catechism puts it: "Man is made to live in communion with God, in whom he finds happiness" (#45). The meaning and purpose which alone will give us true happiness comes from friendship with God in Christ, not from worldly success, pleasures, and human relationships. When we forget that, we try to satisfy our vertical thirst with horizontal stuff, we put ourselves on the road to frustration, tragedy and disappointment.

March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph! I hope you take a moment after Mass to look at the statue of St. Joseph here at Holy Family. Mr. Don Harrell fashioned and made a new staff of lilies for the statue.

Peace to you and yours,  
Fr. Stevens

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE – SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3:00 PM – HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

## PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$10,462.94	(255 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 698.00	
Children:	\$ 54.31	

Total collected last week: \$11,215.25 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!

## CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2017 Goal:	\$ 117,000	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 55,103	(47%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 47,318	(40%)
Parishioner response:	314	(29%)

**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](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com) (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

**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.

**WEEKLY CONFESSIONS:** Tuesday–5:30pm and Saturday–3:30pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM  
Volunteer spot open – 3 to 4 PM – Please call parish



## PARISH NEWS



Father Stevens will celebrate a special Mass in honor of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, this Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. All are welcome.



## EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR

Donations are being accepted for the flowers and decorations we use for our Easter celebration. If you wish to contribute in memory or honor of a loved one, please use the designated envelope that is included in your church support envelope packet. Please indicate whom the intention is for and place it in the collection basket or bring to the parish office. Intentions received by noon, **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** will be listed in our Easter bulletin.

Our 2016 PARISH DIRECTORIES have finally arrived!

If you had your photo taken by LifeTouch or had one submitted for the directory, you may pick up your **FREE** book in the gathering space after Masses this weekend. Books will also be available in the parish office between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM TUESDAY – FRIDAY (The office is closed on Mondays). If you did not get your photo in the directory, you may still purchase a directory for a \$10 charge. Thank you!



A very Happy Birthday to **FRED GEISLER** who turns 95 on Monday, March 20. May God bless you as you celebrate this very special day!

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*Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Susie Graham and Irene Schladweiler who went home to the Lord. May our Lord bless and comfort you during your time of grief.*

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### BIDS FOR KIDS tickets are NOW on Sale!



Make plans to attend this awesome event that supports John Paul II School, Faith Formation and the Foundation. Purchase your tickets after Mass or in either parish or JP II School office. Due to the sellout of last year's event, all seats will be assigned this year. So, get some friends together and purchase a reserved table of 8! –Thank you for your support!

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### Living Stations of the Cross:

The youth of the parishes in Gr. 7-12 are invited to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14th at 5:30pm in Holy Family Church and at 7:00pm in Holy Spirit Church. There will be four practices (4/9, 10, 12, 14). Several young men and women are needed. Sign up at Faith Formation or contact Briana Fiegen at [briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com](mailto:briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com) or 996-3639.

## JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL



### BUSINESS MANAGER NEEDED

John Paul II School is now taking applications for the upcoming full time business manager position. Applications can be picked up in the school office from 8:00 – 4:00 daily. All applications need to be returned to the office by March 20, 2017.

## HAPPENINGS AT HOLY SPIRIT

**BINGO – HOLY SPIRIT PARISH HALL**  
**TODAY, Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**  
**Free-will Lunch to follow – ALL ARE WELCOME!**



JOIN US on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00am Mass, in Holy Spirit parish hall for coffee and rolls and a presentation from Briana Fiegen and Wendy Kummer on their March for Life trip to Washington DC.

## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

On Saturday evening, March 25<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will be serving a spaghetti dinner to the participants and their families that are taking part in the State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. If anyone would like to help with the event contact Ryan Thompson by phone, 999-3143, text or e-mail at [ryan@6toms.us](mailto:ryan@6toms.us).

On Sunday March 26th the Knights of Columbus will be inducting new members into their organization at 10:45 AM at John Paul II School. If you are interested in being part of the largest Catholic Men's organization in the world, call Vince Boddicker at 770-9913 or Tom Bechen at 770-9798.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

03/21	8:00am	d. Joe Nagel
03/22	8:00am	d. Steve Miiller
03/23	8:00am	d. Leon Feilmeier
03/24	8:00am	Anniv. of d. of Larry Hauser
03/25	5:00pm	d. Patricia Koupal
03/26	8:30am	For Kathryn Barr
	10:00am	d. Fr. Tony Opem
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

03/25	5:00pm	L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, K Rubendall, M Redder, V Weber, D Callies
03/26	8:30am	L-M Ommen; EM-D&C Harrell, D Nesheim, D Kirkus, M Ommen
	10:00am	L-J Shields; EM-R&D Hohn, T&J Schumacher, Volunteer
	11:30am	L-R Grimsley; EM-T&M Day, D Heesch, K Mohr

### Mass Servers

03/25	5:00pm	D&E Easton, G Rubendall
03/26	8:30am	J Herrlein, L LeBrun
	10:00am	C&J Hohn, T DeJong
	11:30am	C&M McCormick, T Mika

### Ministers of Hospitality

03/25	5:00pm	J&N Fradet, A&O Vermeulen, M Novak, I Bathke
03/26	8:30am	S Kirkus, J Miller, T Misiaszek, L Reyes, B Young, T Zens
	10:00am	J&J Heemstra, J&N Puetz, E Huber, K Soukup
	11:30am	B&L Schleich, C Reimnitz, S Podzimek, Z Mohr, M Kattner

## WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



3/20	<b>Special Mass in Honor of St. Joseph</b> – 12 noon
	<b>Our Lady Rosary Makers</b> – 1:00pm – Nazareth Rm
3/21	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> – 8:30am to 8:00pm
	<b>Confessions</b> – 5:30pm
	<b>Women's Choir Rehearsal</b> – 5 pm – Music Office
3/22	<b>John Paul II School Mass</b> – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
	<b>Faith Formation Classes</b> – K-6 5:30pm/7-12 6:45pm – JP II School
	<b>Full Choir</b> – 6pm Music Office
	<b>RCIA</b> – 7:30pm – Nazareth Rm
3/23	<b>Lamb's Supper Course</b> – Morn 9am/Eve 6:30pm – Naz. Rm
3/24	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> – 12 Noon
3/25	<b>Confessions</b> – 3:30pm

## AREA HAPPENINGS

### First Lutheran Church Sanctuary Stained Glass Tour

Six of the oldest churches in Mitchell will show off their stained glass windows as a part of a tour intended to discuss the art, history and gospel behind each window. The Sanctuary Stained Glass Tour runs from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 26. The tour will begin at First Lutheran Church on the corner of Sanborn and 5<sup>th</sup> and will also end at First Lutheran with coffee and cookies. The tour will include First Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church, Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Congregational Church. The public is invited.



**Please pick up your pans and bowls left over from the KC Sausage Supper in Holy Spirit parish hall as soon as possible. Thank you!**