



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

"A man or woman who feels sick of soul, sad, who has made many mistakes in life, at a certain time feels that the waters are moving ... the Holy Spirit is moving something ... or they hear a word or think, 'Ah, I want to go!'. And they gather up their courage and go. And how many times in Christian communities today will they find closed doors! 'But you cannot, no, you cannot [come in]. You have sinned and you cannot [come in]. If you want to come, come to Mass on Sunday, but that's it – that's all you can do.' So, what the Holy Spirit creates in the hearts of people, those Christians with their 'doctors of the law' mentality, destroy. This pains me. It is Jesus' home and Jesus welcomes [people]. Not only does he welcome them, he goes out to see people, just as he went out to find this man. And if people are hurt, what does Jesus do? Scold them because they are hurt? No, He comes and He carries them on His shoulders. And this is called mercy. And when God rebukes his people, saying 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice!' he is talking about this. Who are you to shut the door of your heart to a man or woman who wants to improve, to return within the people of God — because the Holy Spirit has stirred his or her heart? Lent helps us to avoid making the same mistake as those who regarded with contempt Jesus' love towards the paralytic, solely because it was contrary to the law. We ask the Lord in the Mass for ourselves, for each of us and for the whole Church, a conversion to Jesus, a conversion to Jesus, a conversion to the mercy of Jesus. And that the Law may be fully accomplished, for the law is to love God and our neighbor as ourselves." –Pope Francis

COMMUNAL PENANCE:

TODAY – Sunday, March 22nd – 3:00 PM – Holy Spirit Church

CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, March 24th – 1:00 to 2:00, 3:00 to 4:00 & 7:00 PM until done
 Wednesday, March 25th – 1:00 to 2:00, 3:00 to 4:00 & 7:00 PM until done
 Thursday, March 26th – 1:00 to 2:00, 4:00 to 5:00 & 7:00 PM until done
 Friday, March 27th – 12:30 to 2:00 PM
 Saturday, March 28th – 3:30 to 4:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday's of Lent at 12:00 noon, except Good Friday when the Living Stations will be portrayed at 5:30 PM.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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 in 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 **March 30th** will be listed in our Easter bulletin.



Happy Birthday to KAY KURTENBACH who celebrates her 85th birthday today (March 22nd). May God bless you with much happiness and good health!

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$11,269.00	(308 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 4,460.00	(23 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,054.00	
Children:	\$ 126.40	

Total collected last week: **\$16,910.17** Thank You!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,037,671	(79%)
Parishioner response:	268	(26%)

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal:	\$ 106,500	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 59,269	(55%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 52,919	(49%)
Parishioner response:	365	(34%)

Loan balance owed to Diocese: **\$ 29,157.98**

CFSA 2015 – Thank you to those who have already responded to this year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. We still need to hear from many of you, so please fill out your pledge card and return it as soon as possible. If you have misplaced yours, please let the parish office staff know at 996-3639. Thank you.



School News from John Paul II

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

Welcome to the DWU nursing students this week who will be teaching our 3rd graders how to stay fit, eat healthy and have good hygiene.

I would like to wish the best of luck to our John Paul II Show Choir, Joyful Noise, as they prepare to perform at the MHS Show Choir Dinner Theatre on Tuesday, March 24! Our Show Choir will perform at the Wessington Springs Music Contest on April 10, and at our Spring Concert on April 23. Come and see this awesome group of students perform!

We still have openings in the Preschool and Kindergarten classes for the 2015-16 school year. If your intent is for your child to receive an education with small class sizes, an excellent academic education, and faith-filled instruction, then register your child at John Paul II School. It is very important for our parish families to know that we strive to have every family who wishes a Catholic education for their child to have that opportunity. Our Adopt-A-Student program is available for those who need financial assistance and I would love to have you visit/tour our John Paul II School and see first-hand how we "Connect Kids to Christ." We also have a Scrip Program available to assist in tuition costs. At John Paul II, our ultimate goal is to help you get your child to Heaven.

Congratulations to Jace Larson! He is the top salesman for raffle tickets this school year. We also congratulate Mrs. Kline's 4th grade class for being the top selling class. The school surpassed their goal by selling \$21,209 in tickets and donations. SUCCESS!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EDUCATION CONTEST WINNERS

Grades 4 – 5

Essay Division: 1st place – Sara Mauszycki; 2nd place – Jayli Rients
Poetry Division: 1st place – Jada Fritzeimer; 2nd place – Luke Haiar
Art Division: 1st place – Breanne Reindl; 2nd place – Whitney Axtell
Computer Art Division: 1st place – Tabitha Sadler

Grade 6

Essay Division: 1st place – Nick Rubendall; 2nd place – Marianna Novak
Poetry Division: 1st place – Tristin Dirkes; 2nd place – Lauren Sparks
Art Division: 1st place – Morgan Lambert; 2nd place – Abi Mika
Computer Art Division: 1st place – Faith Ragels; 2nd place – Anika Vold



The Holy Family Respect Life Committee will be holding an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 AM at Holy Family Church.** Children ages 8 and under, please meet in the gathering area of the Church (south doors). Also, remember to bring a bag or basket to collect your goodies!



Faith Formation News

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director
996-3842 or email: clemmer@sfcss.org
Website: www.ffmitchell.com

Adult Lenten Bible Study: Week #5 of the Lenten Bible study is this Tuesday, March 24th in the Holy Spirit Church Parish Hall from 7:00-8:00 PM.

Gr. K-12 Faith Formation: Classes as usual this Wednesday, March 25th.



Adults-You're Invited! The Grade 10 Post-Confirmation class invites the adults of the parishes to join them in the **2nd Annual Game & Dessert Night THIS Wednesday, March 25th** from 6:45-8:30 PM in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Free event! Enjoy a variety of board games, enjoy desserts and fellowship!

RCIA: NO Class this week. Please keep in your prayers the men and women preparing to join the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Living Stations: The youth in Gr. 7-12 will portray the last moments in Christ's life in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3rd...In Holy Family Church at 5:30 pm and in Holy Spirit Church at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Mitchell Foundation
for Catholic Education

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How can I support the MFCE? In support of our main goal to protect the future of Catholic Education in Mitchell, we established a general endowment. Only the interest is ever spent, so it is perpetual (lasts forever). As the endowment grows, so does the amount of interest that can be disbursed to support our mission. This general endowment is in addition to all of the named endowments that have been established. Our general endowment is the largest endowment we own and therefore, generates the largest amount of interest for distribution to the School and Faith Formation. Anyone may donate to the general endowment at any time and in any amount. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone.

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LIVING STATIONS SIGN UP



The Middle and High School Students of Holy Family and Holy Spirit will again be performing a portrayal of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3rd. To participate, please contact Steve Morgan @ 995-0325, or Nicole Fuhrer @ 999-5026; or show up at the first practice to be assigned a part.

Practice times are as follows:

- Sunday, March 29th, 6:30pm @ Holy Spirit Church
- Monday, March 30th, 8:00pm @ Holy Family Church
- Wednesday April 1st, 8:00pm @ Holy Spirit Church
- Good Friday April 3rd, 3:00pm @ Holy Family Church

Performance Times are as follows:

- Holy Family- Good Friday, April 3rd @ 5:30pm
- Holy Spirit- Good Friday April 3rd @ 7:00pm

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Volunteers needed to deliver MEALS ON WHEELS March 30 to May 5



There are five routes from the hospital, picked up at 10:45 am, usually taking 30 - 45 minutes. Most people prefer five days straight, Mon - Fri, but we can be flexible. Please consider signing up for a route; it's good for the soul and the recipients do so appreciate the kindness. If you have any questions or want to volunteer call Kathy Domeyer at 996-7977 or 630-0448.

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All In Christ for Pro-Life! The largest prolife relay in the world is coming through the Parkston area, **March 27/28** - the **LIFE Runners A-Cross America Relay** - during 40 Days for Life (Feb 18 - Mar 29). **All ages/abilities welcome.** LIFE Runners is looking for runners/walkers to take some of the local 3 mile (5K) legs of the relay. To sign up or just get more information, go to <http://www.acrossamericarelay.com>. The A-Cross America Relay begins at the Brooklyn Bridge in New York (East), the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco (West), the Red River Bridge (North) and the Corpus Christi Bay (South). Then all 4 arms of the relay meet in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. **Be a part of this historic effort.**

Mass Intentions

- 3/24 8:00am For Kay Kurtenbach
- 3/25 8:00am d. Edward Miller
- 3/26 8:00am For Kathryn Barr
- 3/27 8:00am For Fr. Andrew Young
- 3/28 5:00pm d. Lewis Rowe
- 3/29 8:30am d. Karen Preston
- 10:00am d. Thad Willoughby
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

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Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 03/28 5:00pm L- V Redder, M Pecenka; EM-M Redder, M Bittner, R&C Scheich, S Moege, Volunteer
- 03/29 8:30am L-J Feiner, C Harrell; EM-D&D DeFries, F&M Bruna, J Schlimgen, D Harrell
- 10:00am L-J Schumacher, D Nesheim; EM-R&T Kriese, P Essig, M Gauer, T Schumacher, Volunteer
- 11:30am L-C Hanks, K Ewing; EM-S Peschong, H&B Kelly, J Hunt, 2 Volunteers

Mass Servers

- 03/28 5:00pm N&G Rubendall, K Bannwarth
- 03/29 8:30am C Lepley B Wilson, Volunteer
- 10:00am M,M&S Novak
- 11:30am A Moller, J&J King

Ministers of Hospitality

- 03/28 5:00pm S Grosz, J&C Lynde, M&J McMahan
- 03/29 8:30am T&V Zens, B,D&D Slaba, B Young
- 10:00am P&L Essig, J&J Heemstra, T&J Hohrman
- 11:30am H&L Andersen, T&M Day, Volunteer

BULLETIN BOARD



- 03/22 **Communal Penance** - 3pm - Holy Spirit Church
- 03/24 **Eucharistic Adoration** - 8:30am to 8:00pm
- 03/25 **Faith Formation Classes** - ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm - JPII School
- Adult Choir Practice** - 7pm - Choir Loft
- 03/27 **JPII School Mass** - 9am - Holy Spirit Church
- Stations of the Cross** - 12 noon
- 03/28 **Easter Egg Hunt** - 10am - Meet in Gathering Area
(SEE THIS WEEK'S LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES UNDER FR. LARRY'S COLUMN)

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Please pick up your bowls and pans left from funerals etc. in the church basement as soon as possible. Anything left after March 29th will be donated to charity. Thank you!

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Join us for HAM BINGO at the Ethan Legion Hall on March 26th
Doors open at 6:30 PM with BINGO at 7:00. \$5 per BINGO card. Play all evening - Drawings for door prizes. Refreshments served.

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HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Friday, March 27th - 4:30 to 6:00 PM

Please come and help as we prepare for Easter! We will be putting candles in holders, stripping palms and filling Easter eggs. Remember - Many Hands Make Light Work!

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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE Weekend for widowed, divorced & separated is designed to allow people to work through the emotions of losing a spouse.

The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The next weekend is **Apr. 24 - 26, 2015**, at Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, Irene, SD. For more info or an application, please call: Jeanne (605) 361-9857 or email carol203cc@gmail.com.

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On behalf of the Mitchell Knights of Columbus I would like to thank all who came to our Lenten Fish Fries. We had a fantastic time in fellowship and can't thank you enough for your support. Special thanks to the wives of the Knights and the members of the KC's that helped prepare and serve the dinner.
-Grand Knight, Doug Timmer

