



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Part of our Lenten journey is to recognize that periodically we get off the track toward Jesus and become lost. For many of us, this basic recognition may be a huge step in our spiritual lives. Many of us think that we can remain neutral when it comes to our spiritual growth. That we have become "close enough" to Jesus and we can stay put without moving toward or away from Jesus. The truth is, with every decision we make, we are either moving toward or away from Jesus, we cannot remain neutral.

The same idea applies in our human relationships, especially in our family lives. Parents, think of the weeks when your family is so busy that there is no time to gather for a meal and compare this to when you make time to sit down as a family and share a meal. Reflect on how much more you learn about your children and how much your relationship grows. With this, daily conversation is easier because you know the details of your child's life. We have to spend time with one another for our relationships to grow and just the same, we *must* spend time with Jesus. As we spend more and more time with Him we will find He becomes part of every decision we make. Instead of trying to carve out time for Him, he becomes the foundation of everything.

I hope you have had the opportunity during this season to do something extra as a family. If not, I encourage families to try and do one thing together for the remainder of Lent. That could be adding an element of family prayer into your daily or weekly schedules, fasting together, keeping a list of things you are thankful for, share meals together, or attend adoration together. Remember that Jesus chose to enter this world into a family, and He desires to strengthen yours. A Prayer for the Sanctification of Families was written by our faith formation team. You will soon see it in the pews of both Holy Family and Holy Spirit. We pray with you as you live out your mission of family life.

Briana Fiegen – Director of Youth Discipleship and Ministry Gr. 7-12

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$ 9,967.67	(252 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 5,445.00	(31 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,198.25	
Children:	\$ 45.25	

Total collected last week: \$ 16,656.17 Thank You!

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2017 Goal:	\$ 117,000	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 55,103	(47%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 51,298	(44%)
Parishioner response:	367	(34%)



CFSA 2017 – 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.

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesday – 8:30am – 8:00pm

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

† PARISH NEWS

THIS WEEK'S LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

- Monday, March 27th: 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 28th: 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 29th: 12:00 PM
- Thursday, March 30th: 5:30 PM
- Friday, March 31st: 12:00 PM
- Saturday, April 1st: 12:00 PM, 3:30 PM

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE:

- Sunday, April 2nd: 3:00 PM – At Holy Spirit Church

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:

- April 13th – Holy Thursday Mass – 5:30 PM (Adoration to follow 'til 10 PM)
- April 14th – Good Friday Passion of the Lord – 12:15 PM
Living Stations – 5:30 PM
- April 15th – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM
- April 16th – Easter Sunday Masses – 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM



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 10th** will be listed in our Easter bulletin.

† PARISH NEWS CONT....

Our 2016 PARISH DIRECTORIES have 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 Evelyn Schlimgen who will celebrate her 99th birthday on Wednesday, April 5th. May God bless you Evelyn as you celebrate this very special day!



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!



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 or 996-3639.

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

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL



POSITIONS NEEDED

John Paul II School is now taking applications for the upcoming positions:

- Full time Custodian
- Full time Certified Preschool Instructor
- 4/5 time Physical Education Instructor

Applications can be picked up in the school office at 1510 West Elm Avenue from 8:00am– 4:00pm daily or online at johnpaul2.org. All applications need to be returned to the school office by March 31, 2017.

Paschal Triduum Retreat: Come, enter the silence and experience the rich liturgies of Holy Week with the monastic community of the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton. This retreat begins Holy Thursday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m. and ends 1:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16. Conferences on the meaning and symbolism of each day and liturgical event are optional. For more information see our webpage, www.yanktonbenedictines.org/triduum-retreat/. To register by April 8, email BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu or call 605-668-6292.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 03/28 8:00am For Fr. Andrew Young
- 03/29 8:00am d. Lewis Rowe
- 03/30 8:00am d. Anna Lee Dwyer
- 03/31 8:00am For Jana Young
- 04/01 5:00pm d. Ella Kate Gosse
- 04/02 8:30am d. Rosemary Peschong
- 10:00am For Holy Family Parish
- 11:30am d. Carol VanErdeWyk

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

- 04/01 5:00pm L-C Lemmer; EM-Deacon Graves, R Wuertzer, S Loecker, S Moege, M VanderHeiden
- 04/02 8:30am L-J Feiner; EM-Deacon Graves, F&M Bruna, R&E Sullivan
- 10:00am L-T Sabers; EM-Deacon Graves, T Kriese, D Price, T&K Harrington
- 11:30am L-A Sankara; EM-Deacon Graves, J Hunt, K Ewing, S Peschong

Mass Servers

- 04/01 5:00pm C Grimsley, C Groepper, J Johnson
- 04/02 8:30am K Nash, C Singrey, B Wilson
- 10:00am C Miller, J&R Rients
- 11:30am J King, M Mauszycki, P Schleich

Ministers of Hospitality

- 04/01 5:00pm M Bittner, L Dorale, J Freeman, J&J Fritzeimer, C Janzing
- 04/02 8:30am B&D Everson, C Hegg, R&D Kelly, E McGregor
- 10:00am J&C Beatch, P&L Essig, E Mauer, D Sabers
- 11:30am C Brewster, C Gehrke, T&M Grajkowske, C Weins

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD

- 3/26 **Communal Penance at Sacred Heart, Parkston – 3pm**
 - 3/28 **Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm**
 - Women's Choir Rehearsal – 5 pm – Music Office**
 - 3/29 **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 – 6pm Music Office**
 - RCIA –7:30pm – Nazareth Rm**
 - 3/30 **Lamb's Supper Course – Morn 9am/Eve 6:30pm –Naz. Rm**
 - 3/31 **Stations of the Cross – 12 Noon**
- (SEE CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR LENT UNDER FR. STEVENS' COLUMN)

AREA HAPPENINGS

First Lutheran Church Sanctuary Stained Glass Tour - TODAY!

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 5th 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.

Children's Grief Program - directed by Mary Weber, begins **Thursday April 6** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. This four-week program is designed for children according to their age and specific loss. To register or for more info. contact Catholic Family Services 605-988-3775.