



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

Dear Parish Family,

It is great to be home! I had a wonderful time visiting my mom and family in Pensacola Florida, and then some days of rest and retreat with the Capuchin Franciscans at St. John XXIII Friary at Seminole Florida. I want to thank the priests who provided weekend coverage. A note – special thanks to Deacon Joe and others who served as hosts to the two priests! Further a word of gratitude to Fr. Mike at Holy Spirit for funeral and emergency coverage! Now it is time to get back to work, and finish Lent well as we prepare for Easter.

One of the fun things was to see Sister Act the Musical.

It is good to be home!
Peace to you and yours!
Fr. Stevens



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HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:


March 24th – Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00 PM (Adoration to follow 'til 10 PM)

March 25th – Good Friday Passion of the Lord – 12:00 PM
Living Stations – 5:30 PM

March 26th – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM

March 27th – Easter Sunday Masses – 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

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 *Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Norma Jean Shafer who went home to the Lord and to Dennis Andrzejewski and family on the death of his sister Virginia Pentz of Albertville, MN. May you find strength and comfort in the love and hope of our Lord.*



PARISH COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$12,148.00 (303 parishioners)
Loose: \$ 848.77
Children: \$ 147.40

Total collected last week: \$13,144.17 Thank You!

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CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2016 Goal: \$ 110,400
Pledged thus far: \$ 55,433 (50%)
Collected thus far: \$ 47,751 (43%)
Parishioner response: 323 (30%)

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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 at www.holyfamilymitchell.com (under FORMS) that you can fill out and return to the parish office.

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NEW TO THE AREA? MOVING? Please contact the parish office at 996-3639.

 **PARISH NEWS**



DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF THE SACRISTIES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL WORK IS COMPLETED.

HOURS OF ADORATION AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ARE THURSDAY 8:00 AM TO FRIDAY 7:30 AM WITH CONFESSIONS HEARD THURSDAY FROM NOON TO 1:00PM AND 8:00 TO 9:00PM. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT HOLY SPIRIT ARE HELD EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AT 7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GOOD FRIDAY.

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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 noon, **Monday, March 21st** will be listed in our Easter bulletin.

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48th Annual Knights of Columbus Sausage Supper TODAY, Sunday, March 6th



Serving 3:00 to 6:30 PM – JPII School Gym
Tickets - \$9.00 at the door/Child 12 & under: \$4.00
Remember to check out the CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Bake Sale!

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Calling all men and women..... FREE Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 13 - 1:30 to 4:30 - Holy Family Gathering Space
Learn to DREAM! Make LOVING DECISIONS! Accept RESPONSIBILITY! Understand FEELINGS! COMMUNICATE honestly! Choose FORGIVENESS! Be GRATEFUL! Have HOPE!

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS LIFESAVER AGAINST ABUSE SUNDAY!



March 12/13 has been designated **LIFESAVER SUNDAY** by the Catholic Daughters. This is an effort to bring awareness and help to victims of abuse. CDA members will distribute one St. Monica prayer card and a LIFESAVER per family. St. Monica is the Patron Saint of Abuse Victims and we urge parish families to prayerfully read the message on the card together. Donations will be accepted. 50% of the money received will go to Catholic Diocese statewide abuse projects and 50% will be given to assist victims of domestic abuse locally. Your generosity is appreciated.

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One more driver needed to deliver meals. (Rt 1 Mar. 21-25) If you can help out, please call Kathy at 996-7977 or 630-0448.

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



Robin Cahoy – Principal
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John Paul II School is excited to welcome back our returning students, and welcome new students and their families to our school at the Preschool and Kindergarten Registration on Monday, March 7th from 6:00 – 7:30. If you are considering a school community for your child that is rich in academics and rooted in our faith, we would like you to consider John Paul II Catholic School. Our Catholic school is more than just a school, it is a deeply invested community. A community of faith and warmth which prepares the mind and the soul of each one of our students. At John Paul II School, “we are proud of what our students do, but we love them for who they are.” Come and join us!

We are so proud of our students and families for working together to reach the school goal that was set for the Catholic United Financial Raffle ticket sales. Way to go John Paul II School! Thanks to all who bought tickets to support our school and this raffle. We hope to have one of the BIG winners at the drawing this year. Our \$100 winner this week was Tiffany Peper. We congratulate our two top sellers (tie) Josh and Tyler Henke. Jace Larson was the winner of the \$5 Culver gift card.

Our Joyful Noise Show Choir has been busy practicing for their upcoming performances at the Mitchell Corn Palace Classic on March 19 and the FDC Dinner Theatre on March 29th. Our show choir is a volunteer group of students in grades 5 – 6 who put in many hours of singing and dancing preparing for their competitions and performances. We are proud of them and their hard work. We thank the FDC show choir members, Melanie Uher, Seth Paulson, and Sarah Bechen for their assistance with the dancing.

As we prepare for the Easter holiday we know that we are very blessed to have a Catholic School where we are free to pray in our school setting. During Lent, our students pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, attend Mass, and pray the Stations of the Cross with our school family. Our theme for Lent this year is: Year of Mercy; Pray, Fast, and Give. As a school we are giving up snacks every Wednesday and also are putting coins in our classroom Rice Bowls weekly for those who are less fortunate.


Congratulations to Calister Grimsley, 4th grade for placing 3rd, Emily Moody, 5th grade for placing 3rd, and Aiden Beckstrom, 6th grade for placing 1st in the City Wide Spelling Bee at DWU last weekend. Aiden Beckstrom was also the All Around Spelling Bee Champion.

The students and staff at John Paul II School wish you all a very Blessed Easter!

March activities:

- 7 – Preschool and Kindergarten Registration from 6 – 7:30; Central Electric Presentation for 4th grades
- 8 – Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 8:30
- 11 – End of 3rd quarter; Mass at 9:00; Stations of the Cross at 2:30
- 14 – PTO meeting at 7:00
- 15 – Ag in the Classroom – 4th grade; 2nd grade First Communion interviews; Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 16 – Education Committee meeting; 2nd grade First Communion interviews
- 17 – Spring Break – no school
- 18 – Spring Break – no school
- 19 – JP II Joyful Noise Show Choir performs at the Mitchell Classic
- 22 – Easter meal; Corona Village restaurant all day; Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 24 – Holy Thursday; Early dismissal @ 12:30
- 25 – Good Friday – no school
- 28 – Easter Monday – no school
- 29 – Joyful Noise performs at FDC Dinner Theatre

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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, March 25th at 5:30pm in Holy Family Church and at 7:00pm in Holy Spirit Church. There will be four practices (3/20, 21, 23, 25). Several young men and women are needed. Sign up this week at Faith Formation or contact Steve Morgan (995-0325) or Nicole Fuhrer (999-5026) to sign up.

SCRIP for sale in the gathering space after Mass today!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 03/08 8:00am Anniv. of d. of Maurice Robinson
- 03/09 8:00am **For the living and dec. members of the Stratman family**
- 03/10 8:00am d. Marguerite Livesay
- 03/11 8:00am d. Sue Bannwarth
- 03/12 5:00pm d. Josh Murley
- 03/13 8:30am d. Barb & Roland Bowar
- 10:00am d. Larry Hauser
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 03/12 5:00pm L-B Robinson; EM-Deacon Graves, S Moege, D Petersen, M Bittner, M VanderHeiden
- 03/13 8:30am L-M Ommen; EM-Deacon Graves, M Ommen, D&B Young, J Schlimgen
- 10:00am L-T Sabers; EM-Deacon Graves, W&M Puetz, C&L Bannwarth
- 11:30am L-K Ewing; EM-Deacon Graves, D&S Heesch, T&M Day

Mass Servers

- 03/12 5:00pm C&E Grimsley, J Johnson
- 03/13 8:30am R&J VanDriel, Volunteer
- 10:00am C&J Hohn, O Huber
- 11:30am A&C Weier, J Heesch


Ministers of Hospitality


- 03/12 5:00pm P Zweifel, M Bittner, D Callies
- 03/13 8:30am B Young, T&V Zens, B&D Everson
- 10:00am B&B Puetz, J&N Puetz, T&C Riddle
- 11:30am D&S Heesch, R&B Morgan, Volunteer

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



- 03/06 **Lenten Movie** – “Ocean of Mercy” – 2-3:30pm – HS Parish Hall
- KC Sausage Supper** – 3 to 6:30pm – JP II School Gym
- 03/08 **Adult Lenten Study** – 7pm – Nazareth Rm
- 03/09 **Faith Formation Classes** – ES 5:30pm/ LS 6:45pm – JP II School
- 03/10 **RCIA** – 7pm – Conference Rm
- 03/11 **JP II School Mass** – 9am – Holy Spirit Church
- 03/12 **Confessions** – 3:30 – 4:30pm
- 3/12-13 **SCRIP sold after all Masses**
- 03/13 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- Lenten Retreat** – 1:30 to 4:30pm – Gathering Space

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 **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** Court Margaret Mary will meet on Thursday, March 10th at 7PM at Holy Spirit Gathering Space. Members who can help prepare prayer cards for Lifesaver Sunday are asked to be at Holy Spirit by 6:15. Pat Dahl will present an inspirational Lenten offering entitled *Mary's Way of the Cross*. We hope to see many at the meeting. Thanks!

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 The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall. If you will be joining them for steaks at 6:00 PM, please let Vince know at 770-9913 as soon as possible.

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ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING: Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM in the church basement. Ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

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Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain
 As part of the diocesan Life Chain Link, please join Bishop Paul J. Swain in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st Street in Sioux Falls on **March 15 at 12:00 noon**. To learn more or to sign up to pray, visit the “Life Chain Link” page of the OMFRL website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.