



# Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

May 14, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

**You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)**

There are many implications in this passage we hear in the Second Reading at Mass today. The one I'd like you to focus on is that **all** the Baptized form a kingdom of royal priests to God. We participate in the priesthood of Christ himself, our Great High Priest and his self-offering. It's startling; but what does St. Peter, the first Pope, mean by saying this? How do we live out that priesthood of all believers? The Second Vatican Council taught us that we "**exercise that priesthood in receiving the sacraments, in prayer and thanksgiving, in the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity.**" (Lumen Gentium: §10)

In our day, Pope Francis is constantly warning us about the dangers of clericalism: the tendency to view religion as something only done in church by the "professionals", or to mistake the role of the Laity seeing them take on various functions proper to the clergy. The Church gives us the tonic to this blurring of roles and the misunderstanding of religion. *Vatican II* reminds us we are to exercise of this "priesthood of all believers" in an authentic and integrated practice of the Catholic Faith **in the normal course of our lives.** As Saint Peter says earlier in the same Epistle quoted above, "**Be holy, as I am holy.**" (1 Peter 1:16)

It has been a wonderful pleasure to serve as your Director of Music and Adult Faith Formation. I have enjoyed working and living in the United States very much. You have a beautiful, inspiring and energetic country, which I have come to love. So much hope abounds, so much potential for good, though, at the moment, there seems to be profound social discontent and many challenges to living your Catholic Faith. Yet, it is ultimately you, The People of this Nation, who do make America great. As both Citizens and Catholics you are called to develop in holiness according to God's plan. Only in this way can there be any lasting peace and prosperity. Remember that "**our true Citizenship is in Heaven!**" (Philippians 3:20), where I hope one day to meet you all again, and where there will be no more tears and never any "goodbyes".

Goodbye, thank you for everything you have done for me and may God bless you,  
Nigel McBain

## PARISH COLLECTION



**Envelopes:** \$ 13,125.00 (303 parishioners)  
**Loose:** \$ 892.00  
**Children:** \$ 60.75

**Total collected last week: \$ 14,077.75 Thank You!**

## CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2017 Goal: \$ 117,000  
Pledged thus far: \$ 72,185 (62%)  
Collected thus far: \$ 63,835 (55%)  
Parishioner response: 411 (38%)

Pledge amount needed to reach goal: \$44,815

**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.

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

† Open volunteer spot from 3 to 4pm. Please call the parish office.

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

## † PARISH NEWS

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



#### Prayer For Mothers

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers.  
May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love.  
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good. Amen.

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We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: **BRYNLEY ELIZABETH ANN**, daughter of Reginald Siegel and Colette Stadlman. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.

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**Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Volk. May our Lord bless and comfort you in this time of great grief.**

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**WE WELCOME to Holy Family Parish, New Members who have registered:** Jerry & Linda Ness, Joe & Shannon Marshall, Justin & Elizabeth Morrison, Justin & Michelle Whitehead, Dr. Steven & Cathleen Branch, Hailey Mohnen, Jasmine Morgan, John Orban, James Schnabel, Pierce Smith, Ashley Steilen, Crystal Steinfeld and Ian Ames.



*A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.*

**WeShare online giving - Save time and donate online**


*"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." --Luke 6:38*

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure.

With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays. There are printable donation slips to put in the collection if you wish.

Please visit <https://holyfamilymitchell.weshareonline.org> if you would like to enroll in Online Giving. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at **605 996-3639** or email [holyfamilymitchelltelecom.net](mailto:holyfamilymitchelltelecom.net).

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 **Altar Server Appreciation - FREE MOVIE ! ☺**  
on Saturday, May 20, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Movie: *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul* - Logan Theater - Doors open at 9:30AM with movie to begin at 10:00. Parents - if you want your child to have treats please send money with them. Following the movie the kids will walk together (with adult supervision) to Holy Family Church for a pizza party. Kids can be picked up at the south entrance (Gathering Space) by 1:00.

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


**JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS**



**Robin Cahoy - Principal** - 1510 W Elm Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301  
(605) 996-2365 - Website: [www.johnpaul2.org](http://www.johnpaul2.org)

We are definitely in the season of field trips! We thank our Mitchell community for the opportunity to learn while we tour the many businesses and tourist attractions that open their doors for us. The kindergarten students will be at Creekside Veterinary, the second graders will visit the Educational Center at the Corn Palace, and the third grade students will be visiting the Indian Village.

We welcome Traci Moore who will be talking to the sixth grade students about their upcoming adventures at the Mitchell Middle School. Our sixth grade students will then take a tour of their new school later in the week.

 This year we will say "good-bye" to two longtime employees at John Paul II School. Mr. Ray VanOvershelde, our custodian, has been with us since 1989. His quiet ways and smiles will be missed by all. Mrs. Betty McNeil, our gym teacher, will also be leaving John Paul II after 30 years of teaching. She is the "inventor" of our annual Game Day which is so much fun for the students and staff every May. These two staff members will certainly be missed, and although there will be new employees to take their places, they can never be replaced. We thank you both for dedicating so many years to John Paul II School. We will honor Mr. VanOvershelde and Mrs. McNeil with an Open House reception on Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30 - 7:30 in the school gym.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- 05/16 8:00am Anniv. of d. of Victor Thelen
- 05/17 8:00am d. Jackie Miiller
- 05/18 8:00am d. Samuel Kirwan
- 05/19 8:00am d. Ida Rowe
- 05/20 5:00pm d. Estelle Bolgreaan
- 05/21 8:30am d. Carol VanErdewyk
- 10:00am d. Betty Steichen
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers**

- 05/20 5:00pm L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, M VanderHeiden, T&S Kirby, S Moege
- 05/21 8:30am L-M Ommen; EM-D&C Harrell, R&E Sullivan, A Deinert
- 10:00am L-D Uher; EM-K Hohn, D Price, C Symes, J Traupel, J Thury
- 11:30am L-J Paulson; EM-D&S Heesch, J Hunt, S Peschong

**Mass Servers**

- 05/20 5:00pm C Grimsley, J Johnson, C Trisco
- 05/21 8:30am L LeBrun, C Singrey, Volunteer
- 10:00am T DeJong, J&R Rients
- 11:30am B Jarding, C&J Mentele

**Ministers of Hospitality**

- 05/20 5:00pm J&N Fradet, B&J Freeman, M Pecenka
- 05/21 8:30am B&D Everson, R&D Kelly, D Kirkus
- 10:00am T&C Riddle, T&D Sabers, N Zimmerman
- 11:30am B&L Schleich, L Sparks, Volunteers

**WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD**



- 05/14 **Happy Mother's Day!**  
**Baccalaureate Mass** - 11:30am - Holy Family Church
- 05/15 **Parish Office Closed**  
**Our Lady Rosary Makers** - 1pm - Nazareth Rm
- 05/16 **Eucharistic Adoration** - 8:30am to 8:00pm  
**Confessions** - 5:30pm  
**Altar Society Mtg** - 7pm - Church Bsmt
- 05/17 **John Paul II School Mass** - 9am - Holy Spirit Church  
**Full Choir** - 6pm Music Office  
**Retirement Party for two JP II employees** - 6:30pm - JP II RCIA - 7:30pm - Nazareth Rm
- 05/20 **Altar Server Appreciation Movie** - 10am - Logan Theater  
**Confessions** - 3:30pm

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**There are big changes ahead in our faith formation programs!** Please plan to attend one of the informational meetings:

- **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at Holy Family**
- **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at Holy Spirit**

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The DEADLINE is approaching for Totus Tuus and Summer Stretch registration! Sign up by May 25<sup>th</sup>! Registration information can be found at [ffmitchell.com](http://ffmitchell.com) or in the parish offices. Questions contact Briana Fiegen.

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**FOUND: 14 K Gold Ring, approx. sz 13, found in Church parking lot a few months back. Call the parish office to 996-3639 to claim.**