



# Ascension of Our Lord

## May 17, 2015

After the storms of last weekend, we find ourselves thanking God that nobody was seriously hurt or killed in last Sunday's tornado in Delmont. Continue to keep the people of Delmont in your prayers. Only in South Dakota could we have tornado warnings on one side of

the state and blizzard warnings on the other side. As we were huddled in the church basement last Sunday, I kept thinking of one of my favorite passages in the Bible:

*"Behold the rainbow! Then bless its Maker,  
for majestic indeed is its splendor;  
It spans the heavens with its glory,  
the hand of God has stretched it out in power.  
His rebuke marks out the path for the hail,  
and makes the flashes of his judgment shine forth.  
For his own purposes he opens the storehouse  
and makes the rain clouds fly like vultures.  
His might gives the clouds their strength,  
and breaks off the hailstones.  
The thunder of his voice makes the earth writhe;  
by his power he shakes the mountains.  
A word from him drives on the south wind,  
whirlwind, hurricane, and stormwind.  
He makes the snow fly like birds;  
it settles down like swarms of locusts."*

*--Sirach 32: 11-17*

All I can say is that Sirach must have been observing the whirlwind from a safe distance or reflecting on it after the storm was over. At the time it is happening, a tornado is a scary thing. However, it does remind us of how little we are compared to the forces of nature which often are capricious and random. But God loves us, and no tornado can change that. "I am convinced," St. Paul says, "that *nothing* can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." And in the end, that is all that matters. God is greater than nature. -Fr. Larry

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



### Holy Family Parish is looking for a new music director/coordinator.

Mr. Allen Remily has been playing music here for eleven years, but has recently decided to step down from his position effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. As you remember, he recently had begun playing music from downstairs due to health concerns. However, the burdens of being responsible with weddings, etc. when his health can change on a dime are not something he wants to continue. We want to thank Allen for his many years of service to the music ministry of the parish. He is a gifted and talented musician who has inspired many young people to continue not only in music, but in their Catholic faith as well. For this he will earn eternal rewards. I visited with the incoming pastor, Fr. Shane Stevens about this opening, and he recommended that we begin the process of applying for a new music director for the parish. I am thinking that it will be part-time, but if you can make a good case for hiring you full-time, we are open to it. If you are interested, let me know. -Fr. Larry

### PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$ 7,865.00 (250 parishioners)  
Loose: \$ 981.25  
Children: \$ 76.35

Total collected last week: \$ 8,922.60 Thank You!

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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal: \$1,300,000  
Collected thus far: \$1,049,348 (80%)  
Parishioner response: 268 (26%)

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### CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal: \$ 106,500  
Pledged thus far: \$ 72,119 (67%)  
Collected thus far: \$ 65,564 (61%)  
Parishioner response: 399 (37%)

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**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE** of the "Direct Payment Plan" that Holy Family offers for making your regular church offerings and/or scheduled contributions to special campaigns. The "Direct Payment Plan" allows you to make your contributions automatically via a direct debit from any checking or savings account you designate, and you don't have to change your present banking relationship to take advantage of this service. To learn more or to sign up for this service, please call the parish office at 996-3639.

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



### School News from John Paul II

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The weeks and months go by so quickly. It's hard to believe we are entering the final week of school for the 2014-15 school year. What a great year it has been! I thank the parents, teachers, staff, priests, students, PTO officers, and Education Committee for their part in making John Paul II such a wonderful school!

Our fourth graders will continue to learn about SD History with their trip to DeSmet on May 18. They will visit Laura Ingalls Wilder sites. Thanks to Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Heisinger for planning this trip.

Our final week begins with our Preschool Graduation on Monday, May 18 for all preschool students that will be moving on to Kindergarten. The graduation will begin at 5:45 in Holy Spirit Church. What a special night for them!

On Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 our Sixth Grade Class will have their Graduation Mass at Holy Spirit Church. There will be a banquet following in the Holy Spirit Gathering Space. We will certainly miss this special group of students and wish them well as they move to the Middle School. Our school is very proud of these students. We know they will excel as they move on to their new level of academics. Congratulations sixth graders! You will be missed!

I would like to send our congratulations to the John Paul II PTO Scholarship recipient, Julie Knight! Also, congratulations to Tyler Larson who is the recipient of the Marilyn Peschong Scholarship that is awarded through the Mitchell Foundation for Catholic Education. Both Julie and Tyler will receive a \$500 scholarship to help with their preparation for college. Congratulations Julie and Tyler!!

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**Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy** to the family and friends of Paul Weber and Pauline Maher who went home to the Lord and to Janelle McMahon and family on the death of her mother, Karen Bechen of Lake Andes. May you know that God is near in your time of grief.



## Faith Formation News

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director  
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**Gr. K-12 Faith Formation News:** Parents, please complete the Faith Formation registration for next school year ASAP. Registration forms (one per family) are posted to the FORMS tab of the FF website or available at the FF Office. Please return via the Sunday collection in an envelope marked "Faith Formation" or mail to the FF Office.

**Faith Formation Volunteers Needed:** We are seeking adult volunteers from the parish for next year's Faith Formation program--teachers, classroom helpers/substitutes. *Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with our young people and passing on the richness of our Catholic faith to them.* All volunteers must meet the safe environment requirements of the diocese.

**Totus Tuus:** Parents, please register your children for Totus Tuus **by May 29<sup>th</sup>**. The registration form (one per family) is posted to the FORMS tab of the FF website or available at the FF Office. Please return via the Sunday collection in an envelope marked "Totus Tuus" or mail to the FF Office. The Totus Tuus (VBS) program will be **June 28-July 2** (a new 4-day format). A 4-member team of college-age men & women come to the parish to lead Totus Tuus for our young people. Day Session: Gr. 1-6; Evening Session: Gr. 7-12. The fee is \$15 per child, non-refundable. Totus Tuus is for the youth of the parishes entering Gr. 1-12 this next school year.



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Happy Mother's Day (a week late) to all of our wonderful Mothers! *I realized after the bulletin came out I failed to mention this last week!* Where would we be without our mothers and especially the love of our heavenly mother, Mary! God bless you!

*Congratulations to the many graduates from our parishes! Whether it is from preschool, kindergarten, sixth grade, high school, or college; be assured of our prayers as you continue on your journey called life!*

This week the MFCE is happy to host a banquet in honor of our John Paul II 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates. We also thank their families for investing in a Catholic Education at John Paul II School!

**NOW IS THE TIME!** Get registered for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Development Dinner and Golf Scramble to be held June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Visit our website: [www.mitchellfce.com](http://www.mitchellfce.com) for complete details. Great auction items continue to come in! You won't want to miss the fun!

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### Scholarship

The Local CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL Volunteer Team #351 would like to congratulate our 2015 Scholarship winners. Alexis Boddicker, Jacey Brunsen, Demi Fredericksen, Tanner Fuhrer, Emmy Honermann, Tanner Jenks, Ben Miller, Ahnna Reimnitz, and Abby Sudbeck from Mitchell. Congratulations to all the graduates. May your futures be bright!

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### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

**Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Mac & Cheese, Tuna, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Fruit, Chili Beans and Cereal.** Please place donated items in the container in the main entrance of the Gathering Area or bring to the Food Pantry at 724 N Sanborn Blvd. Monetary donations may be mailed to: **Mitchell Area Food Pantry, PO Box 815, Mitchell, SD 57301.** The Food Pantry will also accept egg cartons and grocery bags. You may also leave these in the container. **Please DO NOT leave clothing, blankets or any other items, other than food, egg cartons or grocery bags in the donation box.** Thank you!

## Mass Intentions

- 5/19 8:00am d. Stella Puetz
- 5/20 8:00am d. Jerry & MaryAnne Wiersma
- 5/21 8:00am For Maurice & Estelle Bolgrea
- 5/22 8:00am d. Rose Schneider
- 5/23 5:00pm d. Marv Pooley
- 5/24 8:30am d. Michael Skelly
- 10:00am d. Tony Sieler
- 11:30am For Holy Family Parish

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### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 05/23 5:00pm L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, D&D Dunn, M Redder, V Weber, M Bittner
- 05/24 8:30am L-D Kirkus; EM- M&M Ommen, B&E Sullivan, D Nesheim, A Deinert
- 10:00am L-N Sparks; EM-K Hohn, J Heemstra, A Sparks, P Essig, T&J Schumacher
- 11:30am L-A Sankara; EM-D&S Heesch, J Van Oort, M Winter, Volunteer

### Mass Servers

- 05/23 5:00pm A&C Vermeulen, K Bannwarth
- 05/24 8:30am G&P Phinney, Volunteer
- 10:00am F&L Ragels, J Rients
- 11:30am C&J Mentele, J Heesch

### Ministers of Hospitality

- 05/23 5:00pm J&J Fritzeimer, S Grosz, J&C Lynde
- 05/24 8:30am R&D Kelly, D&S Kirkus, G&M Paradeis
- 10:00am P&L Essig, J&J Heemstra, T&J Hohn
- 11:30am D&S Heesch, R&B Morgan, Volunteer

## BULLETIN BOARD



- 05/17 **Ascension of the Lord**
- 05/18 **Our Lady Rosary Makers** – 1pm – Nazareth Rm
- JP II School Preschool Graduation** – 5:45pm – Holy Spirit
- 05/21 **JP II School Graduation Mass** – 6pm – Holy Spirit Church
- 05/22 **Last Day of School!**
- 05/23 **Confessions** – 3:30 to 4:30pm
- 05/24 **Pentecost**

The Mitchell Area RIGHT TO LIFE will be having a meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at The Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent, 1417 West Ash Avenue, Mitchell. A tour of their home begins promptly at 6:30 PM with the meeting to follow in their library. Refreshments will be served. Contact 990-3828 with questions.

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**The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide - Summer Session** begins Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at St Mary School, 2001 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 or [mcuhlane@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mcuhlane@sfcatholic.org). Scholarships are available.

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Become part of the Living Family Rosary! To participate, an individual or family is asked to pray one decade of the Holy Rosary daily. This can be done anytime, anywhere. The same decade is prayed for one month, then the following decade for the next month and so on until all 20 decades are prayed. Please call Mary Jo Wittstruck at Holy Spirit Parish, 996-7424, for more information.

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*For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*  
**Congratulations Graduates!**