



Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2015

Dear Parish Family,

This week our nation will gather for the Celebration of Thanksgiving. It is a great moment to gather with family and friends and be thankful for all the many blessings God has bestowed upon us! When we stop to think about it, we have so many reasons to be grateful. One of things I am very grateful for, being assigned here at Holy Family! Another, is being able to be with my family. It's been over ten years since I last spent Thanksgiving with my mom. So I am going to get on a plane today, and surprise them! Well at least that is my plan; God willing and the saints provide! Just a reminder that next week we will be welcoming Bishop Swain to Holy Family for Confirmation. Confirmation Mass is at 1:30 pm; please be reminded that there *will be no 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 29th.*

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

P.S. I will be away from Holy Family Parish, Nov. 22-28. There will be no daily Mass at Holy Family that week.



NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK

IMPORTANT REMINDERS--

- ❖ NO MORNING MASS OR ADORATION/CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK.
- ❖ THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25 AND BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOV. 26 AND FRIDAY, NOV. 27 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.
- ❖ NO 11:30 MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AT HOLY FAMILY DUE TO THE CONFIRMATION MASS AT 1:30 PM THAT DAY.

Holy Spirit Church will have a Mass at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

This Thanksgiving let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve on another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.



*At the end of the day I bowed my head and said,
"Thank You Lord for everything".*

PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes:	\$ 8,902.67	(306 parishioners)
ACH:	\$ 4,720.00	(28 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 1,075.26	
Children:	\$ 119.76	

Total collected last week: \$14,817.69 Thank You!

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: (Restoration/Development)

Our Goal:	\$1,300,000	
Collected thus far:	\$1,100,774	(84%)
Parishioner response:	268	(26%)

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CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2015 Goal:	\$ 106,500	
Pledged thus far:	\$ 76,289	(71%)
Collected thus far:	\$ 73,954	(69%)
Parishioner response:	407	(38%)

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.

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



School News from John Paul II

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As we turn our thoughts toward the upcoming holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and family-filled Thanksgiving from our entire staff at John Paul II. What a wonderful year of blessings we have received! Our greatest blessing is, of course, having your children and your family as an important part of our school. Thank you so much for sharing your children with us!

I would like to give a reminder to all who plan on purchasing SCRIP for part of their holiday gift giving – **please plan early!** **Our last SCRIP order is planned for December 14 in the a.m.** Please call the office to pre-order or let us know what gift cards you would like so we are sure to have them on hand for you.

Please remember as 2015 comes to a close that all gifts donated to the John Paul II Adopt-A-Student fund are not only tax deductible, but also help many families attend our Catholic School who might otherwise not be able to due to financial restraints. Please call the school for more information.

Please put the following dates for Christmas concerts on your December calendar: 7th K – 2nd; 14th Preschool; and 15th 3rd – 6th.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy the time with your family and be thankful for your many blessings.

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We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: WYNN RAYNA, daughter of Dustin & Darcey (Faulhaber) Long and HARPER GRACE, daughter of Eric Warkentien and Shelby Sandmann. 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 Lea Moran of Mitchell who went home to our Lord. May our Lord comfort you with His overwhelming peace.






Faith Formation News

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Faith Formation News: There will be **NO FF classes** for all grades this Wednesday, Nov. 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.


 Please remember in your prayers the sophomores from Holy Family and Holy Spirit parishes preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, Nov. 29th, at 1:30 pm in **Holy Family Church**.

RCIA NEWS: No class Thurs., Nov. 26th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



We congratulate our second graders on receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the first time! May you often experience the healing forgiveness and peace of Christ in the Sacrament of Penance.

Mark your calendars—Special Advent Children’s Program:
All children in Gr. K-5 from Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes are invited to participate in a special Advent program to be held in Holy Family Church. **We will meet from 4:00-5:00 PM on the following dates: Thursdays, December 3 and 10; and, Mondays, December 14 and 21.** The program is FREE. If you plan to have your son/daughter participate in these 4 sessions, please call or email Christine in the FF Office so that she will have enough materials.

Mark your calendars—Special Advent Program for Adults:
 All parishioners are invited to a special Advent program **“Footprints of God-Mary” on Sunday afternoon, December 6th from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Holy Family Church Nazareth Room.** We will watch the DVD and have discussion & refreshments.



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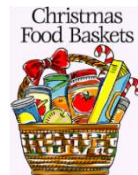
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Are you preparing to prepare? With Advent fast approaching, I am reminded of the many FREE online resources and even apps to guide you in your Advent time of preparation. Holy Heroes, Dynamic Catholic, Loyola Press are a few. Just search the web for catholic advent resources /apps. Follow our Foundation on Facebook and Twitter and I will be sharing something each day. Life continues to be busy, and these daily reminders are a great way for me to stop and reflect on what the season of Advent is about.

I would like to congratulate all of the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance for the first time this past week! I pray you continue to let God in to your heart and grow in your relationship with him.

Prayers also for the students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next week. J–M–J

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FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

Holy Family has been assigned canned YAMS for this year’s Christmas Food Baskets. The Mitchell Food Pantry plans to make up about 500 baskets for the needy in the surrounding area. Donations are needed by **December 11th**. They can be placed in the RED container in the Gathering Area entrance.

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Custodial/Maintenance Position Available...
Holy Family Church is looking to fill a part time position for custodial / maintenance duties. If interested contact the parish office for an application form.

Mass Intentions

There will be **NO Masses Tuesday - Friday (Nov. 24 - 27)** as Fr. Stevens will be on vacation. He will take the Mass intentions for those days with him.

- 11/24 d. Ken Reinesch
- 11/25 d. Mike Olinger
- 11/26 No Mass
- 11/27 d. Richard Eich
- 11/28 5:00pm d. Patricia Koupal
- 11/29 8:30am For the deceased members of the Ralph Eichten family
- 10:00am For the Oberembt family
- 11:30am MASS CANCELED
- 1:30am Confirmation Mass - For Holy Family Parish

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Fr. Stevens will need 5 Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

- 11/28 5:00pm L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, V Weber, S Moege, S Loecker, M Redder
- 11/29 8:30am L-M Ommen; EM-Deacon Graves, M Ommen, W&K Schoenfelder, D Kirkus
- 10:00am L-N Sparks; EM-Deacon Graves, T&J Schumacher, J Heemstra, A Sparks
- 1:30am Confirmation Mass

Mass Servers

- 11/28 5:00pm K&K Fridley, J Fritzeimer
- 11/29 8:30am K Gullings, K Nash, Volunteer
- 10:00am J Rients, B&B Sparks
- 1:30am Confirmation Mass

Ministers of Hospitality

- 11/28 5:00pm M&P Pecenka, P Zweifel, M Bittner
- 11/29 8:30am B,D&D Slaba, B Young, Volunteer
- 10:00am L&V Boehmer, P&L Essig, T&J Hohrman
- 1:30am Confirmation Mass

BULLETIN BOARD



- 11/22 **Christ the King Sunday**
Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive
- 11/23-27 **No Mass**
- 11/24 **No Adoration**
Finance Council Mtg – 12 noon – Conference Rm
- 11/25 **No Faith Formation Classes**
- 11/26 **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 11/26-27 **Parish Office Closed**
No John Paul II School or School Mass
- 11/29 **First Sunday of Advent**
Confirmation – 1:30pm – Holy Family Church



Thank you to all who attended Baked Potato Sunday. It warms our hearts to see all of you and all of the socializing that goes on. Thank you to the ladies of the parish that furnished bars. Thank you to all who helped with set-up, preparing the food, serving and clean-up.... we couldn't have done it without you. –Holy Family Altar Society

SCRIP IS NOW AVAILABLE EVERY WEEKEND!

With the success of the SCRIP Program in raising funds for our school, SCRIP will now be available for purchase after ALL weekend Masses with the exception of holidays and summer months. Thank you to all who support this program!