



First Sunday of Advent



1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2016

Dear Parish Family,

IT BEGINS IN THE HOME, PT. 2

Consistency is vital in the learning process. I mentioned in the previous article my parents' efforts to be consistent in forming their children. With this, they had the help of the Catholic school system. I grew up in St. Mary Catholic Schools and walked down the same halls my grandparents walked when they were in school. The Catholic faith was integrated into most of my day. I was blessed to have consistency in what I was learning at home, church, and school. We learned in Church and school that you were to go to mass every Sunday and we went to mass every Sunday as a family. We learned in church and school that angels and saints are here to help us. At home I was always losing things, and when I got frustrated enough to ask my mom for help she would reply with, "Have you prayed and asked St. Anthony to help you yet?" Now of course not everyone in my life pointed to Christ, but those who did had the strongest and clearest voice.

It is difficult to teach something when our environments are inconsistent. If fundamental values in the home, church, and school vary, in what ways will our children be formed? I am sure most of you with children have fought the battle of your child learning a habit from school or friends that was not consistent with your teaching in the home. And you think, "When did Sara start doing that?" or "Where did Nathan learn that?" You think how much easier it would be if everyone in their lives were helping to foster Christian habits. You contemplate following your children around all day and monitoring their every interaction, but then realize that would be too exhausting...and creepy. In the end, we want Heaven for our children and it hurts when they stumble off this path, just as Our Father hurts when we stumble from Him. We know the path to Heaven is discipleship. In a homily given by Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds, he states, "Discipleship means following Jesus rather than accommodating oneself to the demands and pressures of civil society." Discipleship is a lifelong process of denying ourselves and walking with Jesus. Before this can happen, we have to know and love Jesus. Otherwise, there is no reason to deny ourselves.

Continue to teach your children who Jesus is, but more importantly, give them time to pray and be with Jesus. When you enter a church, ask your child, "Where is Jesus?" Teach them to point at the tabernacle. We are entering Advent and preparing our hearts for the coming of Our Lord. Make an effort to use the Advent booklets for family prayer time. As a faith formation team, we will continue to improve the way we communicate with parents to help foster consistency between church and home. We are here to help you. Let us know what you need, because it begins in the home.

Briana Fiegen, Youth Director #itbeginsinthehome



MEMORIAL DONATIONS for Christmas flowers and decorations are now being accepted. If you wish to make a contribution in memory or honor of your loved one(s), you may use the designated envelope that is included in your church support packet. Just indicate whom the memorial is for and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by noon on Monday, December 19th to be listed in our Christmas bulletin.

PARISH COLLECTION



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| Envelopes: | \$ 13,306.67 | (297 parishioners) |
| ACH: | \$ 5,270.00 | (30 parishioners) |
| Loose: | \$ 974.16 | |
| Children: | \$ 99.93 | |

Total collected last week: \$ 19,650.76 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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

CONFESSIONS 5:30 PM

PARISH NEWS



We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism: BRIGGS JAMES, son of Alaric & Caitlin (Schreiner) Heying. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.



Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Fitzgerald who went home to the Lord. May you find strength and comfort in the love and hope of our Lord.



Happy Birthday to LUCILLE HETTINGER who turns 90 on Friday, November 25. May God bless you as you celebrate this very special day!



Congratulations to BLANCHE KRELL on celebrating her 100th Birthday on Friday, December 2nd. Greetings may be sent to Blanche at 2021 N. Kimball St. Apt. 3, Mitchell, SD 57301.



FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

Holy Family has been assigned TUNA 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 5th and can be placed in the blue container in the Gathering Space entrance. Thank you!



HOLIDAY FRUIT BASKETS

The Stewardship Committee will again be distributing Holiday Fruit Baskets to the homebound. A local grocery store will put the baskets together which will include fruit, nuts & sweets. We are accepting monetary donations to help with the expense which may be placed in the Sunday collection or brought to the parish office. Please label accordingly. Questions? Call Mary Timmer at 996-2419. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches

K-6: Christine Lemmer – clemmer@ffmitchell.com

7-12: Briana Fiegen – briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com

Adult: Nigel McBain – musicholyfamily@gmail.com



Thank you to all those who continue to support the faith formation program including friends and family of the students, Catholic United Financial, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Altar Societies, and the Mitchell Foundation for Catholic Education. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure! We could not do it without you! A special thank you to Dick and Darlene Muth for their generous monthly donation of \$1000.

Confirmation Snackpacking Event:

Item still needed: (Jelly is our biggest need!)

- 1) 267 boxes of macaroni and cheese (7.25oz)
- 2) 303 jars of peanut butter (16oz)--no glass jars
- 3) 400 squeeze bottles of jelly (20oz)--no glass jars
- 4) 124 chewy granola bars

We will be collecting these items until December 9th at the entrance of both parishes and the faith formation office at JP11.

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Gr. K-6 Special Advent Program: All children of the parishes in Gr. K-6 are invited to participate in a **Special Advent Program** on the Tuesdays of Advent (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 & 20) from 4:00-5:00pm in Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

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BOOK FAIR THIS WEEKEND: The Book Fair will be held after all Masses this weekend (Nov. 26/27) at Holy Family Church. **Got Books?** New! Religious Christmas cards available 10/\$5. Also---Holy cards and books for all ages. *Books make great gifts!!*

AREA CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



Christmas Concerts at Dakota Wesleyan University:

The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music at Dakota Wesleyan University will present "What Sweeter Music: Christmas at Dakota Wesleyan," at 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 3, and at 4:00 PM, Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Sherman Center. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at www.dwu.edu/performing-arts or by calling 605-995-2603. The concert will feature both vocal and instrumental musicians on and off campus with LyricWood String Orchestra, LyricWood Full Orchestra, Wesleyan Choir, Wesleyan Band, Highlanders, The Singing Scotchmen, and the Mitchell Area Children's Choir.



DWU's 'Service of Lessons and Carols': The Ron and Sheilah Gates Department of Music at Dakota Wesleyan University will present its "Service of Lessons and Carols" at 7:00 PM, **Friday, Dec. 9, at Holy Family Parish, Mitchell.** The concert will feature Christmas hymns and Scripture readings and is free and open to the public.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - 20th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral

December 15, 16, 17 & 18. Get your tickets early as performances sell out in advance! There are several ways to get your tickets: 1) at any Sioux Falls HyVee store, 2) on-line at www.ccfesd.org, 3) phone 605.988.3765 4) email events@ccfesd.org, 5) stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave).



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| 11/29 | 8:00am | d. Gary Bornhoft |
| 11/30 | 8:00am | d. Leona Zens |
| 12/01 | 8:00am | For the living & deceased members of the Bertha & Arthur Bowar family |
| 12/02 | 8:00am | For Scott Schmidt |
| 12/03 | 5:00pm | d. Patricia Koupal |
| 12/04 | 8:30am | d. Frank & Esther Bruna |
| | 10:00am | d. Dennis Schlumpberger |
| | 11:30am | For Holy Family Parish |

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

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| 12/03 | 5:00pm | L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, S Moege, B&J Auch, M Redder |
| 12/04 | 8:30am | L-B McNeil; EM-D&C Harrell, W&K Schoenfelder, M Ommen |
| | 10:00am | L-L Novak; EM-C&L Bannwarth, P Essig, J Traupel, C Symes |
| | 11:30am | L-C Hohrman; EM-T&M Day, D&S Heesch, S Peschong |

Mass Servers

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| 12/03 | 5:00pm | J Ebert, A Kaus, C Trisco |
| 12/04 | 8:30am | J Herrlein, K Nash, <u>Volunteer</u> |
| | 10:00am | T DeJong, C&J Hohn |
| | 11:30am | T,A&K Mika (<u>Subs Request for all</u>) |

Ministers of Hospitality

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| 12/03 | 5:00pm | B&J Freeman, M Pecenka, A Vermeulen, J&C Lynde |
| 12/04 | 8:30am | S Grosz, D Kirkus, C Hegg, E McGregor, J Miller, B Young |
| | 10:00am | C Bartscher, J Grosdidier, T&J Hohrman, E Huber, L Sparks |
| | 11:30am | H&L Andersen, G&C Docter, C Gehrke, M Kattner |

WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



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| 11/29 | Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30am to 8:00pm |
| | Children's Choir – 5pm – Music Office |
| | Confessions – 5:30pm |
| | Women's Choir – 6pm – Music Office |
| 11/30 | JP11 School Mass – 9am – Holy Spirit Church |
| | Men's Choir – 4pm – Music Office |
| | Holy Family Band Practice – 5pm – Music Office |
| | Gr. K-6 Faith Formation – 5:30-6:30 – JP11 School |
| | Full Choir – 6pm – Music Office |
| | 7-12 Faith Formation – Meal, 6:30/Class, 7 to 8:15pm – JP11 Gym |
| | R.C.I.A Class – 7:30pm – Nazareth Rm |
| 12/03 | Confessions – 3:30pm |
| 12/04 | Second Sunday of Advent |

COMMUNITY EVENTS



It's almost Meals on Wheels time again. Didn't we just do this, you ask? We start January 2 to February 10, 2017. The good news is that we don't deliver again until Nov. 2018! I'm starting early this year because of the holidays and I know people will be busy and/or gone. There are five routes from Queen of Peace, Monday to Friday, meals are picked up at 10:45 am. The routes are somewhat larger now so figure 40 - 50 minutes start to finish. I will make copies of each route available to those who want one. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, call Kathy Domeyer, 996-7977 or 630-0448. Volunteering is good for the soul!