

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 13, 2020


The Gift of Forgiveness

We hear in our Gospel this weekend about the incredible gift of forgiveness. Peter asks our Lord a crucial question, "Lord, how often must I forgive?" Our Lord responds, "not seven times but seventy-seven times." For the Jewish people the number seven was considered a perfect number so for our Lord to say not seven times but seventy-seven times, meant that it was indefinite! Forgive every time! One major stumbling block in the spiritual life is unforgiveness; holding on to grudges which leads to bitterness and resentment! Sometimes we can think, "They're not sorry!" or "They did it intentionally," and the list goes on and on. Forgiveness brings freedom to both people. Often times the most important person we need to forgive is ourselves. We hold ourselves to an unrealistic standard at times and when we don't live up to our own ideal, we turn on ourselves. After you go to confession, do you let your sins go? Do you let your past go? Once the priest prays the prayer of absolution, your sins are gone... for good! Are you able to forgive yourself for not being perfect, or are you scandalized by it? This is a subtle form of pride. Our Lord is inviting us to entrust ourselves and the circumstances that disquiet our hearts to His infinite mercy. So who do you still need to forgive? I invite you to pray and ask our Lord to pour into your heart a deeper forgiveness of others and yourself. God is so good to us and His mercy is new every morning! Go celebrate His love today.

—With much love, *Fr. Tim*

P.s. Fr. Ken is out of surgery and is doing well at home! He will be back up and at it in no time. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he continues his recovery.

PARISH COLLECTION

 Envelopes:	\$ 7,937.00	(130 parishioners)
ACH/WeShare:	\$ 7,070.00	(65 parishioners)
Loose:	\$ 214.05	
Total Church Support:	\$ 15,221.05	Thank you!

We are very grateful for your continued support both spiritually and financially during these past few months. Hopefully we can begin to find our "new normal" in the coming months.

An average of \$15,300 in weekly contributions is needed to offset the cost of living increase for parish expenses, etc.

Holy Family's Annual Statement for fiscal year 2019-20 is available for review on our website at www.holyfamilymitchell.com

Options for electronic giving

ACH is an option for automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings account. A form would need to be completed.

WeShare is an option for online giving that has been set up through Holy Family. Access on parish website – www.holyfamilymitchell.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the parish office at 996-3639, Monday—Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm.

GriefShare, a support group for those experiencing grief and loss, will be held on Sunday evenings at Holy Family Catholic Church beginning September 20th at 6:00 pm. Weekly sessions include "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." For more information or to register online visit: www.holyfamilymitchell.com or call 605-996-3639. Cost is \$15 for your own personal workbook to accompany the sessions.



Meals on Wheels: We are still in need of **six drivers** to deliver Meals on Wheels from now until October 16th. Please contact Marcia Sprinkel at 770-2328 to volunteer.

Parish News

Daily Mass Schedule at HOLY FAMILY September 14-18:

Monday, Sept. 14	8:00 am
Tuesday, Sept 15	No Mass
Wednesday, Sept. 16	No Mass
Thursday, Sept. 17	8:00 am
Friday, Sept. 18	No Mass

RCIA Classes: For adults interested in joining the Church, classes will begin Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:00pm in the JP II Religion Room. Wearing a mask is required. Contact Christine for details, 996-3842.

John Paul II Gift Card Program

Gift Cards - Do you like to use them or give them as gifts? Did you know John Paul II School sells gift cards that give a rebate back to the school **and** to a student with no extra expense to you? Don't have a student at the school? No problem, you can give your rebate to the Adopt-A-Student/Tuition Assistance Scholarship program!

Fun Fact of the Week – Culver's Gift Cards have a 10% rebate for our school. So if you purchase \$100 in gift cards to Culver's, \$5 goes back to a family (or Adopt-A-Student program) and \$5 goes directly to John Paul II School. We will be selling John Paul II Gift Cards after Mass this weekend and most Masses during the school year. We encourage you to give it a try!

Cheerfully in Christ,
Renee LeBrun
Development Director of John Paul II



Holy Family Parish extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of recently deceased Juanita Kirby of Mitchell. May our Lord comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Faith Formation News



Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches
Christine Lemmer – Director of Family Formation K-6 and RCIA
996-3842 - familyformation@ffmitchell.com

K-12 Faith Formation News: The Parent Meeting for Gr. K-8 FF will be Wed., Sept. 23 from 6-7pm in the JP II MPR. *To allow for social distancing: only one parent per family attends and no children; wearing a mask is required.*

You are invited - "Pray-ers" Needed: "Our Lady of the Prairie Faith Formation Prayer Cenacle" is being formed for our Holy Family & Holy Spirit Parishes. The cenacle takes its name from the Upper Room where the Last Supper and Pentecost occurred. It can also mean a group of people. We are looking for adults from our parishes to commit to pray one day each week September-May for the youth, families, volunteers, and Faith Formation initiatives in our Holy Family/Holy Spirit Parishes. You would pray "on your own" whatever prayer and time of day you'd like to pray. If you would be willing to commit to praying for us, please contact Christine at 996-3842 or sign up online through the FF website: www.ffmitchell.com. **Thank you for your prayerful support!**

Weekend Snack Pack Program: For the past several years, the Faith Formation Program has taken on a service project of adopting a weekend for the Snack Pack Program. Due to the pandemic we will not be doing so this year, but we are inviting the parishioners to help restock the bare shelves of the Weekend Snack Pack Program. **Now through Oct. 11 we will be collecting boxes of macaroni & cheese; you may drop off at the boxes at the Church entries.** *Thank you for your generosity!*

John Paul II School News



Robin Cahoy – Principal
1510 W Elm Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301
605-996-2365 – Website: www.johnpaul2.org

As our weather begins to change, we thank God for the lovely colors that he has painted for us during the Fall of the year. It is also that time of the year when it would be a good idea for your child(ren) to bring a jacket to school everyday

Thank you to 2L/5H classes for planning this week's Mass.

The kindergarten, third grade, and fifth grade classes will be having hearing checks this week. The South Dakota School for the Deaf will be here to administer these tests to our students.

I am excited about all the new band members we will have this year. Being a band member means a commitment to practice daily and to bring your instrument to school for lessons and band days.

There will be a mandatory First Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Sept. 30 at 6:00pm for all second grade parents.

Finally, a reminder to all that SCRIP (gift cards) are sold at the school on school days except for Monday morning and Friday afternoon for inventory purposes. SCRIP will be sold at Holy Family after all masses this weekend.

Join us in supporting JOHN PAUL II ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

How: Order on line at papamurphys.com

Enter this code at checkout: **DONATE**



When: Wednesday, Sept. 16th thru Monday, Sept. 21st

Where: **Papa Murphy's** (1901 N Main St, Mitchell—996-3000)

Papa Murphy's will donate 20% of your online purchases to John Paul II using the code **DONATE** at checkout. Thank you!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon. Sept. 14 8:00 am For the Charlie Timmer family

NO MASS on Tuesdays

Wed. Sept. 16 **No Mass**—Intention has been rescheduled to 11/12/20

Thur. Sept. 17 8:00 am † Betty Lou Miller

Fri. Sept. 18 **No Mass**—Intention has been rescheduled to 11/16/20

Sat. Sept. 19 5:00 pm † Maxine Oleson

Sun. Sept. 20 8:30 am † Warren Bult

10:30 am † Eileen Huffman

5:00 pm Holy Family Parish

No Ministry Schedules at this time



Nicole Fuhrer - Donor Advocate

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Stewardship Reflection: As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we have and all that we are is a gift from God, and we are called to live our lives in a grateful response to such extravagant love. This calls for continuous conversion of heart. The practices of giving a portion of our time, our talents and our treasure are essential steps on the path to conversion. But they serve an even deeper purpose than helping us remember our good intentions. They open our minds and hearts to ever-deepening surrender to the Lord, who has given us every good thing. In other words, we live for God and not ourselves. All we have is a gift from the Lord. He loves us completely and we can rest in this truth. What joy and freedom of heart we find in the stewardship way of life!

Now Hiring: Director of Religious Education - Grades 7-12

Job Description: The Director of Religious Education will coordinate the religious education program of grades 7-12. The director of the program will work closely with the Pastor, other staff members, parents, and volunteers to evangelize and catechize the students.

Duties include: Recruitment of volunteer teaching staff, program and curriculum development and implementation, scheduling of meeting times, maintenance of all records, and timely and regular communication with parents, students, and staff.

Professional and personal qualifications:

- Prior experience in education or theological study is helpful but not necessary for this position.
- The successful candidate must be a Catholic in good standing with an excellent work ethic and be personally invested in the faith formation of the students.
- They must be available to work Wednesday evenings and some Sunday afternoon/evenings as required by the program schedule.
- The successful candidate must also submit to personal background check and safe environment training as required by Diocesan policy.

Pay and benefits: This would be considered a part time position of 20 hours/week for eleven months per year. Pay will be based on education and experience. Benefits will be offered according to diocesan policy.

Interested parties should send a letter of introduction and resume to:

Fr. Ken Lulf - Holy Family Catholic Church
222 N. Kimball St.
Mitchell SD. 57301

Our **PRAYER CHAIN** is willing to pray for you or anyone in need of special prayers. At **HOLY FAMILY**, call Kathy Domeyer, 996-7977. At **HOLY SPIRIT**, Joan Honomichl, 996-6855 or Judi Bartscher, 770-6145.