



# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 4, 2016

Dear Parish Family,

Some habits are hard to break, and change is never easy, but often it is needed. Many times it is a change of attitude or the way we think and feel about something. To that end a couple of housekeeping issues. I have invited you before to take seriously the importance of coming to Mass a few minutes early. To find your seat, and to better and center your mind and heart. Coming to Mass several minutes before it starts is inevitably going to cause anxiety and needless worry. I am so proud of my parents with young ones who regularly make it to Sunday Mass. Your lives are hectic, busy, and exhausting; filled with so much, that there is no doubt the temptation to "skip this once", or "sleep in". Think how blessed we are in this country of ours, we can get up, and rather effortlessly get to Mass. No roadside bombs, or burdensome check-points. A church that is clean and beautiful, and climate controlled. It is also very sad when some leave Mass early, a very bad habit and one that is rarely necessary. Granted some may need to leave for work, or a child may get sick that is obvious. But staying until communion, then walking out the door, is not. What is more distressing are the parents, who lead their children up to Holy Communion and then lead their children out the door. What is that? Unless there is a very good reason, we should remain until the Priest and Servers have recessed out of the Church. Even if you come ten minutes early, and stay for few minutes after, your total time in Church on average is 55 to 65 minutes. There is a venerable and encouraged tradition of kneeling down after Mass to say a prayer of Thanksgiving. Beginning in Advent of this year we will begin this noble practice together, more as things develop. Make it a Great Week!

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens



**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

**ALSO... FATHER STEVENS WILL BE OUT ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 6<sup>th</sup> THEREFORE THERE WILL BE NO MASS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OR CONFESSIONS THAT DAY.**



*We Welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism.*

*LONDYN ADAYA, daughter of Austin Schoenfelder and Lyndsie Willis. May God shower you with an abundance of His grace and blessings.*

*Holy Family extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Diane McCarthy who went home to the Lord and Carl and John Metz and Carolyn Stevenson and families on the death of their brother Bernard Metz. May our Lord comfort you at this sad time.*

**SCRIP PROGRAM: Beginning NEXT WEEKEND, September 10<sup>th</sup>, SCRIP sales will resume after all weekend Masses in the Gathering Space. This year we invite any parishioner of Holy Family/Holy Spirit or JPII staff to help with sales. Please contact Melanie at 996-2365 at the JPII School office if you would like to volunteer to sell SCRIP.**

## PARISH COLLECTION



Envelopes: \$ 9,864.00 (296 parishioners)  
Loose: \$ 1,158.63  
Children: \$ 11252

Total collected last week: \$11,135.15 Thank You!  
*An average of \$14,000 in weekly contributions is needed to offset the cost of living increase for parish expenses, etc. Thank you!*

### CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL: (CFSA)

Our 2016 Goal: \$ 110,400  
Pledged thus far: \$ 72,410 (66%)  
Collected thus far: \$ 71,056 (64%)  
Parishioner response: 410 (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, [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.



**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OR TUESDAY CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK**

## PARISH NEWS



*Happy Anniversary to George & LaVonne Schmit who will celebrate 65 years of marriage on Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you both as you celebrate this special day.*



Birthday greetings to **KATHLEEN MCCARTHY** who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and **JIM OBEREMBT** celebrating 90 years on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you both with much good health and happiness!

*Save the date for Holy Family's SLOPPY JOE SUNDAY/RECTORY OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 18, 2016*



*Serving from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Holy Family Gathering Space*

*Serving: Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Cupcakes & Drink Free-Will Offering*

*Come have lunch and then take a tour of the completely finished rectory!*



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - New Altar Servers 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016.**

**Altar Server Training - REFRESHER for Current Servers 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016.**

Contact the Parish Office or [holyfamily@mitchelltelecom.net](mailto:holyfamily@mitchelltelecom.net) for a form.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a prayer request that you would like added to Holy Family's prayer list, email [holyfamilyprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyprayerlist@gmail.com) or submit it on our website at [www.holyfamilymitchell.com](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com). Submitted requests will be published in the bulletin weekly.

**NOTICE:** We are no longer able to purchase the Children's Bulletins as the company has gone out of business, however we will continue to take up the children's collection. --Jenny Schreiner, OM

## Gr. 7-12 FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**Briana Fiegen, Youth Director, Gr. 7-12**  
 Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
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**To accommodate parents and volunteers, the 7-12 Faith Formation meal will be 6:30 – 7:00pm with class 7:00 – 8:15pm.**

Thank you for your continued support. We need to have a 10:1 ratio, students to volunteers, to make this a success. Please go to the link below if you are able to share your gifts as a teacher or small group leader. Discussion questions for small groups are already written and typically follow a video. So, little work on your end!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48aaaa2babff2-712>

Sign up for food will follow after we have the facilitators we need for the year. Any questions or if you would like to look at the curriculum before making your decision, please don't hesitate in contacting me! Registration takes place this week. Please see forms at the church entries or by mail/email if you were registered last year. Questions? Contact Christine at [clemmer@ffmitchell.com](mailto:clemmer@ffmitchell.com) or Briana at [briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com](mailto:briana.fiegen@ffmitchell.com).

## JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL NEWS



**Robin Cahoy – Principal**  
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John Paul II School has many changes taking place during this 2016-17 school year. We are excited to add a State Licensed Child Care Center to the school so that our smallest students are able to attend childcare/ preschool in an all-day setting. We welcome our new Child Care provider Mrs. Lisa Hagerty. Along with this change we also are housing our own After School Care Program from 3:15 – 6:00pm which is also a very parent friendly change. We welcome our After School Care Providers: Karley Olsen, Kylee Auch, Michelle Wyatt, and Alyssa Green to our staff.

The 5 – 6th grade classes are excited for our new departmentalization change. The students and staff are enjoying the new program and being able to change teachers several times throughout the day. Teachers are Miss Lewis, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Herrmann, and Miss Lemmer.

An introduction to the Spanish language has also been added to our curriculum in our K – 6th classrooms. The students are introduced to several new Spanish words each week.

**We are excited to have our first restaurant night of the year at Dairy Queen on Tuesday, September 6th from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Please stop by and enjoy a meal and some social time with our school family. You can use SCRIP for your purchase.**

The annual magazine drive begins this week. If you need to renew a magazine, or just want to subscribe to one for your enjoyment, then now is the time to contact a John Paul II family, or the school office to order.

We will attend Adoration with our classes on Thursday's and Mass together on Wednesday's at 9:00 a.m. We hope you can join us. Note the change in our Mass day this year.

Our first Parent Teacher Organization meeting is this Thursday at 7:00 in the faculty lounge at the east end of the school. Just a reminder that this meeting will count for volunteer parent hours.

**REMINDER:** No School on Monday, September 5th as it is Labor Day.

### Dates to Remember in September:

- 4 – Mother Teresa canonized
- 5 – No School – Labor Day
- 6 – DQ Night 5 – 8:00
- 7 – Magazine Sales kick-off assembly @ 2:30 in MPR

## R.C.I.A. 2016-2017

The 2016-17 RCIA course will begin on Sep 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Office at Holy Family. Sessions will take place weekly at this time. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you know someone who is, please contact Nigel McBain at [musicholyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:musicholyfamily@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

09/06		<b>No Mass - Fr. Stevens out</b>
09/07	8:00am	For the Timmer & Flakus families
09/08	8:00am	d. Gene Paradeis
09/09	8:00am	d. Steven Mohr
09/10	5:00pm	d. Pat Koupal
09/11	8:30am	d. Edward & Bernice Hohn
	10:00am	For the Notre Dame Class of 1966
	11:30am	For Holy Family Parish

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

09/10	5:00pm	L-V Redder; EM-Deacon Graves, M VanderHeiden, R Wuertzer, M Redder, V Weber
09/11	8:30am	L-M Ommen; EM-F&M Bruna, D&B Young, A Deinert
	10:00am	<b>Notre Dame Class of 1966</b>
	11:30am	L-J Van Oort; EM- S Peschong, P&J Paulson, H&B Kelly

### Mass Servers

09/10	5:00pm	C&E Delehant, A Fergen
09/11	8:30am	K Nash, P Phinney, <b>Volunteer</b>
	10:00am	C&J Hohn, O Huber
	11:30am	C Bartunek, (C&E McCardle – Subs needed)

### Ministers of Hospitality

09/10	5:00pm	M Bittner, D Callies, C Janzing, P Zweifel, S Grosz
09/11	8:30am	B&D Everson, D&S Kirkus, R Kelly, B Young
	10:00am	<b>Notre Dame Class of 1966</b>
	11:30am	H&L Andersen, T&M Day, T&M Grajkowske

## WEEKLY BULLETIN BOARD



09/05	<b>Labor Day – Parish Office Closed – No School</b>
09/06	<b>No Mass, Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions</b>
	<b>Women's Choir – 6pm – Music Office</b>
09/07	<b>Full Choir – 6pm – Music Office</b>
09/08	<b>Men's Choir – 6pm – Music Office</b>
09/10	<b>Confessions – 3:30pm</b>

## AREA HAPPENINGS



### PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

**5:00-7:00 PM - PATTON YOUNG PARK (West Cedar)**

Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes are invited to a **FREE** parish picnic. Burgers, brats, hot dogs & drinks provided. You may bring a salad or dessert to share if you wish. Games for the young & young at heart!

-Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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**ROSARY & SCRIPTURE STUDY:** You are invited to join us for the rosary and discussion of the upcoming Sunday scripture readings on Tuesday mornings 10:15 – 11:30 in the St Thomas Aquinas conference room at Holy Spirit Church. **Starting date will be Sept 6th.** For more information contact Joan Heemstra @ 996-6413 or Deb Lorenzen @ 996-0037.



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**ST. JOSEPH'S GUILD** - Men's Father/Son Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. Next meeting will be on Sept 7th at 1217 State Ave, Mitchell. Come hungry, we will have supper and then feed the soul. Contact Deacon Nick Baus at 996-9636 for more information.



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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:** The September meeting of Catholic Daughters will be held on **Thursday, September 8th** beginning at 7:00 PM at Holy Family Church. New CDA handbooks will be distributed and the program will be "New Faces". We welcome new or potential members. Find out what we are all about! Any questions? Call Barb Young 996-6839.