



**January 8, 2012**  
**—The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 9, 2012**  
**— Baptism of the Lord**



Dear Jesus,

Though a newborn, the wise men knew your greatness. On a hint from the Heavens, they traveled far from their places of comfort so that they could honor You. From their belief in your divinity, they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized your life, power, and even your death. And because of a dream in the night, they altered their well-laid plans to return home in order to protect You. May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey, all for love of You, as we meditate on the meaning of this day. Amen

**Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, January 21, for our Annual Parish Dinner in the Parish Hall following our 5:30 pm Mass. Menu: Roast Beef, new red potatoes, salad, vegetable, and cheesecake. We will learn about the plans for the celebration of our 50th anniversary as a Parish family. Call the Parish office at 996-7424 to register.**



**BINGO next Sunday, January 15, 2012 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**

in our Parish Hall. Cards are 2 for a quarter!! Free-Will lunch to follow. Hope to see you there!!

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There will be a Holy Spirit Altar Society meeting Monday, January 9, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall Conference Room. We will be making plans for the next few months. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Margaret Mary #2453 will meet on Thursday, January 12, at 7:00 pm in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Members, Barb Young and Kay Schoenfelder, will present a program on Andrew Young's ordination as a deacon, which took place in Rome, and their recent trip to the Holy Land. We will also select delegates to the National Convention in Omaha this July. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



The Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast is this Sunday serving from 8:30 to 11:30am at the KC Hall. The Knights of Columbus business meeting is Monday, January 9, 7:30 pm. Steaks at 6:00pm. To reserve a steak call 995-0642, 933-0975, or 999-9039.

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I'd like to thank the families who have established named endowments through the MFCE. Their support of Catholic Education in Mitchell will be perpetual (never ending) because of their commitments today! Anyone can contribute to these endowments at any time and in any amount. As I mentioned last week, in addition to our Foundation's main endowment, we have had 4 named endowments established:

- \*Dr. Leon and Rosemary Peschong Endowment
- \*Clinton & Donald Roster Endowment
- \*Clifford (Jack) and Margaret Young Endowment
- \* Marilyn Peschong Memorial Scholarship Endowment

I continue to pray for these and our many other benefactors that God will pour out His blessings upon them. Have a great week!

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Save the Date for the John Paul II School Winter Carnival Sunday, January 29th!!

Holy Spirit Church website: [www.holyspiritmitchell.com](http://www.holyspiritmitchell.com)

**Parish News**

**Today, Sun, Jan 8:** KC Breakfast, 8:30-11:30am, KC Hall  
 Pre-Marriage III, 1:30-4:30pm, JP II  
 EDGE Group Gathering, 6:30pm, Convent

**Mon, Jan 9:** HS Altar Society meeting, 7pm, Conference Room  
 John Paul II PTO, 7pm, JP II Art & Science Room  
 KC Business Meeting, 7:30pm; steaks at 6

**Tue, Jan 10:** Rosary/Bible Study, 10:15am, HS Conference Room  
 Dave Ramsey Financial Peace 6:30 Parish Hall

**Wed, Jan 11:** Faith Formation Classes, 5:15-8pm, JP II School  
 Heaven Sent Choir practice, 8pm, HS Church

**Thu Jan 12:** CDA, 7pm, Holy Spirit Parish Hall  
 RCIA, 7pm, Holy Family Nazareth Room  
 Men's Bible Study, 7-8pm, John Paul II Rm 3E

**Fri Jan 13:** Parish Office closing at noon

**Sat, & Sun, Jan 14:** SCRIP sold at all Masses

**Sun, Jan 15:** BINGO, 3-5pm, Parish Hall, Free-will lunch following



Holy Spirit Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the family, friends, and loved ones of *Clara Baker* of our parish. May you find comfort knowing she is in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father.

**Looking for the perfect weekend** to bring you and your spouse closer together? We are now taking reservations for couples and religious to attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** scheduled for **February 10-12, 2012**, at BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. Space is limited. Contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or visit [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).



**John Paul II Catholic Elementary School is seeking to fill the following position: \*Office Business Manager\***  
**Interested candidates must be proficient with QuickBooks, Microsoft Office and Excel. Please send a cover letter, current resume and two letters of reference to:**  
**Attn: Michelle Ommen, Principal**  
**John Paul II Elementary School**  
**1510 West Elm Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301**

**Faith Formation News**

Christine Lemmer, Faith Formation Director  
 996-3842 or e-mail: [clemmer@sfcsc.org](mailto:clemmer@sfcsc.org)  
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**Pre-Marriage Class:** PM#3 Session will be this Sunday, January 8, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM in the John Paul II Art/Science Room.

**Gr. K-12 Faith Formation:** Classes as usual Wednesday, Jan 11.

**RCIA:** Class this Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Holy Family Nazareth Rm.

**Pre-Baptism Class:** The next class is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 PM in John Paul II School. Use east entrance. Pre-registration is required by contacting your parish office by Noon on Monday, Jan. 16. If there are no registrations there will be no class.

**The Men's Bible Study:** Meets twice per month January-April beginning this Thursday, Jan. 12, from 7:00-8:00 PM in the JP II Room 3E. Use Holy Spirit Church entrance. The men are using the Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline Series. The facilitator is Sean Flynn. Cost: \$15. Men from the parishes are welcome and encouraged to participate.

A small boy, visiting New York city for the first time, rode in an elevator to the top of the Empire State Building. As they whizzed past the 62nd floor, he gulped, pulled on his daddy's pant leg and said, **"Daddy, does God know we're coming?"**



It doesn't seem possible, but John Paul II School began the second semester of classes on Tuesday, January 3! The year is speeding by, and I am so excited about the academic growth and our Catholic faith that I see in our students. What a wonderful opportunity Holy Family and Holy Spirit Parishes have given to their families...a school that has very high academic standards as well as our Catholic faith woven into all subject areas.

The January meeting for the John Paul II PTO will be held on Monday, January 9, at 7:00pm in the Art and Science Room. It is essential for as many parents as possible to attend this meeting. The agenda includes Catholic Schools Week, School Carnival, and Teacher Appreciation. Please join us for your input and support!

Our John Paul II staff is busy planning for National Catholic Schools Week, January 29-February 3! There will be more information on this special week in upcoming bulletins. As part of our celebration, the John Paul II School Carnival will be held on January 29. Students have been busy selling their carnival raffle tickets! What a great opportunity to spend one dollar and have a chance to win an Apple iPad 2, a LG 32" LED Television, or \$300 in grocery and gas scrip! Please be watching your mail for your tickets and join in this awesome opportunity! All funds from the raffle and carnival will be used to continue to upgrade our school library and technology.

Our fifth and sixth graders will begin their Show Choir season on Tuesday, January 10, and will meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:15 for this wonderful activity!

Thank you to all our parents and parishioners who save Box Tops for Education! Our school recently received a check for \$1,169.40! John Paul II also received \$718.80 from Coborn's receipts and \$660 for the County Fair cards and stamps! Thank you so much for your support of our school!

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

The Magi in today's Gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

Sacred Heart, Parkston, Catholic Daughters of the Americas & Knights of Columbus Soup & Sandwich Luncheon to benefit the Seminarian Scholarship will be held on Sunday, January 15, from 11AM to 12:30PM. Menu: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup & Cream of Potato Soup, Ham Sandwiches, Taverns or Hotdogs; Pie or Kuchen for dessert, coffee and juice.  
**FREE-WILL DONATION**

**Weekday Liturgies:**

**Mon, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord**  
 R-Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11  
 R-Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9 G-Mark 17-11

**Tue, January 10:**  
 R-1 Samuel 1:9-20 G-Mark 1:14-20

**Wed, January 11:**  
 R-1 Samuel 3:1-10 G-Mark 1:29-39

**Thu, January 12:**  
 R-1 Samuel 4:1-11 G-Mark 1:40-45

**Fri, January 13: St Hillary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
 R-1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a G-Mark 2:1-12

**Sat, January 14:**  
 R-1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a G-Mark 2:13-17

**Sun, January 15: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 R-1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 R-1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
 G-John 1:35-42

Fr. Charles Duman has daily Mass at **10:30 AM** in the Avera Brady Home Chapel except Monday.

**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

\*Fr. Mike on vacation; weekday Masses celebrated at Brady Home\*

**Mon, Jan 09:** No Mass at Brady Home today  
**Tues, Jan 10:** Kirby & Johanna Kramer + (Brady Home)  
**Wed, Jan 11:** Charles & Carmella Krall + (Brady Home)  
**Thurs, Jan 12:** Gene Voigt + (Brady Home)

7:30 AM Communion Service—Holy Spirit Chapel

24 Hr Eucharistic Adoration Thurs 8:00am-Fri 7:30am

No Confessions this evening

**Fri, Jan 13:** 7:30 AM Communion Service HS Chapel

LaVern Bies + (Brady Home)

9:00 AM School Mass HS Church

**Sat, Jan 14:** Holy Spirit Parishioners (Brady Home)

5:30 PM Holy Spirit Parishioners

**Sun, Jan 15:** 9:00 AM Marie Suhr +

11:00 AM Dec'd members of the Miiller & Weber Families

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen!



Church Support (136)	\$7,086.00
Loose Offering	337.00
Children	24.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,447.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary (New Year's offering)	1,093.00
<b>God Bless You!</b>	

**Stewardship Reflection:** The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

**DEBT REDUCTION— Goal: \$300,000.00**

Parishioners who have made a pledge:	172 (26%)
Total of pledges to date:	\$196,148.75
Total of pledges paid to date:	\$109,331.92

May our Heavenly Father continue to bless our parish with His gracious gifts

**LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS, January 14 & 15, 2012**

**LECTORS:**

5:30 PM: Monica Meyers, Shanna Weiss  
 9:00 AM: Tim Herll, Quinci Herll  
 11:00 AM: Julie Mellan, Dave Kline

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:**

5:30 PM: M/M Tom Lichter, Rhonda Broski, Cindy Broski, Mary Jo Wittstruck  
 9:00 AM: M/M Brad Osterloo, M/M John Ackerman, Linda Holmes  
 11:00 AM: M/M Pete Bruce, Linda Farney, Gene Mathis, Linda McEntee

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:30 PM: Michael Baus, Christopher & Nathan Wahlen  
 9:00 AM: Abigail Gukeisen, Micah & Marisa Osterloo  
 11:00 AM: Rebecca Bechen, Maloree & Kadee Vermeulen

**GIFT BEARERS:**

5:30 PM: Rod Vermeulen Family  
 9:00 AM: Dave Bechen Family  
 11:00 AM: Graclyn Geppert Family

**HOSPITALITY/GREETERS:**

5:30 PM: Rod & Paula Heida, Kristi Arnold  
 9:00 AM: John & Jeanne Mehlhaff, Nila Martinek  
 11:00 AM: Babs Bowne, Jack & Ginny Casey

**USHERS:**

5:30 PM: Jim Ernster, Kathy Schwalm, Nick Weber  
 9:00 AM: Ron Sullivan, Duane Haiar, Dick Prostrollo, Chuck Sommer, Tom Fergen  
 11:00 AM: Greg Geppert, Roger Bartscher, Cletus Schoenfelder, Don & Barb Yungbluth

**ROLLS & COFFEE:**

9:00 AM: John and Darlene Lauer



**24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 8:00AM to Friday 7:30AM**  
 No Confessions on Thursday evenings while Fr. Mike is on vacation from January 1st through 21st.

