

February 5, 2012

— Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
— Boy Scout Sunday



The month of February has begun. Catholic Family Sharing Appeal, our support of the larger Church of the Diocese, will give us a chance to share our concern and support. The letter from the Bishop will be coming out near Valentine's Day. Our goal for this year is the same as last year, \$50,000.00. Please give this matter some prayerful consideration. LENT will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 22, a day of fasting and abstinence. During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings with Mass. Each day God offers a blessing, sometimes we call it a challenge.

— Fr. Michael R. Schneider, Pastor



Holy Spirit Church website: www.holyspiritmitchell.com

Parish News

Last week for Meals on Wheels for our Holy Spirit Parish

- Sun, Feb 5: ** Boy Scout Sunday **
Blue & Gold Banquet 12:00 noon John Paul II Gym
Pre-Marriage I, 1:30-4:30pm, JP II Art & Science Rm
- Tues, Feb 7: Rosary/Bible Study, 10:15am, HS Conference Rm
Dave Ramsey *Financial Peace for Families*, 6:30pm, Parish Hall
- Wed, Feb 8: Faith Formation Classes, 5:15-8pm
"Walking, Talking Catholic", 6:45pm, Parish Hall
- Thurs, Feb 9: Love Feast, served at the United Methodist Church
Catholic Daughters, 7pm, HS
RCIA, 7pm, HF Nazareth Rm
Men's Bible Study, 7pm, JP II Room 3E
- Feb 10 & Feb 11: Scrip Sold at All Masses this Weekend
- Sun, Feb 11: KC Breakfast, 8:30 – 11:30am, KC Hall

Pack 246 of the Boy Scouts will begin Boy Scout Week with Mass at 9:00am today and would like to invite you to their Blue & Gold Banquet starting at noon in the John Paul II Gym. Join them also as Webelos II Scouts crossover to Boy Scouts. This year's scouts are: Max Alexander, Jonah Honomichl, Logan Sparks, Chris Reimnitz, Matt Lambert, and LaVoy Ragels.



Sunday TV Mass: Beginning on Sunday, February 26, the first Sunday in Lent, the Sunday TV Mass will expand to an hour and be recorded in the St. Joseph Cathedral from 10:00 to 11:00am. Bishop Paul Swain will continue to be the primary celebrant.

CDA February Meeting: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Margaret Mary #2453 will meet on Thursday, February 9, at 7:00PM in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Michelle Mogck of the Mitchell Area Safehouse will present the program. Annual charitable contributions and plans for the Bake Sale will be discussed. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



The Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast will be next Sunday, February 12, serving from 8:30 to 11:30am in the KC Hall. Menu: Eggs, sausage, hash browns, toast juice & coffee.

The Knights of Columbus Business meeting will be Monday, February 13, 7:30 pm. Steaks at 6:00pm. To reserve a steak call 995-0642, 933-0975, or 999-9039. — AND — Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 4, 2012, for the KC's Annual Sausage Supper in the John Paul II Gym. Advance tickets are \$8 and will be available at County Fair, Coborn's, both Church parish offices as well as at the Farmers Trading Company where you ask for Vince.

Faith Formation News

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Pre-Marriage Class:

The Pre-Marriage #1 Session is this Sunday, Feb. 5, from 1:30 to 4:30PM in the John Paul II Art & Science Room.

Gr. K-12 Faith Formation: Classes as usual this Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Adult Faith Formation:

"Walking, Talking Catholic" will be Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 6:45-8:00 PM in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Next sessions Feb. 15 & 29—same time & location. No charge for "WTC." Presenter: Ken Novak. All adults of the parishes are invited to participate. WTC website: <https://sites.google.com/site/walkingtalkingcatholic/>

"Men's Bible Study"

will be Thursday, Feb. 9, from 7:00-8:00 PM in the John Paul II Room 3E. Use Church entry. Facilitator: Sean Flynn. All men from the parishes are invited to participate.

RCIA:

The next class is Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Holy Family Nazareth Room. Please keep in your prayers the men and women preparing to join the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Pre-Baptism Class:

Due to President's Day on the third Monday, the February Pre-Baptism Class will be one week earlier on Monday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 PM in the JP II Adult Faith Room 6W. Pre-registration is required by calling your parish office by Monday noon, Feb. 13. If there are no pre-registrations, class will not be held.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: All youth in Gr. 7-12 from Holy Family & Holy Spirit Parishes are invited to participate in the February Youth Group Event next Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2:00-5:30 PM (supper served at 5:00 PM) in Holy Spirit Parish Hall as the Mount Marty College **YAHOO** Retreat Team will be here to put on a Mini-Retreat "Getting Ready for Lent." Our high school music group, *Heaven Sent*, will be providing music throughout the retreat. This event is FREE! Let Nicole Fuhrer (999-5026 phone or text) or Christine Lemmer (996-3842) know by Feb 8 if you would like to attend so that we can prepare for the meal.

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As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, I'd like to thank all of our parishioners for your tremendous support! John Paul II School is such a blessing to our whole Catholic Community, and of course, the families it serves. ***Exciting news!*** The prints of John Paul II School, painted by John Green, are now available for sale! Look for the print hanging in both parishes, and the original portrait hanging in the school. You can get your copy now from MFCE office. All proceeds will help continue our mission to "Preserve the Past & Protect the Future" of Catholic Education in Mitchell!

*Watch next week's bulletin for more information!

The next Holy Spirit Altar Society Meeting is Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:00PM. We will be discussing February BINGO & soup supper. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

28th Annual Mitchell Christian School Auction will be Friday, Feb 10, at 5:00pm (doors open at 4:00pm) and Saturday, Feb 11, at 9:00 am (doors open at 8:00am). There will be seven auctioneers, three silent auction tables, and of course, the live bidding!

Vocation News: Please remember in your prayers the men and women in religious formation in our diocese, the seminarians, especially Deacon Andrew Young (Holy Family) and the permanent deacon candidates, especially Nick Baus from Holy Spirit, and permanent deacon aspirants, especially Bruce Schwenck from Holy Spirit Parish. --- Coming Soon --- **The Vocation Awareness Lenten Project!** See next week's bulletin for "details".

John Paul II School News
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A special thank-you to all who attended our School Carnival. It was a huge success! The raffle ticket winners were: Keith Reiners, Apple iPad; Nicky Bray from Parkston, 32" TV; and Gayle Dice, \$300 gas/groceries Scrip. We commend Mrs. Heisinger's class for selling the most raffle tickets per class, and Katelyn Robinson for being the top individual raffle tickets salesperson.

It has been a fun and exciting Catholic Schools Week for John Paul II staff and students. We enjoyed the presentations by the Mitchell Police Department and Mr. Skip Ragels. The teachers were treated to a delicious luncheon hosted by the PTO. Everyone enjoyed Phil Baker coming into the classrooms and singing and composing songs. We also thank our school families and the Holy Family and Holy Spirit parishioners for joining us for Phil Baker's Concert Thursday evening. On Friday, all classes recommitted themselves to Christ and wore their new t-shirts provided by Avera for the All-School Mass.

Our next exciting event is the **Mitchell Community Open House which will be held on Sunday, February 12, from 12:00 to 2:00pm.** We invite everyone to come and visit the school and "Discover What We Can Do". The Staff and Education Committee will be available to give tours around the school and classrooms and answer any questions. Please come and join us for a tour and refreshments. We are hoping that everyone has noticed the **new billboard on Burr Street** – we are so proud of our school!

There will be a **mandatory parent meeting** for all parents of second grade students who will be making their First Communion. The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00pm in the Holy Family Gathering Space.

Our Preschool – Kindergarten Registration will be held on Tuesday, February 28, from 6 – 7:30pm. It is a fun and educational night for all of the upcoming Preschool and Kindergarten students and their families. Come and "Discover What We Can Do".

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill." Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."

We Welcome to the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and Candidates:

Kurt Henriksen, Joseph Shepardson, and Jennifer Zens

Father of Mercy, we thank you for these your servants. You have sought and summoned them in many ways, and they have turned to seek you. Bless them with your Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Weekday Liturgies:

Mon, February 6: *St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*
 R-1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 G-Mark 6:53-56

Tues, February 7:
 R-1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 G-Mark 7:1-3

Wed, February 8: *Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*
 R-1 Kings 10:1-10 G-Mark 7:14-23

Thu, February 9:
 R-1 Kings 11:4-13 G-Mark 7:24-30

Fri, February 10: *St. Scholastica, Virgin*
 R-1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 G-Mark 7:31-37

Sat, February 11: *Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick*
 R-1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 G-Mark 8:1-10

Sun, February 12: *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Abraham Lincoln's Birthday*
 R-Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 R-1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
 G-Mark 1:40-45

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, Feb 06:	7:30 AM	For Vocations
Tues, Feb 07:	5:15 PM	Lloyd Schoenfelder +
Wed, Feb 08:	7:30 AM	Clinton "Jim" Roster +
Thurs, Feb 09:	7:30 AM	Angeline McTighe +
24 Hr Eucharistic Adoration Thurs 8:00am-Fri 7:30am		
Confessions heard Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00pm		
Fri, Feb 10:	7:30 AM	Eugene Latza +
	9:00 AM	School Mass
Sat, Feb 11:	5:30 PM	Karen Thelen +
Sun, Feb 12:	9:00 AM	Clara Baker +
	1 1:00 AM	John B. Bies +

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



Church Support (160)	\$5,644.00
Direct Deposit	405.00
Loose Offering	352.00
Children	24.30
God Bless You! Total:	\$6,425.30

Stewardship Reflection: Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS, February 11 & 12, 2012

LECTORS:

5:30 PM: Mary Jo Wittstruck, Sami Baus
9:00 AM: Ashley Bechen, Aspen Bechen
11:00 AM: Tatum Dean, Mary Liz Crockett

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

5:30 PM: M/M Charles Herrmann, Roxane Fouberg, Kathye Fouberg, Vince Boddicker
9:00 AM: M/M Jerry Krcil, Trevor Meaney, Jan Raml, Lisa Thompson
11:00 AM: M/M Pete Bruce, Elaine Goldammer, Wilma Jonasen, Mary Lou Voigt

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:30 PM: Christopher & Nathan Wahlen, Dillon Robinson
9:00 AM: Josh Brooks, Briggs Havlik, Derrick Gukeisen
11:00 AM: Andrea & Amber Thelen, Rebecca Bechen

GIFT BEARERS:

5:30 PM: Ken & Mary Jo Wittstruck
9:00 AM: Dick & Sheryle Prostrullo
11:00 AM: Kara McGee Family

HOSPITALITY/GREETERS:

5:30 PM: Amy Carsten Family, Rhonda & Cindy Broski
9:00 AM: Devona Finkenbiner, Dee Gebhart
11:00 AM: Carl Beckstrom Family, Lynette Kreutzfeldt Family

USHERS:

5:30 PM: Bryce Havlik, Brent Havlik, Kathy Schwalm
9:00 AM: Bruce Haines, John Mehlhaff, Tim Herll, Loren VanOvershelde, Tim Kummer
11:00 AM: Steve Schoenfelder, Mark Hieb, Ernie Bies, Don & Barb Yungbluth
NO ROLLS & COFFEE—KC Breakfast



Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain

As part of the Diocesan Life Chain Link, please join Bishop Paul Swain in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st Street in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, **February 14, at 12 noon.** If you are unable to attend, please consider joining in prayer in your own parish.



John Paul II Open House
"Discover What We Can Do"
Sunday, February 12, 2012
All Are Welcome from 12:00 noon to 2:00!



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 8:00AM to Friday 7:30AM

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm --- opportunity for Confession during Adoration



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Rev. Michael R. Schneider

One Minute Meditations

Lenten Obligations

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) and Good Friday (April 6th). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. The U. S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.

"And with your spirit" explained

When a man is ordained a priest, the Holy Spirit comes upon him, enabling him to perform the sacred rites of the Mass and consecrate the Eucharist. When we respond, "And with your spirit," we acknowledge that since God works through the priest offering the Mass, it is actually Jesus Christ who is the head of the community gathered together, and it is his Spirit who is leading the Liturgy, regardless of who the particular priest may be.



Convert your heart during Lent

When we were young Catholics, Lent meant giving something up and welcoming it back at Easter. Now we know that Lent is so much more. Lent is about conversion. Each year we have the chance to leave behind old ways of living to embrace new life. The goal is not just to abstain from sin during Lent but to root it out of our lives forever.

The moment of truth.

Conversion begins with accepting responsibility for our failures. Start by taking an honest look at your life and identify all the ways that sin keeps you from living the way Jesus taught us to live. Know that it may take courage to face your shortfalls.



The moment of cleansing. There can be no healing or conversion when you harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tell him everything. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God's friendship.

The moment of conversion. There can't be just one moment of conversion. It is necessary to convert our hearts every day. Daily prayer, frequent Confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love. Then we can embrace new life at Easter.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Charisms are special spiritual gifts given to some of the Church's members. St. Paul explains charisms as the gifts that the Holy Spirit distributes among us, such as healing, prophecy, working miracles, and uttering wisdom (1 Corinthians 12).

What are charisms?



Other charisms include papal infallibility and priestly celibacy. Religious orders have charisms such as teaching or nursing. These charisms are not rewards for personal holiness, but are freely distributed among the faithful to be used for the good of all.

On the day you were baptized ...

On the day you were baptized, God claimed you as his own. He gave you the name "Christian" to remind you that you belong to Christ.

On the day you were baptized, you were exorcised. The priest asked God to cast out the power of Satan, to free you from Original Sin, and asked the Holy Spirit to dwell within you.

The day you were baptized, the priest blessed the baptismal water and asked God to make it holy so that through it, you might be made holy. Then you – or our parents and



godparents for you – renounced Satan, his works and empty promises, and professed faith in the Trinity, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the Body.

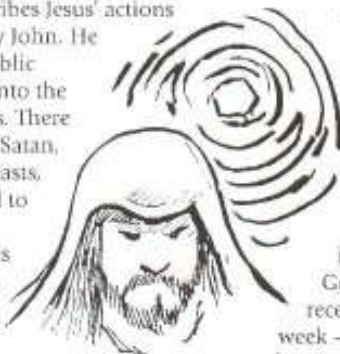
You may not remember the day you were baptized, but ask God to help you always remember your dignity, so you may live as a beloved child of a great Father and one day experience the eternal life he promised on the day you were baptized.

from Scripture

Mark 1:12-15, The Path to Easter

This Gospel describes Jesus' actions after his baptism by John. He prepared for his public ministry by going into the desert for forty days. There he was tempted by Satan, was among wild beasts, and was ministered to by angels.

The lessons of this Gospel can help us prepare not only for Easter, but for the rest of our lives. Temptations surround us. Satan is constantly trying to tear us away from God. The wild beasts represent every kind of danger and evil. But the angels



provide God's protection for us. We can rely on them to help us if we ask for God's help.

We can use Lent to fulfill Jesus' proclamation, "Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The best way to resist evil is to stay in a state of grace. Go to Confession frequently, receive the Eucharist every week – daily, if possible, and pray as often during the day as you can. When you spend as much of your day with God as possible, Satan and his temptations won't be able to get through your defenses.

Q & A Why Do We Canonize Saints?

Canonization is the declaration by the pope that a person is worthy of veneration as a saint because he or she lived a life of heroic virtue or remained

faithful to God through martyrdom and is now in Heaven with God.



The process of canonization is lengthy. After a person dies, supporters can introduce a cause for sainthood on his or her behalf. A

thorough investigation of the candidate is performed which includes examining all writings and hearing the testimony of witnesses who knew the individual. If it's decided that he or she did live a life of heroic virtue, the person is declared Venerable.

Before the candidate can achieve the next step, Beatification, a miracle must be attributed to the person's intercession with God. The miracle must be a suspension of the natural law, such as a healing that can't be explained. The candidate is then known as Blessed.

The final step is canonization, which requires a second confirmed miracle. The person is then known as Saint.

Feasts & Celebrations

February 10 - St. Scholastica (547). Twin sister to St. Benedict, St. Scholastica established a community of religious women about five miles south of her brother's monastery. One day during prayer, St. Benedict saw a dove rising from his sister's convent and recognized it as his sister's soul rising to Heaven upon her death.

February 22 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of holy and penitential Season of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance.

February 23 – St. Polycarp (156). Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, St. Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. He faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before he was martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.



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