

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 29, 2007

From the Desk of the Parochial Vicar,

Baptism, it seems, has little to do with burial. Yet our Second Reading says, "You were buried with [Jesus] in baptism" (Col 2:12). Baptism and burial mark the first and last rites of a Christian, the first and last contact with a priest or deacon. But what else could they have in common? One is joyful, the other sorrowful. One is a sacrament, the other not. One takes place with life-giving water, the other in a field of lifeless headstones.

With a little imagination you will see the connection. Like all the sacraments, Baptism is symbolic. More goes on in it than meets the eye; look for the spiritual, symbolic meanings and effects, and you will glimpse what truly happens. The primitive way to baptize was by immersion in water, a practice still allowed and sometimes used in the Catholic Church (*Catechism*, 1239). The word "Baptism" comes from a Greek word meaning "to plunge" or "to immerse" (1214). When the priest plunges a little baby into the font by immersion, he "buries" the child. When he pulls the baby back up (immediately, of course!), he raises the child to new life. Just as Christ was buried, plunged into the earth, so we must be buried in Christ. Just as he rose from the dead, so we must rise with him.

If you've been baptized our Heavenly Father expects you to live the new life made possible by the Holy Spirit. If you live in the Spirit, responding to the grace of Baptism, you can truly say, "I have risen with Christ." And when you finally reach that field of headstones, and the priest stands by as they plunge you into the earth, it won't be the first time that you've been plunged. You will have already been buried with Christ many years before; you'll be ready to rise with Him to Heaven.

The Parish Office will close at 3:00 PM on Fridays during the summer months.

Sacrament of Baptism

Sarina Marie Ellenbecker, baptized last weekend; **Aiden Robert Hernandez, Jacob Anthony Hernandez**, baptized this weekend are the newest members of our Holy Spirit Parish family. Sarina Marie is the daughter of Jon and Jenny Ellenbecker; Aiden Robert and Jacob Anthony are the twin sons of Steven and Angela Hernandez. May these new sons and daughter of the Church continue to grow in Christian holiness by our witness and example.

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Musser Heisey**, grandfather of Mark Heisey of our parish who passed away last week. May he rest in peace. We extend our condolences and prayers to Mark and his family.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

DAY OPEN HOURS: 1:00 PM Monday
4AM Thursday would like to share their hour
10PM Sunday evening would like to share their hour

We also have 4 middle of the night hours open.
1 AM Sat, 2 AM Sat and Mon; 3 AM Sat and Mon.
Please call Cheri in the parish office to inquire more about Perpetual Adoration. God is looking for you to spend an hour with him in prayer. Won't you answer his call? 371-2320

PROJECT SOS

It is that time of year where we help the Banquet sponsored project Supply One Student. Pick up a listing in the back of the church or check our web site for the list of supplies that is needed for school supplies. Bring your items and put them in the box marked "PROJECT SOS". DEADLINE for all school supplies is August 10th.

AUGUST IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH AT HOLY SPIRIT

RENEWING THE SPIRIT. August is Stewardship month at Holy Spirit. The Stewardship Committee invites all parishioners to share their gifts of time, talent and treasure with our parish community **Note the new time for the Stewardship Fair. It is August 25/26** after all the Masses. Parish handbooks and sign up forms will be available throughout the month.

NET MINISTRIES

Renae Luecke would like to thank Father Morgan and Holy Spirit parishioners for their generous response in helping her raise the funds needed to be a volunteer with NET ministries. She received more than half of the \$3,400 needed. Thank you and God bless you for your generous stewardship of treasure.

Holy Spirit Church

CLC/Share Pledge Update 07/15/07

Holy Spirit Church-Bank Loan Balance	\$ 2,160,869.89
Holy Spirit Church-Share Diocesan Balance	76,170.00
Holy Spirit Church-SFCSS Jr. High Debt Balance	<u>190,425.00</u>
Total Outstanding Share Debt	\$ 2,427,464.89
CLC/Share Total Pledges	\$ 6,474,333.20
CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-TOTAL	<u>5,140,660.31</u>
CLC/Share Pledge Balance Due	\$ 1,333,672.89

CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-YTD 2007 \$ 587,983.61

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER LINE

If you or a loved one faces a serious illness, surgery or some other difficulty, don't hesitate to call for prayer support. To make a prayer request, just call Candy at 338-6135, Jeanne 331-4518 or the parish office at 371-2320. For personal or long term requests, use the petition box in the Adoration Chapel - our priests will regularly pray for these intentions.

LITURGICAL MUSIC DIRECTOR OPENING for Holy Spirit Parish. Full time position. Please send resume to Father Morgan at Holy Spirit Church, 3601 E Dudley Lane, SFSD 57103.

RCIA preparations have begun, materials are being ordered and now we need you! If you are a non-Catholic spouse of a member of Holy Spirit Church and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, these classes are for you. They are also great for those Catholics that want to learn more about their faith and for those returning to their Catholic roots after being away for any length of time. For more information and to sign up for RCIA classes, please contact Kathy Davis in the parish office at 371-2320.

ADULT EDUCATION. Holy Spirit is beginning a new year of Adult Education that will normally be held on the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 PM. We will have guest speakers that will be presenting on a specific topic. Our first evening will be Tuesday, September 4th with Most Rev. Bishop Paul Swain as our presenter. Mark your calendar. Don't miss this opportunity to hear our Bishop.

YESTERDAY'S KIDS TRIP THROUGH IOWA, WISCONSIN, MINN.

Yesterday's Kids is planning a fall trip through Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in September. Some of the highlights will include: Surf Ballroom, Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, Field of Dreams, Farm Toy Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Estate, House on the Rock, Mississippi River boat Cruise, great scenery and great company. Call to sign up and the cost of the trip. **Deadline is July 31st.** Call Kathy Davis in the parish office. 371-2320.

Little Parish 10 Planning Potluck Dinner - August 12

4:30 PM on Sunday, August 12th at lower Tuthill Park. Please bring a main dish, a salad or a dessert to share with others. Juice, water, plates, silverware, napkins and cups will be provided. Bring a chair or blanket due to number of tables. RSVP to the parish office.

This week the four sanctuary candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

Nick Page (Iraq) Ryan Wempe (Iraq)
Bill Hurley (d) Increase in adorers

YOUTH NEWS!

- Youth Bible Study, Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room.
- All forms for the Youth Events are located upstairs in the foyer near the glass bulletin case as well as outside the youth room.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Religious Education Registrations August 11-12 and 18-19. ALL REGISTRATIONS DUE AUGUST 27.

Please pray for this program and for the teachers! Is God calling YOU to help this year? How are you going to respond?

HELP NEEDED!!!

August 8th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Help stuff Religious Ed packets. You can use this for Confirmation hours!

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!!!!

Confirmation Books are in if you ordered them. You can pick them up in the parish office. Thank you!

Al-Anon Meetings at Holy Spirit. **The Al-Anon meetings are held each Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the parish library. This meeting is anonymous fellowship.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM NEW & USED SALE

Sunday, August 5th from 3-5 PM at St Michael School gym. Reps from Dennis Uniform Co will be available to offer assistance.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL UNIFORM EXCHANGE AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE FOYER OF THE SCHOOL.

BROOM TREE RETREATS.

Men's Silent Retreats: Sept. 13-16.

Women's Silent Retreats: Aug. 9-12, Sept. 6-9, Oct 11-14

Msgr. Andraschko Renewal Weekend Sept, 28-30

Marriage Enrichment Weekend, Nov. 9-11

To register please contact Lori at 988-3708 or lori@sfcatholic.org

PRAYING IN THE SACRAMENTS – RETREAT BY FR. KAYSER. August 19-22. **A retreat held by Fr. DeWayne Kayser at Broomtree Conference and Retreat Center. An indepth look at faith life using the sacraments. Retreat begins at 6 PM on August 19th and concludes around 1 PM on August 22nd. Cost of the retreat is \$150. Contact Fr. Kayser for more information or to register (605) 448-5379 or email: dkayser@venturecomm.net.**

Sioux Falls Catholic School Position Openings:

PT Preschool Teacher for St Joseph Cathedral School; Study Hall Monitor for O'Gorman Jr. High; After School Coordinator for Christ the King School; PT Preschool EA for Christ the King School; FT Custodian for Cathedral School; PT Custodian for O'G High School; PT Food Service for Holy Spirit & St Mary School; After School Teacher Assistants. Apply by phone to: Human Resources, SF Catholic Schools 575-3350 or email: shurley@sfcss.org.

Dakota Bowl Cheerleading Extravaganza will take place on **Saturday, September 8th.** Registration forms are available in the parish office. Registrations due August 31. Go Knights!!

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 30

8:00 a.m. +Morris VanHoecke

Tuesday, July 31

8:00 a.m. +Bernard Limoges

5:15 p.m. +S. Ursula Mitzel, OSB

Wednesday, August 1

7:00 a.m. Robert/Kathy Nelimark (Anniversary)

8:00 a.m. Paul Moe

Thursday, August 2

8:00 a.m. +Marjorie Christensen

5:15 p.m. +Leo Gaspar

Friday, August 3

7:00 a.m. +Al Scheuring

8:00 a.m. Fr. Kevin Zilverberg

Saturday, August 4

5:00 PM **Gary/Theresa Gaspar Family**

Sunday, August 5

7:30 a.m. Sue Strozdas (B'day)

9:00 a.m. +Wilbur Shuck

11:00 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24,30-34/ Ps 106:19-23/ Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11,34:5-9,28/ Ps 103:6-13/ Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/ Ps 99:5-7,9/ Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21,34-38/ Ps 84:3-6,8,11/ Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lev 23:1,4-11/15-16,27,34-37/ Ps 81:3-6,10-11/ Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lev 25:1,8-17/PS 67:2-3,5,7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ecc1:2;2:21-23/Ps90:3-6,12-14,17/Col3:1-5,9-11/Lk12:13-21

LITURGICAL ROLES

For the weekend of August 4/5, 2007

Servers: 5:00 – Jacqueline Mullen, Riley Johnson, Mary Prouse

7:30 – Allie Beaner, Morgan Beaner

9:00 – Jeremy VerMulm, Nicholas Ver Mulm, Dylan Winter

11:00 – Brian Billion, Nichole Clemen, Phillip Clemen

Lectors: 5:00 - Pat Erpenbach, Barry Kolbeck, Mary Kolbeck

7:30 – Cathy Schneider, Melinda Winter

9:00 – Julia Deis, Brad Gietzen, Robert Good

11:00 – Sue Simons, Lauren Hammer, Ron Staebell

Greeters: 5:00 – Theresa Bruggeman, Bryon/Lori Burke

7:30 – Pat/Steve Albers

9:00 – Jim/Cele Baker, Joyce Burhenn

11:00 – D/J VanOverbeke, Joan Burns, J/B Johnson

Gift Bearers: 5:00 – Melissa Even Family

7:30 – Michael Ferris Family

9:00 – Mark Sechser Family

11:00 – Kelly Gellerman Family

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Ken Miller, Sheryl Oliver **7:30** –

Linda/Ryon Reckling **9:00** – Judy Zakrzewski, Tim Clark **11:00** –

Machelle Koch, Stan Biondi

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 – B/D Prouse, N Ortman,

J/M Sasge, J Snyders, M Snyders, P Vaska **7:30** – T Schoenfelder, B

Solomon, T Theobald, P Albers **9:00** - C/R Hodgdon, J Drommond,

G/C Gaspar, M Livermore, A Pierce, M Ruff **11:00** – K Berger/M

McCarthy, D/K Fritz, D/J Gronseth, B Berger, M Hayes

Sacristans: 5:00 – Joan Mutchler **7:30** – Pat Albers **9:00** –

Marya Leber **11:00** – Dennis Heilman

SFCS Certificate Sellers: 5:00 – Kevin/Patricia Vaska **7:30** –

John Mallek **9:00** – Machelle/Paul Livermore **11:00** – Maggie

Sunderland, Norma Halstead

ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Ron Staebell

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE AT

www.holyspiritsf.org

Check the web for the new ministry schedules