

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2007

From the Desk of Deacon Tom Bates,

Father Damien was a Belgian priest who served the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. When he first went to Molokai, there was no house for him to live in, no running water, and no electricity. In serving the lepers as a priest, he contracted leprosy and died at the age of forty-four. He was once asked by a reporter what he missed the most by living in a leper colony. He answered that he missed going frequently to Confession or what we now call the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At one time being a leper was against the law in Hawaii, and the only place a leper could live was Molokai. The only way Father Damien could go to Reconciliation was to row out to a passing ship and ask if there was a priest on board. If there was a priest, Damien would stand up in his row boat and shout out his confession to the priest who had to remain on the ship. This was not an easy way to receive Reconciliation, nor could it be done frequently. Thankfully we do not have to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation as Father Damien did.

When we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the person that we truly met there is not the priest but Jesus Christ. When the priest raises his hand and says the words of absolution, Christ forgives us our sins. Just as we receive Christ in the Eucharist under the appearance of bread and wine, so we also meet Christ as He forgives us. Christ said that He came to call sinners to forgive their sins. While acknowledging our sins is never an easy experience, we must remember that Christ is longing for us to come to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so He can forgive us.

There are two sacraments that should be received frequently, and they are the Eucharist and Reconciliation. They work together by nourishing us with Christ's body and blood and by forgiving our sins. Together, they draw us nearer and nearer to Jesus so that one day we may live forever in the presence of God and sing with all the angels and saints of Heaven the praises of the Lord. If we receive Communion frequently but ignore the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will have difficulties in hearing and following the call of Christ because Christ came to call sinners and not the righteous who have no need of Christ to forgive them.

Deacon Tom Bates

A Note from the Pastor

I will be traveling to Rome and Assisi from September 29 to October 10 to reaffirm my priestly vocation. Please pray for me.

Sacrament of Marriage: We congratulate **Patrick Froehlich** and **Jodie Driscoll** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God bless them and keep them as they begin their new life together as Christian husband and wife.

Anniversaries: Holy Spirit Parish congratulates **Dan and Carol Nichols** married 25 years on September 18. May God bless you abundantly for your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Sacrament of Baptism: **Aubreigh Lee Inez McCall**, baptized this weekend, is the newest member of our Holy Spirit parish family. Aubrey is the daughter of Henry and Ashleigh McCall. May this daughter of the Church continue to grow in Christian holiness by our witness and example.

Baptism Class on Monday, October 1st at 7:00 PM in the library of the lower level. Please call the parish office to register for this class.

Fall Shelving Has Begun at Family to Family. Shelving will be from 9AM-12 on Tues 10/2 and Thurs 10/4. Family to Family is located on the 3rd floor of the Food Pantry at 417 N Phillips Ave. Questions call Doreen Jorgenson at 330-2726.

+ RESPECT LIFE MASS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 11:00 AM AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL. BISHOP PAUL SWAIN WILL CELEBRATE THIS MASS.

Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank you so much for the beautiful celebration last weekend after the Masses and the awesome program after the 11:00 Mass. Hearing the choirs sing was so uplifting and very emotional.

Thank you for the cards, gifts and kind words. I have been so blessed over the years to work with such gifted and spiritual people. May God continue to bless all of you. Yours in Christ –

Susie Rallis

FAMILY TO FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We have a record number of families that need winter clothing....If you would like a great stewardship opportunity for you and your family...PLEASE volunteer to sponsor a family. The winter clothing drive is from October 8th – 20th and entails approximately a 2 hour time commitment. If you aren't sure what this involves or would like to volunteer please call Michelle Thie at 376-3272. Help us keep Sioux Falls children warm this winter!

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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have 3 middle of the night hours open.

2 AM Sun

4 AM Sun

Sun 1 PM,

2 AM Mon

2AM Wed

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

RCIA CLASSES. Classes have begun and are held each Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Fireside room. Please call the parish office if you are interested in joining the class.

Fr. Al Krzyzopolski's Wednesday morning Bible Study each Wednesday from 8:45-10:15 AM in the Fireside room.

Adult Education Night – Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 PM

This class will be presented by Ken Klenk on the topic "Science, Truth, Morality and the Catholic Professional." If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Davis at 371-2320.

Holy Spirit Church

CLC/Share Pledge Update 09/24/07

Holy Spirit Church–Bank Loan Balance	\$ 2,106,601.04
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	\$ <u>2,373,196.04</u>

CLC/Share Total Pledges \$ 6,452,470.42

CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-TOTAL 5,242,250.29

CLC/Share Pledge Balance Due \$ 1,210,220.13

CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-YTD 2007 \$ 689,573.59

ORGAN EXCURSION.

Join Fr. Zilverberg for an excursion to Sioux City to hear Dr. Horst Buchholz play the new organ at the Cathedral of the Epiphany. Meet at Holy Spirit on Thurs., Nov. 29 at 3:45 pm. We will carpool and depart at 4 PM, arriving back at Holy Spirit about 11 PM. Trip includes dinner at Sioux City's Minerva's. Costs include gas money for carpooling, dinner, and a free will offering for the organ recital. Call the parish office by Nov. 15 to sign up. 371-2320.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD.

Blake Neff, son of Steve and Nancy Neff, received his Eagle Scout Award on September 23rd. Blake is a junior at Lincoln High School and is in troop 48. Congratulations Blake on this great accomplishment.

This week the four sanctuary candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel have been requested for the following intentions: Nick Page (In Iraq) Bill Hurley (d) Troy Miller (Iraq) Increase of Adorers

GOING AWAY FOR THE WINTER? Please call the parish office to stop your mail or to have it forwarded. It will save the office time and postage. **THANK YOU!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!

RE is still in need of team teachers for:
2 Sunday preschool classes
1 5th grade Sunday class
1 Kindergarten, Wednesday 3 PM class
3 – 7:00 PM Stewardship helpers
Contact Amy or Val at 371-1478

YOUTH NEWS!

- **BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS** on sale for **\$33.00**. Stop by after Mass in the foyer to pick one up.
- **All forms for the Youth Events** are located upstairs in the foyer near the glass bulletin case as well as outside the yr.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR NET TEAM

NET Team, 12 college age students will be here Saturday, October 6th for a Confirmation Retreat! We need to provide housing for them. Would you be interested? Please call Amy at 371-1478. They will need a place to stay on Friday, October 5th.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL NEWS !!

Holy Spirit School will sponsor a Scholastic Book Fair to benefit our school and classroom libraries. The fair will run after Masses this weekend. Please stop in the school foyer and see all the great books and activities being offered.

CONNECTIONS 2008. It is the reference book that everyone uses. This directory of businesses that financially support the SF Catholic Schools is accepting listings. Deadline is October 12. Contact Katie at SFCS 575-3342.

BROOM TREE RETREATS. Women's Silent Retreats: Oct 11-14 Marriage Enrichment Weekend, Nov. 9-11

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

AL-ANON New Meeting Room. Park and enter on the West side of the building (school). Enter front doors and first right to the media room. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:00 PM. Al-Anon is an anonymous fellowship. Call Laurie 360-6773 for additional information.

BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE. Holy Spirit Boy Scout Troop 731 will be selling evergreen wreaths, garland, swags, baskets and other Christmas decorations again this year after all the weekend Masses in October. Please support our scouts in their annual fundraiser.

Sioux Falls Serra Clubs Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed, plus the Arts-Crafts-This and That. Sat. Oct. 6, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Adults \$5.50, Children 5-10 \$4.00. 4 and under free.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AND WALK FOR NAMI

Sunday, October 7 – NAMI Sioux Falls (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is sponsoring a "Candle Light Vigil and Walk" beginning at 6 PM in Christ the Victor Chapel, First Lutheran Church, 12th & Minn. No pledges to collect. Prayer service for Mental Illness Recovery, Tues., Oct. 9th at 7 PM, St. Lambert Church. Everyone welcome!

Mass Intentions * * School Mass on Thursday at 9 AM

Monday, October 1
8:00 a.m. Father Morgan
Tuesday, October 2
8:00 a.m. Don Schwartz Family
Wednesday, October 3
7:00 a.m. For an increase of adorers of perpetual adoration
8:00 a.m. +Marjorie Christensen
Thursday, October 4
9:00 a.m. Robert Strozdas (Birthday)
5:15 p.m. +Dale H. Petree
Friday, October 5
7:00 a.m. +Marihelen O'Connell
8:00 a.m. +Reg & Elsie Baloun
Saturday, October 6
5:00 PM +Mark Kennedy
Sunday, October 7
7:30 a.m. +Marie Merrigan
9:00 a.m. +William Daulton
11:00 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zech 8:1-8/ Ps 102:16-21,29,22-23/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zech 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/ Mt 18:1-5,10
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/ PS 137:1-6/ Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-12/ Ps 19:8-11/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/ Ps 79:1-5,8-9/ Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/ Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hab 1:2-3:2:2-4/ Ps 95:1-2,6-9/ 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

LITURGICAL ROLES

For the weekend of October 6/7, 2007

Servers: 5:00 – Pierce Edman, James Gaspar, Ryan Jones

7:30 – Chris Downey, Elizabeth Huver

9:00 – Luke Steinborn, Natalie Tiefenthaler, Ashton Weber

11:00 – Mark Haiar, Collin Hammer, Keaton Hilber

Lectors: 5:00 - Ed Zawada, Nancy Zawada, Gary Weisbrich

7:30 – Ron Staebell, Barry Solomon

9:00 – Tom Welk, Jim Thielen, Tony Tiefenthaler

11:00 – Kelsie Kallhoff, Chris Michels, Kevin Whittle

Greeters: 5:00 – P/B Brekke, J Bruggeman, P/R Carney

7:30 – Joan Burns, Mark/Sara Hardie

9:00 – P Amor, D/M Barrett, C Brandner, J/T Fitz

11:00 – J/R Aesoph, B/T Cleberg, D/J Blanchard

Gift Bearers: 5:00 – Joseph Burns Family

7:30 – Jeff and Renee Hurley

9:00 – Christine Brandner Family

11:00 – Andrew and Julie Alton Family

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Barbara Anderson, Karen Beranek – 7:30 – Ted Voss, Jean Bjorum 9:00 – Bruce Aldrich,

Robin Arends 11:00 – R Aesoph, S Biondi, A/J Drummond

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 – J/V Fiala, PErbenbach, P

Gerharat, R Murphy, S Haffeman, M Jones, J Keena 7:30 – C Brakke,

M Evans, S Fitzgibbons, R Furan 9:00 - S/T Baloun, D/SBankers, D

Barrett, D/L Barck, P Benson 11:00 – D/K Fritz, D/J Gronseth, D

Hacking, C/T Haiar, F Fogarty, A Fogarty

Sacristans: 5:00 – John/Theresa Bruggeman 7:30 – Pat

Albers 9:00 – Carlotta Schoemer 11:00 – Dennis Heilman

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

Kreiter 9:00 – Rita Daniels, Melanie Soetzel 11:00 – Carla Haiar,

Anita Drummond

ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Bob Good

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE AT

www.holyspiritsf.org

Check the web for the new ministry schedules

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