

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 25, 2007

From the Desk of the Pastor,

A few weeks ago, 710 people from the Sioux Falls area gathered at Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church and in four hours packed 68,472 imperishable meals for starving children across the world. A dent has been made in world hunger. We promised them 120 volunteers from our parish to help at the packing event. A lot more than that from our parish showed up to help. I'm not surprised, knowing the extent of the generosity here and the stewardship way of life that we continue to promote and live. I extend a BIG THANK YOU to Jeff Platek and Amy Nightingale for putting together our involvement.

After the packing event was finished at Messiah New Hope, one of our parishioners called me on her cell as she drove home. Obviously moved by what she saw and what she participated in, she said these words which we usually hear at this time of year around Thanksgiving: "We are so blessed in this country and in Sioux Falls...We have so much to be thankful for."

When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'We are profitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do'; says Jesus to His Apostles in the Gospel of Luke. In other words, the charitable acts we do for others will be its own reward; nothing need to be added. That's a tough lesson for an American way of life that is governed these days by a sense of entitlement. Yes, there is a sense of gratitude at this time of the year. May that gratitude carry over into something fruitful where we can make a difference in the lives of others.

Father Morgan

Anniversaries

Holy Spirit Parish congratulates **Steve and Pat Albers** married 35 years on November 25th. May God bless you abundantly for your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Sacrament of Baptism

Andrew Stephen Esterling and **William Cullen Gross**, baptized this weekend, are the newest members of our Holy Spirit Parish family. They are the children of Matthew and Christine Esterling; Jason and Jacki Gross. May these new sons of the Church continue to grow in Christian holiness by our witness and example.

Trinity Nina Ruth Sorenson, baptized on November 11th, is the daughter of Roy and Beth Sorenson. May this new daughter of the Church continue to grow in Christian holiness by our witness and example.

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.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK

If you or someone you know would like communion brought to your home or if you would like home visits to be made, please contact the parish office at 371-2320.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have 5 middle of the night hours open.

1 AM Sun 2 AM Sun 4 AM Sun

2 AM Mon 1 PM Mon 2 AM 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

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION THANKSGIVING APPEAL.

This week you received a letter and pledge card for Bishop Paul Swain in regards to our Seminarians Education Appeal. Please take time to consider a gift to this appeal for the ongoing education of our 24 diocesan seminarians. We would ask that you bring your gift back to the parish and place in the offertory. Or simply place the envelope in the mail.

PRAYER PARTNER SOCIAL for all Confirmation Students and those who are praying for the students next Sunday, December 1 following the 11:00 AM Mass in the lower level.

Please pray for Father Zilverberg who is on retreat from November 21st to November 27th.

Stewardship Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

Religious Education Classes resume on Wednesday, November 28th along with Jr. Choir and Jr. Instrumentalists.

RCIA class resumes on Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 PM in the Fireside room.

Holy Spirit Church

CLC/Share Pledge Update 11/11/07

Holy Spirit Church-Bank Loan Balance	\$ 2,062,625.71
Holy Spirit Church-Share Diocesan Balance	68,553.00
Holy Spirit Church-SFCSS Jr. High Debt Balance	<u>171,382.50</u>
Total Outstanding Share Debt	\$ 2,302,561.21

CLC/Share Total Pledges	\$ 6,454,843.24
CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-TOTAL	<u>5,291,854.56</u>
CLC/Share Pledge Balance Due	\$ 1,162,988.68

CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-YTD 2007	\$ 749,469.65
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NOVEMBER MONTH TO HELP THE SISTERS OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

This stewardship project now includes all of the parishes in SF as well as Tea, Parker and Brandon. Please choose one or more needs from the basket in the foyer and return the item or items to the designated area in the foyer sometime during the week or when you come for Mass next weekend. Any help you are able to provide for them is very much appreciated. May God bless all of you for helping the Sisters in this special way. Please know that they pray for all of you each day.

HAVE YOU NOTIFIED THE PARISH OFFICE if you have a change of address, phone number or are going south for the winter? Please call 371-2320 with the change. Thank you! It will save us postage.

HOLY SPIRIT COOKIE AND CANDY SALE

Our cookie and candy sale is coming up quickly. December 8/9 after all the Masses in the lower level. We need volunteers to help bake, package and sell the goodies. Take the recipe or recipes of our favorite cookies and candies, make and bake them at home and return the goodies on December 7th for packaging. Sign up sheets and recipes are in the foyer of the Church. **YOUR TIME AND TALENT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!!**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING DATES

Wednesday, November 28th, 7:00-8:30 PM in Fireside Rm
Sunday, December 9th, Noon-1:30 PM in Fireside Room
For all who work with youth or vulnerable adults – this is mandatory if you have not attended the training.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES (December thru February) will be available on our web site beginning the week of November 19th) Please call the parish office if you would like a schedule printed to pick up in the parish office.

This week the four sanctuary candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel have been requested for the following intentions: Bill Hurley (d) Alice Hodapp (d) AI/Cami/Mike Schreck (d) Tommy Cota

YOUTH NEWS!

- **BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS on sale for \$33.00. Stop into the parish office to pick one up.**
- **Nov. 25, 4-5 PM Jr High Youth; 7-9 PM High School Youth**
- **Jr. High Lock In – November 30/December 1. Fee is \$10. Forms available by the youth room.**
- **Youth Group – December 2, Jr. High 4-5 pm, High school 7-9 PM**

Join Bishop Swain for Solemn Vespers

Every Sunday of Advent and the Octave Day of Christmas (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30) at 6:00 PM. Bishop will preside over Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) followed by Exposition and Benediction. Lasts about 40 minutes.

Healing Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Swain at Cathedral

Wednesday, December 5th at Noon at St. Joseph Cathedral. We particularly welcome any abuse victim or family member of friend of an abused person. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Any questions, please contact 988-3775.

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S 35 AND OVER BASKET BALL

Each Sunday in the gym from 5:00-7:00 PM. Use West entrance to the school.

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING???? Purchase Sioux Falls Catholic School certificates – the gift that always fits! It is a great way to do your shopping and earn tuition credit.

SIoux FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS

Pre-school Educational Assistant: PT/Seasonal (7:45-11:15 am) Mon., Wed., & Friday at Christ the King School.

After School Teacher Assistants: PT/Seasonal (2:45-6:00 PM) for Holy Spirit and St Michael.

Food Service Assistant: PT/Seasonal (11:00 am – 1:30 pm) for Holy Spirit School. **Apply by phone to: Human Resources, SF Catholic Schools -0 575-3350 or email: shurley@sfcss.org**

Old Fashioned Bazaar and Bake Sale (St Nicholas Church/Tea)

Sunday, December 2, 10AM to 1 PM. Homemade soup & sandwich, \$5. Come and see the talents of St Nicholas Church.

Christmas Cookie Parade and Craft Fair (December 1)

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon. Cookie parade, gift ideas for everyone. Pictures with Santa, raffles & entertainment. Serving cinnamon rolls, turkey croissants, hot dogs, chili, chicken noodle soup and more!

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi led by Father Christensen

Father Christensen cordially invites you to join him on a 9-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, April 24-May 2, 2008. For further information, please contact Father Dana Christensen, St Rose of Lima, PO Box 0, Garretson, SD 57030. Phone: 594-3750 or email: drchrist@sfcatholic.org

St. Lambert Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner December 2

From 4:00-7:00 PM. Come enjoy fine Italian cuisine from Papa Luigi's gourmet menu (Unlimited spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts.

Mass Intentions * * School Mass at 9 AM Thursday

Monday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Bergman family

Tuesday, November 27

8:00 a.m. +N. Dean (Noss) Nasser, Sr.

Wednesday, November 28

7:00 a.m. For an increase of adorers for Perpetual Adoration

8:00 a.m. +Agnes/Harold Hicks

Thursday, November 29

9:00 a.m. +Roger Thompson, Sr.

5:15 p.m. For those in need of our prayers

Friday, November 30

7:00 a.m. +Don Reiter

8:00 a.m. For our youth

Saturday, December 1

5:00 PM +Dale Petree

Sunday, December 2

7:30 a.m. +Darrell Beaner

9:00 a.m. +Don Reiter

11:00 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dan 1:1-6,8-20/ Dan 3:52-56/ Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dan 2:31-45/Dan 3:57-61/ Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28/ Dan3:62-67/ Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dan 6:12-18/ Dan 3:68-74/ Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18/ Ps 19:8-11/ Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Dan 7:15-27/ Dan 3:82-87/ Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-9/ Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44

LITURGICAL ROLES

For the weekend of December 1/2, 2007

Servers: 5:00 – Claire Marshall, Olivia Mayasich, Jacqueline Mullen

7:30 – Austyn Nygaard, Andrew Nygaard

9:00 – Theresa Kooima, Hannah Kooima, Megan Kunkel

11:00 – Geralyn Palmer, Karissa Palmer, Riley Palmer

Lectors: 5:00 - Pat Erpenbach, William Garry, Brad Gietzen

7:30 – Pat Albers, Melinda Winter

9:00 – Bruce Aldrich, Suzie Aldrich, Robin Arends

11:00 – Stan Biondi, Blake Neff, Charlene Dvorak

Greeters: 5:00 – P/R Brekke, R/K Dieger, R/P Carney

7:30 – L Meyer, J/K Osterberg

9:00 – J/s Donovan, J/R Dorman, G/C Gaspar

11:00 – N/S Casiello, J/A Drummond, B/P Heier

Gift Bearers: 5:00 – Kathy and Patrick Ford Family

7:30 – Sandy and Michael Fitzgibbons Family

9:00 – Joel and Robin Arends Family

11:00 – Mark and Lisa Lang Family

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Angela Weisbrich, Ann Spader

7:30 – Sandy Fitzgibbons, Robert Furan **9:00** – Paulette Klein, Lyle

Leber **11:00** – Bridget Hurley, Margaret Free, Jolene Michels

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 – E/N Zawada, R Murphy

D/L Vondra, J/M Sage, **7:30** – C/R Limoges, D/L Leichtnam **9:00** -

H Marek, D/R Page, A Pierce, C Schoemer, D Schwartz **11:00** –

JBooth, K Nichols, M Sunderland, D Thode, L Bates, MA Hanten, M

Koch, J Fiegen, L Kunz

Sacristans: 5:00 – John/Theresa Bruggeman **7:30** – Cheri

Limoges **9:00** – Marya Leber **11:00** – Dennis Heilman

SFCS Certificate Sellers: 5:00 – Jean Snyders, Jill Sudenga **7:30**

– Kym Osterberg **9:00** – Rita Daniels, Melanie Doetzel **11:00** –

Mary/Joe Leedom

ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Pam Hilber

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE AT

www.holyspiritsf.org

Check the web for the new ministry schedules

Holy Spirit email address:

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