



The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2007

Now is the hour to wake from our sleep!

From the Desk of the Pastor,

December is a busy time of the year. Unfortunately, it's too busy, and it's easy to forget what Advent is all about in the first place: A time to prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for the Coming of Christ. Please be cognizant of Penance Services and extra Confessions which will be offered in the weeks ahead, and Holy Days of Obligation which are usually forgotten in the hustle & bustle of the year; like the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8), and the Feast of Mary the Mother of God (Jan. 1). All the faithful are required to attend Mass on these days. This year, Dec. 8 falls on a Saturday. We will offer Mass on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m. (vigil) and on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. You may say, "Gosh, is this an inconvenience." My reply is, "Yes it is, and it's an inconvenience for us too who have to prepare for the weekend Masses." But our faith is pretty shallow if we are not willing to sacrifice once in a while for our Lord and go the extra mile. In this case, it's not even the extra mile, it's what we are supposed to be doing in the first place: Making the faith a priority in our lives. May this be a season of joy and hope and fond memories... but also a season of deep, spiritual preparation for the coming of the only One who can save us.

Have a blessed Advent!

Father Morgan

THANK YOU! A BIG THANK YOU to all that donated items, gift certificates, and cash to the Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You have provided them with many of their needs and they are very grateful. This is a great way of stewardship and our Holy Spirit family shared many of their blessings with the Sisters. Thank you and God Bless all of you.

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

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 2 AM Wed 11 PM Wednesday

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?

MINISTRY SCHEDULES (December thru February) are available on our web site. Please call the parish office if you would like a schedule printed to pick up in the parish office.

Reminder! **REMINDER:** Please remember to check your name off when you come to Mass so that the Sacristan knows that you are here for your ministry. If your name is not checked off they will get someone else.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING DATES

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.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION APPEAL

Thank you again for your gifts to the Seminarian Education Appeal. We will be forwarding our parish gifts this week to the diocesan offices. If you have not yet offered a gift to the appeal please consider doing so and simply leave your gift in the parish collection. If you need another pledge card, please contact the parish office.

ADULT EDUCATION — DECEMBER 4

Our Adult Education evening on December 4th at 7:00 PM will feature our very own Father Kevin Zilveberg presenting on "Heavenly Music—Gregorian Chant." All are welcome. Join us for refreshments after the talk. Bring a friend and come to hear your Parochial Vicar. If you have any questions, please call Kathy in the parish office.

Holy Spirit Church

CLC/Share Pledge Update 11/25/07

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	\$ 6,455,138.24
CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-TOTAL	<u>5,294,219.56</u>
CLC/Share Pledge Balance Due	\$ 1,160,918.68

CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-YTD 2007	\$ 751,709.65
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YESTERDAY'S KIDS POTLUCK/CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11th at 11:30 AM in the lower level. We will do our "normal" gift exchange after our luncheon. Also remember if you would like to participate in our stewardship project of bring an item for a gift basket, please do so. If you are new, 50'ish and above and would like to do so, please do. Call the parish office if you have any questions.

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 still 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. Call the parish office at 371-2320. **YOUR TIME AND TALENT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!!**

MOTHER'S MANNA. Please call the parish office if you have had a baby or are in a stressful situation such as having a spouse or child hospitalized. A meal will be brought to you at the time requested.

COOK FOR THE PRIESTS

We are looking for someone to share cooking for the priests. Thursdays twice a month with someone else. Please call Cheri in the parish office if interested.



OPEN HOUSE FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS - Monday, Dec. 10

6:30—8:30 PM in the lower level of the church

This is for ALL of our volunteers who do so much for our parish. This includes any adult who is involved in any of our ministries. Helping in the school, parish, RE, music, visiting our homebound, weekend Masses, coffee & rolls, etc. Come and enjoy good food and visit with one another. This is our way to say 'THANK YOU' for your stewardship of time and talent to Holy Spirit Parish.

This week the four sanctuary candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel have been requested for the following intentions: **Al/Cami/Mike Schreck (d)**

YOUTH NEWS!

- **BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS** on sale for \$33.00. Stop into the parish office to pick one up.
- **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.

SCRIPTURE RETREAT with **Father Al Krzyzopolski**, will be held at the Broom Tree Retreat Center on Friday, February 1st, 8:00 PM until Sunday, February 3rd, 12:30. For both singles and couples, the emphasis is on applying Holy Scripture to daily living—an excellent preparation for LENT. To register, or for more information, call 263-1040 or email: Broomtree@sfcatholic.org or register on line at www.broom-tree.org.

LITTLE PARISHES 5 AND 10 PLAN FAMILY CHILI/BINGO

Little Parishes 5 and 10 are once again putting on a Family Chili/Bingo Night, January 12th after the 5 PM Mass. It will include a homemade chili dinner with all the fixins' followed by Prize Winning Bingo! Please call the parish office to RSVP so we have enough food. Free will offering appreciated.

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**

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

Mass Intentions ** School Mass at 9 AM Thursday

Monday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Kathy Nelmark

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. +Cyril Deiterman/+Leonard Steinhoff

Wednesday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth/Joseph Bergman Family

8:00 a.m. +Don Reiter

Thursday, December 6

9:00 a.m. +Al Schreck

5:15 p.m. +Cyril Deiterman/+Leonard Steinhoff

Friday, December 7

7:00 a.m. Cheri Limoges

8:00 a.m. Don Schmitz

6:00 p.m. Bishop Paul Swain

Saturday, December 8 (Feast of Immaculate Conception)

9:00 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish

5:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, December 9

7:30 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish

9:00 a.m. Adult Contemporary Choir

11:00 a.m. +Bob Sunderland, Jr.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6/ Ps 122:1-9/ Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1, 7-8,12-13,17/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10/PS 23:1-6/ Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27/Mt7:21,24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps27:1,4,13-14/Mt9:27-31

Saturday: Gen3:9-15,20/Ps98:1-4/Eph1:3-6,11-12/Lk1:26-38

Sunday: Is11:1-10/Ps72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Rom15:4-9/Mt3:1-12

LITURGICAL ROLES

For the weekend of December 8/9, 2007

Servers: 5:00 – Anne Prouse, Mary Prouse, Max Marko

7:30 – McKenzie Theobald, Mikaela Theobald

9:00 – Abigail Neff, Alyson O'Connor, Ryan O'Connor

11:00 – Matie Penisten, Will Penisten, Paul Schoppert

Lectors: 5:00 - Bill Kubat, Tim Koch, Julie Marko

7:30 – Tom Grady, Michael Fitzgibbons

9:00 – Rita Daniels, Shirley Donovan, Julie Fieldsend

11:00 – Mary Ann Hanten, Zach Weber, Jane Fogarty

Greeters: 5:00 – P/T Downey, J/T Bruggeman, K/D Foley

7:30 – R/C Peters, R Prostrollo

9:00 – D/D Hodges, R/V Houston, M/C Huether

11:00 – M/M Heisey, R/P Hilber, L/G Hochstatter

Gift Bearers: 5:00 – Sheryl Oliver Family

7:30 – Donna and Bob Furan Family

9:00 – Kevin and Rebecca Branick Family

11:00 – Paul and Karen Myers Family

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Julie Fiala, Vincent Fiala **7:30** – Pat/Bonnie

McCue **9:00** – Doug/Leah Turgeon **11:00** – Sheri Messler, Terri Miller, Karl Pardee

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 – J Grace, M Jones, S Haffeman, B/M

Kolbeck, J Keena **7:30** – R Staebell, T Theobald, B O'Connell, C Olson **9:00** - B

VerMum, C Wagner, M Weber, D/K Bangasser, B/S Parezo, _____ **11:00** –

J/J Kent, J Gaetze, K Kooima, C Clemen, R Aesoph, CJ Miller, BJ Kubat, V Thompson

Sacristans: 5:00 – Mary/Barry Kolbeck **7:30** – Bonnie McCue **9:00** – Leah

Turgeon **11:00** – Sheila McQuade

SFCS Certificate Sellers: 5:00 – Kevin/Patty Vaska **7:30** – Jim/Ruth Prostrollo

9:00 – Leslie Elliott, Kelly Gellerman **11:00** – Sheri Messler, Pam Michels

ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Bob Lubke

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE AT

www.holyspiritsf.org

Check the web for the new ministry schedules

Holy Spirit email address: holyspiritsf@qwestoffice.net

