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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2007

The lives of the poor, the Lord will save!

From the Desk of the Pastor,

At this time of year, we experience a renewed sense of helping and giving. It goes with the holiday season, as we know, and it makes us feel good about helping others. Perhaps we need to ask ourselves why we give and help during this time of the year. For us as Christians, it's to acknowledge Christ's coming into the human experience, and His command to help the least of our brothers and sisters. This prompts us to be *Alter Christus*, that is, "another Christ" to others (of course, this is the way it should be EVERYDAY of the year, not just during the holidays).

We call the act of giving to those who are in need, "almsgiving." Alms are material goods or monies that are given as a corporal work of mercy, that is, a work of charity or love. During the Advent season, we give out of gratitude and love, out of the great joy and knowledge that God has blessed us with the gift of His Son, and so we desire to pass on this joy and knowledge by sharing the blessings that God has bestowed upon us.

As your pastor, I would be remiss in not extending the invitation of giving financially during this time of the year to your parish. We can certainly use it to help with some of the unexpected costs that we encountered over the summer (see August Newsletter), and plus, it makes good sense to give to the parish when tax time rolls around. Believe me, it will be put to good use. In our Gospel, John tells us to "repent," meaning, "have a change of heart." Nothing changes our hearts like giving.

Have blessed Advent Season!

Father Morgan

ANNIVERSARIES

Holy Spirit Parish congratulates **Harold and Agnes Hicks** married 62 years on November 28th. May God bless you abundantly for your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Sacrament of Baptism

Austin Michael Eckert, baptized this weekend, is the newest member of our Holy Spirit Parish family. He is the son of Joey and Shannon Eckert.

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lois Casey**, grandmother of Jeanne Hassel of our parish, who passed away this week. May she rest in peace. We extend our condolences and prayers to Jeanne and her family.

THANK YOU from the Cooper and Marie Earl family for all the meals brought to them during Marie's illness and recovery.

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 open times. 1AM Sun 2AM Sun 4AM Sun
2 AM Mon 2 AM Wed 11 PM 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?

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.

Reminder!



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.

Holy Spirit Church

CLC/Share Pledge Update 12/02/07

Holy Spirit Church—Bank Loan Balance	\$ 2,053,054.38
Holy Spirit Church—Share Diocesan Balance	68,553.00
Holy Spirit Church—SFCSS Jr. High Debt Balance	171,382.50
Total Outstanding Share Debt	\$ 2,292,989.88

CLC/Share Total Pledges	\$ 6,455,658.24
CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-TOTAL	5,300,988.56
CLC/Share Pledge Balance Due	\$ 1,154,669.68

CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-YTD 2007	\$ 758,478.65
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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

This weekend after ALL the Masses in the lower level.

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.

Christmas Flowers. If you wish to make a monetary donation toward flowers for Christmas in memory of a loved one, you may do so by sending your check to Holy Spirit Parish. Please indicate who you would like the flowers in memory of and they will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING (Today, December 9th) from noon to 1:30 PM in the Fireside Room. This training is for anyone working with youth or vulnerable adults. This is mandatory if you have not attended the training.

COMMUNAL PENANCE at Holy Spirit Parish will be held next Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 PM in the Worship Area of the church.

GRIEF RETREAT—Grieving the Loss of a Child

December 28—December 30th at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Call 988-3775 to register or for more information. \$225/couple or \$150 per person. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran.

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.
- **7-8 PM Adoration** for both Jr. High and High School.

Join Bishop Swain for Solemn Vespers

Every Sunday of Advent and the Octave Day of Christmas (**Dec. 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.

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.broomtree.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, Fri for Christ the King School; **After School Teacher Assistants:** PT/Seasonal (4 PM-6 PM), Holy Spirit School; **Food Service Assistant:** (PT/Seasonal (11AM-1:30 PM) for Holy Spirit School; **Food Service Cook/Baker:** FT/Seasonal (7 AM-2:30 P M) for O'Gorman High School. **Apply by phone to: Human Resources, SF Catholic Schools -0 575-3350 or email: shurley@sfcsc.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

World Wide Marriage Encounter—January 25-27 at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Why not give the gift of yourself? For more information or to register, call John or Dawn Eisinger at 362-0924.

CHRISTMAS CHEER!

On Friday, December 21, the O'Gorman High School Show Choirs will be presenting their Christmas show three times beginning at 11:45 am (12:15 & 12:45 PM) at the OGHs Auditorium. Public is welcome to attend any of these FREE performances.

Mass Intentions ** School Mass at 9 AM Thursday

Monday, December 10
8:00 a.m. +Fr. Leo Fox
Tuesday, December 11
8:00 a.m. +Jim McAdaragh
Wednesday, December 12
7:00 a.m. +Theresa Bontje
8:00 a.m. +Leo Gaspar
Thursday, December 13
9:00 a.m. Jim Stephens
5:15 p.m. +Allan Erpenbach
Friday, December 14
7:00 a.m. +Thad Schultz
8:00 a.m. +Fr. Tony Kelly
Saturday, December 15
5:00 PM Lylla Hamik (88th Birthday)
Sunday, December 16
7:30 a.m. +Dan Merrigan
9:00 a.m. +Tim Burhenn
11:00 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish

prepare
the way
of the Lord!



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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:85:9-14/ Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/ Ps 96:1-3,10-13/ Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zech 2:14-17/ Ju 13:18-19/ Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/ Ps 145:1, 9-13/ Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/ Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/ Mt 17:9-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6,10/ Ps 146:6-10/ James 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

LITURGICAL ROLES

For the weekend of December 15/16, 2007

Servers: 5:00 – Trevor Snyders, Graham Sudenga, Hope Bleeker
7:30 – Brian Voss, Matthew White
9:00 – Lauren Palmer, _____, _____
11:00 – Charles Solomon, Elizabeth Thompson, Hannah Vaca

Lectors: 5:00 - Judy Grace, Mary Kolbeck, Barry Kolbeck
7:30 – Mark Hardie, Maureen Evans
9:00 – Jim Dorman, Wallace Fritz, Robert Good
11:00 – Jeanne Green, Mary Kenny, Angela Groth

Greeters: 5:00 – T/S Girard, R/J Grace, J Johnson
7:30 – C/N Schoen, D/M Turner
9:00 – R/B Jarding, F/C King, L/D Kary
11:00 – K/J Keck, J/J Kent, J/R Aesoph

Gift Bearers: 5:00 – Nancy Ortman Family
7:30 – Diane and George Gannon Family
9:00 – Greg and Melanie Doetzel Family
11:00 – Kirk and Trisha Zimmer Family

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Deb Madsen, Julie Marko 7:30 – Tonya Schoenfelder, Barry Solomon 9:00 – Pam Mollet, Cindy Schmit 11:00 – Erin O'Connor, Dan Hacking, Adam Fogarty

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 – R Mielke, S Oliver, K Miller, N Ortman, J Snyders, B/D Prouse, A Schaeffbauer 7:30 – P Albers, J Bjorum, J Zakrzewski, R Prostrollo 9:00 - D Vance, S Simunek, L Healy, B Aldrich, R Arends, D Barrett, S/T Baloun 11:00 – A/J Drummond, K/D Fritz, L Haiar, D/J Gronseth, C/T Haiar

Sacristans: 5:00 – Joan Mutchler 7:30 – Pat Albers 9:00 – Marya Leber 11:00 – Pam Michels

SFCS Certificate Sellers: 5:00 – Barb/Joe Burns 7:30 – Jean White 9:00 – Marge Good, Veronica Houston 11:00 – Sheri Messler, Pam Michels

ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Colleen O'Connor

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE AT

www.holyspiritsf.org

Check the web for the new ministry schedules

Holy Spirit email address: holyspiritsf@qwestoffice.net