

We are the
family
of the LORD

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The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2007

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, Lord.



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31 6:00 PM (New Year's Eve)
January 1 9:00 AM (New Year's Day)

From the Desk Deacon Bates,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph made their family holy by doing the will of God. After Jesus was born, Joseph was told by an angel to flee to Egypt because Herod wanted to kill Jesus. Neither Mary nor Joseph wasted any time arguing with the angel or with each other about what they should do. They were obedient to what God wanted them to do.

God wants our families to grow in holiness by receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation and by praying as a family. Praying together at Mass is the most important thing we do all week. Sometimes getting everybody to go to the same Mass can be difficult to arrange, but praying together as a family at the Eucharist will result in our families drawing closer to God.

Taking our families to confession will also result in Christ being the center of our family because we will meet Christ in the confessional when the priest raises his hand and says, "Your sins are forgiven." Confessing our sins frequently will result in a family having more compassion, kindness, and humility which will enrich the life of that family.

Ensuring that every day our entire families sit down to eat a meal together where we pray and converse with each other will help us draw closer to God. Praying before sharing a meal will invite Christ to come and be part of that family. We are truly blessed by the gifts God has given us to grow in His holiness.

Deacon Tom Bates

Sacrament of Baptism

Joshua Marcus Raether and William Cameron Raether, baptized this weekend, are the newest members of our Holy Spirit Parish family. Joshua and William are the twin sons of Jason and Nancy Raether. May these new sons 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 **Jerry Ripperda**, uncle of Mike Bruggeman who passed away this week. May he rest in peace. We extend our condolences and prayers to Mike and his family.

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 more about Perpetual Adoration. God is looking for you to spend an hour with him in prayer. Won't you answer his call?

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.

Holy Spirit Church

CLC/Share Pledge Update 12/16/07

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	\$ 6,454,927.24
CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-TOTAL	5,423,603.59
CLC/Share Pledge Balance Due	\$ 1,031,323.65

CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-YTD 2007	\$ 881,093.68
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

No class until January 6th (Sunday), January 9th (Wednesday). Teacher Training on Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM in the lower level.

ADULT EDUCATION NIGHT — TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

We will have our **Adult Education Night, Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM**. We will feature Dr. Jane Gaetze, Gary and Angela Weisbrich on the topic of "The Buzz about the Birds and the Bees." Please join us in the Fire-side Room for this interesting program. There will be refreshments after the presentation. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Davis at 371-2320. All are invited so bring a friend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!

Preschool/Kindergarten Registration at Holy Spirit

BEGINS Thursday, January 24th at 8:00 AM. You must bring or have copies of a certified birth certificate, baptismal certificate, social security card, and \$25 deposit for preschool or \$50 deposit for kindergarten. *All families are welcomed and encouraged to visit our school, to meet our staff and to learn more about what we do!* For any questions, please contact Carol Loeffelholz, Principal, at Holy Spirit School, 371-1481 or Tracy Skuza, Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Admissions at 575-3358.

Our DIAL-3 Screening will be held January 7-11th at Holy Spirit School. The screening is for children in our parish who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. If they do not attend our preschool currently, they will need to call the school for an appointment.

DWS SUPPORT GROUP for divorced, widowed and separated.

Open to people of all faiths. A ten week program led by volunteers who have been through the program and want to give back after experiencing help with their grief and pain. Registration Monday, January 7th at 7 PM at St Joseph Cathedral School, (south entrance). Cost \$55 for books and materials. Call 988-3775 for more registration. No pre-registration needed.

Grieving the Loss of a Sibling

Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM, January 15-February 19. Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Avenue. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775. This group is non-denominational. Cost, free will offering. This program is for adults who are grieving the loss of a brother or sister.

The Parish Staff wishes all of our parishioners and their families a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

The parish office will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1.

End of Year Contributions

If you wish to make a contribution for 2007 it must be in the parish office by January 6th. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 371-2320.

School resumes on Thursday, January 3. School Mass at 9:00 AM.

This week the four sanctuary candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel have been requested for the following intentions: Bill Hurley (d) Don Schmitz

YOUTH NEWS!

- **MT. KATO SKI TRIP, Friday, February 15th.** Registration forms are next to Amy and Richard's offices.

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.

Mike's Snow Day—Friday, January 4th at Great Bear

Get your friends together for a day of fun. Activities for all ages including snow bowling, snowshoe races, skiing and tubing. The Crab Grass Crew will be playing a benefit concert from 6:30-8:30 PM. Group rate for all Great Bear activities will apply with a free offering to benefit the Mike Sieverding Scholarship fund.

Knights of Columbus Charity Pheasant Hunt, January 6

The Knights of Columbus of St. Peter's in Platte invite you to attend a Charity Pheasant Hunt on Sunday, January 6th on the grounds of Prairie Skies Country Inn. \$100. per person. Hot lunch included. For more information, please call 1888-335-3764 or 337-2612, 337-3704. Proceeds to benefit church hall renovation.

Annual Marquette Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

SATURDAY, January 12. Registration begins 10AM, competition begins at 10:30 AM. O'Gorman Jr. High Gymnasium (North door). Open to all girls and boys from 10-14 yrs. of age as of January 1, 2008. All participants need a parent or guardian signature on their entry form at registration. All participants receive Domino's pizza, refreshments, t-shirts and framed certificates awarded. All will receive FREE admission to the O'Gorman vs. Lincoln Varsity Boys Basketball game. Game is Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 7:30 in O'G HS gym.

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.

Mass Intentions

** School Mass at 9 AM Thursday

Monday, December 31

8:00 a.m. +Theresa Bontje

6:00 pm Holy Spirit Parish

Tuesday, January 1

9:00 am +Stephen Shlanta

Wednesday, January 2

7:00 a.m. +Al Schreck

8:00 a.m. +Don Reiter

Thursday, January 3

9:00 a.m. +Clayton Arbach

5:15 p.m. +Leo Gaspar

Friday, January 4

7:00 a.m. +Duane Murphy

8:00 a.m. Nadene McAdaragh (B'day)

Saturday, January 5

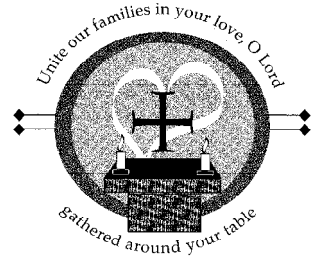
5:00 PM +Cyril Deitermann

Sunday, January 6

7:30 a.m. +Norma Doyle

9:00 a.m. Samantha Stanley

11:00 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish



REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps96:1-2,11-13/ Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Num 6:22-27/ Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Ps 98:1-4/ Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3-6/ Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 7-9/ Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/ Ps 100:1-5/ Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/ Eph 3:2-3,5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

LITURGICAL ROLES

For the weekend of December January 5/6, 2008

Servers: 5:00 – Paige Madsen, Jackie Marko, Claire Marshall

7:30 – Anna Haiar, Kyler Hardie

9:00 – Brittany Spader, Luke Steinborn, Natalie Tiefenthaler

11:00 – Nicole Clemen, Phillip Clemen, Shannon McQuade

Lectors: 5:00 - Dwight Vondra, Gary Weisbrich, Pat Erpenbach__

7:30 – Colleen O'Connor, Steve Roers

9:00 – Jim Baker, Bruce Aldrich, Suzie Aldrich

11:00 – Zach Weber, Kelsie Kallhoff, Jane Fogarty

Greeters: 5:00 – S haffeman, J/C Keena, J Nielsen

7:30 – R/D Furan, M/S Hardie

9:00 – J Vogel, M/s Wistercheidt, T Wittry

11:00 – C Dvorak, N/S Fischer, K Gellerman

Gift Bearers: 5:00 – OShae Richardsen Family

7:30 – Darlene and Lonnie Leichtnam

9:00 – Jerome Vogel Family

11:00 – Laura Jenson Family

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Nancy Ortman, Ken Miller 7:30 – Bob O'Connell, Ron Staebell 9:00 – Machelie Livermore, John Lubeck 11:00 – Jordan

Fiegen, Lisa Kunz, Mary Hayes

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 – J Marko, A Schaeffbauaer, S Oliver, J

Snyders, M Snyders, P Vaska, A Spader, A Weisbrich 7:30 – T Schoenfelder, B

Solomon, C Olson, T Theobald 9:00 - H Marek, A Pierce, C Schoemer, M Weber,

D/K Bangasser, D/L Turgeon 11:00 – S Messler, T Miller, K Kooima, J Gaetze, C

Clemen, A/F Fogarty, K Waters, R Aesoph

Sacristans: 5:00 – Joan Mutchler 7:30 – Bonnie McCue 9:00 – Marya Leber

11:00 – Jan Motz

SFCS Certificate Sellers: 5:00 – Bruce/Diane Prouse 7:30 – Jack Mallek 9:00

– Lyle/Marya Leber 11:00 – Dana/Jeff Sandene

ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Carol Dingman

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE AT

www.holyspiritsf.org

Check the web for the new ministry schedules

Holy Spirit email address: holyspiritsf@qwestoffice.net

Holy Family,
pray for us!

