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Second Sunday of Lent February 17, 2008

Remember your mercies to us,
O Lord!

From the Desk of the Pastor,

How thankful I am for reading glasses these days! Seeing with new eyes...it's a good thing right? Yes and no. Our readings this weekend continue to talk about "seeing." Last week seeing was not so hot. Adam and Eve chose to see the serpent rather than the loving presence of God. They bit into the fruit of good and evil and then "saw" things in a new way indeed: with shame and guilt. Their desire to look at the wrong things led them out of paradise.

Today we hear the story of how Jesus allowed his inner circle of apostles to see His glory. The vision panics Peter, James and John, yet they don't want to leave, they want to stay on the mountain top forever. Like Adam and Eve, who had God to walk with them in the beauty of Paradise, they can't take too much of a good thing, and so they stumble all over themselves.

Day in and day out we are exposed to the good things of creation and those things which are rendered bad via Original Sin. In last week's letter I told you to be careful of having those conversations with the Devil, where we capitulate and comprise our Lenten promises. This week, I am warning you to keep your eyes on the prize. We have the glorious presence of God in the Sacraments in front of us at every moment. We can choose to see Him or turn from Him, shut our eyes to Him...or look at something else which is not of Him at all.

Keep up the Lenten promises!

Father Morgan

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day. SFCS Certificates will not be available on Wednesday of this week because of the Monday holiday.

Sacrament of Baptism

Xander Alan Winter, baptized this weekend, is the newest member of our Holy Spirit parish family. Xander is the son of Cullan and Melinda Winter. May this new son 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 **Anna Bramstedt**, mother of Wayne Bramstedt and grandmother of Brian Bramstedt; **Ray Krehbiel**, father of Kathy Hacking; **Elizabeth Kielman**, mother of Joyce Burhenn of our parish. May they rest in peace. We extend our condolences and prayers to Wayne, Brian, Kathy, Joyce and their families.

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

Spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer during this Lenten season. We have six open hours: 1AM, 2AM, 4AM Sunday; 2AM Mon., Wed., and Friday. Please call Cheri in the parish office if you would like to sign up for an hour. 371-2320

THE BANQUET

Holy Spirit Parish will serve the evening meal at the Banquet on Monday, February 25th. Please call the parish office to volunteer. **We are still in need of 12 people** to help serve the meal (5:15-7:30 PM)

CFSA - Catholic Family Sharing Appeal

We continue to collect pledge cards for Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. Holy Spirit's goal is **\$148,000.00** and **100% participation**. Prayerfully consider a gift to this year's appeal, fill out your pledge card and bring it to church this weekend or the next. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the diocese to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another.

OPERATION RICE BOWL is Catholic Relief Services Lenten solidarity program that calls all participants to: PRAY, FAST, LEARN AND GIVE. Please pick up a rice bowl in the foyer and bring it back during Holy Week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS and BENEDICTION DURING LENT

Every Friday at 7:00 PM in the Worship Area of the Church. February 22, 29, Mar. 7, 14.



Soup Suppers EACH Friday during Lent!

Each Friday during Lent our Little Parishes will be serving different kinds of meatless soups. Please join us before the Stations of the Cross. Suppers begin at 5:30-6:45 PM. All proceeds will go to our Social Concerns. Note the time change from the February Newsletter (Dinners are at 5:30 not 5PM).

Holy Spirit Boy Scouts will be serving soup and grilled cheese sandwiches on Friday, February 22nd.

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Saturday, February 23

Retreat for men focusing on male spirituality. The morning begins at 10 AM and will end with a light lunch in the Fireside room at 12:00. The retreat includes time for Adoration and private prayer, two reflections by Fr. Zilverberg, an opportunity for confession, Benediction and socializing. Contact Kathy Davis in the parish office to register.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - Saturday, March 1

The Women's Lenten Retreat will be from 10:00 AM until noon. There will be time for Adoration, private prayer, two reflections by Fr. Zilverberg, an opportunity for confession, Benediction and social time. We will end the retreat with a light lunch. Call Kathy Davis in the parish office to register.

Holy Spirit Church

CLC/Share Pledge Update 2/10/08

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| Holy Spirit Church-Bank Loan Balance | \$ 1,887,384.49 |
| Holy Spirit Church-Share Diocesan Balance | 60,936.00 |
| Holy Spirit Church-SFCSS Jr. High Debt Balance | <u>152,340.00</u> |
| Total Outstanding Share Debt | \$ 2,100,660.49 |
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| CLC/Share Total Pledges | \$ 6,415,182.24 |
| CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-TOTAL | <u>5,536,822.74</u> |
| CLC/Share Pledge Balance Due | \$ 878,359.50 |
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| CLC/Share Pledge Payments Received-YTD 2008 | \$ 26,738.00 |

Yesterday's Kids on the Move Again! Join us for the trip to Chanhassen to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on **Saturday, March 15th**. If interested, contact Kathy Davis in the parish office.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside room.

FAMILY TO FAMILY spring shelving is NOW in progress. We will be shelving on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00-12:00. There will be NO shelving on 2/22, 2/25, 2/26 or 2/29. We will resume on 3/1. Family to Family is located on the 3rd floor of the food pantry at 417 N Phillips Ave For questions call Doreen Jorgenson at 330-2726.

REGULAR SUPPORT: 02/11/08

Collection Needed: \$26,199.75
Collection 02/03/08: \$26,550.25
Collection Surplus : \$ 350.50

Thank you for your generosity & continued support of your parish!

This week the four sanctuary candles in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel have been requested for the following intentions: **Ryan Souvignier (Iraq)**
Christopher Motz (Iraq)

YOUTH NEWS!

- Youth Group on Sunday, February 24.
- No Youth Group on Sunday, March 2.

AL-ANON. 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.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Avera McKennan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Avera McKennan, including the Behavioral Center and Hospice sites are needed. If you are presently commissioned in the parish please contact Fr. Gregg Frankman or Deacon Don Wagner at 322-7948. If you are not commissioned in your parish but would like to be an Extraordinary Minister, please receive the approval of your pastor before contacting Fr. Frankman or Deacon Wagner.

General Manager Position Available at BroomTree

Send resume and cover letter by **March 1st** to Broom Tree Retreat Center, Attn: Twila Roman, 523 N Duluth Ave., SFSD 57104. We are seeking an outgoing, sales and business-minded person, based from our SF office, which can create and carry out an effective marketing and business development plan for this new and exciting ministry.

"A Gathering to Benefit the Banquet sponsored by Sioux Falls Noon Sertoma Club. A retirement celebration for Carolyn Downs to be held on February 28th at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall. Cost per ticket is \$100 includes dinner, of which \$81 goes to the Banquet Endowment. To purchase tickets contact the Banquet at 335/7066.

THE BANQUET - RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CAKE AND COFFEE AS WE SAY FAREWELL TO CAROLYN DOWNS. SUNDAY, February 24. Doors open at 1:00 PM, program begins at 2:00 PM, 900 E. 8th street.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - February 29 thru March 2

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time. Strictly confidential. Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Scripture based retreat exercises. Open to men and women of all faiths. Call 988-3775 or email: mmergen@sfcatholic.org for registration materials and more information.

St. Michael/St. Katharine Drexel KC's Fish Fry

Feb. 22, March 14th. Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM. Fish Fry follows in St. Michael's commons.

Grieving the Loss of a Child, presented by Dr. Marcie Moran. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services and Miller Funeral Home. Six Tuesday evenings (March 4-April 8), 6:30-8:30 PM at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave. Free will offering. Pre-register at 988-3775.

Spaghetti Dinner—Feb. 24

St Joseph Cathedral School's SFO will hold it's annual dinner in the parish hall from 11AM to 2 PM. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

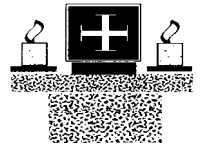
Knights of Columbus sponsoring Pancake Breakfast for Christ the King School, Feb. 24 from 8AM to 10AM in the school gym.

Mass Intentions

**** Mass at 9:00 AM on Thursday**

Monday, February 18
8:00 a.m. +James Dargen
Tuesday, February 19
8:00 a.m. Paul Billion
Wednesday, February 20
7:00 a.m. +Irene Thiel
8:00 a.m. +Harold Hicks
Thursday, February 21
9:00 a.m. +Clayton Arbach
5:15 p.m. Respect Life
Friday, February 22
7:00 a.m. +Harriett Wagner
8:00 a.m. +Al Schreck
Saturday, February 23
5:00 PM Barb Evans
Sunday, February 24
7:30 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish
9:00 a.m. Vicki Kirkvliet, Kathy Ohlen, Adult Cont. Choir
11:00 a.m. For all priests of the SF Diocese

The Lord is with us



in sacrament and word

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dan 9:4-10/ Ps 79:8-9,11,13/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/ Ps 31:5-6,14-16/ Mt 20:27-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/ Ps 1:1-4,6/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 1 Ptr 5:1-4/ Ps 23:1-6/ Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20/ Ps 103:1-4,9-12/ Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/ Ps 95:1-2,6-9/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42

LITURGICAL ROLES

For the weekend of February 23/24, 2008

Servers: 5:00 – Mitchell Keena, Ryan Jones, Ellen Keena

7:30 — Kyler Hardie, Michael McCue

9:00 – Stacey Leber, Karry Leber, _____

11:00 – Will Penisten, Mattie Penisten, Daniel Fritz

Lectors: 5:00 - Gary Weisbrich, Ann/Keith Schaeftbauer

7:30 – Pat McCue, Colleen O'Connor

9:00 – Michael Huether, Luke Lingen, Lori Homan

11:00 – Dan Fritz, Charlene Dvorak, Jeanne Gren

Greeters: 5:00 – P/K Nord, J/T Bruggeman, D/J Norman

7:30 – L Meyer, R/C Peters

9:00 – R/S Kovash, E Kroon, P Lingen

11:00 – N/S Casiello, B/P Heier, R/P Hilber

Gift Bearers: 5:00 – Karen Beranek Family

7:30 – Kyle White Family

9:00 – Bruce/Shelle Hartman Family

11:00 – Paul/Kindra Hilt Family

Ministers of Communion: 5:00 – Ed/Nancy Zawada **7:30** – Bob O'Connell,

Cindy Olson **9:00** – Candy Wagner, Michele Weber **11:00** – Lois Bates, Lisa Kunz, Sheri Messler, Terri Miller

Ministers of the Precious Blood: 5:00 – P Vaska, A Spader, M Snyders, S

Kouri, A Weisbrich, R Murphy, J/M Sage **7:30** – R/C Limoges, B Solomon, T

Schoenfelder **9:00** - C Schmit, P Mollet, D Vance, B Aldrich, S Simunek, R Arends

11:00 – M Hayaes, L Halar, E O'Connor, J Fiegen, M Koch, MA Hanten, J/J Kent

Sacristans: 5:00 – Michelle Snyders **7:30** – Cheri Limoges **9:00** – Leah

Turgeon **11:00** – Jan Motz

SFCS Certificate Sellers: 5:00 – Joe/Barb Burns **7:30** – John Mallek **9:00** –

Dan Turgeon, Robert Lubke **11:00** – Norma Halstead, Shannon Johnson

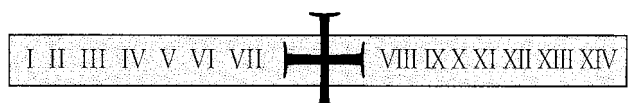
ROSARY LEADER SCHEDULE: Ron Staebell

ALL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ON LINE AT

www.holyspiritsf.org

Check the web for the new ministry schedules

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