

Father, surprise me again with the Holy Spirit. Thank You for this Christmas season. Amen

is from the fires of hell, ead all souls to heaven, ecially those in most need of thy mercy.



God bless you as we come to the close of another Christmas season! This weekend, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan to go ahead of us and make water as the matter for our baptisms as He instituted baptism as the "gateway" sacrament. By baptism we went from "children of wrath" to "children of righteousness"--adopted children of God by the gift of Sanctifying Grace which

Christ merited for us by all His saving work. Reflect on all that we received at our baptism: Sanctifying Grace and the supernatural change in status as mentioned above. Along with Sanctifying Grace, came supernatural Faith, Hope & Love and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Piety, Understanding, Filial fear & Fortitude) and the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Charity, Joy, Faithfulness, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Patience, Peace, Self-Control, Modesty & Chastity). Because we've been blessed to be baptized ourselves and live in a society where most are baptized, we have to avoid taking that for granted. Of course, sadly, many who are baptized do not live according to their baptismal commitment to God and squander all the supernatural gifts they have received. Nonetheless, history bears out that there is an incredible difference between a society that has a majority of its citizens who consider their Christian commitment important versus societies that are non-Christian. I point to the past of the brutality of pagans/barbarians prior to being evangelized whether in the Americas, Africa, Asia or Europe. Even the pagan Roman empire was brutal to its non-citizens and held things together by the power of its military force among its citizenry. Furthermore, I point to the past and present brutality and oppressiveness of the Muslims following their Koran and Sharia "Law". And when we saw all the brutality and violence that took place in the 20th century, was not most it committed by those who closed their hearts to Christ and instead chose the darkness of pagan Nazism and atheistic Communism. There are consequences to what people believe and they can be very dire, especially when those with the military and political power have enough leverage to do their terrible damage. Look to the Catholic Saints to see shining examples of those who lived for Christ and manifested the Kingdom of God in our midst. Despite nearly two thousand years of very difficult challenges including attacks and persecutions, the Catholic Church still continues in her God-given mission. This can only happen with the whole array of graces, blessings, spiritual gifts with which she has been endowed by God, first through Baptism.

Thank you to all who will be helping to take down and put away our Christmas decorations following this Sunday's 8am and 10am Masses at both churches.

Parish finance council meetings for both parishes:

Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 7pm for Ss. Peter & Paul parish (change of venue--to kitchen area of church basement) Thursday, Jan. 14th, 7pm for Sacred Heart parish in classroom #7

CATHOLIC UNITED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: High School Seniors and 1st year college students who have been a member of the Catholic United Financial for a minimum of two years are eligible to apply for the Catholic United Scholarship program. To apply simply go online to catholicunited.org and complete the short application or contact Jay Fritzemeier, Catholic United Field representative 605-999-2705, or jfritzemeier@catholicunited.org The deadline for applications is Feb 15, 2016 so don't wait, get it done today. Be looking for information in the mail soon.

Bishop Hoch Deanery Scholarships are made available by the Catholic Churches in each respective Deanery of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The scholarships are available to new students, students already in college and non-traditional students interested in attending or already attending Mount Marty College, Yankton and Presentation College, Aberdeen.

NEW MORNING SHOW EVERY WEDNESDAY "SEIZE THE DAY"

Lamb Catholic Radio's new morning show "Seize the Day" has started! It's here~ don't miss out on the news, trivia, school news and weather updates.

Seize the Day" with Heather Karrow and Kevin Culhane from 7 am to 9 am on Wednesdays. Heather and Kevin will have guests and music to wake up your Wednesdays! Call in and join them answering the trivia questions...get to know your faith better...laugh with them...discuss matters of importance ...

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide- Winter Session begins Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at St Mary School, 2001 S 5th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988 -3775 mculhane@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

Broom Tree 2016 Schedule

Silent Retreat Schedule: Women's: Feb 18-21, March 3-6, May 12-15, June 16-19, August 11-14, September 15-18, October 21-23, November 3-6;

Men's: Feb 25-28, April 7-10, August 18-21, September 22-25, November 17-20.

Day of Recollection

Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. *Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register*. A prayerful donation is requested.

Days of Recollection: February 16: Parables that Laugh and Weep - Father Al KrzyzopolskiMarch 15: Mercy in Action - The Corporal and Spiritual Works - Monsignor Richard MahowaldApril 10: Directed by Dr. Teri KemmerMay 10: July 26: Marriage- The Anchor of Family Life - Father Joe ForcelleAugust 16: September 13: October 11: November 15: December 6: Directed by Father Jones

We Need Your Help. Please sign up to **Reminder:** we will be taking the Christmas decorations down at help work or donate food. both parishes on Sunday, January 10th following Sunday Mass. Please plan ahead and stay to help. Sign-up Sheets are in the entry of SH Poinsettia donation at SH from Dave & Jane Barz in Vocations church for donations and to help work. memory of their parents. Items needed are: hamburger, chili, chicken noodle soup, cream Anyone who donated a poinsettia at SH; it will be in the of potato soup, ham, pies or bars. hall for you to pick up after decorations are taken down. We will be leaving some poinsettias around the Altar that Seminarian Scholarship Benefit was purchased by your donations. Sponsor by CDA and KC members In Acepast To Brab Schmidt, Bob & Bill Heisinger for the loss of Soup & Sandwich Luncheon their mother, and Jen Bormann & Bill Schmidt for the at Sacred Heart Sunday...January 24th loss of their grandmother *Mabel Heisinger* whose funeral will be Monday at Sacred Heart. 11:00am-12:30pm May She Rest in Peace. Snow date January 31st I will be working on February calendar this week. Please notify parish office 928-3676 with dates that are a conflict. JoAnn Parish Finance council meetings this week: Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 7pm for Ss. Peter & Paul church base-Have you paid your organization dues for 2016? ment. Thursday, Jan. 14th, 7pm for Sacred Heart in classroom #7. Ladies of Sacred Heart please note the dues have **gone up to \$10.00.** (it was voted on at meeting to raise dues Happy 80th birthday Lavae Fransusses. Shipper family invites everyone to her Open House. Satur-Happy 80th birthday LaVae Marguardt's. The instead of having a fundraiser.) p day Jan. 9th following 5pm Mass in SH Parish Hall please put your \$10.00 in the collection marked for SH Altar Society. **CCD.** Resumes January 6th See you in 2016. Or mail to treasurer: Betty Luebke Families of Confirmation and 1st Communion students... 27427 402nd Ave. please watch gift carrier schedule closely. Each student will Parkston, SD 57366 be assigned a time to carry gifts prior to making their Confir-Also at SsPP-\$5.00 please put in collection marked for mation or 1st Communion. SSPP Altar Society. Confirmation is April 3rd—10:00am Mass Catholic Daughters of Americas: \$25.00 1st Holy Communion @ SH is April 17th—10:00am Mass mailed to Mary Tiede FYI....current 9th grade CCD classes of Sacred Heart and 306 N Lafayette St Saints Peter & Paul (next vears Confirmation students) Confir-Parkston, SD 57366 mation retreat is scheduled for JULY 15th & 16th at Sacred Knights of Columbus 2016 dues are due! \$25.00 Heart. mail to: Knights of Columbus This is the only date that it will be offered. All students that PO Box 502 wish to be Confirmed **MUST** attend a Retreat. CLEAR those Parkston, SD 57366 dates. This is your official notice. Pass the word. And better yet, attend a meeting, be active in the organization. CDA Bingo.....Thursday, January 7th, @ 7:00pm at Bormann Man-The benefits may be out of this world. or. Helpers welcomed. Need a ride call 928-3590 It has been reported that volunteering to help others is good KC meeting.... this Sunday Jan. 10th, 7pm in KC Hall. for your health. Never be afraid of giving up your best, and God will give you His better. SH Altar Society: Band IV serves the next funeral. SH Church Support Envelopes are at the main church entry. Please take yours home. Thank You. Salem Luther League Soup & Sandwich lunch...Sunday, **Prayer Line....** call if you are in need of extra prayers if sick or Jan. 17th serving 11:15am—12:30pm. Chili, chicken & wild rice suffering. Contact Deacon Barry or Doris Wagner. Home line 928soup, Tavern, "The Log" dessert. Church basement. Free Will 3730 or deacon's cell 770-9990. Donation St Leo's Tyndall Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Sunday, Jan. The Week Ahead 17th 10:30-1:30pm in Parish Center. Chili, chicken noodle, beef Jan. Calendar Events vegetable, tavern & chicken salad, desserts or pies. Sponsored 1/10 7pm KC hall KC meeting by Altar Society 1/12 SsPP SsPP Finance council meeting 7pm A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar In today's gospel Jesus 1/13 CCD Classes both parishes 7-8:15pm was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, 1/14 7pm Rm# 7 SH Finance council meeting with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so fo-1/14 ΒM CDA play Bingo Bormann Manor 7pm cused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus 1/19 1/26 Fr. Rader on vacation needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children. 1/24 11am-12:30pm SH hall CDA & KC Seminarian benefit

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The Manufacturer, who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, is providing factoryauthorized repair and service free-of-charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTEANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love 3. Peace 4. Patience 5. Kindness 6. Goodness 2. Joy 9. Self-control. 8. Gentleness 7. Faithfulness

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for the further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to danger and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus

DANGER: The human being units not responding to their recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention. —GOD

PS> please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by "knee mail!"

Because HE Lives! Working for God on earth doesn't pay much.... But His Retirement plan is out of this world! Joyful Noiseletter. Josh Crouch

FURE SEARCH

pel for January 10, 2016 34-38; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

word search based on the Second Gospel reading for the feast of the Lord, Cycle C. The words can be all directions in the puzzle.

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