



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 12, 2020

Religious Education News

Our Religious Education program is concluded for the 2019-20 school year. **Parents of 2nd-4th grade students may pick up their child's schoolwork/artwork/binders in the hall.** Each child's materials are labeled and sealed in plastic for safety.

Religious Education is now on summer break through the end of July. *To volunteer to help out with the 2020-21 program, please contact Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953.*



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Onida..... Sunday, July 26..... 11:00 am Mass.

Gettysburg Mass at 9:00 am on Sunday, July 26



NO Saturday Evening River Mass

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the River Mass is **ON HOLD** – for now. We'll evaluate the 'risk factors' on an on-going basis during the summer. The 'come-and-go' campers, fishermen and other visitors just adds too much uncertainty to proceed with this Mass.

Keep in Prayer

Sister M. Loretta
Jack Smith
Norm Kostboth
Jack Axson
Gerald Lacher
Shaelyn Schatz
Linda Simon
Taylor Nystrom
Jerry Jacobson
Vaughn Larson
Wilbert Fenger
Derald Hanson

Tom Frost
Cheryl Panchow
John Knue
Andy Wager
Kathy Vetch
Evon Koops
Theresa Kirby
Jo Bender
Tammy Adams
Megan Nystrom
Darrell Griese
Mary Hanson

Karen Briscoe
Mike Maskavitch
Vicki Miller
Amanda Lemler
Eli Kortan
Eugene Nagel
Judy Brown
Alan Hoven
Leonard Schatz
Jim Brown
Denise Griese
Cliff Simon

Royce Simon
Alison Simon
Brenda Victor
Carol Erikson
Rachel Hamburger
Mary Mardian
Joyce Wickersham
Rudy Castaneda
Ronny Kaup
Jim Nagel
Amy Cordell
Bridget Lake

Please help us keep this list current. If someone has recovered or died please call the parish office at 765-2161 so we can remove them from the list.

~ Please Take Note ~

due to the 1st Communion Mass in Onida @ 11:00 am the Gettysburg Mass on Sunday, July 26, is @ 9:00 am!

These guidelines continue to apply to all parish Masses:

- If you are sick - in any way, shape or form – **STAY HOME!**
- Attendance at weekend Mass is still **NOT** required – it's **OPTIONAL**,
- Those **over 60 or with pre-existing conditions** should consider **NOT** attending for now – watch Mass on TV or at GetSHC.org,
- Entrance to the facility will be through the main **WEST LOBBY** only.
- Church seating is limited to 70 for '6 ft social distancing' – pews are marked for seating & no seating; added seating in the hall if needed.
- Those attending must **sanitize their hands & wear a mask or face cover**,
- Communion will be distributed at **after Mass is concluded** – due to required added hand sanitizing, social distancing (and more time!)
- **NO VISITING or SOCIALIZING** before or after Mass at/in Church.

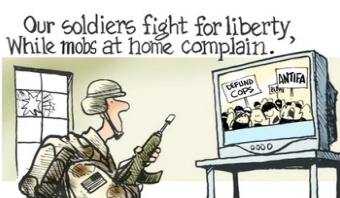
CFSA Goal = \$31,800 ~ Remaining = \$2,658
Collected = \$29,142 from 73 households

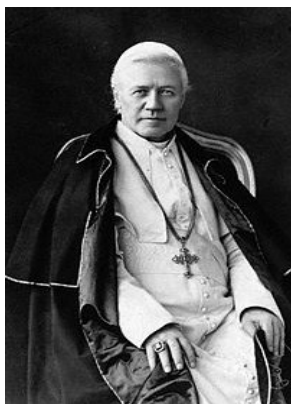
Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting

The Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on **Tuesday, July 21, at 8:00 pm** in the parish hall. An agenda and support materials will be sent/emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Online Donation Option Available

You can now financially support your parish by making a donation online. Go to our parish website getshc.org and click on the donate box – chose **Sacred Heart, Gettysburg** from the drop-down list (all parishes of the Diocese are listed) – enter the amount, provide billing information, etc. You can donate from your bank checking or savings account or by credit card.





St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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Update on Confirmation

Onida will plan a Confirmation ceremony to be held at St. Pius X done by Fr. Kopel. Our hope is for a Confirmation Mass in early August (*before school starts?*). Working with Stacie Weinheimer, our RE coordinator, we will arrange a parent/student gathering within the coming weeks to talk about Confirmation dates, who can attend, etc. Stay tuned.



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Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Mel Hackett	Bob Pierce	Jean Hertel
Marquette Brink	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Jo Bender	Kellie Yackley	Diane Lorenz
Lisa Guthmiller	Jock Stamps		

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CFSA - St Pius X

The 2020 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal supports the many ministries of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Drop your contribution into the collection basket or send to St. Pius X Parish at PO Box 13, Onida, SD. **St. Pius X's tax/assessment is \$14,000 – up \$900 over last year!** We've received \$10,195.54 – leaving \$3,804.46 remaining. Please give generously.

Religious Education News

Due to the continued concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic this summer's Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.

Parents wanting to teach their Religious Education lessons to their children are asked to call Stacie Weinheimer at Office: 258-2336, Cell: 280-9382. She will arrange for you to pick up your child's Religious Education materials.

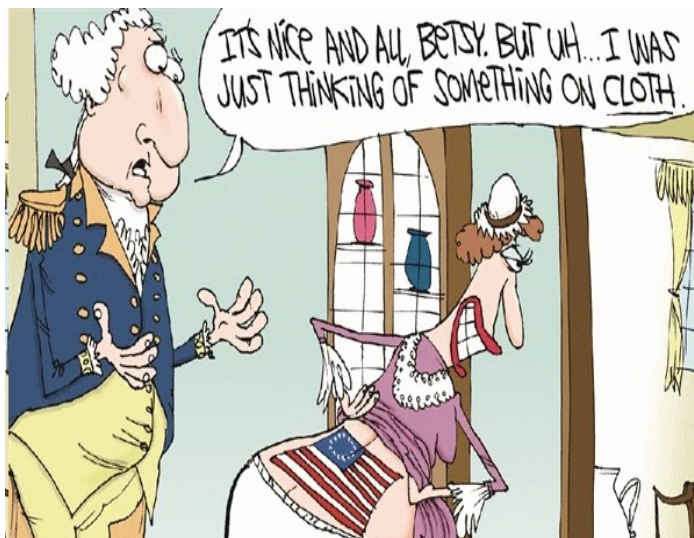


Online Donation Available

You can now support the work of your parish by making a donation online. Go to our parish website stpiusxonida.org and click on the donate box – chose **St. Pius X, Onida** from the drop-down list – (all parishes of the Diocese are listed) – enter the donation amount, provide billing information, etc. You can donate from your bank checking or savings account or by credit card.

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- Attendance at weekend Mass is still NOT required – it's OPTIONAL, *The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance was reaffirmed on June 30, 2020.*
- Those over 60 or with pre-existing conditions should consider NOT attending for now – watch Mass on TV or at GetSHC.org,
- Seating is limited to 60 for 'social distancing' of 6 feet – pews will be designated seating or no seating.
- Those attending must sanitize their hands & wear a mask or face cover,
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Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart July 13-19, 2020		Sacrament of Penance Times
MONDAY Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	No Mass – Fr. Kopel's Day Off	Sacred Heart ~ Gettysburg. Saturday at Noon and 6:00 pm. Also offered by appointment ~ call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161 Additional times prior to Christmas and prior to Easter
TUESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Melvin & Gladys Schumacher (d)	Sacramental Preparation Baptism. Prep-Baptism program required for the first child. Call Fr. Kopel to arrange for date and time. Marriage. Six (6) months preparation time prior to marriage. Date may not be set until preparation has begun. Contact Fr. Kopel well in advance of any desired date.
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Tom Schlachter (d)	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Oahe Manor ~ Gettysburg	Masses on HOLD until Pandemic ends	Sacred Heart Parish Staff Pastor. Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ 765-2161 or 769-4062 Secretary. Beverly Thomas ~ 765-2161 Office Hours. Monday-Friday ~ 9:00am to noon Religious Education. Roberta Dutenhoeffer ~ 765-2359 or C:769-1953 Office Hours. Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 2:00-5:00pm and by appointment.
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Terry Shawgo (d)	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Mac & Tom White (d) 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Dan Cronin (d) 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Liturgical Ministers for July 18-19, 2020			
	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday ~ 11:00 am 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Bill & Brenda Frost	Jim & RoseAnn Nagel	
Lector	Paul Houck	Beth Nagel	
Ministers of Eucharist	Paul Houck	Jenn Jager	
Altar Servers			
Rosary			
Music	Brenda Frost	Colleen Simon	
Video Operator Projection Operator	Josh Cordell Nichole	Colten Hageman Roberta Dutenhoeffer	
Homebound Minister			

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ July 19, 2020					
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm	No Mass		Sunday ~ 9:00 am 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Pius & Sacred Heart Parishioners	
Liturgical Ministers for July 19, 2020					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday ~ 9:00 am 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Teri Weischedel	Dennis & Teri Weischedel Family	Nola LaRosh	Nola LaRosh	None
St. Pius X Parish Staff			Sacrament of Penance		
Pastor..... Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ Office: 765-2161 or Cell: 769-4062 Secretary..... Lisa Guthmiller ~ 258-2336 Office Hours:..... Mon & Thurs ~ 8:30am-Noon; Wed ~ 9:00am-5:00pm Religious Education..... Stacie Weinheimer ~ Office: 258-2336 & Cell: 280-9382			First Sunday at 10:30 am ~ prior to the 11:00 am Mass Other Sunday's at 8:30 am – prior to the 9:00 am Mass Also offered by appointment - call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161		

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

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Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

If you were a first-century Palestinian peasant and you heard this craftsman-turned-prophet from Nazareth speak about the sower who went out to sow and got those mixed results (some seed lost to birds, some to sunburn, some to encroaching weeds, and finally some seed finding good ground and sprouting), how would you know you are supposed to hear this as a parable – a story that presents an image of something else? Maybe the man in the boat is just talking about how tough it is to farm in the stony, weedy, bird-bedeveled Palestinian soil. Would your response be, maybe, “Yup, that’s agriculture”? If you were alert and soil-smart, you might pick up on at least two cues hinting that the story points beyond itself. First, the seed falling on the good soil produces a surprisingly abundant harvest: whereas the usual yield is ten seeds up for every one seed down, these seeds give 100, 60, and 30 seeds for every single seed put down. As an experienced farmer, you would notice this amazing contrast between the unpromising beginnings (seed squelched by birds, sun, and weeds) and the fantastic harvest that eventually emerges.

Second, you would likely have picked up on Jesus’ saying, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.” What’s to hear? It must be a meaning beyond the obvious. Taking your lead from the talk of seed that achieves, willy-nilly, a successful harvest, and searching for the symbolic possibilities of that imagery, you just might recall the passage from Isaiah 55, this Sunday’s First Reading. There the prophet compares the effectiveness of God’s word with the natural processes of rain and snow nurturing the growth and fruitfulness of seeds.

Applying this imagery to the present situation of the prophet addressing you from the boat, you might hear him telling you something like this: “Folks, this might not seem like much, a rag-tag group of outcasts drawn to me by my stories and healing, but just you wait. This God-movement is eventually going to grow enormously.” Jesus, then, would be the sower, and the seed nothing less than the word of God.

The disciples may or may not have caught all this. As Matthew tells it, when they ask Jesus about the parable, he supplies another text from Isaiah (Isa 6:9-10) to explain what was hindering a fuller reception of his word – gross hearts, and ears and eyes that are spiritually deaf and blind.

Then Jesus proceeds to spell out an allegorical interpretation that names what blocks full growth of the word – failing to understand what was sown in the heart, being shallow in one’s response and therefore wilting in the face of persecution, and being distracted by worldly anxiety and desire for riches.



That is all clear enough, but what sometimes confuses careful readers is the apparent confusion about what the seed represents. Matthew 13:19 seems to say that the seed is both “the word of the kingdom” and the person who responds (poorly or well). As the explanation continues, the emphasis

is on the seed as person: e.g., “The seed sown on the rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy” (Mt 13:20). We might like a clear equation, either seed = the word, or seed = person. But the biblical tradition gives precedent for seed symbolizing both of those meanings. Isaiah 55 associates seed with the word of God, but Hosea 2:23 and Jeremiah 31:27 use the sowing image for a renewed people.

So there is reason to make seed serve as a double-duty symbol. Indeed, Matthew, in the scene immediately preceding this parable’s discourse, has provided an episode illustrating how a community of people is created by their response to the word of God. When Jesus is told that his mother and brothers are standing outside asking to speak with him, Jesus stretches out his hand toward his disciples, and says, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Mt 12:49-50).

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



The Pastor's Ponderings

Next Sunday, July 19, at the 11:00 am Mass Sacred Heart Parish will welcome our 2nd Graders to the Lord’s Table as we celebrate their First Communion.

The following Sunday, July 26, we will have First Communion in Onida at an 11:00 am Mass. This means that *Gettysburg will have a 9:00 am Mass 2 Sundays in a row – on July 26 and on August 2.* Please make note of this Mass time change.

We’re Looking for Help with Mass Ministries!

We are looking for parishioners at Sacred Heart and St. Pius X willing to help with ministries at weekend Masses. *We need lectors, communion ministers, greeters, musicians and – at SHC – video and projection operators.* We’re interested in those in their 30s and 40s. We invite junior high and high school students to operate the video and projection equipment – but all ages are welcome. **Call the Sacred Heart office at 765-2161 or contact Lisa Guthmiller in Onida at 258-2336 or speak with Fr. Kopel.**

Notice ~ Beware of Internet & Phone Scammers

By policy of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, **the bishop, priests and deacons will not request financial assistance for their personal needs (cash or gift cards) from you via text message, email or phone.** As many have posed as our clergy while trying to scam parishioners of funds, we urge individuals to first verify they know the sender before ever giving money. If in doubt, please call the parish.



Totus Tuus...Ex Longinquo!

In response to the current realities, **the Totus Tuus parish programs were cancelled. So the Diocese is offering these on-line programs to help fill the gap:**

There are three parts to this initiative:

- **Family Night** (Sundays at 7:00 pm),
- **Youth Night** (Wednesdays at 7:00 pm), and
- **Summer Bible Studies** (offered June and July).

Sign up for these opportunities at www.sfcatholic.org/youth.

Discipleship Week

Join us July 15-19, 2020, for “Discipleship Week!” *In lieu of D-Camp* this summer, the Office of Youth Discipleship & Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls will be offering opportunities both **online and in-person for the youth** of the diocese. You can expect some epic games and entertainment, as well as opportunities for learning and prayer. Keep an eye out for Discipleship Week details and sign up at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/.



“Oh, you frightened me. For a moment there, I thought you were the IRS.”