

Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

203 East Garfield, PO Box 285, Gettysburg, SD 57442

Phone: 765-2161 ~ Fax: 765-2710 ~ Frs. Cell: 769-4062

Parish Email: sacred@venturecomm.net

Pastor's Email: jpkopel@hotmail.com

Religious Ed Email: sacredheartre@venturecomm.net

On the WEB at
www.GetSHC.org
Mass Times
Confession Schedule
Parish Bulletins
Ministry Schedules
& Much More!

Watch on
livestream
Weekend Masses
Funeral Services
RCIA Classes

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2020

Knights Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will serve a **Parish Breakfast on Sunday, December 6, after the 9:00 am Mass.** They'll be serving scrambled eggs, sausage patties, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice, tropical fruit and coffee.



Religious Education News

While there is no Diocese regulation on the use of masks for religious education classes, we continue to recommend that the children wear masks where social distancing is not possible. We also recommend the students practice good hygiene (frequent hand washing) and social distancing whenever possible. If any parents is concerned about the COVID-19 situation and would like to teach their child from home for the remainder of the school year, please contact Roberta Dutenhoeffer to pick up their books and materials.



We will be teaching **Circle of Grace** this year to meet the Diocese requirement. For more information, or to opt your child out of this curriculum, please contact the RE office.

When classes resume – there will be no change to the RE class times due to early school let-out on Wednesdays.

The 5th grade class has been moved to Room 3 of the RE building for the remainder of the school year.

Since no one has volunteered to teach Grade 6, all parents of 6th graders are asked to teach the class on a rotating basis.

Stay informed! Text SACRED to 97000 for automated notifications of class cancellations or sign up on our website at getshc.org.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS are NEEDED! If you are willing to volunteer, please text/call 769-1953.

If any parents would like to teach their child from home for the remainder of the semester, please contact me to get their books/materials.

If your child, or anyone in your household is currently ill or quarantined for COVID-19, please do not send your child to in-person class until the quarantine period is met. Also, if your child is feeling ill or running a fever, please do not send them to class.



Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass

Gettysburg ~ Sacred Heart. . . . Tuesday, December 8, @ 6:00 pm

Confirmation Class Sunday

The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 will meet on Sunday, December 6, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. The class is also webcast @ GetSHC.org -- click on 'Livestream'. In-person or on-line presence is REQUIRED. Do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID or have been exposed to COVID and are under quarantine. Students are reminded to turn in their Church Donated Service Preference lists!



Advent Baby Shower

Sacred Heart Parish is participating in the 19th Annual Advent Baby Shower. We join together "Showering Christ's Little Ones" with gifts, such as clothing, blankets, diapers, pacifiers, baby wash, etc., for those families struggling to provide for their children's needs. Thank you for your generous giving in the past. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Collection box in the church lobby.

Keep in Prayer

Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	Tammy Adams	Royce Simon
Jack Smith	Cheryl Panchow	Mike Maskavitch	Alison Simon
Norm Kostboth	John Knue	Vicki Miller	Brenda Victor
Jack Axson	Andy Wager	Amanda Lemler	Carol Erikson
Gerald Lacher	Kathy Vetch	Eli Kortan	Rachel Hamburger
Shaelyn Schatz	Evon Koops	Eugene Nagel	Mary Mardian
Linda Simon	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Diego Lamendola
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
Jerry Jacobson	Darrell Griesse	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
David McGough	Cliff Simon	Denise Griesse	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.



Sacred Heart Altar Society
HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE
Non-perishable Food Items
and Paper Products
Donation Box in the Main Lobby
Near the Bathrooms



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

102 South 6th, PO Box 13, Onida, SD 57564
Phone: 258-2336 ~ Fax: 258-2509 ~ Frs. Cell: 769-4062

Email: stpiusx@venturecomm.net
Pastor's Email: jpkopel@hotmail.com
Religious Education Email: stpiusxre@live.com

On the WEB at
stpiusxonida.org

Mass Times
Confessions Schedule
Parish Bulletins
Ministry Schedule
Brunch Committees
Funeral Committees
Religious Education
Parish News
& Much More!

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2020

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass

Onida ~ St. Pius X..... Tuesday, December 8, @ 7:30 pm



Advent Baby Shower

Sacred Heart Parish is participating in the 19th Annual Advent Baby Shower. We join together "Showering Christ's Little Ones" with gifts, such as clothing, blankets, diapers, pacifiers, baby wash, etc., for those families struggling to provide for their children's needs. Thank you for your generous giving in the past. If you have any

questions, please contact the parish office. Collection box in the church lobby.

Religious Education News

Religious Ed classes are on Wednesday afternoon & evening.
• Grades 1-5 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm.
• Grades 6-7-8. 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.
• Grades 9-10. 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.

• Please fill out the Student Registration forms and return to Stacie Weinheimer -DRE. Please contact Stacie if you have any questions, or concerns at 280-9382.

• We still need another 4th Grade teacher for the Spring Semester. And we need Subs for all classes!

• Please do NOT send your children to Religious Ed class too early; they will be allowed in the building starting at 3:50 pm and should go straight to their classroom.

• Hand Sanitizer will be used as we all enter the buildings. Social Distancing will be practiced in all classrooms, and in the church and church basement – 6 feet apart & not longer than 15 minutes in close proximity.

• Masks are optional for anyone who would like to bring their own mask and wear it. We do NOT plan on using the masks in the church as was stated in the Parent Letter.



• Lastly, if your child shows ANY signs or symptoms of illness, please do NOT send them to Religious Ed class.

Keep in Prayer

Judi West
Bob Pierce
Alice Jones
Mike Fuller

Mel Hackett
Jean Hertel
Taelyn Hettick
Jo Bender

Bud Yackley
Marquette Brink
Ann Chicoine
Kellie Yackley

Mike Wolforth
Jock Stamps
Diane Lorenz
Peggy Rath

'Twas the Night Before

In lieu of the regular lunch, raffle and silent auction of previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic – St. Pius X will have a scaled back offering.



We are going to have the Christmas Bazaar Ticket Raffle. It will be quite simple but generous. There will be 10 draws for \$50 cash. We are going to ask each family of the parish buy and/or sell 30 tickets. (We are also open to households extending their generosity and give any additional money donations ~ since we won't be spending money making and baking food and desserts or buying auction items.)

We will have the prize drawing right after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 6th. The ticket packets will be given out this Sunday. And for those that don't attend, they will be marked and left on a table in the back of the church to be picked up at their convenience.

Advanced Ministry Assignments

4th Sunday of Advent ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan.....	Sun 12-20.	Diane Lorenz,
Greeters/Entry Oversight. . .	Sun 12-20. Kirk & Jackie Yackley Fam,	
Lector.	Sun 12-20.	Greg Lorenz,
Altar Servers.....	Sun 12-20.	None,
Eucharistic Minister.	Sun 12-20.	Greg Lorenz.

Job Opening

St. Pius X Parish has a job opening. Jim Thibadeau, who has done the facilities maintenance work around the parish for the last 7 years, has decided it's time to retire! This part-time job includes general cleaning of church and parish house, basic repairs, snow removal on sidewalks, lawn mowing, etc. Contact Fr. Kopel at 765-2161 or Lisa at 258-2336 for more information.



Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart December 7-13, 2020		Sacrament of Penance Times 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
MONDAY ~ NO MASS Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	No Mass - Fr. Kopel's Day Off	Sacramental Preparation Baptism. Pre-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.
TUESDAY ~ 6:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Immaculate Conception - Holy Day	
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg		
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg		
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Lyle Griesse (d)	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:. by appointment.
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart & St. Pius X Parishioners Third Sunday of Advent	
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Third Sunday of Advent	

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

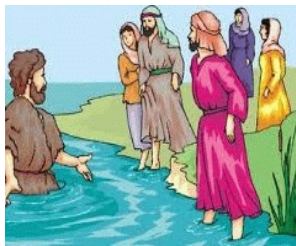
Mark 1:1-8

Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark reports no genealogy for Jesus, yet he accomplishes the same thing they do: establishing Jesus' honorable status and authority.

The word commonly translated "gospel" in Mk 1:1 ("the beginning of the gospel of Jesus the Messiah") is more fittingly translated "proclamation."

Ancient Mediterranean people were familiar with proclamations. They were generally made on behalf of or about rulers (e.g., announcing the birth of a new ruler, reporting a recent military victory by the ruler). Mediterranean people would immediately wonder: who is this Jesus, and by what right does he make proclamations?

If this person is simply Jesus of Nazareth in Galilee (Mk 1:9), he would have little claim to honor. Recall Nathanael's incredulous question: "Can anything honorable come out of Nazareth?" (Jn 1:46). A village artisan has no authority to make proclamations. Mark has a ready answer: Jesus is Son of God. This statement announces Jesus' status, the basis of his acquired honor by reason of which he can speak and act on behalf of God.



The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (no. 12) urges all who interpret the Bible to "investigate what the sacred writer intended to express and actually expressed." Mark actually expressed the phrase "Son of God." What did he intend to express?

In Hebrew and other Semitic languages, the phrase "son of so-and-so" means "having the qualities of so-and-so." The phrase "son of man" means having the qualities of a man or person, hence in a word it means "human."

The ancients understood thunder as the voice of God (see Ps 29:3-9), hence "sons of thunder" describes "those who echo the voice of God" (see Mk 3:17).

A son of God is one who has "the quality or qualities of God," hence one who is divine or divine-like. This is more than sufficient justification for Jesus' behavior as a proclaimer.

And who is this person who presumes to narrate the story of this extraordinary Jesus? What do we know about him? The gospel does not identify its author, but tradition (since Papias) has suggested a certain "Mark," companion of Peter in Rome (1 Pet 5:13). The belief is that Peter or his recollections stand behind this gospel no matter who "Mark" really is.

From a cultural perspective, that would be beside the point. Whatever his identity, this author presents an honorable personal status as strong as Jesus' status. In the second verse, the evangelist demonstrates ability to quote Scripture creatively. While citing explicitly only Isaiah, he has also included Malachi, demonstrating not only familiarity with the sacred traditions but creative ability to reshape them. Such skill was immediately recognized, highly regarded, and admired.

The third honorable figure to appear in this prologue is dressed like Elijah (Is 40:6; see 1 Kgs 1:8), preaches reform, and announces the advent of the Messiah. Yet for all his boldness, the Baptizer displays the appropriate and expected cultural humility. He describes the coming one as "more powerful than me" and declares himself "not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals" (Is 40:7). An honorable person never presumes to usurp the honor of another.

As a preacher, John is a smashing success. He addresses head on the day-to-day concerns of his predominantly peasant audience. The theme of John's preaching was "remission of debts" (translated "forgiveness of sins"). Jesus echoed this in the Lord's Prayer: "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt 6:12; Lk 11:4).

Peasants from the Judean countryside were deeply in debt. That honorable preachers like John and Jesus would proclaim remission of debts is good news. Advent is an opportune time for all Christians to address the burning issues of life courageously.

John J. Pilch



The Pastor's Ponderings

I am still running into some of the 'left overs' of my brush with COVID-19. My blood work-ups are still a little wonky which leaves me feeling tired. Hopefully, they will get me squared away soon. I've got a big holiday season to contend with. The Christmas Eve Mass may be a bit of an issue. Usually we have the church full and a goodly crowd in the parish hall. Not much 'social distancing' in that scenario. The Bishop has given permission to have Christmas Eve Masses BEFORE 4:00 pm. So, there may be an option of doing two early Christmas Eve Masses – say a 2:00 pm and a 4:00 pm here in Gettysburg and then a 6:30 pm in Onida. Will have to do some thinking on that one.

We Are STILL 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 25-50 year olds. Plus Grade 7-12 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.

Advent Confession Schedule

Gettysburg.	Saturday, December 5. . .	after 6:30 pm Mass,
Onida.	Sunday, December 6. . .	after 11:00 am Mass,
Onida.	Tuesday, December 8. . .	after 7:30 pm Mass,
Gettysburg RE.	Wednesday, December 9.	RE at 3:45 pm,
		Parish at 7:00 pm.
Gettysburg.	Saturday, December 12.	Noon,
		after 6:30 pm Mass,
Gettysburg.	Sunday, December 13. . .	after 11:00 am Mass,
Onida RE.	Wednesday, December 16.	RE at 4:00 pm,
		Parish at 7:00 pm.
Gettysburg.	Saturday, December 19.	Noon,
		after 6:30 pm Mass,
Gettysburg.	Sunday, December 20. . .	after 11:00 am Mass,
Onida.	Tuesday, December 22.	7:00 pm,
Gettysburg.	Wednesday, December 23.	7:00 pm.

