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2nd Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 2020

**Suspension of All Sunday and Daily Masses
and All Public Gatherings of More Than 10
Due to the Coronavirus Outbreak.**

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes are **CANCELLED** until further notice. With the public schools closed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will follow their lead.



Parents wanting to teach their Religious Education lessons to their children are asked to please call or text Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953. She will arrange a time and place for you to pick up your child's Religious Education materials.

Online Donation Option Now Available

You can now financially support the work of 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. and your donation will make it's way to your parish via the Sioux Falls Diocese. You can donate from your bank checking or savings account or by credit card.

CFSA - Sacred Heart Parish

The 2020 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal supports the many ministries of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Drop contributions into the lobby collection box or send to Sacred Heart Parish at PO Box 285, Gettysburg, SD. Sacred Heart's assessment is \$31,800. Thus far we have received \$22,650 from 53 households. Please give generously.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Francis Kirby, 89, of Gettysburg passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at Avera Heart Hospital, Sioux Falls. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, memorial services will be held later time. Please keep Francis, his wife Theresa and their children and families and all the faithful departed in your prayers.

KC Homemade Sausage for Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling their homemade, smoked sausage for \$10 per package. Contact any KC member.



Operation Rice Bowl – A Lenten Tradition

*Please Return your Lenten Rice Bowls
Drop them off in the Sacristy on the counter*

Keep in Prayer

Sister M. Loretta	Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	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	Joyce Wickersham
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
Jerry Jacobson	Tammy Adams	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Wilbert Fenger	Darrell Griese	Denise Griese	Amy Cordell
Derald Hanson	Mary Hanson		

Update on RCIA Candidate Receptions

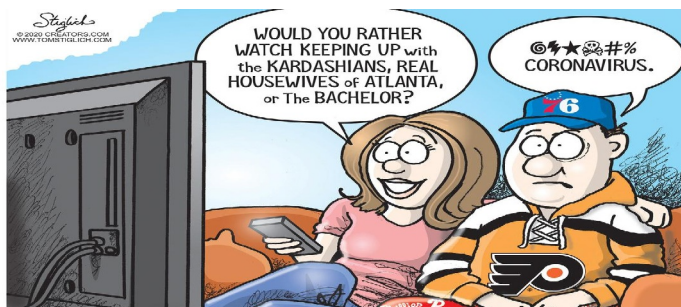
In a video meeting last Tuesday morning Bishop DeGrood met with the priests of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Many topics were covered including how we should handle postponed Confirmation ceremonies and the Receptions of RCIA candidates into the Church. **Bishop DeGrood has authorized/delegated the pastors of parishes to do the Receptions & Confirmations of their RCIA candidates that would have taken place prior to June 1, 2020 at a time following the lifting of the COVID-19 gathering restrictions.**

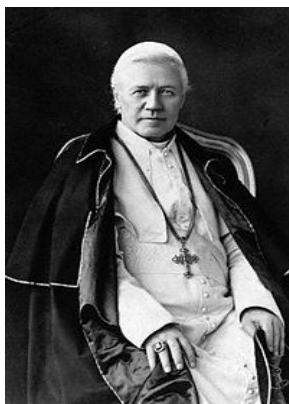
Knights of Columbus State Raffle

\$25,000 in cash prizes awarded
Grand Prize - \$10,000
Tickets \$20 each or 3 for \$50
Winners will be drawn at the annual KC State Convention
Need not to be present to win
Contact a Knight for ticket info.

Gettysburg Knights of Columbus Raffle

Grand Prize - 65" Ultra HD TV
Cash Prizes - \$300, \$75, \$50, \$25
Tickets \$10 each
Winners drawn at a later date yet to be determined.
Need not to be present to win
Contact a Knight for ticket info.





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Religious Education classes are cancelled FOR ALL GRADES until further notice. With the public schools closed down due to the Covid-19 pandemic we will follow their lead.

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

**Suspension of All Sunday and Daily Masses
and All Public Gatherings of More Than 10
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**Easter Sunday Mass
will be webcast
@ GetSHC.org
at 11:00 am.**

First Sunday Lunch CANCELLED

The First Sunday Lunch scheduled for Sunday, May 3, is cancelled due to the suspension of Sunday Masses. Let's look forward to resuming the lunches next Fall.



Keep in Prayer

Judi West
Marquette Brink
Mike Fuller
Lisa Guthmiller

Mel Hackett
Alice Jones
Jo Bender

Bob Pierce
Taelyn Hettick
Kellie Yackley

Jean Hertel
Ann Chicoine
Diane Lorenz

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.

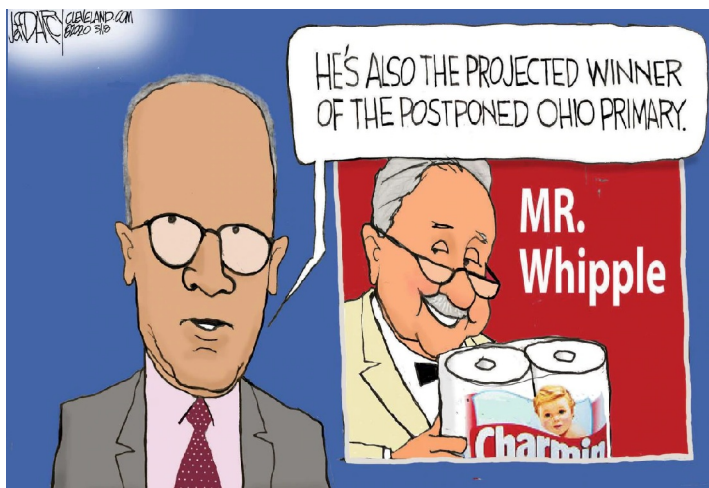


CFSA - St Pius X

The 2020 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal supports the many ministries of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Drop contributions 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! Thus far we have received \$7,945.54 given by 12 households. Please give generously.

Online Donation Option Now Available

You can now financially support the work of your parish by making a donation online. Go to our parish website getshc.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. and your donation will make it's way to your parish via the Sioux Falls Diocese. You can donate from your bank checking or savings account or by credit card



Update on Confirmation & RCIA Candidate Receptions

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Bishop DeGrood has authorized/delegated the pastors of parishes to do the Confirmations of their candidates that would have taken place prior to June 1, 2020. The same is true for RCIA candidates. So, in terms of Confirmation – Onida will now begin to plan a Confirmation ceremony to be held at St. Pius X done by Fr. Kopel – at a time following the lifting of the COVID-19 gathering restrictions. In terms of RCIA candidates we will determine a date and time for your entrance into the Church following the same guidelines.



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Sunday Scriptural Reflection

2nd Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 2020

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is much more than simply believing in an amazing fact. Each of this Sunday's readings reminds us that belief in Jesus' resurrection is accepting and participating in a relationship that can enliven every part of our lives – now and forever.

John may speak of Jesus appearing simply to “the disciples,” unnumbered and unnamed, to help us later readers include ourselves in the picture. To enable those disciples to be sent as Jesus was sent, Jesus breathes on them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” When we recall that this remarkable action is occurring near the end of a book that began with the words, “In the beginning,” it is not hard to see in this breathing an allusion to the creation of Adam. Easter enables a new creation: a frightened people are empowered to live out Jesus' mission of sharing the life of God with others through their own self-giving in imitation of Jesus. If the beatitude, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed,” is not clear enough for us, the author's own statement of purpose is crystal clear: “These [signs] are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name” (Gospel).

If we want a concrete illustration of what “life in his name” entails, we need look no further than the cameo picture that Luke provides in today's first reading from Acts. Although vowed religious communities have, through the centuries, taken this summary as a model for their community life, the context of this passage in Acts suggests that Luke intends this to be a portrait of Christian community generally. The details are worth pondering.

They devoted themselves to the teaching [didache] of the apostles, to the communal life [koinonia], to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. We recognize here the perennial ingredients of Church life. The apostolic “teaching” would, no doubt, include the sayings of Jesus and the interpretations of his life by way of texts from the Hebrew Scriptures. The “communal life” includes the generous sharing of possessions mentioned later in this description. The “breaking of the bread” seems to be, as in the Emmaus account in Luke's Gospel (Luke 24), the celebration of the Lord's Supper. And “the prayers” likely include continued engagement in the Temple liturgy.

Awe [phobos] came upon everyone. Some translations interpret this as a description of outsiders' response to the apostolic “wonders and signs,” but the statement can just as easily be taken as a description of the community itself. If so, it likely refers to that fear of God which the Hebrew Scriptures name as the beginning of wisdom. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus, repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Spirit (First Reading) have revived an awe in these pious Jews for the presence and power of the Creator.

And many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. “Wonders and signs” (with its peculiar reversal of the usual order “signs and wonders”) echoes the wonders and signs mentioned in the quotation from Joel and applied to Jesus' healing actions in Peter's Pentecost speech (1Pet 2:19, 22). By using the same phrase here, Luke underscores the fact that the apostles continue the divinely empowered ministry of Jesus (soon to be illustrated by the healing of the lame man through Peter and John [Acts 3:1]).

All were together who believed and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. This spells out part of what is meant by the earlier mention of communal life. The very phrasing suggests that such sharing of goods is a spontaneous expression of the Easter faith. When one takes the Creator personally, one uses creatures differently and more generously.

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. This note puts us in touch with the realities that the Jerusalem Christian community still saw themselves as Jews very much in contact with their Israelite tradition and community, and that their own homes served as the place for the Christian breaking of the bread. Strikingly, Luke can use the descriptive word *sozomenoi* – “those who were being saved” – to describe new Christians.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



The Pastor's Ponderings

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, following the end of World War I and in the midst of the Great Depression, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.



Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina – nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title “Divine Mercy Sunday” does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic the idea of praying for God's mercy upon us and the whole world takes on special meaning. I have included the ‘how to’ of the Divine Mercy Chaplet within this week's bulletin.

Coronavirus Policies and Procedures

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic **all services will only be available via livestream – no congregation allowed. We will continue to webcast live the Saturday 6:30 pm Mass and post it for later viewing on our webpage www.GetSHC.org.**

During this COVID-19 disruption – the parish continues to have expenses and bills have to be paid. Your generosity has and continues to be most appreciated. **We have put an online donation option on our parish website getshc.org.** This site allows you to **make a donation to any parish in the Sioux Falls Diocese** – so it works for both Sacred Heart and St. Pius X. **Lastly, we added a donation drop box in the west lobby entrance at Sacred Heart.**

Both parish churches will remain open for private prayer. Weekly parish bulletin will be printed as usual and available both on our parish webpages and on the church lobby tables. In Gettysburg the ‘Our Sunday Visitor’ Catholic newspaper will also be available in the lobby.

If anyone wants to visit – I am available. Give me a call at 765-2161. Confessions will still be offered at Noon and 6:00 pm on Saturdays. The Saturday 6:30 pm Parish Mass is closed to the public.



The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

