



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Feast of Christmas ~ December 25, 2020 Feast of the Holy Family ~ December 27, 2020

Knights Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will serve a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, January 3, after the 9:00 am Mass. They'll be serving scrambled eggs, sausage patties, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice, tropical fruit and coffee.

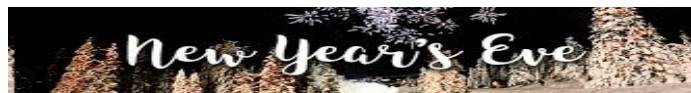


Sacred Heart Altar Society HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Non-perishable food items
and paper products
Donation box in the main lobby
near the bathrooms

Confirmation Class Sunday

The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 will meet on Sunday, January 10, 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!



New Year's EVE - Thursday, December 31..... 4:00 pm @Onida,
6:00 pm @ Gettysburg.

Religious Education News

We held our final class before Christmas Break last Wednesday, December 16. Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

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.

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

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



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Keep in Prayer

Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	Tammy Adams	Royce Simon
Jack Smith	Cheryl Panchow	Mike Maskavitch	Alison Simon
Jerry Jacobson	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
David McGough	Darrell Gries	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Bridget Lake	Cliff Simon	Denise Gries	Amy Cordell





St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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- Emily Sovell is arranging our "Annual Children's Procession" at the Christmas Eve Mass. Her contact number is #280-4799. She asks that parents contact her and let her know if their children will be participating in this procession. Masks will be required. A letter is being sent home to Parent Letter today with our students!)
- 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 used as we enter the buildings. Social Distancing practiced in 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.

- Contact Stacie @ 280-9382 if you have questions or concerns.



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Advanced Ministry Assignments

Baptism of the Lord ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan..... Sun 1-10..... Mary Sieck,
Greeters/Entry Oversight. . . Sun 1-10.... Don & Mary Sieck Fam,
Lector. Sun 1-10..... Lexie Rausch,
Altar Servers..... Sun 1-10..... None,
Eucharistic Minister. Sun 1-10..... Mike Owen.



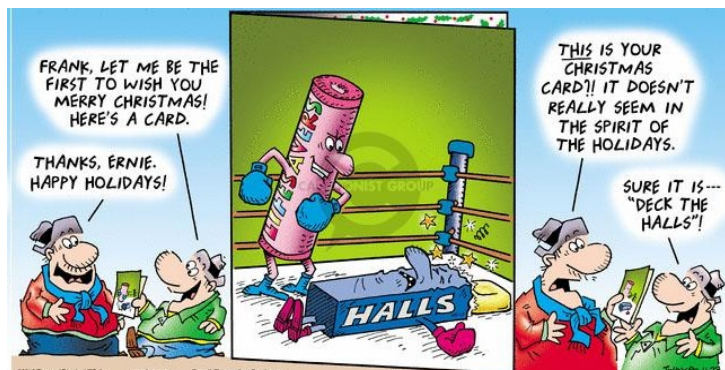
Job Opening

WE'RE HIRING! St. Pius X Parish has a job opening. Jim Thibeadeu, who has done the facilities maintenance work for 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. Call Fr. Kopel @ 765-2161 or Lisa @ 258-2336 for more information.

Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Mel Hackett	Bud Yackley	Mike Wolforth
Bob Pierce	Jean Hertel	Marquette Brink	Jock Stamps
Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine	Diane Lorenz
Mike Fuller	Jo Bender	Kellie Yackley	Peggy Rath
Mark Senftner			

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.



Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart

December 28, 2020 - January 3, 2021

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

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.

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.

Liturgical Ministers for December 31, 2020 & January 2-3, 2021

	Thursday ~ 6:00 pm New Year's Eve	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm Feast of the Epiphany	Sunday ~ 11:00 am Feast of the Epiphany
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Bill & Brenda Frost	Stuart & Tammy Simon Fam	Vic & Patty Beringer
Lector	Mike Bohnenkamp	Paul Oberlitner	Stella Nagel
Ministers of Eucharist	Mary Bohnenkamp	Kay Myers	Geri Eide
Altar Servers			
Rosary			
Music	Kay Schmidt	Brenda Frost	Lexie Vogel
Video Operator Projection Operator	Tanner Eide Bobbi Eide	Tanner Eide Bobbi Eide	Jean Smith Izzy Mikkelsen
Homebound Minister			Lori Hunnel



Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ December 31 & January 3, 2020

Thursday ~ 4:00 pm New Year's Eve	St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners	Sunday ~ 9:00 am Feast of the Epiphany	Health & Well-being of Mark Senfner
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Liturgical Ministers for December 31 & January 3, 2021

	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Thursday ~ 4:00 pm New Year's Eve	Marlene Bechard	Floyd & Marlene Bechard	Greg Yackley	Mary Sieck	
Sunday ~ 11:00 am Feast of the Epiphany	Karen LaFurge	Jeremy & Val Chicoine Family	Karen LaFurge	Val Chicone	

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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

Sacrament of Penance

First Sunday at 10:30 am ~ prior to the 11:00 am Mass

Other Sundays at 8:30 am ~ prior to the 9:00 am Mass

Also offered by appointment ~ call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

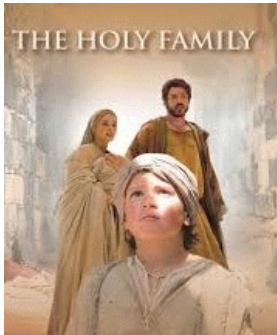
Feast of the Holy Family ~ December 27, 2020

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Family – so easy to marvel at and honor, so difficult to think of imitating. On the face of it, the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph seems too utterly unique to take as a model for our flawed efforts at being parents and children. The virginal conception and divinity of the Child are enough to render the holy family apparently inimitable. And who among us can hope for guidance in major decisions by way of angelic messages in dreams? And yet, I submit, this Sunday's Scriptures do offer ways for us to relate the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to our own.



When we think of Mary, Joseph, and the child, Jesus in splendid, nuclear isolation, we forget two things. First, no family in first-century Palestine lived disconnected from their network of relatives. Second, and more important, their family life was lived as part of the larger family life of Israel's covenant life with God.

The passage from Sirach demonstrates the way Israelite family life was considered an expression of covenant life. Each statement Sirach makes about living the parent-child relationships refers to what those relationships mean about one's relationship with God. Indeed, those relationships are described in liturgical terms. For example, "He who honors his father is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard." Or again, "He obeys the Lord who brings comfort to his mother."

However, divine conception and direction by dreams highlights their uniqueness. Jesus, Mary and Joseph had in common with all the families in the land of Israel this sense that their relationships with one another were expressions of their relationship with Yahweh as creator and redeemer. With all of their neighbors, they knew that it takes a covenant community to be a family, and that their lives were the gift of God to be lived out in service of that God. Matthew can quote Hosea 11:1, "Out of Egypt I called my son," not only because the words take on powerful new meaning when applied to Jesus.

Another powerful aspect of that quotation is what it carries forward from its original context in Hosea. The prophet is speaking of the Exodus redemption from bondage in Egypt and is calling the entire people of Israel (men and women both, of course) child and son of God. When these words are applied to Jesus, they refer not only to his unique sonship but also to the fact that he embodies the renewal of the whole people's covenant "sonship" with God. As Jesus renews that covenant, he renews the family life that is part of that covenant.

When Paul speaks of right relationships in Christian community and family life, he draws upon that same sense that these human relationships derive from that larger covenant relationship. "As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in our body." That peace is the shalom of the covenant life lived faithfully and fully. It takes the whole covenant community to be a family. As we honor the Holy Family today, we can take their unique experience as a reminder of the covenant life with God in which all of our families can find encouragement. Just as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were not a family on their own, neither are we.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



The Pastor's Ponderings

As we celebrate the Christmas Season – **I want to express my sincere thanks to all the liturgical ministers** – lectors, eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers, sacristans and musicians – **who assisted in the Advent and Christmas Masses at both Gettysburg and Onida.**

Special Thanks to Emily Sovell, our organist at Onida and to those who played and sang at Christmas Eve Mass, to the **RE children** who participated in the Onida Christmas Mass procession; to our musicians and singers in Gettysburg: **Brenda Frost, Colleen Simon, Kay Schmidt, Lexie Vogel**. Also, to the church decorating crew at Gettysburg and Onida (mainly Lisa Guthmiller and family) who did such a nice job of getting the churches ready for both Advent and Christmas.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all those who thought of me during the Christmas holidays with kind words, plates of goodies, cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are most appreciated. It is my intention to send each of you a handwritten note in the coming weeks – but I wanted you to know now that you are in my thoughts and prayers as we begin a new – and hopefully better (post COVID) New Year!

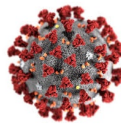


Christmas Flower Memorials

As in previous years we are accepting Memorial Donations which will be used to purchase Christmas flowers for the church. *The names of those who are remembered in this way will be published in the January 3rd, 2021, Parish Bulletin.* If you would like to remember someone in this way:



- take a 'Christmas Flower Offering' envelope found in the entry,
- fill in the names you want remembered (MAXIMUM of 3 persons/couples per envelope),
- drop in the collection basket OR send to:
 - Gettysburg ~ PO Box 285,
 - Onida ~ PO Box 13.



Free 'At-Home' COVID-19 Testing

The State of South Dakota is now offering free 'At-Home' testing for COVID-19 through **Vault Medical Services**. Check out this link to learn more: <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/southdakota/>.

