



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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High School Baccalaureate Mass

Sacred Heart Parish will recognize its graduating High School Seniors this Sunday, May 16, at the 11:00 am Mass.

Kayden Ahlemeier Ryatt Genzler
Rachel Goebel Brayden Schlachter
Alex Seuer



Seniors are asked to wear cap and gown and assemble in the parish hall by 10:50 am.

2021 CFSA for Sacred Heart Parish

The 2021 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal provides the funding for ministries within our diocese. Please consider a gift to this appeal, fill out your pledge card & drop off at church or mail to PO Box 185. Sacred Heart's assessment is \$30,000. Thus far we have received \$29,930 from 67 households.

Confirmation Class Sunday

The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 are completed. STUDENTS are reminded to return their completed Confirmation Information Sheets, their letter to the Bishop and their Donated Service Report sheet to the parish by Tuesday, June 2 – place them in the designated box in the sacristy.



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes have ended for the school year. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Congratulations to our students with perfect attendance this school year!

Leah Larson
Nash Fischer
Heath Luikens

Quinn Larson
Harper Oster
Chase Phillips

Kyson Buthe
Eve Johnson
Skyler Oster

Vacation Bible School TREASURED is happening May 24-27, 2021 from 9:00 am – 1:00

pm. Lunch will be served to the kids on all 4 days, and there will be a parent/family reception on the final day with refreshments and music, so mark your calendars to join us on Thursday at 1 pm if your child is attending VBS this year.



REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE NOW. Please return your registration forms ASAP to the parish, or you can drop them off in the mailbox at the entrance to the RE building so we can finalize group assignments, nametags and supplies. See sacredhearted.org/vbs for more information.

Looking to this fall, we plan to return to weekly in-person classes for ALL grades, and are looking for teachers and volunteers to help with the program. For more information, visit sacredhearted.org and be sure to like/follow us on facebook.com/sacredhearted for announcements, activities and events related to our Religious Education program.

KC Homemade Sausage for Sale

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



My 11-year-old takes his homework seriously. One question required him to write a sentence using the word 'version'. His sentence: "Have you heard of the version Mary?"

I asked the kids in my nursery school class what they needed in order to grow up nice and strong. One little girl answered, "Birthdays!"

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
Jennifer Jost	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Diego Lamendola
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
David McGough	Darrell Griesse	Leonard Schatz	Cliff Simon
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Bridget Lake	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell	Mark Senftner
Clarrisa Triemert	Dorothy Eliason	Corrine Dahlquist	Michele Cook

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.

"Aside from COVID-19, civil rights, the election, mass shootings, school closures and the economy . . . How's the year been going?"





St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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High School Baccalaureate Mass

St. Pius X Parish will recognize its graduating High School Seniors at this Sunday's, May 16, at 9:00 am Mass.

Logan Chambers Caleb Chicoine
Karissa Osterkamp Landon Severson
Kash Weischedel

*They are to gather in the church entry by 8:50 am
and are asked to wear their caps & gowns.*

Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Jennie Birdsall	Mel Hackett	Jean Hertel
Brenda Victor	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Marquette Brink	Barb (Sutera) Opitz	Bob Pierce
Mark Senfner	Diane Lorenz	Jo Bender	Mike Wolforth

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Religious Education News

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"And now I just step back and let the grilling process destroy any nutritional value it might have had."

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The St. Pius X Respect Life Committee will be hosting our "Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser" again this year. Baby Bottles will be handed out on Mother's Day, May 9th, and they can be filled with loose change. And then the bottles will be collected on Father's Day on June 20th. Thank you for your participation!"



Advanced Ministry Assignments

Sacristan.....	5/30.....	Sharon Swan,
Greeters.....	5/30..	Kirk & Jackie Yackley Family,
Lector.....	5/30.....	Nola LaRosh,
Altar Servers.....	5/30.....	Reese Voorhees,
		Connor Yackley,
Eucharistic Ministers.....	5/30.....	Nola LaRosh.

A woman at our checkout counter didn't have enough money to cover her purchase of toilet paper, so I paid the 96 cents. "Thank you," she said. "I'm going to think of you every time I use this paper."

I grew up above my father's tavern. When we were kids, we would race each other down the stairs every morning to sweep up the bar and find the change customers had dropped during the night. Years later, as an adult, I found out that my father would throw a few coins over the bar for us to find in the morning. It cost him only a dollar a day to have us fight to be the first one to clean the bar.

CFSA - St. Pius X Parish



The 2021 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 Parish's assessment is \$14,000—we've received \$10,715.

We are still \$3,285 short of our goal. Please give generously.



"Your wife is correct. You're full of crap."

Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart May 17-23, 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
MONDAY Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	No Mass – Fr Kopel's day off	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.
TUESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	For the well-being Corrine Dahlquist, Dorothy Elaison, Eugene Nagel, Amy Cordell, Bridget Lake and Mike Senfner	
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Josephine Griesse (d)	Sacred Heart Parish Staff Pastor..... Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ Office: 765-2161 or Cell: 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
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Francis Kirby (d)	
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Poor Souls (d)	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Dan & Justin Cronin (d) Pentecost Sunday	
SUNDAY ~ 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners Pentecost Sunday	

Liturgical Ministers for May 22 & 23, 2021			
	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm Pentecost Sunday	Sunday ~ 11:00 am Pentecost Sunday	
Greeter & Offertory	Don & Lila Hericks	Vic & Patty Beringer	
Lector	Mike Bohnenkamp	Jackie Hansen	
Ministers of Eucharist	Mary Bohnenkamp	Gerri Eide	
Altar Servers	Brayden Schlachter Nicholas Schachter	Olivia Mikkelsen Neva Mikkelsen	
Rosary			
Music	Brenda Frost	Colleen Simon	
Video Operator Video Projectionist	Josh Cordell Nicole Cordell Colt Weiseler	Jean Smith Braxton Beringer	
Homebound Minister		Patty Beringer	

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ May 23, 2021					
Wednesday ~ 5:30 PM	NO MASS			Sunday ~ 9:00 am	Julie & Rudy McCullough (d)
Liturgical Ministers for May 23, 2021					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Offertory	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Pentecost Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Mary Sieck	Fran McQuirk & Family	Lexie Rausch	Fran McQuirk	Sheridan Voorhees Courtne Weinheimer
St. Pius X Parish Staff				Sacrament of Penance	
Pastor..... Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ Office: 765-2161 or Cell: 769-4062				First Sunday at 10:30 am ~ prior to the 11:00 am Mass	
Secretary..... Lisa Guthmiller ~ 258-2336				Other Sunday's at 8:30 am – prior to the 9:00 am Mass	
Office Hours..... Mon & Thurs ~ 8:30am-Noon; Wed ~ 9:00am-5:00pm				Also offered by appointment - call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161	
Religious Education..... Stacie Weinheimer ~ Office: 258-2336 & Cell: 280-9382					

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 16, 2021

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Mark 16:15-20

At schools – especially at colleges and universities – the students and their networks of life fly away at the end of each year. Of course this goes double for the extended quarantine that all the world has been experiencing. Students, famously, have had to find ways to cope with lives apart from each other.

The presider at a recent mass admitted with a beautiful poignancy how much he missed them. I can remember the same thing from my own pre-pandemic college days. If I was late in travelling home, I experienced empty halls and rooms, and broad, undisturbed yards of grass. Yes, we were all glad to have the year done with, but at the same time, why were the buildings deserted, and where was the buzzing life of intermingling students?

This might serve as a pointer to the kind of hollowness the disciples must have felt, and especially the women who had loved Jesus so much. Of course, the passion had been the worst part, as we said last week. What could ever fill that cavernous emptiness?



And, what sort of lives were Jesus' followers to find after the very center of their lives had been taken away? But, you say, there was the resurrection. Correct.

But we saw last week how confusing this was to the disciples. "I will not believe this unless I put my hands on him," said doubting Thomas. And Jesus' new presence did not last so very

long, did it? There was this event called the Ascension that emptied the school yards, so to speak, and halls all over again. It was joyous, yes, but why did he have to go away for good?

One way to look at it is to say that Jesus had graduated from life into LIFE. Having tunneled through the narrow passageway of death --as you and I will do one day -- he had given everything he was and everything he possessed to the Father out of sheer love. Instead of there being nothing left, there was now humanity transformed, a divine human person who had opened up all the way. He was marked with the totality of love and was on his way back to the dynamic, swirling, Trinitarian circle of love from which his humanity had issued in the first place. He lingered after the Resurrection only in order to tell us about it, to comfort us, to ease the loss.

Ok, but quite difficult to understand. "Stay in Jerusalem until my Spirit comes to fill your heart," Jesus said to his followers (First Reading from Ascension). They were to be filled "with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit" (Second Reading).

The immense act of modest love that was the resurrection would be poured into us and it would be called the Holy Spirit. Jesus would continue to be alive within the world after all, but in a different form, in our bodies and those of our neighbors. Loss and absence were to be turned into real presence.

In the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion, we take his body and blood into our body and blood. The Spirit helps us accept his whole life, death, and resurrection as they settle into us and into others around us.

This real presence now abides forever in our midst, urging us, gently nudging us to say, yes. So, school is not out.

John Foley, S.J.

Tanned, relaxed, and unshaven, I landed at the Denver airport after returning from my fabulous, do-nothing, 2-week Caribbean vacation. As the customs agent handed my passport back to me, she cheerily welcomed me home by declaring, "Back to reality for you!"



The Pastor's Ponderings

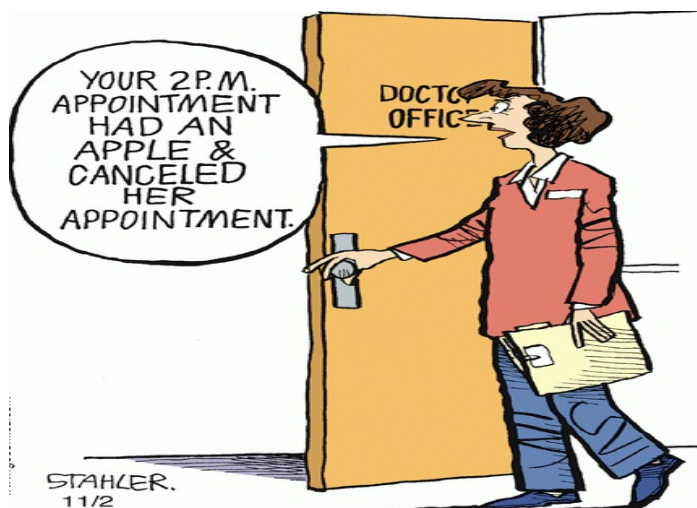
The end of the school year and graduation are fast approaching. **We will recognize our graduating high school seniors this Sunday, May 16, at the Sunday morning Masses in Onida and Gettysburg. Cap & gown for graduates appreciated.**

We got a nice little rain last week. And I'm hoping for more rain this weekend. Last Wednesday morning I lost my voice while saying Mass. That's always a good indicator that we may actually get a rain or snow that amounts to something – within a few days following. I'm kind of a "human barometer" – when the weather is going to get wet – my sinuses go into high gear and I drain down the back of my throat when I sleep and the gunk covers my vocal cords – thus no voice in the morning. And generally, moisture follows 3-4 days later.

Confirmation at Sacred Heart

Bishop DeGrood will be at Sacred Heart on Saturday, June 12, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at a 4:00 pm Mass. Following Confirmation the parish will host a **dinner for the Confirmation candidates and their families. The number of dinner guests per candidate is set at 12 total – the candidate and 11 guests.** I have send an Information Form home with them to collect the number of guests for each candidate.

Students are to return their Information Forms, Letter to Bishop DeGrood requesting Confirmation and their Service Hour Report Sheets by Tuesday, June 2. A collection box is located in the sacristy.



Coming Events

Saturday, May 22. **Gettysburg High School Graduation, Onida High School Graduation.**

Sunday, May 23 to Monday, May 31. . . Fr. Kopel house hunting in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Monday-Thursday. . Vacation Bible School at Sacred Heart, May 24-27 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily – REGISTER NOW!

Saturday, May 29. **River Mass begins @ 7:30 pm, REPLACES the 6:30 pm parish Mass, Fr. John Lantsberger – covering Masses.**

Saturday, June 12. **Confirmation Mass at 4:00 pm with Bishop Donald DeGrood. No 6:30 pm parish Mass and NO RIVER MASS due to Confirmation!**

Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27. Fr. Kopel's last weekend.

Wednesday, June 30. . . . Fr. Kopel's final day before retirement.