

Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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First Sunday of Advent ~ December 1, 2019

Christmas Cookie & Candy Parade

Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

- Buy a container for \$10
- Fill it with cookies or candy
- Close the lid (must close)
- Take home and enjoy!

Free coffee, cider, candy
and cookie samples



Each household is asked to furnish either 4 dozen 2" cookies OR 2 dozen candies. Smaller items fit inside containers more easily. We'll cut any fudge received and we put them in paper holders. Circle Chairpersons will be calling for workers for that day. **Deliver items to the parish hall on Saturday, December 7, by 9:00 am** so we can display them for sale.



Altar Society is having a **food drive** for our local food bank. Any non-perishable donation is appreciated. Drop your non-perishable food items in the box in the church lobby.

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes continue. Grades 1-5 meet on Wednesdays from 3:55-5:10 pm. Snack served from 3:30-3:50 pm in parish hall unless Gettysburg school has early release that day. Grades 5-10 meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm. Grades 11-12 classes are suspended until after the new year.



The Religious Education Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 15. Your child will be given an RSVP form for the Christmas program at class on Wednesday. Please **return it by Wednesday, December 4, or call/text Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953 so we know who will be participating in the program.** There

are additional RSVP forms in the lobby, or you can download one from our website at <https://www.getshc.org/religious-education>.

We still need a teacher (or team) to take over the 4th grade class at the end of this year. If you are willing to help teach, or occasionally fill in, please contact Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953.



Sacred Heart 2019 CFSA

This year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal has met its goal of \$31,700. Any additional gifts are appreciated and will be applied to the payment of our \$12,000 Diocesan debt.

Knights Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus is serving a Parish Breakfast THIS Sunday, December 1, after the 9:00 am Mass. They're serving scrambled eggs, sausage patties, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice, tropical fruit and coffee.



Advent Baby Shower

Sacred Heart Parish is participating in the 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 generosity in the past. If you have questions, please contact the parish office. Collection box in the church lobby.

Parish Council Meeting This Thursday

The Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.** Fr. Kopel currently has RCIA classes every Tuesday.

Keep in Prayer

Derald Hanson	Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	Royce Simon
Jack Smith	Cheryl Panchow	Mike Maskavitch	Alison Simon
Norm Kostboth	John Knue	Vicki Miller	Brenda Victor
Jack Axsom	Andy Wager	Amanda Lemler	Carol Erikson
Gerald Lacher	Kathy Vetch	Eli Kortan	Rachel Hamburger
Shaelyn Schatz	Evon Kooops	Eugene Nagel	Mary Mardian
Linda Simon	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Joyce Wickersham
Margaret Williams	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
Jerry Jacobson	Tammy Adams	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Art Trujillo	Dana Pile	Taylor Nystrom
Jim Brown	Sister M. Loretta		

KC & Altar Society Meetings

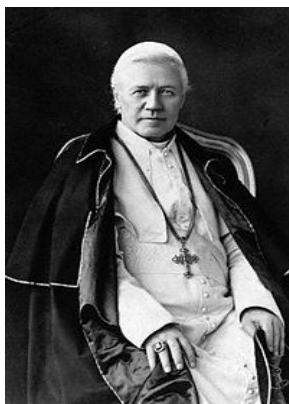
The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, December 2, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will meet on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

RCIA Classes Continue



RCIA classes continue Tuesday, December 3, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Bride's Room in Gettysburg. Classes can be viewed online live or archived at www.GetSHC.org, click on Livestream and click on RCIA.



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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St. Pius Religious Education News

Our Religious Education classes continue. You are reminded that there are **NO Religious Education classes on Wednesday, November 27, due to Thanksgiving Break.**

Class Day: Wednesdays.

Class Times: Grades 1-6..... 4:00-5:15 pm,
Grades 7, 8 & 9..... 6:45-8:00 pm,
Grades 10, 11 & 12..... 7:00-8:15 pm.

Curriculum:

- Grades 1-6:..... Finding God – Our Response to God's Gifts,
- Grades 7-8-9:..... Theology of the Body,
- Grades 10-11-12:..... Confirmation Preparation,
Topic: 11/26..... Sacraments.

Our Religious Education Cancellation Policy is: *If school is cancelled for the day or there is early release due to weather on a Wednesday – Religious Education classes are ALSO CANCELLED.* This will be posted on the parish website: www.stpiusxonida.org or Facebook at *St Pius X Catholic Church.*

If you have any questions about Religious Education classes, please call, **Stacie Weinheimer**, our Director of Religious Education; email her at stpiusxre@live.com, or call Office: 258-2336, Cell: 280-9382 Thanks.

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struggling to provide for their children's needs. Thank you for your generosity in the past. If you have questions, please contact the parish office. Collection box in the church lobby.



CFSA - St Pius X

The 2019 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal continues. Your contribution funds the ministries of our diocese. Drop it off at church or mail to PO Box 13. Our parish tax/assessment is \$13,100. **We have received \$11,670 from 34 households of 69 households – we're \$1,430 from our goal.**



'Twas the Night Before . . .

St. Pius X Parish will participate in Onida's city-wide celebration of the start of the Christmas Season.

Friday, December 6, 2019

Noon Lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Raffle ~ Silent Auction ~ Bake Sale

Held in the church basement

Sign-up sheets are located in the church lobby

RCIA Classes Continue



A new series of RCIA sessions continues **THIS Tuesday, December 3, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Sacred Heart parish hall in Gettysburg.** Sessions are open to everyone and *can be viewed online live or archived at www.GetSHC.org, click on Livestream and click on RCIA.*

Keep in Prayer

Judi West
Terry Shawgo
Mike Fuller
Jo Bender

Mel Hackett
Alice Jones
Marquette Brink
Kellie Yackley

Jean Hertel
Ann Chicoine
Diane Lorenz

Advanced Ministry Assignments

Third Sunday of Advent @ 9:00 am


Sacristan.....	12/15.....	Mary Sieck,
Greeters.....	12/15.....	Karen LaFurge,
		Mary Rawstern,
Lector.....	12/15.....	Lexi Rausch,
Altar Servers.....	12/15.....	Caleb Chicoine,
		Conner Yackley,
Eucharistic Ministers.....	12/15.....	Val Chicoine,
		Fran McQuirk,
		Greg Lorenz.



Welcomed Through Baptism

St. Pius X Parish, Onida, welcomes **Emmalynn Jules Rausch**, child of Lee G. & Jessica L. (Schultz) Rausch, who will be baptized after the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, December 1.

Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart Weekday Masses for November 25 - December 1, 2019		Sacrament of Penance Times
MONDAY ~ No Mass 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	Carol Limoges (d) St. Francis Xavier	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	Elaine & James Thomas (d)	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Oahe Manor ~ Gettysburg	Well-being of Manor Residents	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
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Health of Leonard Schatz & Jim Brown St. Nicholas	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Tom Schalchter (d) Second Sunday of Advent	
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart & St. Pius X Parishioners Second Sunday of Advent	

Liturgical Ministers			
	Saturday, December 7 @ 6:30 pm Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday, December 8 @ 11:00 am Second Sunday of Advent	
Greeter & Offertory	Bill & Brenda Frost	Jim & RoseAnn Nagel Family	
Lector	Mike Bohnenkamp	Jackie Hansen	
Ministers of Eucharist	Mary Bohnenkamp	Clarence Hellhake	
Altar Servers	Mia Cordell Claire Cordell	Olivia Mikkelsen Neva Mikkelsen	
Rosary	Kay Myers	Jim Nagel	
Music	Sarah Larson	Brenda Frost	
Video Operator	Josh Cordell	Colten Hageman	
Homebound Minister		Rose Schatz	

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ December 4 & 8, 2019					
Wednesday, December 4 @ 5:30 pm	Matt Buhler (Birthday)			Sunday, December 8 @ 9:00 am Second Sunday of Advent	Taydon LaRosh (Birthday)
Liturgical Ministers					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Offertory	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday, Dec 8 @ 9:00 am Second Sunday of Advent	Marlene Bechard	Jeremy & Val Chicoine Family	Greg Yackley	Sharon Swan Ashley Yackley Barb Rilling	Reese Voorhees Jadyn Jaeger
St. Pius X Parish Staff 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			Sacrament of Penance 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

First Sunday of Advent ~ December 1, 2019

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

If we were still using the dating system made popular by Hippolytus of Rome, we would be writing the year 7498 AM (Anno Mundi) as the date for our correspondence. As it happens, we still use the system devised by the sixth-century monk Dionysius Exiguus ("Tiny Dennis"), who advised that it would be more apt for Christian Europe to place the incarnation at the center of history and to date events prior to Christ by counting backward, leaving the normal forward count for the events after that first Advent. It took the promotion of another monk, Venerable Bede, a century and a half later, to popularize that dating system. And we have been living with the BC/AD (or, frequently today, BCE/CE) system ever since.

Accordingly, this First Sunday of Advent begins another Church Year in the third millennium CE. The start of this millennium simply served to remind us what the season of Advent has always been about in the eyes of faith: the year 2000 was simply a special jubilee year, doing what jubilee years have always done. It marked a special anniversary of the incarnation, celebrating the new beginning signaled by the First Advent of Christ, and occasioning repentance and renewed commitment to the good work that God has begun among us in Jesus. Advent has always been a miniature of such anniversary jubilees. During this time, we focus our prayer and our liturgy on how we, and the rest of the world, continue to hunger for the dream that the incarnation began to realize two millennia ago. The language for expressing the hope – that the first Advent started to implement – was supplied in great part by the authors of the scroll of Isaiah.

This Sunday's First Reading gives us one of the most powerful articulations of that hope. If you visit the Old City of Jerusalem and stand on the Temple Mount and look around, the imagery of this reading takes on the dramatic



edge it was meant to have. You find yourself standing on the hill the Bible calls Zion. It is a conspicuous shoulder of earth, to be sure, but it is noticeably lower than the mountains and hills surrounding it.

So when you read, "In the days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills," you know that you are reading an apocalyptic vision. That is, you are reading a description of an event that is not of human making. It is a work of "earth-shaking" proportions brought about by divine intervention. Further, this vision of the end-times pictures all nations acknowledging Yahweh as the one God and king of all. They are streaming to Zion to learn Torah as a means of living in international peace. People will be moved to turn instruments of war, like swords and spears, into implements of peace, like agricultural tools such as plowshares and pruning hooks. (It is poignant to read that vision now, when rival political claimants to present-day Zion are threatening violence to make Jerusalem a place of shalom.)

That Jesus and the early Christians took this vision seriously is clear from the New Testament. Jesus called his followers "the light of the world." He compared them to a city on a hill whose lights are visible for miles around. He blessed the makers of peace and challenged his disciples to find nonviolent ways of responding to violence. He even went so far as to advocate loving one's enemies and praying for one's persecutors. If this sounds like raising Zion above the surrounding landscape (moving mountains), that is as it should be. Such peacemaking is, finally, not something people do on their own. It is something that God does with and through them.

Advent comes to remind us that what the human heart most deeply desires, God began to fulfill in the first Advent – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. And what God has begun in Christ Jesus, God will complete – if those touched by this good news allow themselves to be used for such apocalyptic (read "humanly unrealistic but divinely possible") peacemaking.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



The Pastor's Ponderings

I have **rescheduled the Gettysburg Parish Council meeting** that was scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, to **Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall**. I am still teaching RCIA from 7:00-9:00 pm every Tuesday until after the New Year. So Tuesday evening isn't free for the meeting. I am hoping this change will work for most of the Council members.

The unexpected always happens. Late last week our hall's water heater made an awful noise and then gave up the spirit – it's a commercial natural gas unit. It seems that the blower fan assembly died. A quick call to Wheelhouse plumbing (who installed it) and we were told that a new blower was \$1,400 installed on a unit that is 9 years and some months old. A new unit was \$4,300! After calling around to various Council members I could get a hold of it was the unanimous opinion that it made no sense to repair a water heater that old. So, following some more discussion with Wheelhouse, we settled on an commercial on-demand water heater that was \$3,900 installed. It's supposed to be installed by this weekend – in time for the KC Breakfast. Here's hoping!

After the 5-day Thanksgiving holiday (at least for the school kids) I hope you had a welcome break before the hustle and bustle of the weeks leading up to Christmas. Sadly, the weather is kind of 'up-in-the air' as to what we will have and where we will have it. Hopefully, we all stay safe!



"I was sure I could make one more round."

I – and we all – should continue to pray for decent enough weather to complete this year's harvest. While not a fan of cold weather a good freeze would help stabilize the ground for the big farm equipment and lessen getting stuck in the mud.

'Christmas on the Prairie' Concert

The annual 'Christmas on the Prairie' concert will be held on **December 8, 2019, at 3:00 pm in St Anthony Church in Hoven**. Performances by the All-Faiths Regional Festival Chorus (Michael Coyne), Northern State University's Chamber Singers (Dr. Timothy Woods), South Dakota Symphony Orchestra (Conductor Thomas Fortner), Featured Soloist Robin Steitz, Guest Soloist Lilly Karrer, Narrator Tom Roberts.

General Admission \$35; Patron (includes reserved seating and dinner following concert) \$125; **HalfPew** (6 people reserved seating and dinner) \$600; **Sponsored Pew** (12 people reserved seating and dinner) \$1,100; **Premium Pew** (12 people reserved seating and dinner) \$1,650. **Phone: 605-948-2451 ext. 5 for information or tickets.**



Sing Noel. Saturday, December 7, 2019
Sounds of Christmas at The Abbey

The signature event of the season will feature The University of Minnesota Morris Concert Choir & Chamber Singers. The evening will also include a social hour, amazing raffle prizes, and delicious food and beverages. Overnight packages are also available. Social Hour @ 5:00 pm and the Concert @ 7:00 pm.

For more information and/or tickets contact:

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