

Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 13, 2020

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.

The monthly evening class for grades 6-9 will be on December 16th. 6th and 7th grade will be starting the Circle of Grace curriculum this month.

Grades 8 and 9 should be finishing up the T3 Teen Timeline curriculum this month and will start a new curriculum series after Christmas break.



The Spring semester class schedule is as follows:

January 6 - February 10 - March 10 - April 14 - May 5 (end).

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.

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.



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, December 20, 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

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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
Jerry Jacobson	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 Koops	Eugene Nagel	Mary Mardian
Linda Simon	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Diego Lamendola
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
David McGough	Darrell Griesse	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Bridget Lake	Cliff Simon	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell

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.

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."

Clarence Darrow



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- R**eligious 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.
- 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.

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

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			



'Twas the Night Before'

St. Pius X Parish wishes to thank everyone who took part in the parish's pre-Christmas Raffles. Special thanks to Karen LaFurge and Barney Asmussen who chaired the raffle. They raised a total of \$2,830.00. Great job everybody!

Winners of \$50.00 cash prizes

Donated By

Winner

Yackley Ranches.	Jim Whitehurst
Ted & Barney Asmussen.	Jim Thibodeau
Yackley Ranches.	Fran McQuirk
Voorhees Cattle Co.	Barney Asmussen
Yackley Ranches.	Kori Weischedel
Voorhees Cattle Co.	Logan Chambers
Yackley Ranches.	Val Chicoine
Ted & Barney Asmussen.	Velma Eining
Joel & Laurie Miller.	Bob Pierce
Joel & Laurie Miller.	Diane Lorenz

Advanced Ministry Assignments

Christmas Eve ~ Thursday ~ 6:30 pm Mass

Sacristan.	12-24.	Teri Weischedel
Greeters/Entry Oversight.	12-24.	Dennis & Teri Weischedel
Lector.	12-24.	Nola LaRosh
Altar Servers.	12-24.	To Be Determined
Eucharistic Minister.	12-24.	Mike Wiley

Feast of the Holy Family ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan.	Sun 12-27.	Karen LaFurge
Greeters/Entry Oversight.	Sun 12-27.	Tom & Ashley Yackley Fam
Lector.	Sun 12-27.	Joe Stahl
Altar Servers.	Sun 12-27.	None
Eucharistic Minister.	Sun 12-27.	Mary Sieck

Job Opening




St. Pius X Parish has a job opening. Jim Thibodeau, 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.

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."

Winston Churchill



Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart December 14-20, 2020		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	Judy Wager (d)	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.
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Donna Nylander (d)	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Calvin & Inez Kula Family (I & 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.
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Jack Himpler (d)	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Ray & Helen Goebel (d) Fourth Sunday of Advent	
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Morris & Colleen Simon (d) Fourth Sunday of Advent	

Liturgical Ministers for December 19-20 , 2020			
	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm 4th Sunday of Advent	Sunday ~ 11:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent	
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Rick & Imelda Simon	Vic & Patty Beringer	
Lector	Don Hericks	Michael Fischer	
Ministers of Eucharist	Lila Hericks	Michael Fischer	
Altar Servers			
Rosary			
Music	Kay Schmidt	Brenda Frost	
Video Operator Projection Operator	Josh Cordell & Makaivry Schatz Roberta Dutenhoeffer	Tanner Eide & Johnathan Wheeler Izzy Mikkelsen	
Homebound Minister		Patty Beringer	

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ December 20, 2020					
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm	No Mass		Sunday ~ 9:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners	
Liturgical Ministers for December 20, 2020					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday ~ 9:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent	Diane Lorenz	Kirk & Jackie Yackley Family	Greg Yackley	Greg Lorenz	
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 Sundays 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

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Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28

The Gospel reading feels like pulling the string of a how without letting the arrow fly. John is not the light; but has come to testify concerning the light about to dawn. He is not the expected Messiah. Nor is he really Elijah come again, though he dresses and acts like that hoped-for herald of the messianic times. Nor is he the Prophet-like-Moses mentioned in Deuteronomy (Jesus will fill and then transcend that role). As for his baptism, it is just a water baptism; there is one coming after him that he is not even worthy to serve as a slave, and that one ... but the other shoe does not drop in this reading.

The tension of the taut bowstring is not released. The reading is wonderfully selected here to focus our attention on the coming that is yet to be celebrated in a week and a half. It is just enough to evoke the joy of anticipation enkindled by the first two readings.

The First Reading is a gathering of four verses from a passage in the scroll of Isaiah that had to have been a favorite of Jesus. It is, Luke will tell us, the passage Jesus opened to when he stood up in his hometown synagogue to deliver his one-line inaugural address there: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). As in the past two Sundays of Advent, we are hearing a prophet speaking to a depressed people returned from Exile and looking for a full restoration.

In the full sweep of the oracle (First Reading: 61:1-62:9), full restoration is promised – release of captives, joy replacing mourning, cities rebuilt, the wealth of nations pouring in, ample harvest and vintage – all the right relations packed into the meaning of biblical justice. And that condition of full shalom (peace, in the sense of fullness of life) is not a human accomplishment. It is a deed of God: "So will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations."

"Gaudete Sunday" is the name we used to give this Third Sunday of Advent. The name derives from the Latin version of the first sentence of the reading from St. Paul, where he begins to wind up his first letter to the Christians at Thessalonica, a passage that instructs us on the essence of Christian joy. It is worthwhile to unpack his words slowly.

Rejoice always. That's not some vapid exhortation like "Cheer up!" Joy is really something accessible to the Christian who takes the measures Paul is just about to name, beginning with "pray without ceasing." While the Russian tradition of the steadily repeated Jesus Prayer is a literal expression of that mandate, most of us hear that imperative as a call to be ready to turn familiarly to God in any situation – "to find God in all things."

In all circumstances give thanks. The Greek verb here (eucharisteite) is used in the Bible only to refer to giving thanks to God – which makes this imperative just another way of urging us to pray always, discerning the giver behind all life's gifts, even finding something to be grateful for in difficult circumstances, for, as Paul continues, this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecy. In the context of this particular letter, which alludes in an earlier passage to what Paul will later call the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives, these imperatives urge them to be open to the working of the Spirit in their community – but not naively, for they are also told: Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Second Reading)

That's the Christian way to talk about fulfillment. The human person in all dimensions – where "spirit" identifies the person as creature, "soul" to the person as living being, and "body" as related to the earth and society – becomes whole in those dimensions through the loving work of God. And the final line of the reading carries the fullest possible assurance: The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Joining the Baptist and Isaiah,



The Pastor's Ponderings

Our run of exceptionally nice weather continues. For me it is most welcome. The older I get the less thrilled I am about walking on snow and ice. Falls seem to inflict more pain and a greater chance for breaking bones. As for the possibility of a 'brown' Christmas – bring it on!

From my brother, Chuck, in Kansas . . .

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people.
2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all the bars & keep men at home!
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & asking for money.

Advent Confession Schedule

Gettysburg. Saturday, December 12. Noon,
after 6:30 pm Mass,
Gettysburg. Sunday, December 13. after 11:00 am Mass,
Gettysburg 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.

Sunday Scriptural Reflection – continued

Paul calls us, along with his beloved Thessalonians, away from our culture's empty promises of joy to turn to the real source of fulfillment, "the living and true God" (1 Thess 1:9).

The messages on our television screens imply that joy comes with the numbing of pain and the getting of goods. Our ordinary human experience tells us, rather, that joy comes when we are connected in good ways with others and when we have

something to look forward to. Revelation goes a step further and tells us that fullness of joy resides in coming to know the face of God in Jesus, rejoicing in the discovery that we are not simply emergent life forms but beloved creatures of the Maker of the cosmos, and that we have nothing less than fullness of life with God to look forward to. If we are faithful to the One who is always faithful to us.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.

