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Religious Education News

Religious Education classes are in full swing. 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 meet on alternating Sundays at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.



The next Pre-K Bible Story Hour is this Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 pm in the hall. Children ages 3½ and up (through Kindergarten), are welcome to attend. Enrollment forms are on the table in the church lobby.

We are in need of volunteers to substitute for day and evening classes. Please consider joining our substitute call list; the more people we have on the list, the easier it is to fill an opening when one of our regular catechists is unavailable. It's easy to fill in - the lessons are all done for you and your help is much appreciated, especially by the parents who depend on us to help guide their children's faith formation. If you are willing to be on the list, please call or text Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953.



Student enrollment forms are now past due. Thank you to everyone who has turned in their student's enrollment form so far. If you have not yet turned in your form, please do so immediately.

Classes for Grades 11-12 continue of Sunday, October 20, at 7:00-8:00 pm in the Gettysburg Parish Hall. Fr. Kopel will lead the class which will focus on Life Choices - friends, careers, relationships, marriage, etc.



"Call the exterminator. I'm pretty sure the paper in my office is beginning to breed and reproduce."

RCIA Classes to Begin

A new series of RCIA sessions will begin on Tuesday, October 8, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Sacred Heart parish hall in Gettysburg. Open to everyone. (Full details are in Pastor's column).



KC & Altar Society Meetings

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, October 7, at 8:00 pm in the parish Hall.

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will meet on Monday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

FINAL WEEK - Hurricane Dorian Relief

Bishop Swain has asked that all parishes of the Sioux Falls Diocese have a special collection for the people of the Bahamas whose lives and livelihoods have been destroyed by Hurricane Dorian.



Monies received will be directed to Catholic Relief Services which is in place and already offering water, food, medical care and shelter to those who have lost everything in the most severely impacted parts of the Bahama Islands. **Envelopes are available in the church lobby.**

Sacred Heart 2019 CFSA

This years Catholic Family Sharing Appeal continues to chug along. Your gift helps fund ministries in our diocese. Please consider a gift to this appeal. Please, fill out your pledge card & drop off at church or mail to PO Box 285. Our parish assessment is \$31,700. We have received \$30,435 from 79 households - we're \$1,265 short.

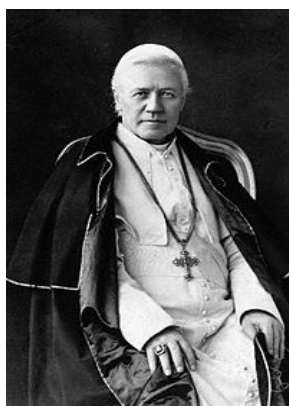
Prayers Shawls are now located in the church's Bride's Room. If you know of someone to whom you would care to give Prayer Shawl - please stop at the church office or call Dorothy 765-9261. Thank you for the donations; they are appreciated.



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 Koops	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			

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.



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Respect Life 'Welcome' Sunday

Today, October 6, we celebrate **Respect Life Sunday** and our **"Welcome Baby Sunday"**. St. Pius X Parish welcomes one new infant: **Lakyn Lynn Yackley**, her parents are **Blake and Kayla Yackley**. Lakyn's brothers are Jett and Nathan.



Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Jennie Birdsall	Mel Hackett	Jean Hertel
Terry Shawgo	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Marquette Brink	Kellie Yackley	Bob Pierce
Brenda Victor	Diane Lorenz	Jo Bender	Dennis Bender

St. Pius Religious Education News

The start of Religious Education classes have begun. We have our teachers! Thank you to all who responded to our call for help.

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: 10/9. Nicene Creed in Depth.

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.

CFSA St. Pius X Parish

The 2019 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal continues. Your contribution provide funding for various ministries within our diocese. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this appeal, fill out your pledge card & drop off at church or mail to PO Box 13. Our parish tax/assessment is \$13,100. **We have received \$9,165 from 25 of 69 households – we're \$3,935 from our goal.**



"Mom and Pop, you're SO sweet to remind US to have babies soon, so we want to remind YOU that NOW is the time YOU should look at assisted living centers."

Special Collection – Hurricane Dorian Relief

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First Sunday Lunch TODAY - October 6

The October Lunch Committee is serving a meal after the 11:00 am Mass **TODAY**. Please join fellow parishioners in a time of food and conversation.

The Lunch Committee members for Sunday, October 6 are:

Joe & Laurie Miller.....	Chairpersons
Joe & Emily Sovell	Don & Mary Sieck
Tom & Ashley Moore	Steven Davis
Neil & Kathy Davis	Kevin & Amanda Colestock

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Advanced Ministry Assignments

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time @ 9:00 am

Sacristan.....	10/27.....	Mary Sieck,
Greeters.....	10/27.....	Jeremy & Val Chicoine Family,
Lector.....	10/27.....	Joe Stahl,
Altar Servers.....	10/27.....	Hope Weinheimer,
		Courtne Weinheimer,
Eucharistic Ministers.....	10/27.....	Fran McQuirk,
		Barb Rilling,
		Mike Owens.

Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart Weekday Masses for October 7-13, 2019		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 ~ No Mass 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	Pauline Billingmeier (d)	
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Adella Hericks (d)	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Oahe Manor ~ Gettysburg	Herman & Anna Theunissen (d)	
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Health and Guidance upon Pope Francis <i>Pope St. John XXIII</i>	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Bill Richards (d) <i>28th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	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
SUNDAY ~ 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart & St. Pius X Parishioners <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

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Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

1 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

Translate it how you will – unprofitable servants” (KJV, Rheims, NAB [1986]), “useless servants” (NAB [1970]), “unworthy slaves” (NASB), “worthless slaves” (NRSV) – as a self-description of the Christian disciple, the phrase does not sound like good news to our North American ears. In a culture that reminds us from every TV monitor and most counseling offices that the point in life is to “feel good about yourself,” who wants to cultivate the self-image of worthless slave? Yet there it sits – that phrase – as the punch-line in a parable whose context suggests that it is supposed to say something about faith.

If we are to hear the Good News in this parable, there are at least two barriers that we who live in the US at the end of the twentieth century need to overcome: (1) our feelings about slavery and (2) determination of the proper translation and meaning of that troubling adjective (rendered in the examples above as unprofitable, useless, worthless, unworthy).

(1) About slaves we need to face several facts. First, the text really does say “slaves.” Douloi is Greek for “slaves.” Since most servants in the first-century Mediterranean world were slaves, “servants” is an adequate translation, but it loses some of the power of the metaphor. “Servants” bypasses the fact that, in that time and place, such slaves/servants were the property, not the employees, of their masters. Moreover, both Jesus and the early Christian writers were very much at home using slavery as a positive metaphor for one’s relationship with God and even with the members of one’s community.

In those cultures, slavery was simply a fact of life, with some two-thirds of the population consisting either of slaves (frequently, people working off a debt) or former slaves. Jesus dared to teach that his followers were to be slaves of one another (e.g., Mark 10:44; same word, *doulos*). Paul was happy to identify himself as a “*doulos* of Christ Jesus” (e.g., Rom 1:1). And the earliest extant Christian hymn celebrates the humanity of Jesus as his taking on “the form of a slave [*doulos* again]” (Phil 2:7). Though it does not sell well in contemporary democratic culture, our ancestors were at home with the concept of subservience – to God and to one another.

(2) Now, about the adjective describing the slaves in the punch-line of the parable—*achreioi*. Kenneth Bailey (to whose commentary I am indebted here)* makes a good case that the word can be rendered “to whom nothing is owed.” In other words, the point of the parable is that just as a household slave is not an employee of his master – i.e., never earns anything when he carries out his duties – so we, when we have lived out our covenant relationships with God and with one another, have simply done our duty and have “earned” nothing.

The good news in this image of our life with God is that, in living the life of faith, we come to see that we have a secure role in the “household of God” – an early metaphor for the community of the Church. Like a household slave, we belong in that household even more than an “employee” would. Though our own culture would not lead us to express all this in the imagery of slavery, the parable, properly understood, expresses the same gospel (Good News) truth that St. Paul communicates when he teaches in his letters that the Christian is saved by our faith. Paul’s teaching on this relationship is powerfully summarized in Ephesians 2:8-10:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God: it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Even if Bailey is wrong, and the phrase is best rendered with something like “unprofitable servants” and “worthless slaves,” once we get the point of seeing through the eyes of faith that our life is lived out in the honor and security of the “household of God,” the good news comes home. Ironically, recognizing that we are unprofitable slaves in such a situation can help us “feel good about ourselves” – but for reasons very different than the ones preached by our time and place.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



The Pastor's Ponderings

Please consider giving to the Hurricane Dorian Relief effort which Bishop Swain has asked the parishes of the diocese to support. Special envelopes are in the lobby. This is the FINAL WEEKEND to donate to this cause.

Hopefully, I have survived our annual Clergy Education Days in Chamberlain/Oacoma and have returned to you bright eyed and bushy tailed – or not. The older I get the harder it is to sit through hours and hours of presentations on topics that I have heard many times before. Oh well, the road to heaven is often paved with hardships. A little purgation here and there will hopefully lessen my purgatory time when I die.

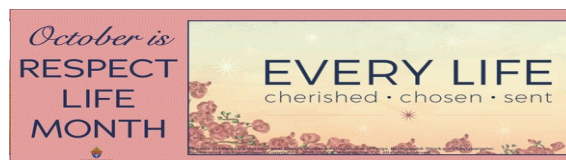
As everything begins to ramp up to full speed ahead (the parish, classes, school activities, etc.) I’m always nervous because once the weather decides to turn ‘ugly’ everything just gets a little bit harder to get done. So, I am continuing to pray diligently for a Fall like last year. Do you remember it – it stayed unusually nice up until just before Christmas. So I’d like God to give us a ‘do over’ of last Fall. That would be good for our crops, our daily activities and our attitudes.

RCIA & Catholic Faith Inquiry Classes To Begin



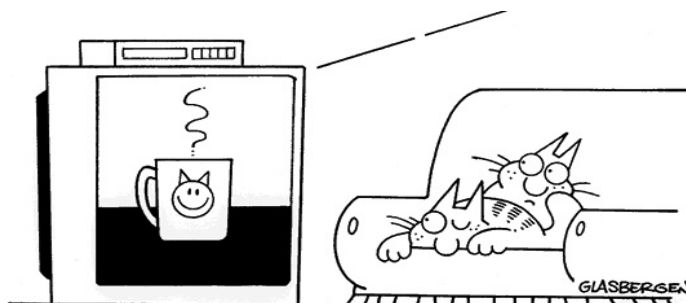
I will start a new series of RCIA sessions on Tuesday, October 8, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Sacred Heart parish hall. The RCIA usually requires 12 sessions to cover all the material. I will TRY to finish before Christmas – but may have to finish after the New Year – due to weather or unforeseen conflicts. These classes are for

Catholics interested in learning more about their faith, for those interested in becoming a Catholic and for those who will be entering into a ‘multi-religion’ marriage to understand their spouse’s faith better. Interested? Email Fr. Jerry Kopel (jpkopel@hotmail.com) or call the Gettysburg parish office @ 765-2161.



St. Mary Parish Bazaar in Highmore

St. Mary Catholic Church in Highmore hosts its annual parish dinner and bazaar. It will be held Sunday, October 6, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Highmore Auditorium. They’re serving a roast beef dinner. Meal, BINGO, Raffles, Children’s Games & Bake Sale.



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