

Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

203 East Garfield, PO Box 285, Gettysburg, SD 57442

Phone: 765-2161 ~ Fax: 765-2710 ~ Frs. Cell: 769-4062

Parish Email: sacred@venturecomm.net

Pastor's Email: jpkopel@hotmail.com

Religious Ed Email: sacredheartre@venturecomm.net

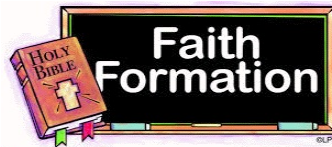
On the WEB at
www.GetSHC.org
Mass Times
Confession Schedule
Parish Bulletins
Ministry Schedules
& Much More!

Watch on
livestream
Weekend Masses
Funeral Services
RCIA Classes

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 8, 2020

Religious Education News

There will be class as usual next Wednesday November 11, even though it is Veterans Day. If your child will be absent from class, please call or text 769-1953 to let us know.



Since no one volunteered to teach Grade 6, all parents of 6th graders are asked to teach the class on a rotating basis. The next 6th grade evening class will be on November 18, taught by Kim Goebel and MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS SESSION.

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

EVENING CLASSES: 6-9th grades are studying at home this week. Access your grade's assignments at www.sacredhearted.org.

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

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.



Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society has its next meeting Monday, November 9, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. The Altar Society has decided NOT to hold the annual Christmas Cookie Parade due to COVID-19. They will sponsor a Holiday Food & Non-perishable Items Drive during the holiday season – more info later.



Final Weekend to Give is November 8



The World Mission Sunday continues. Your prayers and financial help on WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, supports mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace. Mission envelopes can be found in the church lobby.

Keep in Prayer

Sister M. Loretta	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
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
Jerry Jacobson	Tammy Adams	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Diego Lamendola	Darrell Griesse	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell
Cliff Simon	Bridget Lake	David McGough	

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.



Confirmation Class This Sunday

The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 will meet NEXT Sunday, November 15, 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!



"Okay, which one of you has been laying the hard boiled eggs?"



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

102 South 6th, PO Box 13, Onida, SD 57564
Phone: 258-2336 ~ Fax: 258-2509 ~ Frs. Cell: 769-4062

Email: stpiusx@venturecomm.net
Pastor's Email: jpkopel@hotmail.com
Religious Education Email: stpiusxre@live.com

On the WEB at
stpiusxonida.org

Mass Times
Confessions Schedule
Parish Bulletins
Ministry Schedule
Brunch Committees
Funeral Committees
Religious Education
Parish News
& Much More!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 8, 2020

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	

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.

CFSA - St Pius X We've Met Our Goal

St. Pius X Parish's tax/assessment is \$14,000. We've received \$14,039.00 from 28 families. Thank you for your generosity! Additional CFSA donations will be put into Building Fund.

Final Weekend to Give is November 8



The World Mission Sunday collection continues. Your financial help on **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, supports mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

'Twas the Night Before ~ Chairs Needed

With only a month to go before Onida celebrates its annual *'Twas the Night Before* celebration – St. Pius X Parish is looking for chairperson(s) to spearhead our annual fundraiser. If interested contact Lisa at the parish office or speak with Fr. Kopel.

Religious Education News

- 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.
- Please fill out the Student Registration forms and return to Stacie Weinheimer/DRE. Please contact Stacie if you have any questions, or concerns at 280-9382.
 - 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.



From the Respect Life Committee

Respect Life Committee would like to say "Thank You" for all of the donations for our Committee Fundraiser during the month of October. The donations are greatly appreciated! It was a big success!



Advanced Ministry Assignments

33rd Ordinary Sunday ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan.....	Sun 11-22.....	Mary Sieck,
Greeters/Entry Oversight. . .	Sun 11-22... .	Bill & Suzanne Stahl Fam.
Lector.....	Sun 11-22.....	Mary Sieck,
Altar Servers.....	Sun 11-22.....	None,
Eucharistic Minister.	Sun 11-22.....	Mary Sieck.

Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart November 9-15, 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	Bob Theunissen (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	Elmer & Marge Nylander (d)	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Betty Poeppel (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	Ray & Helen Goebel (d)	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart & St. Pius X Parishioners 32 nd Ordinary Sunday	
SUNDAY ~ 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Dale Erickson (d) 32 nd Ordinary Sunday	

Liturgical Ministers for November 14 & 15, 2020

	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm 33 rd Ordinary Sunday	Sunday ~ 11:00 am 33 rd Ordinary Sunday
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Bill & Brenda Frost	Jim & RoseAnn Nagel
Lector	Mike Bohnenkamp	Jackie Hansen
Ministers of Eucharist	Mary Bohnenkamp	Jenn Jager
Altar Servers		
Rosary		
Music	Brenda Frost	Kay Schmidt
Video Operator	Josh Cordell	Jean Smith
Projection Operator	Nicole Enos	Izzy Mikkelsen
Homebound Minister		



Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ November 15, 2020					
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm	No Mass		Sunday ~ 9:00 am 33 rd Ordinary Sunday	Eileen Lieser (d)	
Liturgical Ministers for November 15, 2020					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday ~ 9:00 am 33 rd Ordinary Sunday	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 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			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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 8, 2020

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

A while back, I was interviewed by phone on a local radio talk show. The occasion was the apparent crescendo of catastrophes in recent months – hurricanes, floods, earthquakes. And the leading question was: “Are these the end-times? Are these the final disasters predicted in the book of Revelation?”

My answer: According to the New Testament writers the end-times commenced with the advent of Jesus, especially after his death and resurrection. So we have been in the end-times for nearly two thousand years. As for the end of the end-times, the Bible gives us no clues for calculating that. The author of Revelation is more interested in how to face the future in the light of a past event—the Easter victory of the Lamb that was slain.

I won't try to reconstruct the entire interview, but it was enough to remind me that both Jesus and his New Testament interpreters are quite clear that the times and seasons of God's future end-time activity are none of our business. Mark 13:32 should be enough to make that clear: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” The verse that follows tells us where our concerns should be focused: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”

All of which should help us appreciate the import of this Sunday's Gospel. Regarding the end – be it one's own death or the end of the world – the point is not the knowledge of when but the wisdom of readiness.

To hear clearly the parable of the wise and foolish “grooms-maids,” it helps to have in mind what Matthew's readers would have known about Near Eastern marriage customs.

First, the women – simply called “virgins” in the Greek – are not best described with the familiar rendering “bridesmaids,” for the context suggests that they belong to the groom's party. The scenario appears to be the following. Since the wedding party would occur at the groom's house (or that of his father), the young women are part of his entourage sent out to form a welcoming party as he brings his bride home. The delay is likely due to the customary and ceremonious discussion of the bride-price with his father-in-law (the longer the delay, the greater the father's insistence on the worth of his daughter).

Having reached the welcoming point, the ten settle down to wait, get drowsy, and fall asleep. When a voice heralds the approach of the groom, and presumably the bride, five (called “foolish”) discover they are low on oil and run off to buy some. By the time the groom's entourage, accompanied by the five wise virgins, join the full wedding party, the foolish ones find themselves locked out. Their shout of “Lord, Lord, open the door” is answered by the chilling response, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.”

The rest of Matthew's Gospel tells us all we need to know to hear the meaning of this parable. Like the parables that frame it, the story symbolizes something about living life in view of the final coming of Christ and what it means to be ready for that moment of joy (to be wise), or deserve judgment (to be foolish).

And what precisely does it mean to be ready in the way symbolized by the wise possession of oil? The scenario here in this fifth and last speech in Matthew is fully anticipated in the first speech, the Sermon on the Mount. There too we hear of people, who had even prophesied and healed in Jesus' name, shouting “Lord, Lord” and hearing Jesus say, “I never knew you.” As in the story of the grooms-maids, we hear of wise activity (building on rock) and foolish activity (building on sand). The speech leaves no doubt that wisdom here means hearing the word of Jesus and doing it, and foolishness is failing to do so. Having enough oil parallels building on rock (disciplining one's anger, lust, and vengefulness, Mt 5), running the household responsibly (Mt 24:45), investing one's talents fully (Mt 25:20-23), and doing the corporal works of mercy spelled out in the climax of this speech – feeding the hungry, quenching the thirsty, receiving the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned.

The parables about the parousia of Christ have nothing to say about calculating the end, but they have much to say about living in readiness. The deepest wisdom and fullest readiness, it turns out, is to



The Pastor's Ponderings

“It ain't over till it's over.” You can't argue with that. American baseball legend Yogi Berra first uttered the phrase during baseball's 1973 National League pennant race. His team was a long way behind when he said it and they did eventually rally to win the division title.

As I write this on Wednesday morning – the day after the Election – the same can be said. Many states have yet to complete their counting of the record turn-out to vote in this year's Presidential election. At this point both Biden and Trump have paths to victory. The vote tallies in many states are just too close to call. And so we have to wait – something Americans are notoriously bad at doing!

I was very surprised that South Dakota went ‘hook, line and sinker’ into legalizing marijuana and sports gambling. Personally, I don't think that legalizing either bodes well for the good of the South Dakota's residents down the road. I'm double checking the route to Tennessee!

We Are STILL Looking for Help with Mass Ministries!



We are looking for parishioners at Sacred Heart and St. Pius X willing to help with ministries at weekend Masses. We need lectors, communion ministers, greeters, musicians and – at SHC – video and projection operators. We're interested in 25-50 year olds. Plus Grade 7-12 students to operate the video and projection equipment – but all ages are welcome.

Call the Sacred Heart office at 765-2161 or contact Lisa Guthmiller in Onida at 258-2336 or speak with Fr. Kopel.

Revised Mass Attendance Guidelines

All Catholics of the Sioux Falls Diocese are required to attend Sunday Mass in person – watching Mass on TV no longer ‘counts’!

- If you are sick - in any way – STAY HOME!
- Attendance at weekend Mass is REQUIRED FOR MOST; except . .
- Those with pre-existing conditions (over 70, heart issues, COPD, diabetes, cancer) or are caring for an ‘at risk’ person are NOT required to attend Mass – watch it on TV or at GetSHC.org.



Sunday Scriptural Reflection – continued

live chastely, honestly, nonviolently (Mt 5). and to meet our neighbors' basic needs (Mt 25). Place yourself among the five wise women with the full jugs of oil. When the Lord comes, join the party. Now place yourself among the five foolish ones with next to no oil. When you hear of the Lord's arrival, dash to the mall to buy some, turn up at the party, and find yourself locked out.

You have just done a meditation on heaven and hell. Reflect on what Matthew teaches regarding what it takes to live wisely.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.

