



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Feast of the Ascension ~ May 24, 2020

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes are CANCELLED. This summer's Vacation Bible School is also cancelled.



Parents wanting to teach their Religious Education lessons to their children are asked to please call or text Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953. She will arrange a time and place for you to pick up your child's Religious Education materials.

Online Donation Option Now Available

You can now financially support your parish by making a donation online. Go to our parish website getshc.org and click on the donate box – chose Sacred Heart, Gettysburg from the drop-down list (all parishes of the Diocese are listed) – enter the amount, provide billing information, etc. You can donate from your bank checking or savings account or by credit card.

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
Wilbert Fenger	Darrell Griesse	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell
Derald Hanson	Mary Hanson		

CFSA Goal = \$31,800 ~ Collected = \$25,875
from 62 households ~ \$5,925 remaining
Update on RCIA Candidate Receptions

Bishop DeGrood has authorized/delegated pastors to do the Receptions & Confirmations of their RCIA candidates that would have taken place prior to June 1, 2020 at a time following the lifting of the COVID-19 gathering restrictions. We're looking to resume this process after the 1st of June.



KC Homemade Sausage for Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling their homemade, smoked sausage for \$10 per package. Contact any KC member or the Parish Office (765-2161) to arrange a pickup.

Envelopes are available in the Church Lobbies



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Public Weekend Masses to Resume in Gettysburg

For the first few weekends these guidelines will apply:

- If you are sick - in any way, shape or form – **STAY HOME!**
- Attendance at weekend Mass is still **NOT** required – it's **OPTIONAL**,
- Those over 60 or with pre-existing conditions should consider **NOT** attending for now – watch Mass on TV or at GetSHC.org,
- Entrance to the facility will be through the main **WEST LOBBY** only.
- Seating is limited to 70 for 'social distancing' of 6 feet – pews will be designated seating or no seating; added seating in the parish hall.
- Those attending must **sanitize their hands & wear a mask**,
- Communion will be distributed at after Mass is concluded – due to required added hand sanitizing, social distancing (and more time!)
- **NO VISITING** or **SOCIALIZING** before or after Mass at/in Church.



NO Saturday Evening River Mass

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the River Mass is **ON HOLD – for now.** We'll evaluate the 'risk factors' on an on-going basis during the summer. The 'come-and-go' campers, fishermen and other visitors just adds too much uncertainty to proceed with this Mass.





St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 24, 2020

Congratulations Graduates

St. Pius X parish recognizes its Sully Buttes high school graduates of 2020.

Our 2020 High School Graduates are:

Angela Guthmiller Gabby McQuirk Shalie Weinheimer

Additionally, we express special thanks to two of these students for their willingness to assist at Mass as Altar Servers through their senior year:

Gabby McQuirk

Shalie Weinheimer



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Update on Confirmation & RCIA Candidate Receptions

Bishop DeGrood has authorized/delegated the pastors of parishes to do the Confirmations of their candidates. The same is true for RCIA candidates. *So, for Confirmation – Onida will plan a Confirmation ceremony to be held at St. Pius X done by Fr. Kopel.* Right now the choice would be to do it sooner, (perhaps mid-June) – for just the Candidates and their immediate families; or wait until later (July) when a larger group – grandparents & others – could attend. In either case having a parish reception/dinner after the Confirmation is very unlikely.

In terms of RCIA candidates we will determine a date and time for your entrance into the Church following the same guidelines. We're looking to take care of these items during June. More information will be forth coming.



CFSA - St Pius X

The 2020 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal supports the many ministries of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Drop your contribution into the collection basket or send to St. Pius X Parish at PO Box 13, Onida, SD. St. Pius X's tax/ assessment is \$14,000 –

up \$900 over last year! Thus far we have received \$7,945.54 given by 12 households. Please give generously.

Advanced Ministry Assignments

Most Holy Trinity ~ 11:00 am Mass

Sacristan.....	Sun 6-7.....	Mary Sieck,
Greeters/Entry Oversight.....	Sun 6-7.....	Don & Mary Sieck,
Lector.....	Sun 6-7.....	Lexie Rausch,
Altar Servers.....	Sun 6-7.....	None,
Eucharistic Minister.....	Sun 6-7.....	Ashley Yackley.

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Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Mel Hackett	Bob Pierce	Jean Hertel
Marquette Brink	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Jo Bender	Kellie Yackley	Diane Lorenz
Lisa Guthmiller			

Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart May 25-31, 2020		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		
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg		
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Oahe Manor ~ Gettysburg		
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg		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:. Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 2:00-5:00pm and by appointment.
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart & St. Pius X Parishioners Feast of Pentecost	
SUNDAY ~ 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Dale Erickson (d) Feast of Pentecost	

	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm Feast of Pentecost	Sunday ~ 11:00 am Feast of Pentecost
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Rick & Imelda Simon	Jim & RoseAnn Nagel
Lector	Joane Beringer	Michael Fischer
Ministers of Eucharist	Gary Myers	Gerri Eide
Altar Servers		
Rosary		
Music	Brenda Frost	Colleen Simon
Video Operator Projection Operator	Josh Cordell	Jean Smith
Homebound Minister		

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ May 31, 2020				
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm	No Mass		Sunday ~ 9:00 am Feast of Pentecost	Alice West (d)

	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday ~ 9:00 am Feast of Pentecost	Teri Weischedel	Denis & Teri Weischedel Family	Nola LaRosh	Mary Sieck	None

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

Feast of the Ascension ~ May 24, 2020

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

Robert Funk, who started the 'Jesus Seminar' and has taught at the academic shrines of Texas, Harvard, and Emory, wants to "set Jesus free," he says, from scripture and creed.

But what, one might ask, is left of Jesus Christ without scripture, without creed? Well, he's more like a "Jewish Socrates or Lenny Bruce," we are told: "Jesus was perhaps the first stand-up comic" – not political, not programmatic, offering no program for the world. It turns out that the most reliable description of Jesus is that he is "an ironic secular sage."

Some theoreticians say that Jesus is a projection of Christian need and faith. Isn't it strange, then, how like a professor their Jesus is, this "ironic secular sage"? 'Tis a pity he himself was not tenured, that he was not interviewed by one of the more reputable reporters of his time, that he had not published in a peer-reviewed journal.

I do not mean to belittle or caricature the contemporary academic readings of Jesus Christ. Surely there is a rich diversity of opinion and quality in today's theologians. There is also devoted and painstaking research going on in our universities.

Our secular culture faces a religious crisis of our times: not just the refusal to face up to the crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but a deep resistance to the transcendent God whom Jesus reveals.

How close is the so-called contemporary account of Jesus to a rejection of any faith in a God beyond? What criteria are used? All miracles must be deemed impossible; any mention of transcendence is suspect; all messianic claims, all reference to an afterlife are unacceptable; any thought that we need salvation by his death on a cross must be repressed.

The contemporary "secular sage" insists that it is all so ordinary, this faith, this story, this gospel, this Jesus. Yet it is precisely the extraordinary, the supernatural, that makes him what he is – not only his moral teachings (which some great sage might dream up), but also his resurrected body (which no other religion has come up with), and the seeming disgrace of his cross.

No human inventiveness would dare to concoct what was an embarrassment to the Roman Empire, a stumbling block to the Greek world, and a repudiation of Gnosticism. It is not new, this struggle of faith in Jesus Christ. Since the beginning it was known that if we banish Christ's divinity, he and all of us are utterly alone. He was just another heap of chemicals who died. It is humanity alone on that cross. And it is a stranded humanity that is left with post-Resurrection delusions.

It is the God who called history forth and loved it enough to marry it, to preserve and save it, to redeem its terrible, fragile beauty. But if we believe that Jesus is indeed the eternal Word of God made flesh, then our very God was crucified as well; and the destiny of our dying bodies is somehow found in the presence of the almighty God.

If we do not believe that the cross bore the sorrows of God as much as it does our own, we ought not to have approached that wood to kneel. If we do not believe that by his Resurrection we are destined to be free, we ought not to have sung our alleluias on his day of victory. If it was not a heavenly, unearthly Jerusalem to which Jesus ascended, we ought not gather to look and pray to a God beyond who beckons us.

For it is sheer folly, the things we have done this Paschal season, if Christ does not reveal our sublime fortune. It was all a charade if our saving God was not on that cross, if it was not miraculously one of us who ascended on high. But if we worshiped in faith this season, we have again professed that, rather than being dupes of folly, we are the agents of the only true revolution that has graced human history.

In the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, neither Christ nor we are "confined" to dogma or scripture. Rather, our God is revealed and we are therein liberated. It is God-with-us, Emmanuel, who died our death. It is the God who called history forth and loved it enough to marry it, to preserve and save it, to redeem its terrible, fragile beauty. Thus it was with full heart that we could pray: "We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world." And it is with faith in the miraculous, the transcendent, that we, like Jesus in the Fourth Gospel, look to heaven for the giver of eternal life, the glory of the earth and the love and truth from which we all came.

John Kavanaugh, S.J.



The Pastor's Ponderings

We got off to a bit of a rocky start with last weeks' services. A new and different routine will do that to you. Also, my apologies for the late start of the Masses – especially those waiting for the live stream to start. The battery died on my wrist watch a few weeks ago and I had a new battery put in. I'm not sure why but now my watch is losing about 2 minutes a day. I did not realize that until Sunday afternoon when I was checking emails on my computer and happened to look at the computer's clock and realized I was about 10 minutes off! I'll try to keep an eye on that in the future.

Hard to believe but we are at the Memorial Day weekend – the 'official' start of summer. Everything seems a bit 'off'. School didn't end with the usual bang of graduation ceremonies and receptions. The school year kind of ended with a whimper or like a slug sliding down the drain. No Memorial Day remembrance by the American Legion/VFW. I'm not sure how the weekend will stack up to previous Memorial Days in terms of people traveling, camping, fishing, visiting family, etc. It probably depends on how 'stir-crazy' people have gotten and their need to 'get out' and go somewhere, anywhere. At least the weather will be true to form – rain is predicted for all day Saturday. But there is hope for a sunny Sunday and Monday. I hope that – whatever you may or may not do – this weekend offers a little respite from the ongoing hype on the pandemic and politics.

We are looking for parishioners at both Sacred Heart and St. Pius X who are willing to help with the various ministries of weekend Masses. We can use more lectors, communion ministers, greeters – right now acting more as a 'gate keeper', musicians and – in Gettysburg – video and projection operators. Many of our current ministers fall into the 'high risk group' due to age, etc. So we are really interested in some parishioners in the 30s and 40s. We also inviting junior high and high schoolers to operate the video and projection equipment – but all ages are welcome. **Call the Sacred Heart rectory office at 765-2161 or contact Lisa Guthmiller in Onida at 258-2336.**

First Communion Update

After meeting with both Parish Councils and discussing how to best handle the needed First Holy Communion. Not much was determined – due to the uncertainty of how 'opening up' will progress and if the CDC's prediction that South Dakota will hit its COVID-19 infection peak in June.

Fr. Kopel would like to complete the First Penance Preparation in June with the First Holy Communion Mass in early July – if everything goes in the right and larger public gatherings with less restrictions are able to happen. In all likelihood, while we will eventually have a First Communion Mass – however, there's little chance we will be hosting a dinner or public reception after.

