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4th Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2020

Online Donation Option Now Available

You can now financially support the work of 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. and your donation will make it's way to your parish via the Sioux Falls Diocese. You can donate from your bank checking or savings account or by credit card.

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes are **CANCELLED** until further notice. With the public schools closed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will follow their lead.



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.

Gettysburg Knights of Columbus Raffle

Grand Prize - 65" Ultra HD TV & Cash Prizes = \$300, \$75, \$50, \$25
Tickets \$10 each. Winners drawn at a later date yet to be determined.
Need not to be present to win. Contact a Knight for ticket info.



High School Graduation Mass

As our 12th graders approach the end of their high school years and in light of the current restrictions of large gatherings – we are looking for a way to recognize our graduates. **We would like to invite the Gettysburg seniors to attend Mass on Saturday,**

May 16, at 6:30 pm. They are invited to wear their cap and gown. We will abide by 'safe distancing' practices. **They will be introduced at the beginning of Mass and be able to receive Communion.** At the end of the Mass we will present each with a crucifix (usual gift) and each will be given the opportunity to say a few words to their families and parishioners. *Sorry, but this Mass is closed to the public – only seniors, priest, lector, musician and video operator can be present.*

Update on RCIA Candidate Receptions

In a video meeting last Tuesday morning Bishop DeGrood met with the priests of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Many topics were covered including how we should handle postponed Confirmation ceremonies and the Receptions of RCIA candidates into the Church. **Bishop DeGrood has authorized/delegated the pastors of parishes 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.**



The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain

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 Griese	Denise Griese	Amy Cordell
Derald Hanson	Mary Hanson		

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**Suspension of All Sunday and Daily Masses
and All Public Gatherings of More Than 10
Due to the Coronavirus Outbreak.**

CFSA - Sacred Heart Parish

The 2020 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal supports the many ministries of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Drop contributions into the lobby collection box or send to Sacred Heart Parish at PO Box 285, Gettysburg, SD. **Sacred Heart's assessment is \$31,800. Thus far we have received \$25,525 from 60 households. Please give generously.**



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.



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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of Confirmation – Onida will now begin to plan a Confirmation ceremony to be held at St. Pius X done by Fr. Kopel – at a time following the lifting of the COVID-19 gathering restrictions. In terms of RCIA candidates we will determine a date and time for your entrance into the Church following the same guidelines.



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First Sunday Lunch CANCELLED

The First Sunday Lunch scheduled for Sunday, May 3, is cancelled due to the suspension of Sunday Masses. Let's look forward to resuming the lunches next Fall.



CFSA - St Pius X



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First Communion Update

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation. As soon as we are allowed to resume gatherings of more than 10 people – we will schedule a First Penance meeting with the children at which we will make their First Confession and do their First Communion banners. I am weighing weather to do the personal interview with each child or not – we'll have to look at the time-frame available. Following that we will plan on having a Mass in each parish for the children and their families – followed by a lunch reception in each parish. How this all unfolds in real-time depends a lot on the regulations for returning to a more normal life – after COVID-19 has slowed down.



Religious Education News

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Online Donation Option Now Available

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Keep in Prayer

Judi West
Marquette Brink
Mike Fuller
Lisa Guthmiller

Mel Hackett
Alice Jones
Jo Bender
Kellie Yackley

Jean Hertel
Ann Chicoine
Diane Lorenz

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Sunday Scriptural Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2020

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-45

John 10:1-10

As the Church began to flourish and spread after that first Easter, the main tool it had to proclaim its Good News to the rest of the world was the language of the Hebrew Scriptures. More often than not, the version they used was the Greek one. That detail may sound like something that ought to be reserved to the footnotes of scholarly tomes. In fact, it sometimes makes a considerable difference in our understanding of the New Testament. The little speeches that make up about a third of the Acts of the Apostles provide abundant examples of Christian use of the Hebrew Scriptures in Greek.

This Sunday's First Reading gives us the end of Peter's Pentecost speech, along with its immediate aftermath. When Peter refers to his audience (Jews gathered in from a worldwide Diaspora) as "the whole house of Israel," he is using a term that implies that his listeners constitute potentially the "restored Israel" of "the age to come." For, earlier in the same speech, Peter had cited Joel 3, understanding that passage as relating to "the last days," and interpreting those last days as what was beginning to happen then and there on that particular Pentecost.

That same passage from Joel also said, "And it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord. (Acts 2:21)" For Joel, that statement referred to those who cast themselves on the mercy of Yahweh. In the language of Acts, "the Lord" is understood as a title for Jesus, and so "those who call upon the name of the Lord" becomes virtually a name for all Christians. (see Acts 9:14, 21; 22:16) It is with that meaning that Peter invites his audience to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. In so doing, they too will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit prophesied in that same Joel passage.

After that Joel further states, which in its Greek version says, "In Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be a remnant, just as the Lord said, and they will be preached the good news, those whom the Lord summons." When we read this, the aptness of the Joel passage becomes even more obvious, for it speaks not only of the outpouring of the Spirit of God but also of the preaching of Good News to a remnant of Israel in Jerusalem.

Then Peter's speech reaches out to the rest of the human family: "For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." The promise is the one made to Abraham: "In your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing." (Gen 22:18)

Like Paul in Galatians 3:6-9, Luke understands that this promise was fulfilled especially in the gift of the Holy Spirit to Gentiles as well as Jews. And the inclusion of Gentiles comes through as well in the phrase "those far off," which in the Greek version of Isaiah 57:19 appears to refer to the Gentiles. Thus a single stunning passage in the Hebrew Scriptures (even more strongly in the Greek version) supplies an explanation of both their own revitalized life and the Church's mandate for mission.

Our second reading, from 1 Peter, interprets the fourth Servant Song of Isaiah. (Is 52:13-53:12) Here, the author takes a passage that Jews understood (and still understand) as portraying Israel as a witness to the nations, and he applies it to Jesus (fulfilling Israel's role).

The Gospel passage has for its background a number of Old Testament passages about God and God's Anointed One imaged as shepherds, especially Ezekiel 34. In this vision, the prophet excoriates the "shepherds" of Israel who "pastured themselves" and failed to heal the sick or seek the lost. (Ezek 34:4) He quotes God saying, "I myself will pasture my sheep." Further, God will do this through an agent: "I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David." (Ezek 34:23)

The previous chapter of John had shown Jesus doing the work of the Good Shepherd, healing the man born lame and then "seeking him out" later – all this despite the abuse of those "bad shepherds," the religious officials, who are portrayed as blind in their arrogance. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who leads his sheep to fullness of life.



The Pastor's Ponderings

I and the Diocese continue to monitor the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. I don't think that governor Kristi Noem's announcement last Tuesday provided much clarity about how we might proceed to 'opening things up' while maintaining 'social distancing' and insuring personal safety. Basically more of the same. So we will continue our current course for the coming weeks.

On a more positive note – the weather has warmed up and as do a little driving around I've noticed a lot of fieldwork going on. This certainly beats what has happened in the past few Springs when it was so cold and wet. I ran down to Pierre a few days ago to take care of a few business items and decided to circle around through Fort Pierre and over the dam on my way back to Gettysburg. It goes real interesting about half way across. Two huge green monsters with 8 tires each and pulling air-seeders and trailers were coming straight for me. That's not the widest road in the world – there are no shoulders – but there are shoulder cables! We got by each other – moving real slow – and literally with inches to spare. Such in life in South Dakota.

Sunday Scriptural Reflection – continued

The more seriously we take the Jewish sources of our Christian language, the better we understand that language and the more we recognize that we are the "far off" ones who have been extended the hospitality of the house of Israel by its shepherd.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.

Coronavirus Policies and Procedures

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic **all services will only be available via livestream – no congregation allowed.** We will continue to webcast live the **Saturday 6:30 pm Mass** and post it for later viewing on our webpage www.GetSHC.org.

During this COVID-19 disruption – the parish continues to have expenses and bills have to be paid. Your generosity has and continues to be most appreciated. **We have put an online donation option on our parish website getshc.org.** This site allows you to **make a donation to any parish** in the Sioux Falls Diocese – so it works for both Sacred Heart and St. Pius X. **Lastly, we added a donation drop box in the west lobby entrance at Sacred Heart.**

Both parish churches will remain open for private prayer. Weekly parish bulletin will be printed as usual and available both on our parish webpages and on the church lobby tables. In Gettysburg the 'Our Sunday Visitor' Catholic newspaper will also be available in the lobby.

If anyone wants to visit – I am available. Give me a call at 765-2161. Confessions will still be offered at Noon and 6:00 pm on Saturdays. The Saturday 6:30 pm Parish Mass is closed to the public.



Things To Do While Sequestered by COVID-19

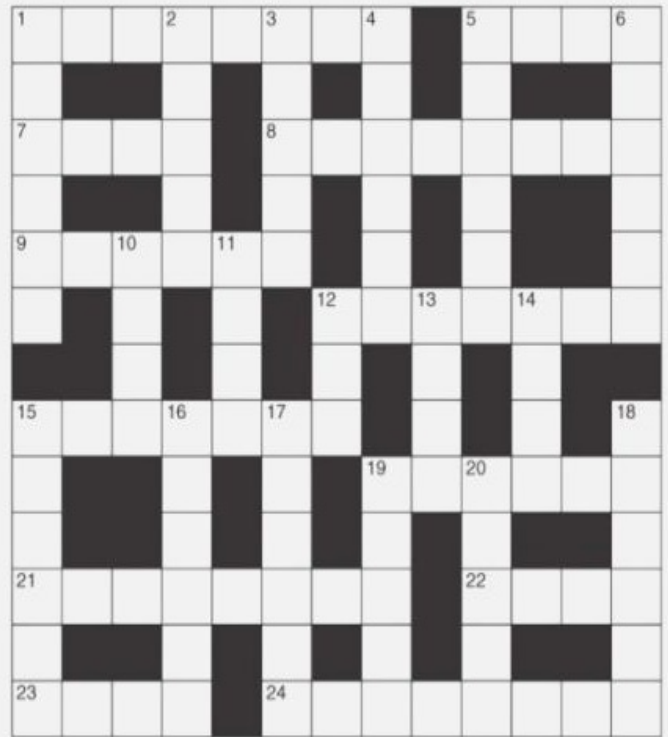
Around The World

ACROSS

1. US volcano, Mount ... (2,6)
5. Supersonic planes
7. Taj Mahal city
8. Cambridge & Oxford universities
9. Treeless Arctic zone
12. Coniferous tree found in Europe
15. Vienna is there
19. Croatian capital
21. Peninsula in southwest England
22. Manchurian river
23. Central attraction of Piccadilly Circus
24. Region that includes Japan, China and Korea (4,4)

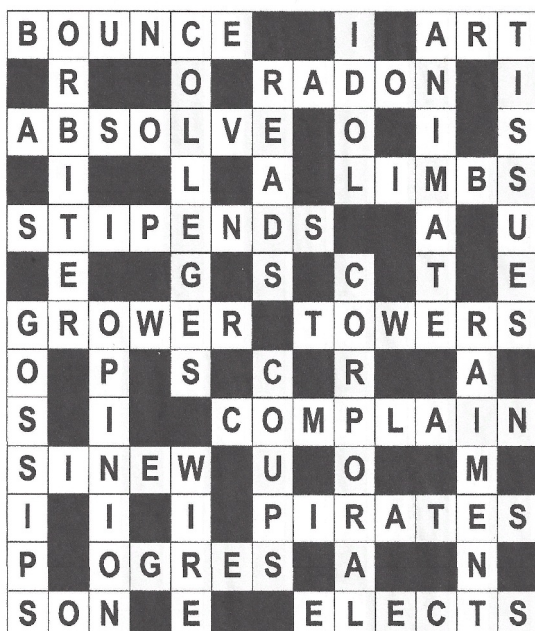
DOWN

1. Roughly built settlements, ... towns
2. Large African antelope
3. Nasty disease named after a river in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, ... virus
4. Underground train system
5. City of northwest India
6. People from Stockholm
10. Scotland's monster lake, Loch ...
11. German industrial region
12. Washington-based spy group (1,1,1)
13. Italy's Leaning Tower of ...
14. Kuwaiti ruler



15. Native American tribe
16. Sport played at Wimbledon
17. Earth's glacial period (3,3)
18. Portugal and Spain
19. Bantu peoples of Natal
20. West African nation

Solution to Last Week's Crossword



Use Your Brain While You Strain

S A B P R I W Z P F O D I K
I Y T Z D W A S R I L Z Y S
N E O O E B S J H T H O X L
J S W N O P H Q T O O T S T
K H E G D T S U J I W H A S
O A L U O E H W E L R E D U
S V E J R G A P W E G M R R
R E S O A P M O A T E L M B
N S M C N A P S H S D A X R
Q U E M T K O W U T T K A U
L R A Z O R O Z M I V E H S
V T D B Y M N O L N A B I H
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| FLOSS | DEODORANT | TOILET | SHAVE |
| FLUSH | WASH | SHAMPOO | RAZOR |
| SOAP | TOWEL | COMB | STINK |