



# Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2020

### Parish Council Meetings Suspended

**D**ue to the current coronavirus pandemic and guidelines asking that groups of more than 10 people not take place and that everyone stay 6 feet apart – **Parish Council meetings (and other non-essential gatherings) will be suspended until this restriction is lifted.** *Regular Financial statements will be sent out to Council members and if a need arises that requires some significant decision a phone teleconference will be set up.*

### Lenten No Meat Fridays

**A**bstinence from meats is observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all Lenten Fridays.

### Stations of the Cross Cancelled

**F**riday **Stations of the Cross** are **CANCELLED** for the remainder of Lent.



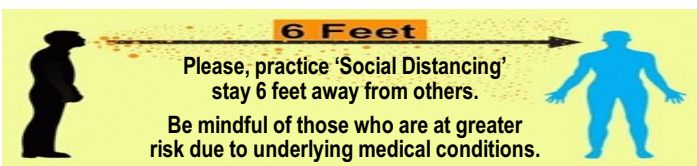
### Religious Education News

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

### 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		

**First Confession Parent-Student Meetings** scheduled for March 29 in Gettysburg and on April 5 in Onida are **CANCELLED** until a later time.



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

*The guidelines from the Sioux Falls Diocese for Funerals, Marriages, Baptisms and Confessions are included in this bulletin.*

### Knights of Columbus State Raffle

\$25,000 in cash prizes awarded  
Grand Prize - \$10,000  
Tickets \$20 each or 3 for \$50  
Winners will be drawn at the annual KC State Convention  
Need not to be present to win  
Contact a Knight for ticket info.

### 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.

### KC Homemade Sausage for Sale

**T**he Knights of Columbus are selling their homemade, smoked sausage which is available to purchase. **Cost is \$10 per package.** Contact any KC member.



### CFSA - Sacred Heart Parish

**T**he 2020 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal is underway. This collection supports the many ministries of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Drop contributions into the collection basket or send to Sacred Heart Parish at PO Box 285, Gettysburg, SD. **Sacred Heart's assessment/tax rose to \$31,800. Thus far we have received \$20,350 from 48 households. Please give generously.**





# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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### Religious Education News

**R**eligious Education classes are cancelled FOR ALL GRADES until further notice. With the public schools closed down due to the Covid-19 pandemic we will follow their lead.

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### First Sunday Lunch CANCELLED

**T**he First Sunday Lunch scheduled for Sunday, April 5, is cancelled due to the suspension of Sunday Masses. Let's look forward to resuming the lunches next Fall.



### Lent Rule – No Meat Fridays

Abstinence from meats is observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all Lenten Fridays.

### Parish Council Meetings Suspended

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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
Barb Rilling	Lisa Guthmiller		

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



**T**he 2020 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal has begun. This collection supports the many ministries of the Sioux Falls Diocese. Drop contributions 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.



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# Sunday Scriptural Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2020

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

We possess documented cases of people who were born blind, who grew up that way, and who later on in their adult life were suddenly enabled by surgery to register optical phenomena. Surprisingly, they are not able really to see right away. Their brains do not have the skills to interpret the visual data impinging on their retinas. This experience has taught us that we have to learn how to see, even on the merely physical level. This is one of the first developmental tasks of a newborn baby.

As infants, we gradually learn how to sort out the visual data, and with all the experimental learning that comes through baby play, we learn how to interpret the visual cues about space, distance, and how our bodies relate to the persons and objects around us. This kind of learning to see that comes naturally to a child comes as a shock to a lately sighted adult who grew up blind. (This experience is detailed in the film *At First Sight*.) It helps us appreciate the gift of vision and the ability to use that marvelous sense.

But if we need to learn to see on the physical level, we know very well that there are still other levels of seeing that require learning. "You see what you're trained to see," I recall a sociology teacher repeating over and over. Think how the observations of the TV 'color commentator' help you realize you didn't fully see what was going on a moment ago on the tenth yard-line. A physician's diagnosis lets us know that he sees something in Uncle Joe's complexion that we didn't catch.

The richness of human seeing prompts us to use that experience metaphorically to refer to understanding, as in "Do you see what I'm saying?" The same reality has led many religious writers, including our four evangelists, to use vision as a metaphor for faith. While all levels of the New Testament tradition affirm that Jesus healed persons from physical blindness, the evangelists are not content to simply relay that physical fact. They invariably tell such healings in a way that invests them with a symbolic dimension.



This Sunday's Gospel account about the man born blind is the showcase example of seeing as a symbol of believing. We know that this symbolic dimension resides in the narrative and not simply in our imagination because of the clues the author embeds in the story. For example, Jesus' statement, "I am the light of the world," calls attention to a theme already established in John's prologue when he speaks of the life of the Word as light that shines in the darkness and which the darkness has not overcome. The curious behavior of Jesus' mixing his spittle with clay and "anointing" (*epechrissen*, a verb related to Christos, "anointed one," or "Messiah") makes sense when John observes that the meaning of the pool's name, Siloam, is interpreted as "Sent" (or, more literally, "the Sent One" [*apostalmenos*]), which serves in the Fourth Gospel as another name for Jesus).

In a community whose rite of initiation was immersion in water accompanied by anointing and was sometimes called "the enlightenment," readers and hearers of this Gospel inevitably understood this narrative not simply as a healing account but also as a meditation on the meaning of baptism and coming to faith. Baptism is surely an immersion in the water of the Sent One. In that context we are all born blind spiritually, and we do not really see the fullness of reality until we are enabled by baptism and faith to see by the light of Christ, "the light of the world." Believing is the deepest kind of seeing. Like physical vision, it is not simply a given ability; it is also something that we have to learn to use.

The reading from Ephesians speaks with the same imagery, especially if those commentators are right who claim that the passage derives from an early baptismal homily. Hear this, for example:

*Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light" (Eph 5:14).*

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



## The Pastor's Ponderings

In the 1970s there was a British television show which also morphed into several movies name *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. One of the 'catch phrases' from the show which was used to move from one skit to another was the announcer saying, "And now for completely different".

As we now face heavily altered behaviors and a disruption to our usual daily routine due to the Covid-19 protocols all of us face a period of time that is unprecedented in our lives. Not since the Spanish flu of 1918 has America faced this kind of social upheaval. In my 43 years as a priest the only times Masses have been called off was due to a big snow or ice storm. Saying Mass to any empty church is certainly 'odd' – especially on weekends.

**We will continue to webcast the 6:30 pm Saturday Mass and post it for later viewing on our webpage [www.GetSHC.org](http://www.GetSHC.org).**

**I would like to remind everyone that during this disruption the parish continues to have expenses and bills have to be paid.** Your generosity has and continues to be most appreciated. **We are exploring options that would allow for online giving.** We will keep you up-to-date when and if this becomes available.

Lastly, the parish churches will remain open for private prayer. The weekly **parish bulletin will be printed as usual and available both on our webpage and on the church lobby tables.** The 'Word Among Us' and in Gettysburg the 'Our Sunday Visitor' Catholic news paper 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. Sadly, the Saturday 6:30 pm Parish Mass is closed to the public. No more than 10 people are allowed to gather – that means a lector, music person, a video operator and myself will normally be the only people at the Mass.

Let's hang in there. We will survive this!

### Suspension of All Sunday and Daily Masses and All Public Gatherings of More Than 10

*Bishop Donald DeGroot*

Join **Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic staff** in having the 'Best Lent Ever!' **Sign-up for a free daily reflection sent directly to your email. The Dynamic Catholic 'Best Lent Ever' sign-up address is <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>.**

The '*the Word Among Us*' contains **daily Lenten reflections, daily Mass readings and more.** Please take one home for you and your household.

### Operation Rice Bowl – A Lenten Tradition

Pick up your Rice Bowl at the church entrances. The money you save by having one simple meal – soup and bread, for instance – over a regular meal goes into the Rice Bowl for the needy. Or put your 'left over' pocket change in the Rice Bowl at the close of each day.







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### **Changes in Light of the Suspension of Public Masses**

Suspending public Masses and public events that are parish- and diocesan-sponsored comes with many ramifications. The following list clarifications is offered specifically for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. This list is subject to amendment and revision with time and as Bishop DeGrood gathers more insights from pastors and parish experiences.

#### **Personal Prayer in Church Buildings/Chapels**

- Where it is the local custom, church buildings may remain open during the day for private prayer and devotion at the discretion of the pastor.

#### **Televised Masses**

- The Diocese-sponsored Sunday TV Mass will continue to be prayed and broadcast via television and via online streaming.
- Similarly, local pastors and staff may develop means by which private Masses prayed in parish churches can be broadcast to parishioners.

#### **Funerals**

- Masses of Christian Burials may be prayed with only immediate family members present. This funerals should still honor the guideline of having only 10 persons present. Wakes may not be prayed in Catholic facilities.
  - In the event of a death, Memorial Masses can be prayed after this temporary suspension has been lifted.

#### **Other Sacraments**

- Baptisms are permissible outside of the context of Holy Mass and at the pastor's discretion. Care need be taken to limit the size of the gathering and to include additional precautions such as using holy water that is blessed especially for the one person receiving the sacrament.
- Confirmations and First Holy Communions scheduled through April, 2020 will be rescheduled.
- Confessions may be heard in parishes. Pastors have been encouraged to publish times when they are available. This provision is made with the expectation that additional precautions for avoiding the spread of the virus are in place at the parishes while at the same time the seal essential to the Sacrament is safeguarded.
- Lenten communal penances are to be cancelled.
- Weddings that have been scheduled may still be celebrated. However, only the priest/deacon, bride, groom, witnesses for both, and five additional people may attend.

#### **Holy Week Liturgies**

- The Chrism Mass will be prayed in the Cathedral of St. Joseph with only the liturgical ministers present and live-streamed. Holy oils will be distributed to parishes in coordination with local pastors.
- If the suspension must continue through Holy Week, liturgies of the Most Holy Triduum will be prayed in the Cathedral of St. Joseph and live-streamed. The Diocese is exploring other broadcast medium by which the faithful can participate remotely.