

Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 9, 2021

Altar Society Meeting

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will meet on Monday, May 10, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. This will be the final meeting until September.



High School Baccalaureate Mass

Sacred Heart Parish will recognize its graduating High School Seniors NEXT Sunday, May 16, at the 11:00 am Mass. Seniors are asked to wear cap and gown and assemble in the parish hall by 10:50 am.

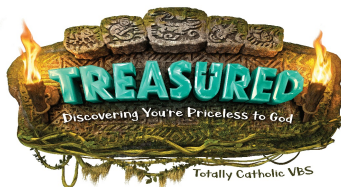


Special Parish Council Gathering

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 7:00 pm – parish hall
with Fr. Brian Simon (new Pastor)
Parish Council members ONLY.

Religious Education News

Vacation Bible School **TREASURED** is happening May 24-27, 2021. VBS Registration forms are available online and in the lobby. After much discussion, we are pleased to be able to offer the kids lunch instead of just a snack at VBS this week. Please return your registration forms ASAP to the parish, or you can drop them off in the mailbox at the entrance to the RE building so we can be sure to order enough supplies/lunches for all of the children participating. See sacredhearted.org/vbs for more information.



The final Religious Education class for ALL grades was Wednesday, May 5.

Looking ahead, next fall we plan to return to weekly in-person classes for all grades. For more information visit sacredhearted.org and/or like and follow us on facebook.com/sacredhearted.

Keep in Prayer

Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	Tammy Adams	Royce Simon
Jack Smith	Cheryl Panchow	Mike Maskavitch	Alison Simon
Jerry Jacobson	John Knue	Vicki Miller	Brenda Victor
Jack Axson	Andy Wager	Amanda Lemler	Carol Erikson
Gerald Lacher	Kathy Vetch	Eli Kortan	Rachel Hamburger
Shaelyn Schatz	Evon Koops	Eugene Nagel	Mary Mardian
Jennifer Jost	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Diego Lamendola
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
David McGough	Darrell Griesse	Leonard Schatz	Cliff Simon
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Bridget Lake	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell	Mark Sentfner
Clarrisa Triemert	Dorothy Eliason	Corrine Dahlquist	Michele Cook

KC Homemade Sausage for Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling their homemade, smoked sausage. Cost is \$10/package. Contact any KC member.



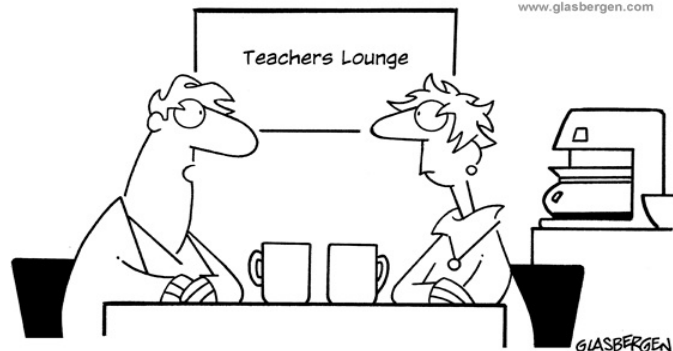
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2021 CFSA for Sacred Heart Parish

The 2021 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal provides the funding for ministries within our diocese. Please consider a gift to this appeal, fill out your pledge card & drop off at church or mail to PO Box 185. Sacred Heart's assessment is \$30,000. Thus far we have received \$29,930 from 67 households.

Confirmation Class Sunday

The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 will meet for its FINAL CLASS on Sunday, May 9, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Topic: Tour of the church. STUDENTS ARE reminded to bring their completed Confirmation Information Sheets to this Sunday's class.



"Daydreaming is a serious problem in my classroom. I can't stop thinking about retirement, summer vacation, winter break, snow days..."



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 2, 2021

St. Pius X Parish Council

The St. Pius X Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:00 pm in the parish house. Agendas and other meeting support materials will be made available to Council members prior to the meeting.



High School Baccalaureate Mass

St. Pius X Parish will recognize its graduating High School Seniors at next Sunday's, May 16, at 9:00 am Mass. They should gather in the church entry by 8:50 am with their caps & gowns.

CFSA - St. Pius X Parish

The 2021 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 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 Parish's assessment is \$14,000 – received \$8,715 – left \$5,285. Please give generously.



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes have ended for the school year. Have a safe and relaxing summer! Contact Stacie @ 280-9382 if you have questions or concerns.



Return Your Rice Bowls

Now that Lent has ended – we have finished with the Lenten Rice Bowl program. These funds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist the needy around the world. Place them in the basket on the lobby table.



Baby Bottle Fundraiser



The St. Pius X Respect Life Committee will be hosting our "Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser" again this year. Baby Bottles will be handed out on Mother's Day, May 9th, and they can be filled with loose change. And then the bottles will be collected on Father's Day on June 20th. Thank you for your participation!"

Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Jennie Birdsall	Mel Hackett	Jean Hertel
Brenda Victor	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Marquette Brink	Barb (Sutera) Opitz	Bob Pierce
Mark Senfner	Diane Lorenz	Jo Bender	

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.

Advanced Ministry Assignments

Sacristan.....	5/23.....	Karen LaFurge,
Greeters.....	5/23..	Bill & Suzanne Stahl Family,
Lector.....	5/23.....	Karen LaFurge,
Altar Servers.....	5/23.....	Calleigh Chicoine,
		Addison Chicoine,
Eucharistic Ministers.....	5/23.....	Mike Wiley.



"I told you we could find the answer on the Internet: The Hudson River was named after the Hudson Brothers, Bill, Mark, and Brett, a lively music-comedy-variety act from the 1970's, loosely patterned after the antics of The Beatles, Monkees, and Three Stooges."

Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart May 10-16, 2021		Sacrament of Penance Times
MONDAY 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	Betty Poeppel (d)	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.
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Well-being of Isabelle Beckler	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Poor Souls	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
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Well-being of Lance Stuwe	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Dale Erikson (d) <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	
SUNDAY ~ 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Mac & Tom White (d) <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	

Liturgical Ministers for May 15 & 16, 2021			
	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Sunday ~ 11:00 am <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	
Greeter & Offertory	Gary & Kay Myers	Eric & Roberta Dutenhoeffer	
Lector	Don Hericks	Gerri Eide	
Ministers of Eucharist	Lila Hericks	Jenn Jager	
Altar Servers	Garrett Zeigler Treyson Zeigler	Jaydon Goebel Michael Jager	
Rosary			
Music	Brenda Frost	Colleen Simon	
Video Operator	Josh Cordell Makaivary Schatz	Jonathan Wheeler	
Video Projectionist	Tyler Simon	Bobbi Eide Megan Hermann	
Homebound Minister		Patty Beringer	

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ May 16, 2021					
Wednesday ~ 5:30 PM	NO MASS			Sunday ~ 9:00 am	St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners
Liturgical Ministers for May 16, 2021					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Offertory	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
<i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 9:00 am	Karen LaFurge	Bill & Suzanne Stahl Family	Karen LaFurge	Mike Wiley	Calleigh Chicoine Addison Chicoine
St. Pius X Parish Staff			Sacrament of Penance		
Pastor..... Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ Office: 765-2161 or Cell: 769-4062			First Sunday at 10:30 am ~ prior to the 11:00 am Mass		
Secretary..... Lisa Guthmiller ~ 258-2336			Other Sunday's at 8:30 am – prior to the 9:00 am Mass		
Office Hours..... Mon & Thurs ~ 8:30am-Noon; Wed ~ 9:00am-5:00pm			Also offered by appointment - call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161		
Religious Education..... Stacie Weinheimer ~ Office: 258-2336 & Cell: 280-9382					

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 9, 2021

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-15

When I was younger, I was pretty confident that I knew what love meant. After all, we all experience love in some way, being in love, loving someone, being loved by someone. Virtually everyone has known the love of somebody, a friend, a family member, an acquaintance.

But the older I get the more I wonder sometimes whether I, or most anyone else, has much sense of what that over-used word, love, really means? When we are honest, we sense our own distance from its full meaning. Why?

Because, the older we get, the more we also begin to know love's dark side. Too common are these experiences: We fall in love and think it will last forever, but then fall out of love, feel love go sour, feel love grow cold, see love betrayed, feel ourselves wounded by love, and wound others. Finally, even more upsetting, we all find that there are always people in our lives who are cold, bitter, and unforgiving towards us so that it is not always easy to feel love for them and be loving.

In the light of this reticence, I would like to comment on Jesus' most important commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you!"

We too easily read that simplistically, romantically, and in a one-sided, over-confident manner. But this command contains the most important challenge of the whole gospel and, like the deepest part of the gospel to which it is linked, the crucifixion, it is very, very difficult to imitate. Why?

It's easy to consider ourselves as loving if we only look at one side of things, namely, how we relate to those people who are loving, warm, respectful, and gracious towards us. If we rate ourselves on how we feel about ourselves in our best moments among like-minded friends, we can easily conclude both that we are loving persons and that we are measuring up to Jesus' command to love as he did.

But, if we begin to look at the skeletons in our relational closets our naive confidence soon disappears: what about the people who hate us, whom we don't like? What about the people whom we avoid and who avoid us? What about those people towards whom we feel resentment? What about all those people with whom we are at odds, towards whom we feel suspicion, coldness, anger? What about those people whom we haven't been able to forgive?

It's one thing to love someone who adores you, it's quite another to love someone who wants you dead! But that's the real test. Jesus' command to love contains a critical subordinate clause, "as I have loved you!" What was unique in the way he loved us?

Where Jesus stretches us beyond our natural instincts and beyond all self-delusion is in his command to love our enemies, to be warm to those who are cold to us, to be kind to those who are cruel to us, to do good to those who hate us, to forgive those who hurt us, to forgive those who won't forgive us, and ultimately to love and forgive those who are trying to kill us.

That command, love and forgive your enemies, more than any creedal formula or other moral issue, is the litmus-test for Christian discipleship. We can ardently believe in and defend every item in the creed and fight passionately for justice in all its dimensions, but the real test of whether or not we are followers of Jesus is the capacity or non-capacity to forgive an enemy, to remain warm and loving towards someone who is not warm and loving to us.

We shouldn't delude ourselves on this. It is easy to rationalize this away and, if we do, no doubt there will be more than enough false friends around who will furnish us with both theological and psychological arguments that will justify us in not loving our enemies. But the gospel is uncompromising: We are loving or non-loving not on the basis of how we respond to those who love us, but on the basis of how we respond to those who hate us, and are cold, hostile, and murderous toward us. That's the hard, non-negotiable truth underlying Jesus' command to love and, when we are honest, we have to admit that we are still a long ways from measuring up to that.



The Pastor's Ponderings

Confirmation at Sacred Heart

Bishop DeGrood will be at Sacred Heart on Saturday, June 12, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at a **4:00 pm Mass**. Following Confirmation the parish will host a **dinner for the Confirmation candidates and their families. The number of dinner guests per candidate is set at 12 total – the candidate and 11 guests.** I will send a form home with them to collect the number of guests for each candidate.

Coming Events

Sunday, May 16. **Parish Baccalaureate Masses**
Onida @ 9:00 am Mass
Gettysburg @ 11:00 am Mass

Saturday, May 22. **Gettysburg High School Graduation**

Sunday, May 23 to Monday, May 31. . . Fr. Kopel house hunting in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Saturday, May 29. **River Mass begins @ 7:30 pm, REPLACES the 6:30 pm parish Mass.**

Saturday, June 12. **Confirmation Mass at 4:00 pm with Bishop Donald DeGrood. No 6:30 pm parish Mass and NO RIVER MASS due to Confirmation!**

Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27. Fr. Kopel's last weekend.

Wednesday, June 30. . . . Fr. Kopel's final day before retirement.

Sunday Scriptural Reflection — continued

There's a sobering challenge in an old Stevie Nicks song, "Gold-dust Woman": she suggests that it's good that, at a point in life, someone "shatters our illusion of love," because far too often, blind to its own true intentions, our love is manipulative and self-serving. Too often, the song points out, we are lousy lovers who unconsciously pick our prey.

What shatters our illusion of love is the presence in our lives of people who hate us. They're the test. It's there where we have to measure up. If we can love them, we're real lovers; if we can't, we're still under a self-serving illusion.

Ron Rolheiser

