



# Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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## Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15, 2019

### Pre-Christmas Confessions in Gettysburg

Saturday..... December 14..... after 6:30 pm Mass,  
Sunday..... December 15..... after 11:00 am Mass,  
Thursday..... December 19..... at 7:00 pm,  
Saturday..... December 21. Noon & after 6:30 pm Mass,  
Sunday..... December 22..... after 11:00 am Mass,  
Tuesday..... December 24..... at Noon.



**A**ltar Society is having a **food drive** for our local food bank. Any non-perishable donation is appreciated. Drop your non-perishable food items in the box in the church lobby.

### Religious Education News

**R**eligious Education classes are completed for 2019. Children has their final class prior to Christmas on Wednesday, December 11. Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

**H**ey a heads up to all the Saturday Evening church attendees:

Please join us on Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 AM to enjoy a **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** featuring familiar Christmas music by our elementary students.



**I**f you are willing to help teach, or occasionally fill in, please contact Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953.

### Sacred Heart 2019 CFSA

**T**his year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal has met its goal of \$31,700. Any additional gifts are appreciated and will be applied to the payment of our \$12,000 Diocesan debt.

### Christmas Flower Memorials

**A**s in previous years we will be accepting Memorial Donations which will be used to purchase Christmas flowers for the church. The names of those who are remembered in this way will be published in the December 29<sup>th</sup> Parish Bulletin. If you would like to remember someone in this way:



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Christmas EVE- Tuesday, December 24..... 4:00 pm @ Gettysburg,  
6:30 pm @ Onida,  
Christmas DAY - Wednesday, December 25... 9:00 am @ Gettysburg,



New Year's EVE - Tuesday, December 31. .... 4:00 pm @Onida,  
6:00 pm @ Gettysburg.

### Advent Baby Shower



**S**acred Heart Parish is participating in the annual **Advent Baby Shower**. We join together "*Showering Christ's Little Ones*" with gifts, such as clothing, blankets, diapers, pacifiers, baby wash, etc., for those families struggling to provide for their children's needs. Thank you for your generosity in the past. If you have questions, please contact the parish office. Collection box in the church lobby.

### Keep in Prayer

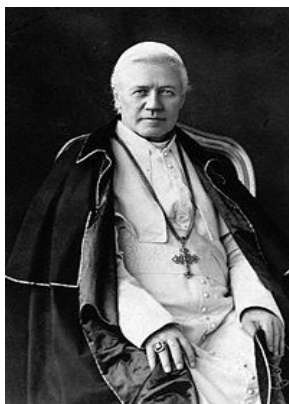
Derald Hanson	Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	Royce Simon
Jack Smith	Cheryl Panchow	Mike Maskavitch	Alison Simon
Norm Kostboth	John Knue	Vicki Miller	Brenda Victor
Jack Axsom	Andy Wager	Amanda Lemler	Carol Erikson
Gerald Lacher	Kathy Vetch	Eli Kortan	Rachel Hamburger
Shaelyn Schatz	Evon Koops	Eugene Nagel	Mary Mardian
Linda Simon	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Joyce Wickersham
Margaret Williams	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
Jerry Jacobson	Tammy Adams	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Dana Pile	Jim Brown	Taylor Nystrom
Sister M. Loretta	Wilbert Fenger		

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.

### Final RCIA Class - Tour of the Church



**W**e meet for our **FINAL RCIA** classes continue Tuesday, December 17, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Bride's Room in Gettysburg. Classes *can be viewed online live or archived at [www.GetSHC.org](http://www.GetSHC.org), click on Livestream and click on RCIA.*



# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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### St. Pius X Religious Education News

**O**ur Religious Education classes continue through Wednesday, December 18 – the day of our Religious Education Christmas party, and the last class before Christmas Break.

**Class Day:** ..... Wednesdays.

**Class Times:** ..... Grades 1-6..... 4:00-5:15 pm,  
Grades 7, 8 & 9..... 6:45-8:00 pm,  
Grades 10, 11 & 12. .... 7:00-8:15 pm.

**A**ll Religious Education students in Grades 1-6 are welcome and encouraged to participate at our Christmas Eve Mass on Tuesday, December 24th, at 6:30pm. **NOTE: Parents, please have your child at the church by 6:15pm to get ready for the procession and the song.**

**I**f you have any questions about Religious Education classes, please call, **Stacie Weinheimer**, our Director of Religious Education; email her at [stpiusxre@live.com](mailto:stpiusxre@live.com), or call Office: 258-2336, Cell: 280-9382 Thanks.

### Keep in Prayer

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

### CFSA - St Pius X

**T**he 2019 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal continues. Your contribution funds the ministries of our diocese. Drop it off at church or mail to PO Box 13. Our parish tax/assessment is \$13,100. **We have received \$11,670 from 34 of 69 households – we're \$1,430 from our parish goal.**

### Pre-Christmas Confessions in Onida

Wednesday..... December 18. .... @ 6:00-6:30 pm  
with Confirmation Class at 7:00 pm  
Sunday..... December 22. . . @ 8:30 am - before Mass  
Monday..... December 23. .... @ 7:00 pm



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**P**lease support the Advent Baby Shower. The wooden manger is in the church entrance to collect baby items. "Showering Christ's Little Ones" with gifts, such as clothing, blankets, diapers, pacifiers, baby wash, etc., for those families struggling to provide for their children's needs. Questions, please call Respect Life Representative, Stacie Weinheimer, at #280-9382 or #258-2566.

### Final RCIA Class - Tour of the Church

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### Advanced Ministry Assignments

#### Christmas Eve @ 6:30 pm

Sacristan.....	Tues 12/24.....	Karen LaFurge,
Greeters.....	Tues 12/24.....	Bob & Elaine Yackley,
Lector.....	Tues 12/24.....	Karen LaFurge,
Altar Servers.....	Tues 12/24.....	Mallory Wiley,
		Gabby McQuirk,
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Tues 12/24.....	Nola LaRosh,
		Judi West, Mike Owens.

#### Holy Family @ 9:00 am

Sacristan.....	Sun 12/29.....	Teri Weischedel,
Greeters.....	Sun 12/29.....	Dennis & Teri Weischedel,
Lector.....	Sun 12/29.....	Joe Stahl,
Altar Servers.....	Sun 12/29.....	Aubrie & Shallie Weinheimer,
Eucharistic Ministers.....	Sun 12/29.....	Ashley Yackley,
		Fran McQuirk, Sharon Swan.


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<b>Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart</b> <b>Weekday Masses for December 16-22, 2019</b>		<b>Sacrament of Penance Times</b> 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
<b>MONDAY ~ No Mass</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	No Mass – Fr. Kopel's Day Off	<b>Sacramental Preparation</b> 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
<b>TUESDAY ~ 8:30 am</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Harold & Emma Briscoe (d)	
<b>WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sharon Briscoe (d)	
<b>THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm</b> Oahe Manor ~ Gettysburg	Well-being of Manor Residents	
<b>FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Health of Dennis Biedenfeld	<b>Sacred Heart Parish Staff</b> 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
<b>SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Mac & Tom White (d) Fourth Sunday of Advent	
<b>SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Pat Glodt (d) Fourth Sunday of Advent	

Liturgical Ministers				
	Saturday, December 21 @ 6:30 pm <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Sunday, December 22 @ 11:00 am <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>		
Greeter & Offertory	Gary & Kay Myers	Vic & Patty Beringer		
Lector	Don Hericks	Stella Nagel		
Ministers of Eucharist	Paul Houck	Patty Beringer		
Altar Servers	Mia Cordell Claire Cordell	Michael Jager Megan Jager		
Rosary	Marcia Liebig	Jackie Hansen		
Music	Lexie Vogel	Kay Schmidt		
Video Operator	Josh Cordell	Jean Smith		
Homebound Minister		Mary Bohnenkamp		

<b>Masses &amp; Intentions for St. Pius X ~ December 18 &amp; 22, 2019</b>					
<b>Wednesday, December 18</b> <b>@ 5:30 pm</b>	Successful Completion of the Harvest			<b>Sunday, December 15 @ 9:00 am</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners
Liturgical Ministers					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Offertory	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Sunday, December 22</b> <b>@ 9:00 am</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	Sharon Swan	Bill & Suzanne Stahl Fam	Steven Davis	Bob Yackley Elaine Yackley Helen Sutera	Sheridan Voorhees Isabella Kallhoff
<b>St. Pius X Parish Staff</b> 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			<b>Sacrament of Penance</b> First Sunday at 10:30 am ~ prior to the 11:00 am Mass Other Sunday's at 8:30 am – prior to the 9:00 am Mass Also offered by appointment - call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161		



# Sunday Scriptural Reflection

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Isaiah 35:1-6,10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist, in prison because of his confrontation with Herod over the king's unlawful marriage, sends disciples to ask Jesus if he really is the one they have been expecting. That action triggers one of the most fascinating exchanges in the Gospels.

Matthew makes it clear that there is no question in his own mind as to the identity of Jesus. He writes: "When John heard in prison of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to him" (New American Bible, 1986). In other words, from his post-Easter perspective, Matthew has no trouble referring to Jesus as "the Christ." But the Baptist apparently had his doubts. Why? Among the varieties of Judaism of the first century—among, for example, Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes—there was a corresponding variety of images of the Messiah. Some expected the Anointed One to emerge from the priestly caste. Others looked for a prophet like Moses. Many expected a son of David cut from the same combative cloth, i.e., a warrior king who would defeat their enemies and establish political autonomy for the people of Judea. John had preached a coming Judgment Day, when the ax would be laid to the root.

Along comes Jesus, telling stories, eating with sinners, and healing. While it is possible that John knew perfectly well that Jesus was the Messiah, and, as a pedagogical ploy, was simply setting his disciples up to discover that for themselves, it is plausible that the question of Jesus' identity was very much his own.

As is typical of Jesus when confronted with a question, he prompts the questioners to discover the answer for themselves. Rather than giving a simple yes or no, Jesus instructs them to tell John what they see and hear. He proceeds to describe what they are seeing and hearing in words that echo Isaiah. The mention of blind people seeing, lame persons walking and deaf people hearing evokes the very passage used as our First Reading this Sunday. And the reference to preaching Good News to the poor recalls Isaiah 61. As far as we know, no one in Judea at this time expected that the coming Anointed One would be a healer.



In effect, then, Jesus was telling John's disciples: "Look around and see what is happening. The healings that Isaiah links with the end-time restoration of Israel are happening. Just maybe, the 'One who is to come' at the end-time is here as well." In the next chapter Jesus makes it clear that his healings and his messianic

mission are connected: "If it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Mt 12:28).

These healings of the blind, deaf, and lame that made up so much of the ministries of Jesus and the early Church—were they simply signs to prove the divinity of Jesus and special helps for the infant Christian communities? Some authors have thought so. But there is also a long tradition of interpretation, including many patristic writers, who understand the healing portrayed in the New Testament as a normal component of Church life. The Church's requirement of documented healing miracles in the canonization process is an indication that healing beyond medical explanation is a continued expectation in the Church. The ongoing documentation of extraordinary physical healings at Lourdes is another reminder.

Yet these extraordinary experiences can distract us from the reality that healing, mental and physical, has always been a side effect of the life of faith lived fully. The patristic writings refer to healing in response to prayer as a fact of Church life. Testimonies regarding physical and mental healings in the context of contemporary prayer groups abound.

My own suspicion is that most common (undocumented) healing occurs when a mother prays for an ailing child. And isn't it true that all of our daily personal encounters are either a little bit of a healing or a little bit toxic? It is good to remember that the risen Lord we approach and mediate in the sacraments is a healing Messiah. Openness to that reality can be a source of wholeness in our personal and collective lives.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



## The Pastor's Ponderings

As you read this we're only 9 or 10 days from Christmas! So, as you do the final shopping and decorating, also remember to take a little extra time to say a prayer for your family. Give thanks for what you have received, ask for guidance for issues you face, and seek to help someone else as we prepare for the Christmas holidays.



The big news of course is that we have a new bishop! **Rev. Donald DeGrood will be the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls.** DeGrood has most recently served as pastor of St. John the Baptist in Savage, Minnesota, part of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. DeGrood succeeds Bishop Paul Swain, who submitted his resignation, per canon law, at the age of 75 in September of 2018. Bishop-elect DeGrood will be ordained a bishop and installed on February 13, according to the church. Let's keep our bishop-elect in our prayers. He'll need them—it's not easy being a bishop.



This bulletin lists the **pre-Christmas Confession schedule** in each parish. *Participating in this sacrament is a very good way to prepare your heart for Christmas.* **It's an opportunity to 'take stock' of how your life and faith are doing.** Are you a better Christian today than you were, say, a year ago? Are you 'dead in the water'? Or has the current taken you backwards? So you are given this moment to **Assess, Confess and Progress.**

Remember that the **Advent Baby Shower** and the **Altar Society Food Drive** in Gettysburg continue until Christmas. If you intend to give to either of these causes—this week would be the time to do it. Drop-off locations are in the church lobbies.



We have placed the **2020 Church Calendars** and the **Boxed Parish Contribution Envelopes** in the lobbies of both parishes. Please, take a minute and locate yours.



**Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and the parishes who provide the calendars. I am once again accepting Mass Intentions request for specific dates in 2020.** Give me a call to set up a time to meet if you'd like to schedule Masses for anniversary of deaths, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or other specific dates.

You have through Christmas day to donate to the **Christmas Flower Memorial Fund**—which helps purchase of Christmas flowers, lights and decorations for our parish churches. These envelopes are in the church lobbies.



Thanks to Kristi – "We're on it!"