



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 28, 2020

Religious Education News

As our Religious Education program is concluded for the 2019-20 school year, **all parents of 2nd-4th grade students may pick up their child's schoolwork/artwork/binders in the hall this week.** Each child's materials are clearly labeled and sealed in plastic for safety.

Religious Education is now on summer break through the end of July. To volunteer to help out with the 2020-21 program, please contact Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953.



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.

First Penance Preparation Meeting – Only Meeting!



Parent & student meetings for all 2nd Graders wanting to receive their First Holy Communion should plan to attend a First Penance Preparation Meeting on Sunday, June 28, from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Sacred Heart parish hall. This session includes: preparing the children for their First Penance, each receiving the Sacrament of Penance, and assembling their First Communion banners. We will discuss possible weekends for doing the actual First Communion Masses during July.

- This is the ONE & ONLY First Penance meeting – for both parishes.
- Bring your COMPLETED First Communion lessons (8 lessons) and baptism information sheets to this meeting.

Daily Mass ~ Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday @ 8:30 am

CFSA Goal = \$31,800

Collected = \$28,442 from 70 households

Remaining = \$3,358



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.

Keep in Prayer

Sister M. Loretta
Jack Smith
Norm Kostboth
Jack Axsom
Gerald Lacher
Shaelyn Schatz
Linda Simon
Taylor Nystrom
Jerry Jacobson
Vaughn Larson
Wilbert Fenger
Derald Hanson

Tom Frost
Cheryl Panchow
John Knue
Andy Wager
Kathy Vetch
Evan Koops
Theresa Kirby
Jo Bender
Tammy Adams
Megan Nystrom
Darrell Griese
Mary Hanson

Karen Briscoe
Mike Maskavitch
Vicki Miller
Amanda Lemler
Eli Kortan
Eugene Nagel
Judy Brown
Alan Hoven
Leonard Schatz
Jim Brown
Denise Griese
Cliff Simon

Royce Simon
Alison Simon
Brenda Victor
Carol Erikson
Rachel Hamburger
Mary Mardian
Joyce Wickersham
Rudy Castaneda
Ronny Kaup
Jim Nagel
Amy Cordell
Bridget Lake

Currently these guidelines will apply to all parish Masses:

- 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.
- In the church – seating is limited to 70 for 'social distancing' of 6 feet – pews are designated seating or no seating; additional seating is available in the parish hall with a video feed from the church.
- Those attending must sanitize their hands & wear a mask or face cover,
- 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.



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.



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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Update on Confirmation

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. Holding a parish reception/dinner after Confirmation is very unlikely.*



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! We've received \$10,195.54 – leaving \$3,804.46 remaining. Please give generously.

Religious Education News

Due to the continued concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic this summer's Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.

Parents wanting to teach their Religious Education lessons to their children are asked to call Stacie Weinheimer at Office: 258-2336, Cell: 280-9382. She will arrange for you to pick up your child's Religious Education materials.



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Keep in Prayer

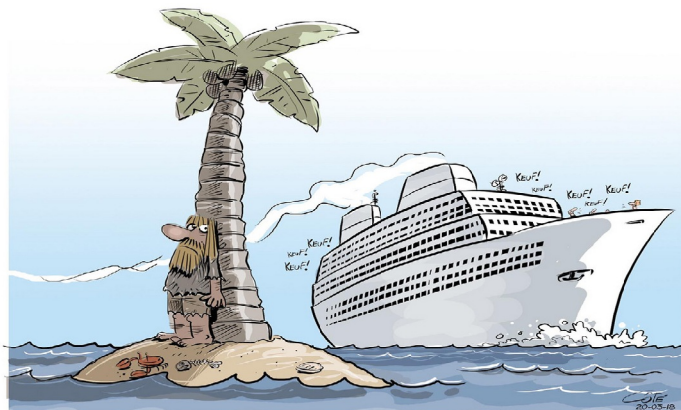
Judi West	Mel Hackett	Bob Pierce	Jean Hertel
Marquette Brink	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Jo Bender	Kellie Yackley	Diane Lorenz
Lisa Guthmiller	Jock Stamps		

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan.....	Sun 7-12.....	Karen LaFurge,
Greeters/Entry Oversight.....	Sun 7-12.....	Karen LaFurge,
		Mary Rawstern,
Lector.....	Sun 7-12.....	Mary Sieck,
Altar Servers.....	Sun 7-12.....	None,
Eucharistic Minister.....	Sun 7-12.....	Mary Sieck.



<h2 style="text-align: center;">Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">June 29 - July 5, 2020</h3>		<h2 style="text-align: center;">Sacrament of Penance Times</h2> <p>Sacred Heart ~ Gettysburg. Saturday at Noon and 6:00 pm.</p> <p>Also offered by appointment ~ call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161</p> <p>Additional times prior to Christmas and prior to Easter</p>
MONDAY Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	No Mass – Fr. Kopel's Day Off	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Sacramental Preparation</h2> <p>Baptism. Prep-Baptism program required for the first child. Call Fr. Kopel to arrange for date and time.</p> <p>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.</p>
TUESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg		
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Ron Ford (d)	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Oahe Manor ~ Gettysburg	No Public Mass	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Sacred Heart Parish Staff</h2> <p>Pastor. Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ 765-2161 or 769-4062</p> <p>Secretary. Beverly Thomas ~ 765-2161</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday-Friday ~ 9:00am to noon</p> <p>Religious Education. Roberta Dutenhoeffer ~ 765-2359 or C:769-1953</p> <p>Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 2:00-5:00pm and by appointment.</p>
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg		
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart & St. Pius X Parishioners 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Dale Erickson (d) 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

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2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

When a pharmaceutical company says, "Live well!" we know their blessing envisions a judicious use of their products to enhance our remaining years on this earth. When the beer people remind us that we "only go round once," we know that they want us to include an enjoyment of their product as we try to squeeze the most pleasure out of this short life.

And when the cotton people show us touching video clips of joyful family moments while a soulful voice sings about "the fabric of our lives," we know whose fabric they want us to be wearing during these special times. In each case, the language of life points to the biological life that ends, sooner than we expect, in death.

How remarkably different is the language of life that we find in Scripture! While the Bible acknowledges the goodness and shortness of biological life, it also makes bold to stretch the words we use for life and death and apply them in a fresh way to the death-defying covenant-life we share with God. And it does so in a way that must sound to the uninitiated like double talk – as, for example, in the saying of Jesus quoted at the head of this reflection, "whoever finds his life will lose it." This is worth a closer look.

When we hear Jesus, in his mission charge to the Twelve, say, "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it," we know that we are hearing paradox. And paradox forces us to make sense of the language by taking it beyond the obvious sense. If we wonder in what sense "finding life" constitutes loss, we get help from Matthew 16:25-26: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" In that context, the false "finding" of life is the result of misguided life-saving efforts such as gaining more and more possessions, whereas the life that one gains by losing it for the sake of Jesus is the everlasting life of the kingdom of God – which does indeed begin in this biological life but endures beyond biological death.

When Paul writes to the Romans about his understanding of the change that occurs in baptism, he indulges in the same paradoxical language that Jesus used. It helps to recall that Paul is reflecting on a ritual that involved, in his day, the total immersion in water of the baptized person. That complete immersion symbolized, first of all, not cleansing but dying. The baptized person dies to sinful solidarity with Adam, and then surfacing to breathe air once again, rises to share in the new life of the risen Christ, the life of the Christian community. Paul shares with the Fourth Gospel a way of understanding Christian life as a new level of existence, such that he, like John, can say that the Christian has already passed through death and now shares in an eternal life that biological death is unable to interrupt.



This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on another dimension of that life, hospitality. When the woman from Shunem extends to the prophet Elisha the generous hospitality of having a special guest room especially for him, she is rewarded with an unexpected gift of life: her sterility is healed

and she conceives and bears a son. And even when that son dies an early death, she receives the surprising gift of his resuscitation.

And Jesus' mission discourse concludes with words elaborating that theme of hospitality and its rewards. Jesus assures his disciples that mission in his name will involve them in an adventure of hospitality that will bless abundantly those that receive them. As in the case of the Shunammite woman and Elisha, Jesus promises, "whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet, receives a prophet's reward." An even larger context is revealed in the words "whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me" (Gospel).

In other words, Christian mission and hospitality are nothing less than living out a relationship with God.

Life becomes larger than it seems. The Gospel vision denies none of the goodness of beer, cotton, and good medicine in this short biological life, but it asserts a broad network of relationships that exceeds the limitations of biological life and requires us to stretch the normal meanings of our human language about life and death.

The invitation of Jesus rinses the sarcasm out of the contemporary taunt, "Get a life."

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



The Pastor's Ponderings

We're Looking for Help with Mass Ministries!

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 their 30s and 40s. We also inviting junior high and high school students 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 or speak with Fr. Kopel.

Letter home from a South Dakota farm kid in the Marines

PARRIS ISLAND MARINE CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell brother Walt and brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Smith by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late like that. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to load, mash to mix, wood to split or fire to lay. Practically nothing at all to do in the mornings.

Men have to shave but it is not so bad cause here there's warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food. But tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by a couple city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you til noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk very far.

We go on 'route marches' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back to our barracks in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next bit will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk's head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Hoggett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this bunch except for that Tug Jordan from over in Faith. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6' and near 250 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join up before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter, Alice.