

Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 17, 2021

No Soup & Pie Luncheon This Year

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic – the parish's annual Soup and Pie Luncheon has been cancelled! We're hoping for a come-back next year.



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes resumed last Wednesday, January 6 – following Christmas Break. Religious Ed classes are on Wednesday afternoon & evening.

While there is no Diocese regulation on the use of masks for religious education classes, we continue to recommend that the children wear masks where social distancing is not possible. We also recommend the students practice good hygiene (frequent hand washing) and social distancing whenever possible. If any parents is concerned about the COVID-19 situation and would like to teach their child from home for the remainder of the school year, please contact Roberta Dutenhoeffer to pick up their books and materials.



We will be teaching Circle of Grace this year to meet the Diocese requirement for 'safe environment' for children. For more information, or to opt your child out of this curriculum, please contact the RE office. If your child missed out on the circle of grace curriculum which was taught to

the evening grade this past week, the materials will be available online or contact me for more information.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS are still NEEDED! If you are willing to volunteer, please text/call 769-1953.

Stay informed! Text SACRED to 97000 for automated notifications of class cancellations or sign up on our website at getshc.org.



*"We've changed our minds.
We do want to be a burden to you."*

Confirmation Class Sunday



The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 will meet on Sunday, January 17, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

We'll start the New Testament Gospels. Classes are available on our parish website GetSHC.org via the 'Livestream' link. In-person or on-line presence is REQUIRED. **Do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID or have been exposed to COVID and are under quarantine.**

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Onida House. Sunday, February 7. . . . 1:00-2:30 pm,

First Penance Preparation Classes

Gettysburg Hall. . . . Sunday, March 21. . . . 1:30-3:00 pm,
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Parish First Communion Masses

Gettysburg. Sunday, April 25. . . . 11:00 am Mass,
Onida. Sunday, May 2. . . . 11:00 am Mass.



Welcomed Through Baptism

Sacred Heart Parish welcomes **Iris Hazel Mary Holzworth, child of Theodore R. & Emily A (miller) Holzworth**. Iris will be baptized after the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday.

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
Linda Simon	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Diego Lamendola
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
David McGough	Darrell Griesse	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Bridget Lake	Cliff Simon	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell
Mark Senfner	Jennifer Jost		

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St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 17, 2021

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- Grades 1-5 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm.
- Grades 6-7-8..... 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Grades 9-10..... 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Please do NOT send your children to Religious Ed class too early; they will be allowed in the building starting at 3:50 pm and should go straight to their classroom.
- **Hand Sanitizer** used as we enter the buildings. **Social Distancing** practiced in classrooms, and in the church and church basement – 6 feet apart & not longer than 15 minutes in close proximity.
- **Masks are optional for anyone who would like to bring their own mask and wear it.** We do NOT plan on using the masks in the church as was stated in the Parent Letter.



- Lastly, if your child shows ANY signs or symptoms of illness, please do NOT send them to Religious Ed class.

- Contact Stacie @ 280-9382 if you have questions or concerns.



Job Opening – No Longer Open

St. Pius X Parish Council held its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 5. The parish maintenance position was discussed. **Mike Wiley** has agreed to take over snow removal/outside maintenance. **Jim Thibeadeu** will stay on and continue general cleaning of church, parish house, basic repairs, etc. Thanks to Mike and Jim for covering this for the parish.

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Advanced Ministry Assignments

4th Ordinary Sunday ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan..... Sun 1-31. Sharon Swan,
Greeters/Entry Oversight. . . Sun 1-31. Tom & Ashley Yackley Fam,
Lector..... Sun 1-31..... Joe Stahl,
Altar Servers..... Sun 1-31..... None,
Eucharistic Minister. Sun 1-31..... Ashley Yackley.



Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Mel Hackett	Bud Yackley	Mike Wolforth
Bob Pierce	Jean Hertel	Marquette Brink	Jock Stamps
Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine	Diane Lorenz
Mike Fuller	Jo Bender	Kellie Yackley	Peggy Rath
Mark Senftner			

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Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart January 18-24, 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	All Forgotten Poor Souls (d)	Sacramental Preparation Baptism. Pre-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	Frank Fransen (d)	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Larry Nylander (d)	Sacred Heart Parish Staff Pastor..... Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ 765-2161 or 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 Office Hours:..... by appointment.
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Mary Fransen (d)	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUNDAY ~ 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Melissa Archer (d) 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Liturgical Ministers for January 23-24, 2021			
	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday ~ 11:00 am 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Mike & Mary Bohnenkamp	Jim & RoseAnn Nagel	
Lector	Paul Houck	Michael Fischer	
Ministers of Eucharist	Charlotte Griesse	Geri Eide	
Altar Servers			
Rosary			
Music	Brenda Frost	Kay Schmidt	
Video Operator Projection Operator	Josh Cordell & Makavery Schatz Nicole Enos	Tanner Eide & Seth Sharp Bobbi Eide	
Homebound Minister		Mary Bohnenkamp	

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ January 24, 2021					
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm	No Mass		Sunday ~ 9:00 am 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Well-being of Ryan Hanson	
Liturgical Ministers for January 24, 2021					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday ~ 9:00 am 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Teri Weischedel	Dennis & Teri Weischedel Family	Mary Sieck	Mike Wiley	
St. Pius X Parish Staff			Sacrament of Penance		
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			First Sunday at 10:30 am ~ prior to the 11:00 am Mass Other Sundays at 8:30 am ~ prior to the 9:00 am Mass Also offered by appointment ~ call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161		

Sunday Scriptural Reflection

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 John 1:35-42

"People are always impatient, but God is never in a hurry!" Nikos Kazantzakis wrote those words and they highlight an important truth: We need to be patient, infinitely patient, with God. We need to let things unfold in their proper time, God's time.

Looking at religious history through the centuries, we cannot help but be struck by the fact that God seemingly takes his time in the face of our impatience. Our scriptures are often a record of frustrated desire, of non-fulfillment, and of human impatience. It's more the exception when God intervenes directly and decisively to resolve a particular human tension. We are always longing for a messiah to take away our pain and to avenge oppression, but mostly those prayers seem to fall on deaf ears.

And so we see in scripture the constant, painful cry: come, Lord, come! Save us! How much longer must we wait? When, Lord, when? Why not now? We are forever impatient, but God refuses to be hurried. Why? Why is God, seemingly, so slow to act? Is God callous to our suffering? Why is God so patient, so plodding in his plan, when we're suffering so deeply? Why is God so excruciatingly slow to act in the face of human impatience?

There's a line in Jewish apocalyptic literature, which, metaphorically, helps answer this question: every tear brings the messiah closer! There is, it would seem, an intrinsic connection between frustration and the possibility of a messiah being born. It seems that messiahs can only be born after a long period of human yearning. Why?

Human birth already helps answer that question. Gestation cannot be hurried and there is an organic connection between the pain a mother experiences in childbirth and the delivery of a new life. And that's also true of Jesus' birth. Advent is a gestation process that cannot be rushed. Tears, pain, and a long season of prayer are needed to create the conditions for the kind of pregnancy that brings forth a messiah into our world. Why?

Because the real love and life can come to birth when a long-suffering patience has created the correct space, the virginal womb, within which the sublime can be born.

Perhaps a couple of metaphors can help us understand this. John of the Cross, in trying to explicate how a person comes to be enflamed in altruistic love, uses the image of a log bursting into flame in a fireplace. When a green log is placed in a fire, it doesn't start to burn immediately. It first needs to be dried out. Thus, for a long time, it lies in the fire and sizzles, its greenness and dampness slowly drying out. Only when it reaches kindling temperature can it ignite and burst into flame. Speaking metaphorically, before a log can burst into flame, it needs to pass through a certain advent, a certain drying out, a period of frustration and yearning. So, too, the dynamics of how real love is born in our lives. We can ignite into love only when we – selfish, green, damp logs – have sizzled sufficiently. And the fire that makes us sizzle is unfulfilled desire.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin offers a second metaphor here when he speaks of something he calls "the raising of our psychic temperature." In a chemistry laboratory it's possible to place two elements in the same test tube and not get fusion. The elements remain separate, refusing to unite. It is only after they are heated to a higher temperature that they unite. We're no different. Often it's only when our psychic temperature is raised sufficiently that there's fusion, that is, it's only when unrequited longing has raised our psychic temperature sufficiently that we can move towards reconciliation and union. Simply put, sometimes we have to be brought to a high fever through frustration and pain before we are willing to let go of our selfishness and let ourselves be drawn into community.

Thomas Halik once commented that an atheist is simply another term for someone who doesn't have enough patience with God. He's right. God is never in a hurry, and for good reason. Messiahs can only be born inside a particular kind of womb, namely, one within which there's enough patience and willingness to wait so as to let things happen on God's terms, not ours.

Hence, ideally, every tear should bring the messiah closer. This isn't an unfathomable mystery: every frustration should, ideally, make us more ready to love. Every tear should, ideally, make us more ready to forgive. Every heartache should, ideally, make us more ready to let go of some of our separateness.

Every unfulfilled longing should, ideally, lead us into a deeper and more sincere prayer. And all of our pained impatience for a consummation that seems forever to elude us should, ideally, make us feverish enough to burst into love's flame. To offer yet another image: it is with much groaning of the flesh that the life of the spirit is brought forth!

Ron Rolheiser



The Pastor's Ponderings

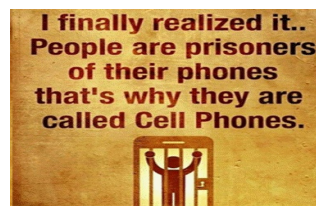


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SCAM ALERT

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This is a SCAM! Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will your pastor, anyone from the Diocese or any parish staffers make such a request. Do not respond to such requests – ever! Delete them, ignore them, curse at them, pray to God that they burn in hell forever – but NEVER do what they ask.



I hate it when I'm singing a song and the artist gets the words wrong.



A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" "Not yet. The floor's still wet."