



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Religious Education News

When classes resume – there will be no change to the RE class times due to early school let-out on Wednesdays.

The 5th grade class has been moved to Room 3 of the RE building for the remainder of the school year.

Since no one has volunteered to teach Grade 6, all parents of 6th graders are asked to teach the class on a rotating basis.

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

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

If any parents would like to teach their child from home for the remainder of the semester, please contact me to get their books/materials.

If your child, or anyone in your household is currently ill or quarantined for COVID-19, please do not send your child to in-person class until the quarantine period is met. Also, if your child is feeling ill or running a fever, please do not send them to class.



MEETING

Parish Council on Tuesday

The Sacred Heart Parish Council scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, has been **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, December 1, at 8:00 pm in the parish hall. The agenda and support materials will be available on Friday, November 20. Agenda items we will consider are: financial and facilities review, assisting in the funding of the casket storage facility at the city cemetery, a first look at some permanent hymnals for the church; plus, a discussion on whether we should continue/discontinue use of the parish hall for any gatherings – breakfasts, funeral lunches, showers, etc. in light of the current COVID-19 upturn.

Keep in Prayer

Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	Tammy Adams	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	Diego Lamendola
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
Jerry Jacobson	Darrell Griesse	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
David McGough	Cliff Simon	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell
Bridget Lake			

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.

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Confirmation Class Sunday

The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 will meet on Sunday, December 6, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. *The November 29 class date does not work because I now have an early morning medical appointment on Monday, the 30th, in Sioux Falls.* The class is also webcast @ GetSHC.org -- click on 'Livestream'. 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. Students are reminded to turn in their Church Donated Service Preference lists!





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Religious Education News

- Religious Ed classes are on Wednesday afternoon & evening.
- 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 fill out the Student Registration forms and return to Stacie Weinheimer -DRE. Please contact Stacie if you have any questions, or concerns at 280-9382.
 - We still need another 4th Grade teacher for the Spring Semester. And we need Subs for all classes!
 - 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 will be used as we all enter the buildings. Social Distancing will be practiced in all 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.

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

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'Twas the Night Before

In lieu of the regular lunch, raffle and silent auction of previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic – St. Pius X will have a scaled back offering.



We are going to have the Christmas Bazaar Ticket Raffle. It will be quite simple but generous. There will be 10 draws for \$50 cash. We are going to ask each family of the parish buy and/or sell 30 tickets. *(We are also open to households extending their generosity and give any additional money donations ~ since we won't be spending money making and baking food and desserts or buying auction items.)*

We will have the prize drawing right after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 6th. The ticket packets will be given out this Sunday. And for those that don't attend, they will be marked and left on a table in the back of the church to be picked up at their convenience.

Advanced Ministry Assignments

Immaculate Conception ~ 7:30 pm Mass

Sacristan.....	Sun 12-8.....	Mary Sieck,
Greeters/Entry Oversight. ...	Sun 12-8.....	Karen LaFurge,
Lector.....	Sun 12-8.....	Mary Sieck,
Altar Servers.....	Sun 12-8.....	None,
Eucharistic Minister.	Sun 12-8.....	Ashley Yackley.

3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan.....	Sun 12-13.	Marlene Bechard,
Greeters/Entry Oversight. . .	Sun 12-13. .	Floyd & Marlene Bechard,
Lector.....	Sun 12-13.	Lexie Rausch,
Altar Servers.....	Sun 12-13.	None,
Eucharistic Minister.	Sun 12-13.	Mike Owen.

Job Opening



St. Pius X Parish has a job opening. Jim Thibeadeu, who has done the facilities maintenance work around the parish for the last 7 years, has decided it's time to retire! This part-time job includes general cleaning of church and parish house, basic repairs, snow removal on sidewalks, lawn mowing, etc. Contact Fr. Kopel at 765-2161 or Lisa at 258-2336 for more information.

CFSA - St Pius X - We've Met Our Goal

St. Pius X Parish's tax/assessment is \$14,000. We've received \$14,039.00 from 28 families. Thank you for your generosity! Additional CFSA donations will be put into Building Fund.

Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart November 30 - December 6, 2020		Sacrament of Penance Times
MONDAY ~ NO MASS Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	No Mass - Fr. Kopel's Day Off Fr. Kopel in Sioux Falls for Heart Check-Up	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	Health & Recovery of Kay Brotzel	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	No Mass Fr. Kopel at Gettysburg Clinic for Tests	
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Wilbert Fenger (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	Well-being of Isabelle Beckler	
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Charles Storkson (d) Second Sunday of Advent	
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Knights of Columbus members (l & d) Second Sunday of Advent	

Liturgical Ministers for December 5-6 , 2020			
	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday ~ 11:00 am Second Sunday of Advent	
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Mike & Mary Bohnenkamp	Vic & Patty Beringer	
Lector	Joane Beringer	Stella Nagel	
Ministers of Eucharist	Don Hericks	Geri Eide	
Altar Servers			
Rosary			
Music	Colleen Simon	Lexie Vogel	
Video Operator Projection Operator	Josh Cordell Nicole Enos	Jean Smith Izzy Mikkelsen	
Homebound Minister		Lori Hunnel	

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ December 6, 2020					
Wednesday ~ No Mass	No Mass		Sunday ~ 11:00 am Second Sunday of Advent	St. Pius X and Sacred Heart Parishioners	
Liturgical Ministers for December 6, 2020					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday ~ 9:00 am Second Sunday of Advent	Mary Sieck	Jeremy & Val Chicoine Family	Steven Davis	Val Chicoine	
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

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 29, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Think of John the Baptist as Jack the Dipper. We have grown so accustomed to the figure of John the Baptist, it may help to translate his name afresh, for in the eyes of his contemporaries he and his activity were anything but customary. At a time when prophets were thought to have been a thing of the distant past, along comes this strange man calling his fellow Israelites to repentance and inviting them to symbolize this renewed commitment by getting dunked in the River Jordan. This was not business as usual, as if a religious functionary were involving people in a familiar ritual. This is a prophet doing again what prophets did in the past, operating with an attention-getting symbolic action – like Jeremiah smashing a jug to illustrate the fate of Israel (Jer 19).



Some scholars understand John's immersion ritual as a unique appropriation of a ritual used as a rite of passage for converts to the community of Israel. For the proselyte, the meaning would have been this: as a sign of your decision to join this community which passed through the waters of the Red Sea, now you pass through these waters. John's new

meaning: my fellow Israelites, as a sign of your repentance and rededication to our covenant life with God, come forward and signify your fresh start by submitting to the rite we use for Gentile converts.

As Jew addressing fellow Jews, the Baptist is calling them to renewal of their Mosaic faith, living the Torah, and also preparing them for someone he calls "one mightier than I," who is going to offer an even more radical renewal through immersion in nothing less than the Spirit of God. In a few deft strokes, Mark provides just the details we need to put into focus this curious man and his actions.

Our author sets the stage with a multiple reference to the Hebrew prophets: "*As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: 'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths''*" (Mark 1:2-3).

What Mark has given us is really a mix – first of Mal 3:1 and then Is 40:3. The combination is a bold stroke of interpretation. The "messenger" in the context of Malachi (whose very name means "my messenger") is later identified in Verse 23 as Elijah come again. And the drift of this last chapter of the last Hebrew prophet is that Elijah will come to call God's people to repentance. What people need to convert from is set forth clearly: "*I will be swift to bear witness against ... those who defraud the hired man of his wages, against those who defraud widows and orphans; those who turn aside the stranger*" (Mal 3:5).

The bold interpretation is that John the Baptizer is here to be understood as Malachi's messenger of God. Not only is the Baptizer preaching the conversion portrayed in Malachi 3, he is even dressed in the manner of Elijah as described in 2 Kings 1:8, that is, "with a leather belt around his waist."

The second part of the quotation is also a fresh application of the ancient Scriptures. The reference to the voice crying in the desert, "Prepare the way," comes from the part of Isaiah we hear this Sunday in the First Reading. When Isaiah first used the phrase, "the way of the Lord" was a way of speaking of the return to Judah from the Babylonian Exile that the Lord Yhwh was about to make happen in the late sixth century BCE. Once the line from Malachi is applied to the Baptist, Isaiah's "voice of one crying out in the desert" applies to John as well. As a consequence, "The Lord," a name for God in Isaiah's context, becomes in Mark's usage a reference to Jesus confessed as Lord, with post-Easter perspective.

These initial verses of Mark provide a good example of how the early Christians read their Hebrew Bible. Their experience of the God of Israel present and active in Jesus of Nazareth allows them to use the words of the prophets in ways that go far beyond Isaiah's and Malachi's wildest dreams. Malachi's long-awaited "day" of judgment begins to unfold with the coming of Jesus. And if Isaiah could speak of the homecoming from the Exile in Babylon as a second Exodus, what begins to unfold in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is a fuller, deeper Exodus led by the same Lord of hosts.



The Pastor's Ponderings

It's been an UGLY 3 weeks. First the COVID quarantine, next the I got really sick with COVID-19 and then - BINGO - another flight to the Heart Hospital! What more could go wrong? Other than a really messed up funeral - for which I am really sorry!

Thankfully no added heart damage – my enzyme levels were low due to COVID-19 and caused my heart beat irregularly. Thanks to Mike Bohnenkamp, Gettysburg Police officer, the ambulance crew and everyone else who helped me out in my time of need.

After spending 24 hours in the Heart Hospital and them doing every test possible, I was told that – yes indeed – I would still have to keep my scheduled heart check-up on Monday, November 30 at North Central Heart. Really! So, I once again will head south and east on Sunday afternoon, November 29, to make it to a Monday 9:15 am doctor's appointment. I'll return immediately after the appointment. Should be back in Gettysburg before the sun sets.

Please note that on Wednesday, December 2, I am scheduled for early morning tests at the Gettysburg medical clinic and won't be done in time to have the 8:30 am Mass.

We Are STILL Looking for Help with Mass Ministries!



We are looking for parishioners at Sacred Heart and St. Pius X willing to help with ministries at weekend Masses. We need lectors, communion ministers, greeters, musicians and – at SHC – video and projection operators. We're interested in 25-50 year olds. Plus Grade 7-12 students to operate the video and projection equipment – but all ages are welcome.

Call the Sacred Heart office at 765-2161 or contact Lisa Guthmiller in Onida at 258-2336 or speak with Fr. Kopel.

Sunday Scriptural Reflection - continued

The report of the Baptist's preaching may seem overly brief, but heard against that same Hebrew Bible it says quite enough: "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The promise of a drenching in the divine Spirit evokes a number of prophetic oracles (for example, Is 44:3; Joel 3:1), but the richest background is probably Ezek 36:25-27:

I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes.

In this masterful introduction to his Gospel, Mark is setting us up for good news and bad news. The bad news is that there is a profound need for God's chosen (then, the Israelites; now, all of us who claim the heritage of Israel) to repent, and that someone is going to get killed in the process – first John, then Jesus, then many other disciples. The good news is that the advent of Jesus really does offer the purifying and energizing gift of the Spirit, working a continuing conversion and spiritual Exodus to the extent we respond to this coming of Jesus in a decisive faith – fearing God, being just to the hired person, meeting the needs of the widow and orphan, and turning the hearts of fathers to their children and children to their fathers (Mal 3).

Dennis Hamm, S.J.

