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Knights Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will serve a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, January 3, after the 9:00 am Mass. They'll be serving scrambled eggs, sausage patties, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice, tropical fruit and coffee.



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

We held our final class before Christmas Break last Wednesday, December 16. Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

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 more information, or to opt your child out of this curriculum, please contact the RE office.

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.

KC & Altar Society Meetings

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, January 4, at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will meet on Monday, January 11, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

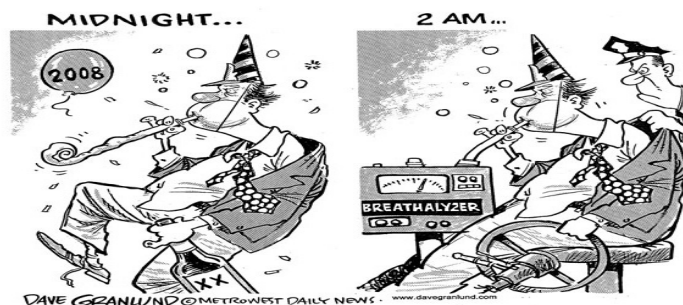


Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll - Final Week

The KC's will be in the church lobby this weekend January 2-3 giving out Tootsie Rolls in exchange for a donation to help the mentally and physically challenged.

Confirmation Class Sunday

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



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 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
David McGough	Darrell Griesse	Leonard Schatz	Ronny Kaup
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Bridget Lake	Cliff Simon	Denise Griesse	Amy Cordell



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Parish Council Meeting

The St. Pius X Parish Council will meet this Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 pm in the parish house. The agenda and other meeting information will be sent to members via email prior to the meeting.

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6 – following Christmas Break. 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.
- 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 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.

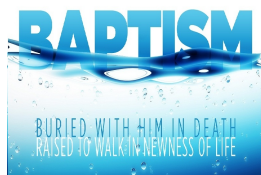


- Lastly, if your child shows ANY signs or symptoms of illness, please do NOT send them to Religious Ed class.

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

Welcomed Through Baptism

St. Pius X Parish welcomes Jack Joseph Ramler, child of Robert R. and Sarah R. (Ramirez) Ramler. Jack will be baptized after the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday at St. Pius X.



Advanced Ministry Assignments

2nd Ordinary Sunday ~ 9:00 am Mass

Sacristan..... Sun 1-17..... Diane Lorenz,
Greeters/Entry Oversight. ... Sun 1-17.. Kirk & Jackie Yackley Fam,
Lector..... Sun 1-17..... Nola LaRosh,
Altar Servers..... Sun 1-17..... None,
Eucharistic Minister. Sun 1-17..... Greg Lorenz.



Job Opening

St. Pius X Parish has a job opening. Jim Thibeadeu, who has done the facilities maintenance work for 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. Call Fr. Kopel @ 765-2161 or Lisa @ 258-2336 for more information.

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			

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.



Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart January 4-10, 2021		Sacrament of Penance Times 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	
MONDAY ~ Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	No Mass - Fr. Kopel's Day off	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.	
TUESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg			
WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg			
THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg			
FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg			
SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Mary Helen Starks (d) Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	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.	
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners Feast of the Baptism of the Lord		

Liturgical Ministers for January 9-10, 2021		
	Saturday ~ 6:30 pm Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday ~ 11:00 am Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Greeter & Lobby Oversight	Rick & Imelda Simon	Eric & Roberta Dutenhoeffer
Lector	Don Hericks	Geri Eide
Ministers of Eucharist	Kay Myers	Michael Fischer
Altar Servers		
Rosary		
Music	Kay Schmidt	Colleen Simon
Video Operator	Josh Cordell & Tyler Simon	Colten Hageman & Ashton Larson
Projection Operator	Nicole Enos & Haylie Alhemeier	Megan Jager & Grant Luikens
Homebound Minister		Lori Hunnel

A cartoon by Gary Varvel depicting a Congressman in a white shirt and red tie sitting at his desk. He is looking into a mirror and speaking. A speech bubble above him reads: "IN 2010, I'M GOING TO LOSE WEIGHT, CUT THE DEFICIT AND CLEAN UP WASHINGTON... AND THIS TIME I MEAN IT". The desk has a nameplate that says "CONGRESSMAN". The cartoon is signed "Gary Varvel" in the top right corner.

Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ January 10, 2020					
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm	No Mass	Sunday ~ 9:00 am Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Carol Shoup (d)		
Liturgical Ministers for January 10, 2021					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Lobby Oversight	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
Sunday ~ 11:00 am Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Mary Sieck	Don & Mary Sieck Family	Lexie Rausch	Mike Owen	
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

Feast of the Epiphany ~ January 3, 2021, 2020

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

We had come to think of them as Amahl's night visitors (thanks to Menotti) or as three multicultural kings arriving a few days behind the shepherds at the Christmas cave. Matthew would be charmed but would likely remind us that magi are not kings but astrologers and interpreters of dreams, that the number three, while a reasonable guess from the number of the gifts, is not really part of the story, and that he had in mind not a cave but the house where the holy family lived in Bethlehem.

As for the star, our author would be amazed at the speculations spawned by that detail: a supernova? a comet? a conjunction of planets? Although any of these phenomena could catch the eye and arouse conjecture about an important birth, none could offer precise travel guidance to a local address (any more than comet Hale-Bopp could pinpoint a particular home today). No, he would say; it is a miracle story meant to point to a meaning beyond itself. The star means to recall the prophecy of the magos Balaam in Numbers 24 and to highlight the significance of Jesus' birth within the whole thrust of the story of Israel suggested by other elements of the story: travel into and out of Egypt, escape from a murderous ruler, the vocation to be a light to the Gentiles.

If it is a symbolic story, it is also profoundly historical in its interpretation of the meaning of Jesus' birth. For Herod the Great was indeed a contemporary pharaoh – i.e., a monumental builder and a ruler who would use his power murderously when it suited his purposes. And Jesus truly did turn out to be a king whose power challenged abusive secular power such as that of Herod. Jesus was indeed rejected by the religious leadership of his day (“chief priests and scribes”). And Jesus would be accepted, indeed worshiped, more widely by Gentiles than by the historic people of Israel. Jesus would prove himself a Moses-figure leading his people on a new Exodus.

Most of us need the help of our own scribes to hear these truths in the narrative, but Matthew could have expected most of his original readers to catch on immediately. What the full Gospel of Matthew would unfold at length in twenty-eight chapters is forecast here in a couple of scenes.



The baby born in Joseph's home in David's town of Bethlehem is the son of David. He will, as risen Lord, turn out to be everything, and more, suggested by the words of Micah and Second Samuel quoted at the heart of today's Gospel – ruler and shepherd of his people.

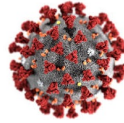
And the child will fulfill the best hopes of Israel for itself. Everything the last chapters of Isaiah (especially today's First Reading) have to say in the vision of a restored Zion, a light and source of hope to surrounding nations seeking a way out of darkness, finds the beginning of fulfillment in Jesus born in Bethlehem.

What could be lost on us – and may be of special importance for us – is the story's implication that Jesus is the son of Abraham. For as Genesis tells it, Abraham himself was a Gentile, called out of Mesopotamia to be, with Sarah's help, the father of a people through whom Yahweh's covenant to the nations would be renewed; in other words, a Gentile bridging God's love to Gentiles. (See Gen 12:3, where Yahweh says to Abram: “All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.”) The fulfillment of this is precisely what Matthew portrays in the coming of the Gentile Magi.

Where are we in this picture? We are the heirs of the Magi, Gentiles who have been led to share in the promises to Israel. The big question for us then is, “How are we to enable Christ to be a light to the nations today?” What makes that question different for us now than it might have been even just thirty years ago is that we no longer see non-Christians as benighted “pagans.” The World Almanac reminds me that the 1.87 billion of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as our light comprise no more than one-third of the world population. Of the rest, only 4 percent identify themselves as godless (atheist). For millions of others, Gautama is the “Buddha” or “Enlightened one” and thus their “light.” For a billion Muslims, the Quran is their light and it is Muhammad who personally focuses its message. And similar things



The Pastor's Ponderings



Free 'At-Home' COVID-19 Testing

The State of South Dakota is now offering free 'At-Home' testing for COVID-19 through *Vault Medical Services*. Check out this link to learn more: <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/southdakota/>.

Sunday Scriptural Reflection – continued

could be said of the other major world religions.

Ever since Vatican II's Declaration on the Church's Relations with Non-Christian Religions (Nostra aetate, 1965), we Catholics have claimed to look upon non-Christian religious traditions as ways of at least glimpsing the divine mystery and the path of right living whose full epiphany we find in the humanity of Jesus. This would seem to follow the spirit of the adult Jesus who could portray a heretic Samaritan as an exemplar of Torah righteousness and who could rejoice in the faith he found in the Syro-Phoenician woman and in the Roman centurion.

We are probably wrong to expect the political leaders of the world to establish peace. Better to hope that full shalom will come when the four billion of us who believe in a Transcendent Other are converted more deeply to the enlightenment that calls us all not to kill, not to lie, not to steal, not to lust, to respect parents, and to help the needy and weak. Jesus will be manifested as the light for the nations when we catch his fire more fully and share it. We have met the Magi “and they are us.”

Dennis Hamm, S.J.

