



# Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 17, 2019



### Christmas Cookie & Candy Parade

Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall



- Buy a container for \$10
- Fill it with cookies or candy
- Close the lid (must close)
- Take home and enjoy!

Free coffee, cider, candy  
and cookie samples



Each household is asked to furnish either 4 dozen 2" cookies OR 2 dozen candies. Smaller items fit inside containers more easily. We'll cut any fudge received and we put them in paper holders. Circle Chairpersons will be calling for workers for that day. **Deliver items to the parish hall on Saturday, December 7, by 9:00 am** so we can display them for sale.



Altar 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

There are NO Religious Ed classes on Wednesday, November 27, due to Thanksgiving Break. Have a great holiday with family and friends!



The Religious Education Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 15. Your child will be given an RSVP form for the Christmas program at class on Wednesday, please be sure to return it by the 4th or call/text Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953 so we know who will be participating in the program. There are additional RSVP forms in the lobby, or you can download one from our website at <https://www.getshc.org/religious-education>.

We are still in need of substitute teachers for day and evening classes, plus a teacher (or team) to take over the 4th grade class at the end of this year. If you are willing to help teach, or occasionally fill in, please contact Roberta Dutenhoeffer at 769-1953.



### Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Weekends

The KCs will be in the church lobby the weekends of November 16-17 and 23-24 giving out Tootsie Rolls in exchange for a donation to help the mentally and physically challenged.



### 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	Art Trujillo	Dana Pile	Taylor Nystrom
Jim Brown	Sister M. Loretta		

### RCIA Classes Continue



RCIA classes continue Tuesday, November 19, 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.

### Sacred Heart 2019 CFSA

This 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.



"REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES... AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES... AT LEAST..."



# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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### St. Pius Religious Education News

Our Religious Education classes continue. You are reminded that there are NO Religious Education classes on Wednesday, November 27, due to Thanksgiving 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.

#### Curriculum:

- Grades 1-6:..... Finding God – Our Response to God's Gifts,
- Grades 7-8-9:..... Theology of the Body,
- Grades 10-11-12:..... Confirmation Preparation,

Topic: 11/20. .... The Gospels.

Our Religious Education Cancellation Policy is: *If school is cancelled for the day or there is early release due to weather on a Wednesday – Religious Education classes are ALSO CANCELLED.* This will be posted on the parish website: [www.stpiusxonida.org](http://www.stpiusxonida.org) or Facebook at *St Pius X Catholic Church*.

If 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.

### CFSA St. Pius X Parish

The 2019 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal continues. Your contribution provide funding for various ministries within our diocese. Drop it off at church or mail to PO Box 13. Our parish tax/assessment is \$13,100. We have received \$10,470.00 from 33 households of 69 households – we're \$3,935 from our goal.

### Advanced Ministry Assignments

First Sunday of Advent @ 9:00 am

Sacristan.....	12/1.....	Diane Lorenz,
Greeters.....	12/1.....	Don & Mary Sieck,
Lector.....	12/1.....	Nola LaRosh,
Altar Servers.....	12/1.....	Landon Severson,
		Logan Severson,
Eucharistic Ministers.....	12/1.....	Nola LaRosh,
		Helen Sutura,
		Mary Sieck.



'Twas the Night Before . . .

St. Pius X Parish will participate in Onida's city-wide celebration of the start of the Christmas Season.

Friday, December 6, 2019

Noon Lunch served from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Raffle ~ Silent Auction  
Bake Sale

Held in the church basement

### RCIA Classes Continue



A new series of RCIA sessions continues THIS Tuesday, November 19, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Sacred Heart parish hall in Gettysburg. Sessions are open to everyone and can be viewed online live or archived at [www.GetSHC.org](http://www.GetSHC.org), click on Livestream and click on RCIA.

### 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			

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.



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<b>Masses and Intentions for Sacred Heart</b> <b>Weekday Masses for November 23-24, 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	Jodi Larabee (d)	
<b>WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sharon Briscoe (d)	
<b>THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm</b> Oahe Manor ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart Altar Society (I & d) <i>Presentation of Mary</i>	
<b>FRIDAY ~ 6:00 pm</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Ron Ford (d)	<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	Dale Ericksen (d) <i>Christ the King</i>	
<b>SUNDAY ~ 9:00 am</b> Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg	Sacred Heart & St. Pius X Parishioners <i>Christ the King</i>	

Liturgical Ministers			
	<b>Saturday, November 24 @ 6:30 pm</b> <i>Christ the King</i>	<b>Sunday, November 24 @ 11:00 am</b> <i>Christ the King</i>	<div>           Crabby Road 1-30-11              ©Hallmark Licensing, Inc. Maxine.com         </div>
Greeter & Offertory	Mike & Mary Bohnenkamp	Roger & Marcia Liebig	
Lector	Don Hericks	Stella Nagel	
Ministers of Eucharist	Lila Hericks	Jackie Hansen	
Altar Servers	Treyson Zeigler Garrett Zeigler	Braxton Beringer Brooklyn Beringer	
Rosary	Gary Myers	Jackie Hansen	
Music	Brenda Frost	Colleen Simon	
Video Operator	Josh Cordell	Tanner Eide	
Homebound Minister		Clarence Hellhake	

<b>Masses &amp; Intentions for St. Pius X ~ November 20 &amp; 24, 2019</b>					
<b>Wednesday, Nov 20 @ 5:30 pm</b>	For a Successful & Safe Completion of the Harvest			<b>Sunday, Nov 24 @ 9:00 am</b> <b>Christ the King</b>	Bryson LaRosh (Birthday)
Liturgical Ministers					
	Sacristan	Greeter/Offertory	Lector	Eucharist Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Sunday, Nov 24 @ 9:00 am</b> <b>Christ the King</b>	Mary Sieck	Pat & Tacea Voorhees Family	Mary Sieck	Mary Sieck Barb Rilling Fran McQuirk	Mallory Wiley Adrianna Osterkamp
<b>St. Pius X Parish Staff</b>			<b>Sacrament of Penance</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			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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Malachi 3:19-20

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

As we move toward the end of the Liturgical Year, the Sunday readings continue to sound themes of the end, general judgment, and ultimate salvation. Paradoxically, just when Scripture means to communicate a message of clarity and comfort, we encounter imagery that confuses and alienates many of its readers and auditors.

Take, for example, the fire image we meet in the selection from Malachi. We take seriously Jesus' teaching about love of enemies, and so picturing God burning up evildoers can pose a problem. At such a moment, we do well to recall Aquinas's reminder that all language about God is a finite attempt to describe the infinite; an image applied to God needs to be both affirmed one way and, in some other ways, denied. St. Thomas made that caveat not in order to discourage God-talk but to approach such language with care and discernment, minding both what it says and what it does not say. The sun metaphor in today's reading from Malachi is well worth our careful scrutiny.

First, think for a moment about what the sun is for us. In our own, post-Hubble, view of the universe, we know that our sun is one moderate-sized, middle-aged star among many billions of others like it in the cosmos. Even so, we also know, far better than our biblical ancestors, that the sun is absolutely essential to our existence as life forms on planet Earth. All we have to do is consider the lifelessness of our neighbor planets – Mercury and Mars, to realize that we have a privileged relationship with our flaming star. We circle the sun at just the right distance from its heat to receive its light and heat in just the right quantity to be nurtured rather than singed. All life on Earth derives from the energy of the sun. Without the sun, we earthlings simply would not exist. Once we are in touch with this reality, it is easy to understand why many of the world's religions have worshiped the sun as a god.

That realization helps us appreciate why the authors of the Hebrew Bible found the sun an apt symbol of its transcendent Creator. Like the sun, God sustains our life, physical and spiritual. Again, better than our ancestors, we know that our sun is the source of the very substance of our planet, which was composed of a solar spin-off four and a half billion years ago. So the sun can symbolize God both as originator and as sustainer.

Further, even a child learns early that we have to exercise our human freedom reasonably to relate happily to the sun's fire. If we do not relate appropriately to the peculiar nature of the sun's energy, we can become dehydrated, burned, blind, even cancerous. The same power that nurtures, warms, illuminates, and brings out color can also scorch, sicken, and kill. The difference between our positive and our negative experience of the sun lies not in solar whimsy but in human choices. These aspects of the sun-image of God give us a way of realizing how the same reality can be at once "healing" and "punishing."



Paul was making the same point when, in the first chapter of Romans, he spoke of how the apocalyptic "wrath" of God is revealed in God's simply allowing persons to suffer the natural consequences of their disordered actions. God does not burn them; they "get burned" in

their violation of the order of creation.

But if the sun image works to reflect a few aspects of the divinity, it fails in some other ways. The solar image is impersonal and deistic. It could mislead us into thinking of God as unresponsive to human need. That is why the Gospel reading – with all its talk of destruction, insurrections, and persecution – is so encouraging. Jesus mentions these components of the apocalyptic scenario only to insist that these disasters will never finally come between the Lord and his people. "Some of you will be put to death. All will hate you because of me, yet not a hair of your head will be harmed. By patient endurance you will save your lives." How can persons get put to death and still not have a hair on their head be harmed? Only if a caring God sustains them on both sides of death. If the love of God is as powerful, healing, threatening, and awesome as the fire of the sun, it is as protective as the care of a nursing mother. When it comes to talk about God, we need all the images the Bible has to offer.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



## The Pastor's Ponderings

Things are starting to get really busy. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and then we hit December and Advent begins. Both parishes have pre-Christmas events – SPX Onida has the "Twas the Night Before..." on Friday, December 6 and SHC Gettysburg has the "Cookie and Candy Parade" on Saturday, December 7. So we'll all have an opportunity to imbibe in some pre-Christmas calories!



### 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Fourth Degree KC will meet on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Perkins in Ft. Pierre. Social begins at 5:30 pm followed by a short meeting after a dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. Questions call Pat Thompson, Faithful Navigator @ 605-280-8123.

### Collection for the Military Ordinariate

We got a mailing from the Diocese concerning a *once-every-3-years* collection to support the Catholic Military Chaplains who minister to men and women who are in the various branches of the U.S. military serving throughout the world. *The Military Ordinariate is a world-wide Catholic Diocese which coordinates the recruitment, training and placement of Catholic chaplains within each of our military branches. Additionally, they maintain a repository for all baptisms, confirmations, marriages and other Sacramental information of all those serving in our armed services.* While the Military Ordinariate receives some funding from the USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) – they rely heavily on donations to do much of their work. **Envelopes for this optional collection are in the lobby.** If you are so moved – take an envelope and return it to the parish in the next few weeks and we'll send it on its way.



Sing Noel. . . . . Saturday, December 7, 2019

### Sounds of Christmas at The Abbey

The signature event of the season will feature The University of Minnesota Morris Concert Choir & Chamber Singers. The evening will also include a social hour, amazing raffle prizes, and delicious food and beverages. Overnight packages are also available. Social Hour: 5:00 pm & Concert: 7:00 pm.

For more information and/or tickets contact:

The Abbey of the Hills Inn & Retreat Center

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