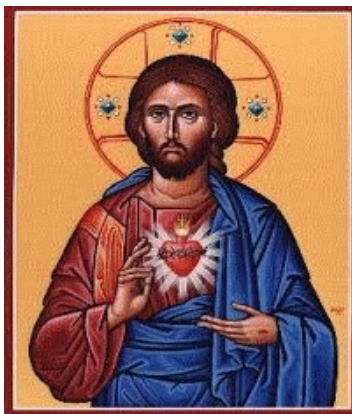




# Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 24, 2021

### Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting

The Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Support materials will be made available prior to the meeting.

### 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 continue. The next in-person class for grades 6-9 will be on Wednesday, February 10. In the meanwhile, please log in to the RE portal for your weekly assignments, and comment on the thread to indicate that you have completed the assigned task.

Grades 8 and 9 should have completed the fall curriculum, and returned the workbook to RE in order to receive this semester's workbook and course login. Please text/email Mrs. Dutenhoeffer if you have any questions or need assistance.

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/hand sanitizing) and maintain social distancing whenever possible. If any parent 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 are teaching Circle of Grace this year to meet the Diocese requirements. For more information, to teach your child at home, 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 grades 5 and 6 last week, contact Mrs. Dutenhoeffer to get the materials. Grades 7-9 will now get that course on February 10th, which is the next in-person class for those grades.



**We are in need of Occasional substitute teachers. Can you help?**

Stay informed! Text SACRED to 97000 for our automated notifications of class cancellations or sign up on our website at [getshc.org](http://getshc.org).



### Confirmation Class Sunday

The Confirmation preparation classes for grades 10-11-12 will meet on Sunday, January 31, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

We'll start the New Testament Gospels. Classes are available on our parish website [GetSHC.org](http://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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Gettysburg. . . . . Sunday, April 25. . . . 11:00 am Mass,  
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### 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 Kooops    | Eugene Nagel    | Mary Mardian     |
| Linda Simon    | Theresa Kirby  | Judy Brown      | Diego Lamendola  |
| Taylor Nystrom | Jo Bender      | Alan Hoven      | Rudy Castaneda   |
| David McGough  | Darrell Griese | Leonard Schatz  | Ronny Kaup       |
| Vaughn Larson  | Megan Nystrom  | Jim Brown       | Jim Nagel        |
| Bridget Lake   | Cliff Simon    | Denise Griese   | Amy Cordell      |
| Mark Senfner   | Jennifer Jost  |                 |                  |



### Baby Shower Thank You

Sacred Heart Parish wishes to "THANK" everyone who donated our Annual Advent Baby Shower. The baby items will be donated locally to families in need, and then the remaining items will be given to the Diocese for distribution to families in need. Your participation is greatly appreciated!



# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 24, 2021

### Religious Education News

**R**eligious Education classes have resumed on Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

- 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.

### Respect Life/Evangelization Committee Meeting

**T**he next Respect Life/Evangelization Committee meeting is on Monday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm, in the parish house. All are welcome to join us! We will be planning our "Appreciation Sunday" celebration coming up in March! Please contact Stacie Weinheimer if you have any questions, or concerns, at #280-9382.



### Baby Shower Thank You



**S**t. Pius X Respect Life Committee would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who donated to our Annual Advent Baby Shower this year. The baby items were donated locally to families in need, and then the remaining items were taken over to "Planning Life", the crisis pregnancy center that we support in Sioux Falls. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

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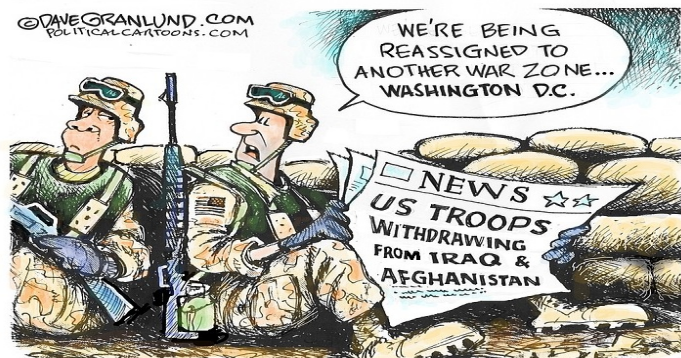
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### Advanced Ministry Assignments

#### 5th Ordinary Sunday ~ 9:00 am Mass

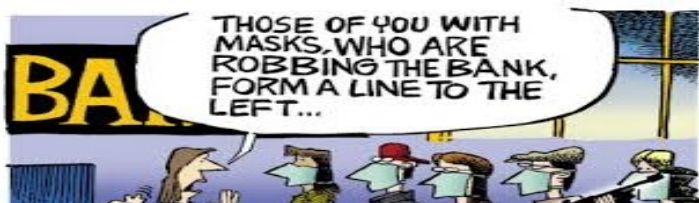
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|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Sacristan . . . . .                | Sun 2-7 . . . . . | Diane Lorenz,              |
| Greeters/Entry Oversight . . . . . | Sun 2-7 . . . . . | Kirk & Jackie Yackley Fam, |
| Lector . . . . .                   | Sun 2-7 . . . . . | Steven Davis,              |
| Altar Servers . . . . .            | Sun 2-7 . . . . . | None,                      |
| Eucharistic Minister . . . . .     | Sun 2-7 . . . . . | Greg Lorenz.               |



### Keep in Prayer

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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<br>January 25-31, 2021 |                                                                       | Sacrament of Penance Times                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY ~<br>Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg                  | No Mass ~ Fr. Kopel's Day Off                                         | Sacred Heart ~ Gettysburg..... Saturday at Noon and 6:00 pm.<br>Also offered by appointment ~ call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161<br>Additional times prior to Christmas and prior to Easter                                                                                                                                           |
| TUESDAY ~ 8:30 am<br>Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg         | Betty Poeppel (d)                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| WEDNESDAY ~ 8:30 am<br>Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg       | Bob Theunissen (d)                                                    | Sacramental Preparation<br>Baptism. .... Pre-Baptism program required for the first child.<br>Call Fr. Kopel to arrange for date and time.<br>Marriage. .... Six (6) months preparation time prior to marriage.<br>Date may not be set until preparation has begun.<br>Contact Fr. Kopel well in advance of any desired date. |
| THURSDAY ~ 4:00 pm<br>Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg        | Well-being of Isabelle Beckler                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| FRIDAY ~ 8:30 am<br>Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg          | Wilbert Fenger (d)                                                    | Sacred Heart Parish Staff<br>Pastor. .... Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ 765-2161 or 769-4062<br>Secretary. .... Beverly Thomas ~ 765-2161<br>Office Hours: .... Monday-Friday ~ 9:00am to noon<br>Religious Education. Roberta Dutenhoeffer ~ 765-2359 or C:769-1953<br>Office Hours: .... by appointment.                                |
| SATURDAY ~ 6:30 pm<br>Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg        | Jan Emmert (d)<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| SUNDAY ~ 11:00 am<br>Sacred Heart Church ~ Gettysburg         | Morris & Colleen Simon (d)<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Liturgical Ministers for January 30-31, 2021 |                                                               |                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                              | Saturday ~ 6:30 pm<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday ~ 11:00 am<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Greeter & Lobby Oversight                    | Gary & Kay Myers                                              | Eric & Roberta Dutenhoeffer                                  |
| Lector                                       | Paul Oberltnr                                                 | Stella Nagel                                                 |
| Ministers of Eucharist                       | Gary Myers                                                    | Michael Fischer                                              |
| Altar Servers                                |                                                               |                                                              |
| Rosary                                       |                                                               |                                                              |
| Music                                        | Lexie Vogel                                                   | Colleen Simon                                                |
| Video Operator                               | Josh Cordell                                                  | Colten Hageman<br>Braxton Beringer                           |
| Projection Operator                          | Nichole Enos<br>Tyler Simon                                   | Megan Jager<br>Grant Luikens                                 |
| Homebound Minister                           |                                                               | Patty Beringer                                               |



| Masses & Intentions for St. Pius X ~ January 31, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             |                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                        |               |
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| Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No Mass     |                             | Sunday ~ 9:00 am<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                                                                               | St. Pius X & Sacred Heart Parishioners |               |
| Liturgical Ministers for January 31, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             |                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                        |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Sacristan   | Greeter/Lobby Oversight     | Lector                                                                                                                                                                    | Eucharist Ministers                    | Altar Servers |
| Sunday ~ 9:00 am<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Sharon Swan | Tom & Ashley Yackley Family | Joe Stahl                                                                                                                                                                 | Ashley Yackley                         |               |
| St. Pius X Parish Staff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |             |                             | Sacrament of Penance                                                                                                                                                      |                                        |               |
| Pastor..... Fr. Jerry Kopel ~ Office: 765-2161 or Cell: 769-4062<br>Secretary..... Lisa Guthmiller ~ 258-2336<br>Office Hours:..... Mon & Thurs ~ 8:30am-Noon; Wed ~ 9:00am-5:00pm<br>Religious Education..... Stacie Weinheimer ~ Office: 258-2336 & Cell: 280-9382 |             |                             | First Sunday at 10:30 am ~ prior to the 11:00 am Mass<br>Other Sundays at 8:30 am ~ prior to the 9:00 am Mass<br>Also offered by appointment ~ call Fr. Kopel at 765-2161 |                                        |               |

# Sunday Scriptural Reflection

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

The language of this Sunday's Gospel could not be more fully packed. In two brief verses, Mark summarizes the ministry and preaching of Jesus, and in five he captures the call and response of the first disciples. The result is not a set of photos but a group of icons, indeed a triptych.

Panel one: After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" To people steeped in the language of the Hebrew prophets, "the good news [*Godspel* in Anglo-Saxon and on Broadway] of God" could mean only one thing: the announcement of the coming of God in saving power.

What did it signify to peasants of early first-century Galilee when they heard an itinerant craftsman proclaim that the kingdom of God was at hand? If you think of God as the king of the universe, is not the divine reign always "at hand"? How can what already is present ... come to be? Where was the "news" in such an utterance? What we post-modern Westerners need to know is that, in enlisting this kingdom-coming metaphor, Jesus was drawing upon language that was part of current-day apocalyptic writing.

A Hebrew apocalypse, of which the book of Daniel is our handiest example, saw history divided into "the present age" and "the age to come." Typically, "the present age" was seen as a moment when the king of kings, the Lord, allowed lesser, earthly kings (Nebuchadnezzar or Antiochus IV or Caesar or whomever) to have their temporary sway; but in "the age to come" the regency of King God would be displayed, the just would be rescued, the unjust duly punished.

In other words, the kingdom of God would be clearly manifested and recognized in this fresh intervention of the one who always reigns as king. For many contemporaries of Jesus, such a coming of the kingdom meant the defeat of the Roman occupation. As Jesus used the image, it meant something else even more exciting – a new healing and freeing access to God already to be tasted in his own ministry. The clue that Jesus is talking apocalyptic is the phrase "the time has been fulfilled" – "the time" being "the present age." So the statement is not a declaration of a perennial truth but truly an announcement of news. It is news that is so good that it demands the response of *metanoia*, a change of heart, a whole new orientation. This announcement is a pointing to an unexpected prize, God's long-awaited intervention for the permanent rescue of all who will receive it.

And why does the evangelist introduce this summary of Jesus' Galilean preaching with the ominous reference to the arrest of John the Baptist? For two reasons, apparently: first, the removal of the Baptizer clears the deck and indeed calls for Jesus' entry into Israel's life as John's prophetic successor.

Second, and more significantly, the reference to John's arrest (which necessarily recalls his fate of capital punishment) prepares the reader for the fact that Jesus' proclamation of the good news will result in his own death at the hands of Israelite and Roman officials. Indeed, the crucifixion will eventually be gathered into the heart of the post-Easter proclamation of the same good news.

What the proper response to this *Godspel* entails is acted out in the two panels of the triptych that follow. Simon and Andrew allow the Lord Jesus to interrupt their workday; they drop their nets and follow immediately. Then the response of the Zebedee brothers to the same call is told in a way that highlights their letting go of everything – nets, boat, co-workers, even their father. The message? Responding to the good news of God's fresh intervention entails letting go of one's conventional tasks and attachments and following Jesus.

The new task is described as "fishing people." The prophet Habakkuk had once described humanity in need of redemption as "like the fish of the sea, like creeping things without a ruler" (Hab 1:14). And Jeremiah had described the postexilic restoration of the people in similar terms: "Look! I will send many fishermen ... to catch them" (Jer 16:16). Joining Jesus' enterprise means participating in such a restoration. But first comes the letting go. Response to the *Godspel* of the new age means conversion – if not literally dropping a net, at least doing the old job in a new way.

Dennis Hamm, S.J.



## The Pastor's Ponderings

I start my column on Tuesday afternoon – the day before Joe Biden is to be sworn in as the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. With 21,000 troops, the Secret Service, FBI, Capitol Police and the D.C. police force all on hand – I'm hoping that all goes smoothly. It is sad to think the majority of those attending the inauguration in person this year will not be the average American citizen who is there to witness the political spectacle that sets our nation apart from others; but people in uniform (with guns) – there to insure a safe and secure transition of power. It's now Wednesday evening as I finish writing this column. Happily, it appears that everything went without any major disruptive behavior in Washington, DC and in our 50 state capitols. Chalk one up for civility and the rule of law.

On a happier note - *not really* – I just received the **2021 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal numbers** for each parish. *This tax/collection supports the work of the Church done through our Diocesan Chancery office and its staff, the Catholic Neuman Centers located on the campuses of our State Universities, Seminary Education and many other outreach ministries.* The good news is that the parish assessments/tax has not gone up for either parish. **Sacred Heart, Gettysburg, has an assessment of \$30,000** – a drop of \$1,800 from last year. **St. Pius X, Onida, has an assessment of \$14,000** – the same as last year. **CFSA formally begins on the weekend of February 13-14, 2021.**

**Sacred Heart Parish has a Parish Council meeting this Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.** These meetings are always open to parishioners who would like to attend. There are a lot of 'maintenance' issues for this Council meeting to discuss. They include the church's east and west window covers with have gotten very cloudy, rain gutter installation on the south entries eaves, rectory boiler repairs, replacement of some of the carpet in the rectory, replacement of some rectory furniture, and a need for a general rectory cleaning upon my departure.

**It is my hope to 'get out of Dodge' for a few days the week of February 1-5.** With the COVID-19 pandemic, etc. I haven't had any vacation time in over a year and a half. *Since I've had COVID I feel better about facing the cold, cruel world out there.* Plus, with the many funerals we've been having lately – a lot of my Monday 'days-off' have had to be cancelled. So, with any luck I will take a few days and head out to the Black Hills, find a nice hotel room and relax a bit and hopefully, have time to write 'Thank You' notes to those who gifted me at Christmas.

### SCAM ALERT

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!** Parishes, parish staffs and parishioners around the Diocese have been contacted by scammers posing as 'the pastor - usually by name' requesting that you buy gift cards for parishioners in need. They ask that after buying the gift cards that you to call a phone # or send an email with the verification codes off the cards. This is a SCAM! **Your pastor, anyone from the Diocese or any parish staffers will NEVER 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.

