



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Grades 1 – 5 meet weekly from 3:45 – 5:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons. Snacks are served in their mission rooms from 3:30 – 3:45 pm if they prove to be responsible young disciples who can clean up after themselves! Grades 6 – 12 meet at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. On Wednesday, September 8 the Knights of Columbus will serve meals at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Opening Mass will be at 4:15 p.m. Be sure to check our website, www.sacredhearted.org for more information as YFF plans unfold. See “Fr. Simon Says” bulletin column for more information.

Restarting Adult & Youth Choirs for Mass

Choirs are back! Thanks to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, we can again have youth and adult vocal groups for Masses! Youth vocals grades 3 and older will begin practice Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Practices will be held Wednesdays 5:15 – 6:15 pm between YFF sessions. We will sing the last Sunday of each month. We encourage adults to share their vocal talents. For information and sign up, please contact Brenda Frost at (605) 769-1503 by September 1 so practice times and scheduling can be determined.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

~ Ephesians 5:19

Restarting Our Keep in Prayer List

Bridget Lake	Amy Cordell	Eugene Nagel	Cas Gray
Gary Adams	Carol Lipp	Karen Briscoe	

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Manor Mass

The Thursday Mass at the Manor has resumed at 4 pm but is for residents only.

Diocese Announcements

For a full list of upcoming events and available Church ministries visit the diocese website www.sfcatholic.org. Catholic Family Services offers a full range of counseling and adoption services at many locations around the diocese. If you or someone in your family is in need of some assistance, call 1-800-700-7867 for an appointment.

Treasure Hut ½ Price Sale

The Treasure Hut in Hoven is having their ½ price sale until September 4. The Treasure Hut is run for the benefit of St. Anthony's Church in Hoven.

Pierre Countryside Hospice Fundraiser

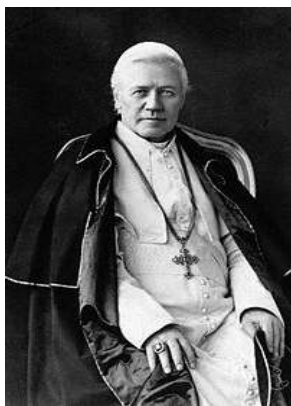
This is a fundraiser for Robert Disburg who has cancer. It is a car and bike run from Pierre to Gettysburg and back on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Register at Beck Motors.

"Fast & Pray"

Bishop DeGrood is inviting all the faithful to join in a day of fasting and prayer for a restoration of peace and the protection of all people in Afghanistan this Tuesday, Aug 31, 2021. We will also pray for military personnel who have served or are actively serving in the area. Bishop is asking the faithful to increase their prayers and petitions for these intentions and to fast throughout the day for this intention. See Diocese social media channels for ideas regarding prayers and to show your participation.



"Sir, you've been recommended by those who sit around you to attend the remedial singing class held each Tuesday in the church basement."



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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This Wednesday, September 1 Fr. Simon will introduce himself and what our new YFF Mission is all about to our young and youth disciples. For the whole evening, Fr. Simon will have large group introduction, preparation for confessions and Opening Mass. He will have individual confessions until Opening Mass starts at 7:15 p.m. We encourage parents, grandparents and parishioners to show their support of YFF by attending our Opening Mass. On Wednesday, September 8 we will have 9-11 grades go to Gettysburg for the K. of C. meal at 6:30 p.m. and begin our first combined high school mission session with Fr. Simon there. See "Fr. Simon Says" bulletin column for more information.

Advanced Ministry Assignments

Sept. 5, 2021 11:00 am ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacristan..... Teri Weischedel
Greeters..... Tom & Ashley Yackley Family
Lector..... Steven Davis
Altar Servers..... Myli Weischedel & Calleigh Chicoine
Eucharistic Ministers..... Ashley Yackley

Respect Life Meeting

Our next Respect Life/Evangelization Committee meeting is on Monday, September 13th, at 2:00 pm in our Parish House. We will be discussing and planning our "Respect Life Sunday" activities for October and also the welcoming of all new babies born into our parish! All are welcome to come to this meeting and to join us as we learn how to show Respect for All Life from Conception to Natural Death! Please contact Stacie Weinheimer/St. Pius X Respect Life Representative at #280-9382 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Newspaper

We have a couple issues of this newspaper available in the church entrance to check on parishioner interest.

Through God's Love Diocese Conference

Join Bishop DeGrood on October 30 for a day-long conference designed to help you make your God-given mission a lived reality. Register today at sfcatholic.org and take advantage of the limited time early bird ticket prices!

Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Jennie Birdsall	Mel Hackett	Jean Hertel
Brenda Victor	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Marquette Brink	Barb (Sutera) Opitz	
Mark Senftner	Diane Lorenz	Jo Bender	
Mike Wolforth	Karen Voorhees	Bob Pierce	

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"Tech support says the problem is located somewhere between the keyboard and my chair."

Fr. Simon Says

Greetings Faithful Parishioners in Christ,

Our new Youth Faith Formation (YFF) Mission started last Wednesday, August 25th, 2021! I am grateful that we have faithful parishioners who responded to the call of God to care for His children in this way. It took trust in God, but we eventually filled all of our catechist positions in both parishes grades 1 – 8.

We are still forming up our youth disciple high school mission. I am the catechist for both parishes, but I need more substitutes and assistants. Thankfully, we have other parishioners who put forth a sincere effort to discern their calling as well. For them and for more parishioners, we will have other opportunities to serve as we introduce other aspects of our YFF Mission.

We had a great turn out of young and youth disciples in both parishes excited to join in this mission adventure, except for grades 11 – 12 in Sacred Heart Parish (SHP). We did not have any youth disciples from grades 11 – 12 attend last Wednesday. That was very disappointing, because I always included grades 11 – 12 in my communications and plans. I found out that the previous practice for high school religious education was that there was not anything offered after students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This changed with YFF.

Our two parishes are now offering youth disciples in grades 9 – 12 one combined mission area made up of both parishes with one mission team lead directly by me. I am trying to provide as much personal opportunity as possible for youth disciples to have personal interaction with their parish priest, who is a trained missionary, and our new mission team. So, this is relational youth ministry, not just religious education, that seeks to make and form youth disciples and to equip them with what they need to be faithful adult disciples of Christ.

To work this out practically and logistically, it will take some creativity with increased priority and commitment from all of us directly involved and from supportive parishioners. It will be worth the sacrifice for all of us to attain a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church!

I propose we alternate locations for grades 9 - 12 since I have to alternate locations for the sake of all of our young and youth disciples. For legal reasons, the parents will be responsible for getting their young disciples to the location for that particular Wednesday by 6:30 p.m. For convenience, the respective church parking lot will be available for carpooling before 6:00 p.m. I will be talking to personnel from both school systems to try to work out release from all activities to be out the door by 5:45 p.m. as is the Gettysburg school system policy. With some parent preparation and planning, our youth disciples can have food ready in the cars. (On Wednesday, September 8th K. of C. will be serving a meal 6:30 p.m. to include SPXP H.S. youth.

I understand what I am proposing will not work for some families for various reasons, including winter travel. We have a less effective alternative available if needed for serious reasons, provided we have adult volunteers available. Youth disciples will be able to participate by Zoom from either location or from their homes.

I will be at St. Pius X Parish (SPXP) Church this coming Wednesday, September 1st starting at 6:30 p.m. with confessions.

We will have Opening Mass at 7:15 p.m. encouraging parishioners to participate and show their support. Our first Wednesday combined mission session will be Wednesday, September 8th 6:30 p.m. in SHP Hall mission area.

We'll have to wait and see how COVID-19 goes. We have room to social distance in both locations as needed. Nobody has to have close interaction for more than a couple minutes. The decision to physically participate always remains with the parents. We will provide resources as needed for the parents.

Let's put forth our best effort with what we are given to make the most of the opportunities our Lord provides. I ask all parishioners to pray for our YFF Missions.

Pure Religion: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Deuteronomy 4:1–2,6–8
Psalm 15:2–5
James 1:17–18, 21–22, 27
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?