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3rd Sunday of Advent ~ December 12, 2021

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION NEWS

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PRAYER LIST

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| Bridget Lake | Amy Cordell | Eugene Nagel | Cas Gray |
| Gary Adams | Carol Lipp | Karen Briscoe | Dennis Goebel |
| Valentine Wangler | | | |

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Next Altar Society meeting is this Monday, December 13. We are mailing out new member lists.

PARISH ENVELOPES

If you want a parish giving envelope and have not been getting one, please let us know. They are ready to be picked up. Calendars for next year are here too.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr. Simon is offering extra opportunities for confessions this Advent season after weekend Masses when available and as scheduled. This Sunday confessions are at 2:00 p.m. in St. Pius X Church. Confessions in Sacred Heart Church are next Sunday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are accepting mass intentions for both parishes.

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Searching for the True Meaning of Christmas? The nationally acclaimed Christmas at the Cathedral will be December 16 - 19 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

This year's theme, "Be Born in Me," is a first-hand account of God's Incarnation into the human race. Through actress Apolonia Davalos, audiences will experience Mary's perspective on the monumental moments of Jesus' birth, and his miraculous life and mission on earth. Go to www.ccfesd.org, call (605) 988-3765, or email events@ccfesd.org.





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Due to local COVID-19 concerns, we will not have a Christmas program open to the public on December 15, but still have YFF sessions and a Christmas celebration in each mission room. We will be on Christmas break December 22 and 29. A YFF ski trip to Terry Peak this winter is possible. The diocese is offering a March for Life trip to Washington DC January 19 - 23. Fr. Simon is registered along with three high school YFF disciples from Sacred Heart Parish. There were nine seats available this past week. We could use an adult volunteer as a chaperone. Registration deadline is this Monday, December 13, 2021. Contact Fr. Simon for more information. We are planning on offering retreats for middle and high school YFF disciples on a Wednesday and Saturday in Lent for both parishes.

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with sidewalk snow removal at the church this winter. There is a sign up sheet at the church for any period of time. If you can give your time to help, it will be appreciated. A reminder: We do not have a regular maintenance person to take care of this anymore, so if you have time at all to help with this or any other project, please contact Mike Wiley or Lisa Guthmiller at the office 258-2336.



KEEP IN PRAYER

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| Judi West | Jennie Birdsall | Mel Hackett | Jean Hertel |
| Brenda Victor | Alice Jones | Taelyn Hettick | Ann Chicoine |
| Mike Fuller | Marquette Brink | Bob Pierce | Mike Wolforth |
| Mark Senftner | Diane Lorenz | Jo Bender | Monica Weischedel |

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Fr. Simon Sez

Generally, we say this is *Gaudete* Sunday or the Sunday of Joy and yet the Church has chosen this reading that focuses on the question, “What should we do?” and the tough answers of St. John the Baptist that demand repentance. How is that joyful other than the people being filled with expectation on whether John the Baptist might be the Christ?

St. John the Baptist answers the crowd that they are to do radical acts of charity to provide for people in need. He has practical ways for the tax collectors and soldiers to repent. Actually, all of these exhortations for change should have been obvious to them. Maybe they just needed to be called out on it so that they would notice what they should have already known?

There are many obvious actions that we should change and want to change. Generally, we don’t need to be “shoulded on” unless we are caught up in our own little narcissistic world. And if we are, we probably will not listen anyway. What we do need to do is to try to be humble enough to accept constructive criticism. When this has to do with our sinful lives, then it is very important to take this seriously. St. John that Baptist gets the seriousness of this call to conversion conveyed to the crowd when he speaks of the “unquenchable fire.”

The gospel reading says, “He preached good news to the people.” It’s not likely people felt like it was good news to be joyful about as he exhorted them in many other ways to repent. He did tell them the Christ will baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire. Certainly, we want to be filled with the Holy Spirit and bear Its fruit of Joy! However, we need to be purified of our consequences of sin by this fire. Therefore, it is possible for us to have spiritual joy even when we are suffering purification because we know we can hope in the Lord Who fulfills His promises. It can be difficult to accept the painful purification process through which we have to pass in this life and possibly after we die, but everlasting joy will be worth it! As St. Paul says to the Philippians (4:4-7) in our second reading, “Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!”

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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| Christmas EVE– Friday, December 24. | 4:00 pm @ Gettysburg |
| (The Nativity of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation) | 6:30 pm @ Onida |
| Christmas DAY - Saturday, December 25. | 9:00 am @ Gettysburg |
| Sunday Vigil | 6:30 p.m. weekend Mass @ Gettysburg |
| Sunday December 26 | 9:00 am @ Onida |
| | 11:00 am @ Gettysburg |
| New Year’s EVE - Friday, December 31 | 4:00 pm @ Onida |
| (Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation) | 6:30 pm @ Gettysburg |
| Saturday January 1 | 9:00 am @ Gettysburg |
| fol lowed by a First Saturday Holy Hour with confessions | |
| Sunday Vigil | 6:30 pm weekend mass @ Gettysburg |
| First Sunday January 2. | 9:00 am @ Gettysburg |
| | 11:00 am @ Onida |

What Do We Do?: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent



Zephaniah 3:14–18
Isaiah 12:2–6
Philippians 4:4–7
Luke 3:10–18

The people in today’s Gospel are “filled with expectation.” They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they’ve been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: “What then should we do?”

The messiah’s coming requires every man and woman to choose—to “repent” or not. That’s John’s message and it will be Jesus’ too (see Luke 3:3; 5:32; 24:47).

“Repentance” translates a Greek word, *metanoia* (literally, “change of mind”). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold “turning”—away from sin (see Ezekiel 3:19; 18:30) and toward God (see Sirach 17:20–21; Hosea 6:1).

This “turning” is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires “good fruits as evidence of your repentance” (see Luke 3:8). That’s why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.

In today’s Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the “good news” of John’s call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: “What should we do?” Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath (see Luke 3:7–9) but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through today’s readings: “Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all,” we hear in today’s Epistle. In today’s Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord’s coming among us.

In today’s First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel’s Annunciation to Mary. The prophet’s words are very close to the angel’s greeting (compare Luke 1:28–31). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, “a mighty Savior.”

She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: “One mightier than I is coming.”