



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 22, 2021

Youth Faith Formation Mission News

We are off to a great start to get our Youth Faith Formation (YFF) Mission up and running by August 25th for all grades 1-12! All young disciples are welcome to come, both Confirmed and not-yet-confirmed as well as non-Catholics. High schoolers and parents: Mark your calendars for the start of a brand new mission on August 25th using "Why Believe." It will be great for our high school age disciples whether or not they are Confirmed. Have they decided for themselves why they believe, why they are Catholic, and how it benefits them?

Since this is a whole new restart and previous registrations are a couple years old, we are requiring all families to register for this new mission with current information. All Catholic families must be registered in a parish. If they are not from our two parishes, then they need permission from their parish priest. Non-Catholic families can just complete a YFF Mission registration.

Grades 1 – 5 will meet weekly from 3:45 – 5:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons unless we are able to shift to an earlier time on early release days. Snacks will be 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! **We had to change the start time for our evening sessions to 6:30 pm! Grades 9 – 12 are meeting in conjunction with the St. Piux X Parish youth disciples who start 6:30 pm due to their young disciples grades 1 – 8 shifting to evening sessions.**

Be sure to check our website, www.sacredhearted.org for more information as YFF plans unfold. Contact our new Youth Faith Formation Coordinator Joane Beringer to volunteer in any way! **We still need a catechist for 5th grade in the afternoon.** We have plenty of substitute catechists; so, don't worry about not having a replacement when needed!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will be starting this Wednesday, August 25th for all young and youth disciples grades 1-12. Parents, a packet of information was sent out in the mail to you this week. The registration form is in it along with an addressed envelope. Please mail it back completed or deliver it on Wednesday.

This Wednesday, Fr. Simon will introduce himself and what our new YFF Mission is all about to our young and youth disciples in both the afternoon and evening mission sessions. Brenda Frost will be providing large group liturgical Faith Formation. 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 at 7:30 p.m. We encourage parents, grandparents and parishioners to show their support of our youth disciples by attending our Opening Masses. 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.

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

Deadline for Bulletin Submissions

Please send all bulletin submissions to the SH Parish e-mail (sacred@venturecomm.net) by Thursday noon.

Manor Mass

The Thursday Masses at the Manor will resume this Thursday, August 25 at 4 pm but will be for nursing home residents only.

Restarting Our Keep in Prayer List

Bridget Lake
Cas Gray

Amy Cordell
Gary Adams

Eugene Nagel
Carol Lipp

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"As CEO, I try to set an example for everyone else in the company. That's why you never hear me complaining about the size of my paycheck."



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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We are looking forward to another Great Year for our Youth Faith Formation at St. Pius X! Stacie is reaching out and having great conversations with parents and families! She is recruiting catechists (who teach) and substitutes for each class. Please contact her as soon as you can and let her know if you are able and willing to Share your Time, your Talents, and your Treasures with our Youth! All parents, and All parishioners are welcome to join us! We are all valuable, and we are all needed to run our wonderful mission for our Youth and for our Parish! Thank you! ~ Stacie Weinheimer, St. Pius X Faith Formation Coordinator, Cell #280-9382/Home #258-2566

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first combined high school mission session with Fr. Simon there. Please contact Stacie if you need help with organizing rides.

Advanced Ministry Assignments

August 29, 2021 9:00 am ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacristan..... Sharon Swan
Greeters..... Jeremy & Val Chicoine Family
Lector..... Mary Sieck
Altar Servers..... Isabelle Kallhoff & Mallory Wiley
Eucharistic Ministers..... Mary Sieck

Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Newspaper

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

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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Treasure Hut 1/2 Price Sale

The Treasure Hut in Hoven is having their 1/2 price sale starting August 21 until September 4. The Treasure Hut is run for the benefit of St. Anthony's Church in Hoven.

Pierre Hospice

Pierre Countryside Hospice is having 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. Registration at Beck Motors.

I am careful not to confuse
excellence with perfection.
Excellence I can reach for;
perfection is God's business.

Michael J. Fox

Your Parish Priest

Greetings Faithful Parishioners in Christ,

Well, here we go! I will start meeting with our young and youth disciples in both parishes the next three Wednesdays to offer confessions and Opening Masses and to explain to them the reasons we are changing from the traditional “parish religious education” model to the present “youth faith formation” model being used in our diocese plus my own approach, method, and added features. I have been doing this in my homilies, writings, and meetings with Parish Councils and team meetings. For the most part, I am finding some reactions and confusion from people who have not had the opportunity to get to know more but also great excitement from people who have been involved more and have been closely working with me. This week begins the tougher challenge of engaging our young and youth disciples in an effective but also pastoral manner.

These past few Sundays, other than for last Sunday’s Solemnity of the Assumption, we have been progressing through the Gospel of John chapter 6 which leads up to Jesus’ “Bread of Life” discourse. As He keeps stepping up the challenges of His teachings, He is preparing them to make a very difficult commitment to Him as He claims they must eat his flesh and drink his blood for them to have eternal life.

I see the process of Faith Formation in a similar way. As St. Paul says, he has to begin with milk before he can give them solid food. For people to have effective assimilation of the Faith we have to introduce them to Christ and His Church before we can expect them to be faithful disciples of Christ and His Church. People of all ages have to be “made disciples” before we engage them “as disciples.” For the most part, parish religious education programs have assumed our young people and youth already are disciples. When the degree of difficulty in practicing the Faith steps up, they do not have the personal commitment and discipline to be faithful in living it.

Our parishes’ Faith Formation Missions need to use new approaches, methods, and other means to have a New Evangelization that is more effective in helping our parishioners of all ages to make their personal Faith commitments stronger and to live by them. Some day, we might be challenged like Jesus challenged the Twelve in the Gospel proclamation for today (John 6:60-69) saying, “Do you also want to leave?” If so, will we be able to respond to Jesus like Peter did? Peter replied, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Catholic Faith Inquiry, RCIA, & Adult Classes

Are you interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Adult Faith Formation? RCIA is for any adult who wants to ask questions about the Catholic Faith, who want to become Christian by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist), or who are Christian but want to become Catholic, who are Catholic and need Confirmation or First Communion, or who are Catholic but want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. *If you are interested, contact Fr. Simon or the parish office.*

A Choice to Make: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

This Sunday’s Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today’s Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today’s First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1-9). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today’s Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today’s Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today’s Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

