



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Youth Faith Formation Mission News

We are having a great time with Youth Faith Formation (YFF)! We keep adding young and youth disciples! All young disciples are welcome to come, both Confirmed and not-yet-confirmed as well as non-Catholics. We need all families to register for this new mission with current information if you have not done so already. Grades 1 – 5 meet weekly from 3:45 – 5:00 pm on Wednesdays. Snacks are served in their mission rooms from 3:30 – 3:45 pm. All grades 6 – 12 meet at 6:45 - 8:15 pm. *Please note: These are new evening session times as of last Wednesday!* High school youth disciples are going to Onida this Wednesday. Please meet in the church parking lot soon after 6:00 pm.

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 practice 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) 769-150.

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.

Restarting Our Keep in Prayer List

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

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

Altar Society Meeting will be Monday evening, September 13 at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing the meal for the opening afternoon and evening sessions of the Youth Faith Formation disciples. It was good and appreciated by all.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The K of C's will have their meeting on Monday evening, September 13 at 7 pm in the parish hall.



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), 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. We have one adult in Gettysburg interested in becoming Catholic! Do we have more interest to start a class which can be done by Zoom if needed? *If you are interested, contact Fr. Simon or the parish office.*



“You remember back when we were young? . . . Yeah, I don't either.”



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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To better accommodate our high school athletes, we are having grades 9-11 start at 6:45 pm and end at 8:15 pm. Grades 1-8 are keeping their 6:30 p.m. start time, ending at 7:45 pm. High school youth disciples from Gettysburg are coming to Onida this Wednesday to start at 6:45 pm. See "Fr. Simon Says" bulletin column for more information.

Advanced Ministry Assignments

Sept. 19, 2021 9:00 am ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan..... Marlene Bechard
Greeters..... Floyd & Marlene Bechard
Lector..... Joe Stahl
Altar Servers..... Addison Chicoine & Hope Weinheimer
Eucharistic Minister..... Mike Owens

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 early bird ticket prices!

Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Newspaper

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

Parish Council Vacancy

St. Pius X Parish Council is looking for 3 new members to fill vacancies from term expirations. The council meets in the evening once every other month to discuss issues concerning our parish. Terms last 3 years with a max of 2 consecutive terms (6 years) if you choose. Please call Lisa at the office 258-2336 or contact any current council member for more information or to join.

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.

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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Fr. Simon Says

Greetings Faithful Parishioners in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35) Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?", and then He asked the question more pointedly, "But who do you say that I am?" Jesus makes a very important pivot with His disciples. He puts them "on the spot" to make a more personal commitment to follow him. He has to do this because the time has come for Him to go to Jerusalem for the last time in His public ministry to suffer greatly, die, and rise again. Do they have the personal commitment and sacrificial love it is going to take for them to remain with Him when they are really tested?

Of course, the questions for us are the same. We need to know the distinction between who people say Jesus is and who we say He is; otherwise, we could easily get confused or worse. Also, we need to know how committed we are to Jesus and His Church and how committed we want to become. Do we have the personal commitment and sacrificial love it takes to remain with Him and His Church when we will be seriously tested?

How about our young people in our parishes? What is their personal Faith going to be like by the time they graduate from high school and leave the faithful safety of their family homes? How important is that to their parents, their grandparents, and their fellow parishioners? Is it important enough to make the sacrifices necessary for us to do our parts as required by God for His purpose?

This is the challenge I am trying to address with our parents, grandparents, and parishes. One thing we have to do is understand the distinction between parish religious education and Youth Faith Formation (YFF). If we have been "passing on the Faith" as it typically has been done in parishes and Catholic schools, then we probably have not made the pivot we need to make with youth disciples, like Jesus made with His disciples in today's Gospel. For the most part, students were told who people said Jesus is, but were never personally challenged by being asked directly who they say Jesus is.

One of my goals for YFF is to reach this pivot point by the time our youth disciples have to stand in front of Bishop DeGrood for Confirmation and to request Bishop DeGrood confirm it! This is why I wrote in our parish bulletin last Sunday that I am trying to provide as much personal opportunity as possible for our high school youth disciples to have personal interaction with their parish priest, our new mission team and amongst themselves. YFF has to be done in a personal, relational way to approach this goal. Faith formation has to include Faith witnessing. We have to meet physically and consistently, except for serious reasons.

Our youth disciples have to have in-person sessions to gel together as a Christian fellowship amongst themselves and personally connect with myself and our mission team. We have to build trust among one another. Personal trust is needed since we are going to be discussing and sharing Faith issues which have personal implications in order to be effective for and in service to our teenage disciples.

Although, the decision to physically participate always remains with the parents, I hope our parents understand not only the risks of travel, but also the necessity for travel, most especially in these first couple months.

Following the Messiah: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Isaiah 50:4-9
Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see John 6:15).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see Daniel 7:13-14). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see John 18:36). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see Galatians 5:6).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

