



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 14, 2021

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION NEWS

We will not have YFF mission sessions on Wednesday, Nov. 24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Since we have YFF high school catechists in both parishes now, the high school youth disciples will meet in their respective parishes without Zooming from now on unless needed. For more info go to our YFF website www.sacredhearted.org. (Fr. Simon will have another Altar server training Wednesday, Nov. 24 10:00 - 11:30 am for any new or present servers who could not attend the previous training.)



K OF C'S TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Tootsie Roll drive starting this weekend November 13 & 14. It will be held for three weekends.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. The agenda and support materials will be sent out.

PRAYER LIST

Bridget Lake Amy Cordell Eugene Nagel Cas Gray
Gary Adams Carol Lipp Karen Briscoe Dennis Goebel
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 SERVER TRAINING

A second Altar Server training is scheduled for Wednesday, November 24 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Sacred Heart Church for new and present Altar servers who could not attend the first training. We encourage all 4th grade and older YFF disciples to come serve God in this intimate way at Mass. Adults are welcome and encourage to attend to assist our new servers or server funerals when others are not available.

ALTAR SOCIETY COOKIE & BAKE SALE

This will be Saturday, December 11 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please bring four dozen two inch cookies or two dozen candies by 9:00 am. Thanks.



"CHRISTMAS ON THE PRAIRIE" CONCERT

The next 'Christmas on the Prairie' concert at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Hoven will be held on December 5, 2021 starting at 3:00 p.m. Purchase tickets by calling 605-948-2451 ext 5 during normal business hours. Voicemails will be answered in the order they are received. Please leave your name and daytime phone number if unable to reach a live operator.



CATHOLIC FAITH INQUIRY, RCIA & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Adult Faith Formation? RCIA is for any adult or teenager who wants to ask questions about the Catholic Faith, who wants to become Christian by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist), who is a Christian but wants to become Catholic, who is Catholic and needs Confirmation or First Communion, or who is Catholic but wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Our first mission session has to be rescheduled. We encourage adults and teenagers, Catholic and non-Catholic, to attend any session. *If you have questions or interest, contact Fr. Simon.*

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This for Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 pm followed by an Altar Society reception. Fr. Simon will offer an Advent confession opportunity starting at 3:00 pm.





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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

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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First Sunday Lunch Thank You!

St. Pius X Parish THANKS our YFF service project volunteers for the wonderful taco bar lunch served last Sunday after Mass to benefit YFF! There is no December First Sunday Lunch due to the Christmas Bazaar. Next First Sunday Lunch is in January 2022. We need volunteers to have life-giving, Christian fellowship!



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‘Twas the Night Before Christmas’

St. Pius X Parish will participate in Onida’s city-wide celebration to help start our preparations before Christmas Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 with a soup, sandwich, and dessert lunch 11:00 am to 1:00 pm plus a bake sale. Please sign up to volunteer.

Fr. Simon Sez

Fr. Simon's Happenings: I will be gone this Sunday night and return this Friday night hunting pheasants in the Claremont area or at least try again! I wasn't able to even get a shot off two weeks ago when I hunted two days there with our small group.

Gregorian Masses for a Poor Soul: As popularized by Pope St. Gregory the Great, these are a series of thirty (30) Masses offered consecutively for thirty days for the repose of the soul of an individual departed person. According to this pious belief the individual soul, if in Purgatory, immediately goes to heaven after the completion of these Holy Masses. The Sacred Congregation on Indulgences has declared that "the offering of Gregorian Masses has a special efficacy for obtaining from God the speedy deliverance of a suffering soul, and that this is a pious and reasonable belief of the faithful." This devotion is due to Pope St. Gregory the Great writing in his fourth book *Dialogues* about when he was an abbot prior to being Pope, fearing that a certain monk may have to spend a long time suffering in purgatory, had thirty Masses offered for him, one each day consecutively, for thirty days. On the thirtieth day he appeared to a brother monk to tell him he was freed from Purgatory due to the thirty Masses offered for the repose of his soul. These Masses do not have to be offered by the same priest, but the priest is making a serious obligation by accepting the Gregorian Mass stipend to successfully accomplish this whether or not he is able to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on any scheduled day. He will have to have at least one backup priest ready on any given day to avoid interruption. Failure to do this means restarting the series of Masses. A web search will provide offers of this service or you can contact Fr. Brian Simon. Arrangements can be made to have Gregorian Masses offered for oneself after death upon notification by a survivor as directed. This direction can be in important papers to be read after one's death or stated in one's Last Will & Testament.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES

We celebrate our national Thanksgiving Day holiday by first giving praise and thanksgiving to our Lord for the gift of our nation. Thanksgiving Day Eve Mass will be 6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 24 in St. Pius X Church, and Thanksgiving Day Mass will be 9:00 am Nov. 25 in Sacred Heart Church.

*Grateful
Thankful
Blessed*



Hope & Tribulation: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16:5,8-11
Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Mark 13:24-32

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.