



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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1st Sunday of Advent ~ November 28, 2021

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION NEWS

We resume with YFF this Wednesday, December 1. On December 8 we will have the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Masses instead of mission sessions. Masses will be in Sacred Heart Church December 7 at 5:30 pm and December 8 at 7:00 am with both followed by confessions. We will meet on Wednesday, December 15 and 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 available to go and maybe offer an extended pilgrimage January 15 - 23. We are planning on offering retreats for middle and high school YFF disciples on a Wednesday and Saturday in Lent for both parishes.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This will be Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 pm followed by a reception hosted by the Altar Society. Fr. Simon will offer Advent confessions starting at 3:00 pm.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Report

The Sacred Heart Parish Council met on Tuesday. A new rectory boiler has been installed. We have high school catechists for both Onida and Gettysburg so traveling and Zoom are not necessary. A ski trip and March for Life pilgrimage in Washington DC for YFF disciples are possible. We are planning on offering retreats for middle and high school YFF disciples on a Wednesday and Saturday in Lent for both parishes. New flooring for the rectory has been ordered. An area in front of church still needs to be landscaped with rock. Altar server training has been done. Sacristan and Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister training will be scheduled. Fr. Simon's mother is willing to play the organ for 11:00 am Sunday Masses in both parishes and possibly funerals. We would like to have her anytime we do not have an organist, and she is available.

PRAYER LIST

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

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PARISH ENVELOPES

If you want a parish giving envelope and have not been getting one in the past, please let us know as we are getting them ready for 2022. Call the office at 765-2161.

ALTAR SOCIETY COOKIE & CANDY PARADE

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. We are looking for volunteers to help with this. There is a sign up sheet in the hall or call Marcia Liebig or Tammy Simon. Next Altar Society meeting is Monday, December 13. We are mailing out new member lists. We will be serving bars and juice at the YFF Mission Christmas program.



"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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISERS

The Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll drive ends this weekend. Sunday, December 5 they are serving breakfast after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



"Of course, when I first started here, the North Pole looked very different."



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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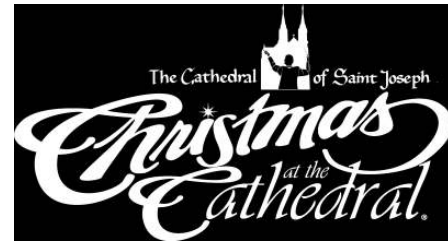
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WINTER SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.



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.

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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‘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, silent auction and raffle. Please pick up a family packet and sign up to volunteer.



Fr. Simon Sez

I hope you had a happy and restful Thanksgiving. We had a good turnout of parishioners at our Masses Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. It's the best way to start Thanksgiving by giving thanks to God first! I got to get out pheasant hunting for a couple hours this Saturday with my family's hunting party. I got my limit of three roosters walking through one slough (if you count the one I hit hard and couldn't find). It's a strange year of hunting, about like the past year in general. Usually, I was doing good if I bagged one rooster per day. We also pushed out two does and a buck deer. When I saw the buck, I said, "That's not a buck. It's half a buck!" (It had one-half of a rack of horns.)

At the start of this Advent season, we begin our wait with hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception December 8 (a Holy Day of Obligation) we celebrate with expectation the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary immaculately conceived in her mother Ann's womb. In a normal year on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12 we celebrate our Lady appearing to Juan Diego as being pregnant with the Child Jesus in Mexico; thus, awaiting the coming of Jesus to the New World! This year it's on a Sunday. Pray that Jesus may come to you in a new and wonderfully surprising way by praying, "Come Lord Jesus."

I am available to go on a pilgrimage to March for Life in Washington, D.C. The diocese bus is about one-half full with high school youth and any adults who want to go. We can sign up and go with them January 19 - 23, 2021, or I can lead an extended pilgrimage as I did with a bus load in 2006. We have a few people interested. Let me know before the diocese deadline of December 13 or before their bus fills if you are interested in going one way or another.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ HOLY DAY

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation on December 8. St. Pius X Parish will have it's Holy Day Mass on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm. Sacred Heart Parish has its Holy Day Masses on Tuesday, December 7 at 5:30 pm. and Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 am.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Heads Up: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent



Jeremiah
33:14-16
Psalm
25:4-5,8-10,14
1 Thessalonians
3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,
34-36

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see 2 Samuel 7:16; Jeremiah 33:17; Psalm 89:4-5; 27-38).

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see Isaiah 13:11, 13; Ezekiel 32:7-8; Joel 2:10); roaring seas (see Isaiah 5:30; 17:12); distress among the nations (see Isaiah 8:22; 14:25) and terrified people (see Isaiah 13:6-11).

He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see Daniel 7:13-14).

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see Luke 21:31).