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2nd Sunday of Advent ~ December 5, 2021

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION NEWS

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 pilgrimage to Washington DC January 19 - 23, 2022. Fr. Simon and three high school youth disciples are registered for this pilgrimage. We need an adult to volunteer as a chaperone. We are planning on offering retreats for middle and high school YFF disciples on a Wednesday and Saturday in Lent for both parishes.



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. All Masses are followed by confessions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus are serving breakfast this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



YFF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CANCELLED

This was going to be Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 pm. Fr. Simon will still offer Advent confessions starting at 3:00 pm. We will look forward to this next year.



ADVENT BABY SHOWER



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pacifiers, baby wash, etc., for those families struggling to provide for their children's needs. Thank you for your generous giving in the past. The collection box is in the church lobby.

WELCOMED THROUGH BAPTISM

Sacred Heart Parish welcomed **Henry Joshua Gifford**, child of **Jason Gifford and Katie Gifford**, Friday, November 26. Welcome to the Church and God's Family!

PRAYER LIST

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

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 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.

Projection, Livestream, & Internet Not Working

We will be using Today's Missal for all of the hymns until we get the projector fixed. Internet service is not working either. That means Livestream Masses and office email is not working. We'll let you know when it does.



"It's hard to be jolly when you have to work on Christmas."



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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.



CHRISTMAS SACKS FOR PRISON

The Diocese of Sioux Falls is asking for help in collecting funds for the "Christmas Sacks for Prison" which will benefit the men's prisons in our diocese. Go to <https://www.sfcatholic.org/prison-ministry/>.

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
Wayde Wiczorek			

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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.

IM READY TO START MY
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



OK, WHO'S GOT SOME
MONEY I CAN USE ?

Fr. Simon Sez

One of the most important ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives in a life-changing way is to go to confession on a regular basis. A good general rule is once per month. I schedule many more opportunities than usual during Advent season for confessions so that we can have a more meaningful celebration of Christmas (Christ-Mass). We open ourselves up all the more to receive the Gift of Joy when we have a right relationship with God by responding to John the Baptist's proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Like St. Paul in today's second reading (Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11), I am confident "...that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" provided that you never give up on God's mercy for you. As it says in the Gospel Acclamation for today (Luke 3:4, 6), "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Advent

A Season of Hope and Expectation

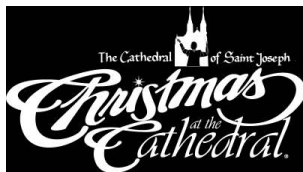
I registered to be on the diocese pilgrimage to March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 19 - 23, 2022 along with three high school disciples from Sacred Heart Parish. The diocese bus is almost full. Any high school youth and any adults who want to go can register. We need an adult to volunteer as a chaperone for our youth. Let me know if anybody is interested before the bus fills or before the diocese deadline of December 13.

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

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

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.

The Road Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Advent



Baruch 5:1–9
Psalm 126:1–6
Philippians 1:4–6,
8–11
Luke 3:1–6

Today's Psalm paints a dreamlike scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths

filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing.

It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic.

Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see Baruch 5:5). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance.

That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare Jeremiah 1:1–4, 11). But John is greater than the prophets (see Luke 7:27). He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh" (see also Acts 28:28).

John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."