



# Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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## 4th Sunday of Advent ~ December 19, 2021

**livestream** We are back livestreaming Masses!

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION NEWS

We are on Christmas break December 22 and 29. Our YFF Christmas program for this Sunday was cancelled.



### PRAYER LIST

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

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### THE WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us for Advent is available in the Church lobby so you can pick one up and take it home if you want.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

As in previous years, we are accepting memorial donations which will be used to purchase Christmas flowers for the church. The names of those who are remembered in this way will be published in the January 9<sup>th</sup> parish bulletin. If you would like to remember someone in this way, take a "Christmas Flower Offering" envelope found in the entry, fill in the names you want remembered (maximum of 3 persons/couples per envelope) and drop it in the collection basket.



### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr. Simon is offering extra opportunities for confessions this Advent season after weekend Masses when available and as scheduled. This Sunday confessions are at 3:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church and Wednesday, December 22 at 9:00 am after Mass (Cancelled 5:00 pm.).

**HOLIDAY**



**FOOD PANTRY DRIVE**  
Sacred Heart Altar Society  
**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Non-perishable food items and paper products  
Donation box in the main lobby

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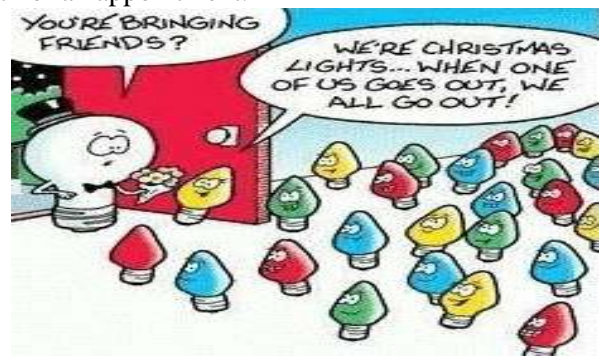


### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A Christmas party for the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights of Columbus (including wives and widows) will be held on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Padre Hall of St. John's Catholic Church in Fort Pierre. A headcount is needed, so please let Faithful Navigator Steve Van Mullem know if you plan to attend by e-mailing [oahegenassembly@gmail.com](mailto:oahegenassembly@gmail.com) or calling Steve at 605-222-7909 by no later than January 1, 2022.

### Diocese Announcements

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# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION NEWS

We are on Christmas break December 22 and 29. We will have a Christmas Eve Mass children's procession. We ask all children to meet in the church basement 6:20 p.m. They will be given battery operated candles to carry and a music sheet of the song "Away in a Manger."



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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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## Fr. Simon Sez

This Fourth Sunday of Advent Cycle C has us looking forward to Christmas in a very distinctively Pro-Life way. It is the Visitation Joyful Mystery of the Most Holy Rosary. The Blessed Virgin Mary went in haste to the hill country to help her elderly cousin Elizabeth in her last three months of pregnancy with John the Baptist. The Gospel proclamation (Luke 1:39-45) gives us the account. The infant in the womb of Elizabeth, John the Baptist, leaped when he sensed the presence of Jesus as an unborn human baby in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Both mother's recognized this as confirmations of the Real Presence of Jesus as brought into Elizabeth's presence by Jesus' Mother Mary. We can pray that we too receive a grace of confirmation in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle which, like a womb, contains Jesus as the Blessed Sacrament. This will help us to look forward to celebrating Christmas, Christ really coming among us at Mass, because, by first coming among humanity as a human, Jesus offers his human flesh and blood for us to eat in the Eucharist for our salvation to this day until the end of time at Mass in memory of Him!

### FUNERAL ANNOUCEMENTS FROM FR. SIMON'S EXTENDED FAMILY

**Rose Marie Reuer:** The Funeral Mass for my aunt from Hoven will be this Monday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. A Wake service will be 4:30 p.m. today, Sunday, December 19, 2021. Both services will be in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Hoven. She is my mother Alice Simon's sister. They were known as the Rausch Sister's singing group along with Leona Kaiser and Agnes Reuer. Rose Marie married Reuben Reuer and raised a family including Lexie Vogel who cantor's at our Sacred Heart Church Masses. Go to [luceluzereck.com](http://luceluzereck.com).

**Michael J. Simon:** The Funeral Mass for my uncle from Estelline will be this Tuesday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Estelline. His siblings include Clem Simon, Penny Baus and Jackie Hansen's father; Richard Simon, Randy Simon's father; and Steve Simon, Jr., my father. Go to [geisefuneralhome.com](http://geisefuneralhome.com).

### 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  
followed 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

## A Mother's Greeting: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent



Micah 5:1-4  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer:

He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see Ruth 4:11-17; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1; Matthew 2:6).

God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11-12).

Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see Isaiah 9:5-6; Ezekiel 34:23-25, 30; 37:35). He is "the shepherd of Israel" sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh" (see also Psalm 2:7). He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Psalm 110:4; Genesis 14:18-20).

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see Psalm 2:7). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.