



# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 30, 2022

### FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH SIGN UP

Please sign up to help serve our First Sunday Lunch next Sunday, February 6. People want this opportunity for food and fellowship, but we must have volunteers to make it happen! The Respect Life Committee will take March. We will need volunteers for April. Thank you!



### PARISH FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

SHP Gettysburg  
Sun., Apr. 24 11:00 am Mass  
SPXP Onida  
Sunday, May 1 11:00 am Mass

### 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

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.

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next Respect Life Committee meeting is Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us! We will be discussing and planning our "Annual World Day of Prayer" which is on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting this year at St. Pius X Parish. We will also be discussing and planning our "Annual Appreciation Sunday Celebration" which is on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> including the March Brunch after our 11:00 am Mass.



### FUNERAL MASS FOR WILLIAM "BILL" DONAHUE

We celebrated God's blessings through the life of Bill Donahue at the Funeral Mass in St. Pius X Church on Thursday, January 27. Go to Feigum Funeral Home's website for an obituary and video recording of the Mass ([www.feigumfh.com](http://www.feigumfh.com)).



### HOOR OF REFLECTION & WALK FOR LIFE

Join us in Pierre, SD Sunday, January 30 for the 49th Annual Hour of Reflection at the South Dakota State Capitol, 500 E Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD. We begin by meeting outside the Capitol building at noon for the Walk for Life. The Hour of Reflection is in the Capitol Rotunda at 2:00 pm.

### RIDE TO HOOR OF REFLECTION & WALK FOR LIFE

Aberdeen Area Right to Life has a bus going to Pierre on Sunday, January 30 for the Hour of Reflection and Walk for Life. The cost is \$30 per rider and includes a bagged lunch and snacks throughout the day. The bus will be leaving Sacred Heart Gettysburg at 10:45 am and should be back before 5 pm. Contact Spencer Cody at 228-4886 or [spencercody@hotmail.com](mailto:spencercody@hotmail.com) for more information.

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION

This Wednesday we will have Altar Server training for ALL present and new Altar Servers 6:45 pm - 7:15 pm. The new Altar Servers will begin being scheduled after this training. All adults are welcome to come to this training to be of assistance to our new Altar Servers and to serve as needed. It works best if a parent serves with their children and helps to train them. We will have a large group presentation for middle school and older disciples in the parish hall 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm. It will be on Pro-Life issues and a March for Life Pilgrimage report. All are invited.



"I hacked into the school computer and changed all my grades. Then the school hacked into my computer and deleted all my games!"

## Fr. Simon Sez

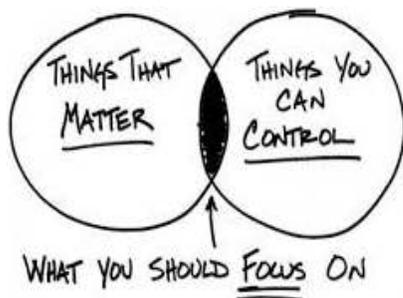
Tanner E., Neva M., Olivia M. and I joined up with the Immaculate Conception Parish chaperones at the Pro-Life Mass in St. Joseph Cathedral last Wednesday, January 19, 2022. We began our journey after that Mass and returned to Sioux Falls last Sunday evening. We thank the individuals who donated toward this pilgrimage including John Langer.

We traveled 24 hours overnight, lodged, and then attended the March for Life rally in the morning with music and speakers. We marched with about 150,000 pro-life people from west of the Capitol on the Mall, down Pennsylvania Avenue, to the front of the Supreme Court building. The group “Silent No More” was giving a speech there while we prayed. They are a group of people who have had abortions and are willing to now speak up and help those who are suffering the after effects of having an abortion. (This organization is opening an office with Mission S.O.S. in the Gas & Goodies strip mall next to the apartment next to Planned Parenthood at 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Sertoma Avenue across from Roosevelt High School.)

That evening our group went to the national Bible Museum and Fisherman’s Warf. We then did a lighted evening walk to the memorials in the Mall area. (We walked a total of 20 miles that day.)

We had free time all day on Saturday until the Sunday Vigil Saturday evening Mass at St. Dominic Church and our departure for another overnight trip back to Sioux Falls. The diocese did not have anything specific planned. I worked out a plan for the day with all of the chaperones on the bus. I gave them a tour of the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Land and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. (As a seminarian, I was a tour guide there and served the Masses there.) In the afternoon I took them to Arlington National Cemetery and the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial).

I was “wiped out” after returning and walking the slowest of all people with a limp. I eventually recovered this past week. We are hoping this will be the last March for Life. If the present Supreme Court cases lead to the overturn of *Roe vs Wade* and *Doe vs Bolton*, then the abortion issue will probably return to the states other than international funding. Pro-Life presidents use the Mexico City policy to block the United States from paying for abortions abroad.



## Prophet to the Nations: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19  
Psalm 71:1–6, 15–17  
1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13  
Luke 4:21–30

God’s words in today’s First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a “prophet to the nations” (see Luke 1:31–33).

Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today’s Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins—that He’s more than just “the son of Joseph.”

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass “many . . . in Israel” to bestow God’s blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (see 1 Kings 17:1–16; 2 Kings 5:1–14). “None . . . not one” in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

His point isn’t lost on His audience. They know He’s likening them to the “many . . . in Israel” in the days of the prophets. That’s why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God’s gift of salvation—not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their “rock of refuge,” as we sing in today’s Psalm.

Prophecies, Paul tells us in today’s Epistle, are partial and pass away “when the perfect comes.” In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today’s Gospel.

Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved—to love God as our Father, as the one who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word.

This is the salvation, the “mighty works of the Lord,” that we, like the psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.