

Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Youth Faith Formation Mission News

Our Youth Faith Formation mission formerly known as the parish Religious Education program will begin on August 25, 2021 with grades 1-5 in the afternoon and 6-12 in the evening. We need many catechists (missionaries who pass on the Faith by faith witness and teaching), substitutes, hall monitors, and other assistants to help with the new school year, including men! The time commitment is roughly 2-3 hours per week. We have classes available both in the afternoon and in the evening.

Roberta has resigned as D.R.E. effective July 31. We thank her for her service to the parish. Fr. Simon is creating a new job position for himself as Director of Parish Evangelization & Discipleship for both parishes which will include Faith Formation for all ages effective August 1 in our parish. This will be possible by Fr. Simon delegating clerical work to Beverly and other work to volunteers as needed.

We will end the Rel. Ed. program and create new, unique Youth Faith Formation missionary activity in both parishes as it has never been done before anywhere. Fr. Simon is forming the Parish Evangelization & Discipleship Team (PEDT) to first focus on developing and implementing our new Youth Faith Formation mission that will need to start by August 25. Our first team meeting will be on July 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm starting in the church and then moving to the parish hall. We may need to meet weekly to pull this off. If you are a council member, confirmed youth, parent, present and potential catechist, retired catechist or D.R.E., or adult parishioner of any age (including men!) **prayerfully consider your calling and come to the meeting. It will help your discernment to be a part of this team, but only if you will be an active team member in development and implementation of this parish mission. Please come.**

Keep in Prayer


Tom Frost	Karen Briscoe	Tammy Adams	Royce Simon
Jack Smith	Cheryl Panchow	Mike Maskavitch	Alison Simon
Jerry Jacobson	John Knue	Vicki Miller	Brenda Victor
Jack Axsom	Andy Wager	Amanda Lemler	Carol Erikson
Gerald Lacher	Kathy Vetch	Eli Kortan	Rachel Hamburger
Shaelyn Schatz	Evon Koops	Eugene Nagel	Mary Mardian
Corrine Dahlquist	Theresa Kirby	Judy Brown	Diego Lamendola
Taylor Nystrom	Jo Bender	Alan Hoven	Rudy Castaneda
David McGough	Darrell Griese	Leonard Schatz	Cliff Simon
Vaughn Larson	Megan Nystrom	Jim Brown	Jim Nagel
Bridget Lake	Denise Griese	Amy Cordell	Mark Senftner
Clarrisa Triemert	Dorothy Eliason		

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Sacred Heart Parish Council Meeting

Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall to review and approve the annual report.

Peter's Pence Collection

 Peter's Pence is an annual collection to support worldwide charitable works of our Holy Father. This week will be the final week to turn in your Peter's Pence donation. We thank you for your generosity.

Saturday Evening River Mass

The summer River Mass continues. Join us at 7:30 pm – at West Whitlock Resort, Lake Oahe across the road from the Resort Store at the Cronin cabin. Don't forget that summer River Mass is in lieu of the Saturday 6:30 pm Mass at the church.

Reminder - Saturday Evening Mass Change

The Saturday evening 6:30 pm Parish Mass is NOT held during the summer. *This Mass time shift will continue until August 17-18 – when the 6:30 pm Saturday evening Mass will resume at the parish church.* Sunday morning Mass will follow the usual schedule.

2021 CFSA for Sacred Heart Parish

The 2021 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal provides the funding for ministries within our diocese. Sacred Heart has reached its goal of \$30,000. Any added CFSA gifts will be placed in the parish's Building Fund.



"The promotion means you will be taking the blame directly from me."



St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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We are looking forward to another Great Year for our Youth Faith Formation at St. Pius X! Stacie is reaching out and having great conversations with parents and families! She is recruiting catechists (who teach) and substitutes for each class. Please contact her as soon as you can and let her know if you are able and willing to Share your Time, your Talents, and your Treasures with our Youth! All parents, and All parishioners are welcome to join us! We are all valuable, and we are all needed to run our wonderful program for our Youth and for our Parish! Thank you! Stacie Weinheimer, St. Pius X Faith Formation Coordinator, Cell #280-9382/Home #258-2566

Fr. Simon is creating a new job position for himself as Director of Parish Evangelization & Discipleship for both parishes which includes Faith Formation for all ages. It becomes effective immediately in St. Pius X Parish and August 1, 2021 in Sacred Heart Parish. He is starting the Parish Evangelization and Discipleship Team (PEDT) in each parish to support and implement his vision and direction for this new mission. The first focus will be on our Youth Faith Formation mission in each parish that needs to start by August 25, 2021. The first meeting Sacred Heart Parish will have is this Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm starting in the church and then moving to the parish hall. He encourages the council members and anyone interested in improving upon our Youth Faith Formation program to attend this session on an information gathering basis if they want to prepare for our first team meeting this Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the church and then moving to the church basement hall. If you are a council member, confirmed youth, parent, present and potential catechist, retired catechist or D.R.E., or adult parishioner of any age (including men!) **prayerfully consider your calling and come to the meeting. It will help your discernment to be a part of this team, but only if you will be an active team member in development and implementation of this parish mission. Please come.**

Advanced Ministry Assignments

August 1, 2021 ~ 11:00 am ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacristan..... Karen LaFurge
Greeters..... Karen LaFurge & Mary Rawstern
Lector..... Joe Stahl
Altar Servers..... Calleigh Chicoine & Sheridan Voorhees
Eucharistic Ministers..... Mike Owens

Keep in Prayer

Judi West	Jennie Birdsall	Mel Hackett	Jean Hertel
Brenda Victor	Alice Jones	Taelyn Hettick	Ann Chicoine
Mike Fuller	Marquette Brink	Barb (Sutera) Opitz	Bob Pierce
Mark Senftner	Diane Lorenz	Jo Bender	Mike Wolforth
Gloria Kunkel			

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Parish Council Vacancy

St. Pius X Parish Council is looking for 3 new members to fill vacancies from term expirations. The council meets in the evening once every other month to discuss issues concerning our parish. Terms last 3 years with a max of 2 consecutive terms (6 years) if you choose. Please call Lisa at the office 258-2336 or contact any current council member for more information or to join.

Catholic Faith Inquiry, RCIA, & Adult Classes

Are you interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Adult Faith Formation? RCIA is for any adult who wants to ask questions about the Catholic Faith, who want to become Christian by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist), or who are Christian but want to become Catholic, who are Catholic and need Confirmation or Eucharist, or who are Catholic but want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. *If you are from the area of our parishes and are interested, contact Fr. Simon or the parish office.*

Our Sunday Visitor Catholic Newspaper

We will have a couple issues of this newspaper available in the church entrance to check on parishioner interest.



"We're looking for a bold and innovative solution, but I'd settle for a way out of this mess."

Your Parish Priest

Greetings Faithful Parishioners in Christ,

The general rule for a new parish priest is not to make too many changes the first year. I have a hard time adhering to that, especially when it comes to religious education and faith formation of our young people and youth, because I consider this to be one of the most important missions of the Church and our parishes. Since the school year is fast approaching, we have to move quickly. We will end the Rel. Ed. program in Sacred Heart Parish and improve upon St. Pius X Parish's program and create a new, unique Youth Faith Formation program in both parishes as it has never been done before in any parish according to my vision and your collaboration.

This is good timing for these changes in our parishes. At Sacred Heart Parish Roberta Dutenhoeffer has resigned her position as Director of Religious Education effective July 31. She made a commitment to Fr. Kopel that she would stay on until his retirement. We thank her for her service.

I am creating a new job position for myself as Director of Parish Evangelization & Discipleship for both parishes which will include Faith Formation for all ages effective immediately in St. Pius X Parish and August 1st in Sacred Heart Parish. This will be possible for me by delegating in Sacred Heart Parish clerical work to Beverly and other work to volunteers as needed. I will be delegating some director duties to Stacie for St. Pius X Parish.

I plan on teaching all high school students on alternating Wednesday evenings in both parishes as a preparation year for possibly confirmation in both parishes next year. I will need high school catechists in both parishes to join my team. These catechists will have a tremendous faith filled experience working with me. On occasion I may need to ask the high school students to combine and alternate locations.

I briefly addressed some of the changes in council meetings at both parishes. The Sacred Heart council decided to restart the Religious Education Committee. I am proposing rather to have a Parish Evangelization & Discipleship Team in each parish. Sacred Heart Parish will have our first meeting this Tue., July 27th 7:00 p.m. starting in the church and proceeding to the hall and doing the same thing in St. Pius X Parish this Thursday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m. We will only address Youth Faith Formation for now.

I will be explaining my vision, strategy, and significant changes to previous Religious Education programs. I need your input so we can move forward with a new mission for our young people and youth! If you are a council member, confirmed youth, parent, present and potential catechist, retired catechist or D.R.E., or adult parishioner of any age (including men!) **prayerfully consider your calling and come to the meeting. It will help your discernment to be a part of this team, but only if you will be an active team member in development and implementation of this parish mission. Please come.** If you cannot attend one of these team meetings, but are interested, please contact me.

We live in very challenging times which will be getting worse and make it even more difficult for our young people and youth to be faithful Catholic Christians in the future. I

encourage young people and youth who are not Catholic to come as well if their own denominations do not have what they are seeking. Participating Catholics who are not members of our parishes need to join our parishes or get written permission from their parish priests. It will be an exciting Faith adventure to take on the challenge!

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Simon

P.S.: Do we need changes in our parishes? If you don't think so, ponder this question from Herman Cain, "How's that been working for you?"

Bread Left Over: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings:

2 Kings 4:42–44

Psalm 145:10-11, 15–18

Ephesians 4:1–6

John 6:1–15

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see Deuteronomy 18:15–19). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see Psalm 23:1, 5).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see Psalm 81:17).

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see Matthew 26:26). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

