



# Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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## The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 19, 2021

### Youth Faith Formation Mission News

**O**ur new YFF Mission is approaching one month in full operation with many confirmations that we are on the right track! See "Fr. Simon Says" bulletin column for examples of these confirmations.

Grades 1 – 5 meet weekly from 3:45 – 5:00 pm on Wednesdays. Snacks are served in their mission rooms from 3:30 – 3:45 pm. (Weekday Mass every other Wednesday will be at 5:15 pm. Hopefully, some of our afternoon youth disciples can attend!) All grades 6 – 12 meet at 6:45 - 8:15 pm. High school youth disciples will meet in Sacred Heart Parish Hall this Wednesday to start our textbook Why Believe. (St. Piux X Parish parents plan on using Zoom.)

Be sure to check our website, [www.sacredhearted.org](http://www.sacredhearted.org) for more information as YFF plans unfold. It is never too late to get started with Catholic or non-Catholic young disciples attending or adults volunteering to be a part of this parish mission!

### Parish Council Meeting

**T**he Sacred Heart Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. The agenda and support materials will be sent out.

### Restarting Our Keep in Prayer List

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

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.

### Father Simon Gone Next Weekend

**F**ather David Axtmann will be substituting next weekend. Please make sure all ministry positions are covered.

### New & Improved Parish Website!

**O**ur parish website [getshc.org](http://getshc.org) was down for a short time so we redirected people to our YFF website [sacredheartre.org](http://sacredheartre.org). We needed to bring it up to current technology, making it more mobile friendly and easier to navigate. It's back up new and improved!

### Restarting the Rosary

**W**e will restart the Rosary before weekend Masses on October 23-24th when we have a new liturgical volunteer schedule.

### Area Parish Bazaars

**S**t. Liborius Parish in Polo invites everyone to their annual bazaar. It will be held on Sunday, September 26. They will serve a Roast Beef & Turkey with dressing meal and pie for dessert from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Meal prices are adults - \$12 and K-6 - \$5 with preschool - free. Kid's games begin at 11:30 am, and bingo begins at 12 noon.

**S**t. Mary Parish in Highmore invites everyone to their annual bazaar on Sunday, October 3. They will serve hot turkey combo, green beans, pie and strawberries from 11:30 to 1:30. Meal prices are adults - \$12, 6-12 - \$7 and 5 and under free.

### Chief Nicholas Black Elk & SD Knights of Columbus

**I**n the September 2021 monthly Knights of Columbus magazine "Columbia," there is an article titled "Knights to the Heights." A group of SD Knights organized a pilgrimage in honor of Chief Nicholas Black Elk, a Lakota catechist who died in 1950 and whose cause for canonization was opened in 2017. They carried a cross up Black Elk Peak (known as Harney Peak until 2016). On this highest peak east of the Rocky Mountains, he received visions from the Creator. Please pray for him to be declared a saint. For the article, go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and for canonization information, go to [blackelkcanonization.com](http://blackelkcanonization.com), select "News Hub" and "Columbia." (We have a K. of C. council in Sacred Heart Parish and a round table in St. Pius X Parish.)



"My client pleads guilty your honor. But hopes the court takes into account that the money he embezzled helped you get re-elected."



# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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### Advanced Ministry Assignments

Sept. 26, 2021 9:00 am ~ 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time  
Sacristan..... Mary Sieck  
Greeters..... Bill & Suzanne Stahl Family  
Lector..... Mary Sieck  
Altar Servers..... Mallory Wiley & Myli Weischedel  
Eucharistic Minister..... Mike Wiley

### Father Simon Gone Next Weekend

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### First Sunday Brunch Needs Volunteers to Return!

**L**ast Tuesday our Parish Council decided to restart our First Sunday Brunches provided we can find volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to sign up and host our October brunch on October 3. This day is "Respect Life Sunday." We will also be welcoming new babies born into our parish this year. If you are willing to host and to serve your parish family, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. There will be a Free Will offering to benefit Respect Life. Thank you!"

### St. Liborius Parish Bazaar in Polo

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### Keep in Prayer

Judi Wes      Jennie Birdsall Mel Hackett      Jean Hertel  
Brenda Victor      Alice Jones      Taelyn Hettick      Ann Chicoine  
Mike Fuller      Marquette Brink      Barb (Sutera) Opitz  
Mark Senftner      Diane Lorenz      Jo Bender      Kurt Matzen  
Mike Wolforth      Karen Voorhees      Bob Pierce      Monica Weischedel

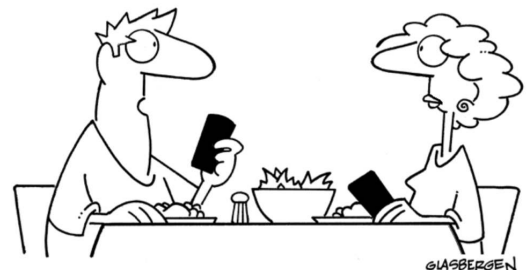
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### Starting the Rosary Before Sunday Masses

**S**ince Sacred Heart Parish in Gettysburg is restarting praying the Rosary before weekend Masses October 23-24, 2021, our Parish Council last Tuesday discussed the possibility of us adopting this practice like many other parishes. We decided to take some time to prepare for this and start it as a united parish Lent practice in 2022. We will begin with preparations in Youth Faith Formation.

### New Parish Council Members & More Needed!

**A**t the Parish Council meeting last Tuesday, we welcomed two new Pastoral Council members. Lee Rausch replaced Joe Stahl and Joe Sovell replaced Colleen Lamb who served out their terms. They join our current members Laurie Miller, Tawana Grueb, and Mike Wiley. Mike Wiley volunteered to join the Finance Council too! We need one more member on each of the Pastoral and Finance Councils. They meet every other second Tuesday of the month combined as the Parish Council. 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.



"I read on Facebook that you want me to pass the salt."

# Fr. Simon Says

Greetings Faithful Parishioners in Christ,

After I arrived in our two parishes and got introduced to how our parishes have been operating, I focused on our parish religious education programs. This was necessary since they had to quickly get started, and the Director of Religious Education in Sacred Heart Parish decided to resign her position. I have always wanted my parishes to be missionary focused with evangelization (bringing people personally to Christ), making Christian disciples, and developing Christian disciples to become local parish missionaries who evangelize in thanksgiving for the gift of salvation and want to share the Gift of the Holy Spirit with others. This meant our parish religious education programs had to be reworked to become Youth Faith Formation (YFF) parish missions.

I knew I was taking a big risk in making some big changes quickly, but it had to be done for the sake of our parish children. I tried my best in the limited time I had to explain many things through homilies, bulletin and parent letter writings, teaching at missionary team meetings, Parish Council meetings, etc. As expected, our parishioners had the whole range of reactions and responses. Some people caught the vision and understood what I was trying to do the more they looked into my communications; others, took a wait and see approach, others had difficulties with me, etc. I certainly made mistakes along the way. I apologize, but I also hope more and more parishioners have patience with me and answer the Call of Christ to engage.

I have had some very encouraging indications and confirmations that we are definitely on the right track. One example is the following: Early on, I referred to St. Pope John Paul II's encyclical letter with the Latin title *Redemptoris Missio* (in English "The Mission of Christ the Redeemer") and the English title "On the Permanent Validity of the Church's Missionary Mandate." I said the mission of our parishes has to be the Mission of Christ and His Church. I insisted that we need to keep this focus.

After this, I received a phone call request from a couple touring through Onida. They asked if they could park their camper overnight in the St. Pius X Church parking lot. I approved of it. On Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 I started our first meeting in the church with parishioners who were interested in being involved in this new YFF initiative. This couple came into the back of the church to pray, wondering what we were doing. After we had a prayer service where I preached on the need for our religion teachers to become catechists and I dismissed them to the parish hall, I briefly talked to this couple to explain to them what I was trying to do in our parishes. The retired deacon said that is exactly the problem, we have been having religion teachers in parishes instead of catechists.

The following Sunday morning, I arrived at St. Pius X Church. The camper was gone, and I found a copy of *Redemptoris Missio* on the sacristy counter with the following note: Fr., My most recent re-read. May help with your dream for missionary catechesis. Thanks for sharing your parking lot and allowing us to pray in the church. Deacon Jim Black.

I shared this Divine Providence confirmation in my homily immediately at that Sunday Mass on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Sunday after our first Wednesday YFF missionary session.

One thing is clear in our Sacred Scripture readings for this Sunday. As we hear in the Gospel of Mark (9:30-37) Jesus told

His disciples that He, the Son of Man will be put to death and rise again. He said this very directly, without fear, knowing that the One who sent Him (God the Father) "will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes" as it says in the first reading (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20). God the Father provides for those who persevere and do His Will!

*N.B.:* CNA this Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> released an article with the following title: "Pope Francis hopes new ministry of catechist will 'awaken this vocation'." The pope established the new ministry through the apostolic letter *Antiquum ministerium* ("Ancient ministry") on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## Servant of All: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Wisdom 2:12,17-20  
Psalm 54:3-8  
James 3:16-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33–34).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . ." (compare Matthew 27:41–43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5–11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.