



# Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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Weekend Masses  
Funeral Services  
RCIA Classes

## The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 26, 2021

### Youth Faith Formation Mission News

**G**rades 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. All grades 6 – 12 meet at 6:45 – 8:15 pm. This Wednesday high school youth disciples will meet in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall parking lot after 6:00 pm to leave by 6:15 pm. They will meet Fr. Simon in St. Pius X Church for opening prayer in a separate section from the St. Pius X youth disciples. The two groups will not mix due to COVID-19 considerations by sitting in opposite ends of the church and the hall for our session.

See “Fr. Simon Says” bulletin column for another example of a confirmation that we are on the right track with YFF. 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! Is God calling you?

### 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 has been 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.

### New & Improved Parish Website!

**W**e needed to bring our website up to current technology, making it more mobile friendly and easier to navigate. It's back up new and improved! Check it out at [getshc.org](http://getshc.org).

### Restarting the Rosary

**W**e will restart the Rosary before weekend Masses on October 23-24, 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.)

### Catholic Faith Inquiry, RCIA, & Adult Classes

**A**re 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), who are Christian but want to become Catholic, who are Catholic and need Confirmation or First Communion, or who are Catholic but want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. We have one adult in Gettysburg interested in becoming Catholic! Do we have more interest to start a class which can be done by Zoom if needed? *If you are interested, contact Fr. Simon or the parish office.*



**I think what we really need is a “splurge” protector.**



# St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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## The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 26, 2021

### Youth Faith Formation Mission News

**G**rades 1-8 start at 6:30 pm and end at 7:45 pm. To better accommodate our high school athletes, we are having grades 9-11 start at 6:45 pm and end at 8:15 pm. 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! Is God calling you? See "Fr. Simon Says" bulletin column for another example of a confirmation that we are on the right track with YFF!

### Advanced Ministry Assignments

October 10, 2021 9:00 am ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

Sacristan..... Karen LaFurge  
Greeters..... Karen LaFurge & Mary Rawstern  
Lector..... Greg Yackley  
Altar Servers..... Aubrie & Courtnie Weinheimer  
Eucharistic Minister..... Mike Owens

### First Sunday Brunch Needs Volunteers to Return!

**O**ur Parish Council decided to restart our First Sunday Brunches provided we can find volunteers. Please volunteer to help after Mass this Sunday. This Sunday is "Respect Life Sunday." (We will also be welcoming new babies born into our parish this year.) There will be a free will offering to benefit Respect Life at the brunch. All are welcome!

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"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

Babe Ruth

### 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	
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 last Parish Council, 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.



"When you say you want to be 'just friends' do you mean Facebook friends, MySpace friends, Twitter friends, Buzznet friends, LinkedIn friends....?"

# Fr. Simon Says

Greetings Faithful Parishioners in Christ,

Catholic News Agency 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. The following link will take you to the article: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247613/what-is-the-new-ministry-of-catechist-a-cna-explainer>.

Pope Francis calls the role of catechist an “ancient ministry” in the Church. He has now made it a formal ministry in the Church with a new rite (ritual). I have been teaching and preaching since July about how instead of needing religion teachers, we need catechists, and they have to be people who are not just deciding for themselves to be one, but rather, prayerfully reflecting and listening to the call of God to properly discern if God is calling them to this vocation. (God often calls individuals through others who recognize that gift and ask them to consider this vocation.) I did this without any foreknowledge of what Pope Francis had done on May 11<sup>th</sup>. I found out about it on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Obviously, Pope Francis and I independently recognized this need in a similar time frame to promote the role and need for catechists. I say this is another confirmation that we have been on the right track.



One of the most popular articles in recent Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) newspapers is “Do you doubt the Real Presence? Learn about these Eucharistic miracles” which appeared in the September 12-18, 2021 edition. It does a good, succinct job of presenting Eucharistic Miracles in their proper context. If you are interested in this four page article, you can pick up one of the few remaining newspapers in the Sacred Heart Church lobby or go to <https://www.osvnews.com/2021/09/10/do-you-doubt-the-real-presence-learn-about-these-eucharistic-miracles/>.

For what is probably the most comprehensive website on Eucharistic miracles go to <http://www.miracolieuaristicici.org/en/Liste/list.html>.



Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the

Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of September which is this Sunday.



I will be gone for our diocese’s annual Clergy Days Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

# To Belong to Christ: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Numbers 11:25–29  
Psalm 19:8,10,12–14  
James 5:1–6  
Mark 9:38–48

Today’s Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today’s

First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God’s Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God’s plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see John 3:8), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see Acts 2:5, 38).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord’s name. But, really, he’s only guarding his own privilege and status. It’s telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see Mark 3:14–15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today’s Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church.

But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see Ephesians 1:4).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father’s will? Are we living, as this Sunday’s Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today’s Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

