



Sacred Heart Parish Gettysburg, SD

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION MISSION NEWS

YFF classes resume this Wednesday,
January 5, 2022.

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. The Altar Society will have their next meeting on Monday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER LIST

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

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We are back livestreaming Masses!

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 9th 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.



FOOD PANTRY DRIVE Sacred Heart Altar Society HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

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

FUNERAL NOTICE FOR EDWARD W. ROBBENNOLT

Ed Robbennolt, 82, of Gettysburg passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at his home. The Funeral Mass will be Monday, January 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with the Wake service to be on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. all at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Luce Funeral Home of Gettysburg has been entrusted with Ed's funeral arrangements (www.familyfuneralhome.net).

FUNERAL NOTICE FOR BETTY J. HERMANN

Betty Hermann, 90, of Hoven passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg where she was a long-term resident. The Funeral Mass will be Monday, January 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with the Wake service to be on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. all at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Hoven. Luce Funeral Home of Gettysburg has been entrusted with Betty's funeral arrangements (www.familyfuneralhome.net).

SIoux FALLS AREA PRAYER RALLY & WALK

Please come join us for the 25th Anniversary of the Sioux Falls area Prayer Rally and Walk for Love & Life Saturday, January 22, 2022 10 am - 1 pm at Sioux Falls First Assembly of God Church, 6300 W. 41st Street. The movie UNPLANNED will be shown at 10 am followed by the Prayer Walk to Planned Parenthood for silent prayer.





St. Pius X Parish Onida, SD

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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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DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a full list of upcoming events and available Church ministries visit the diocese website www.sfcatholic.org. Catholic Family Services offers a full range of counseling and adoption services at many locations around the diocese. If you or someone in your family is in need of some assistance, call 1-800-700-7867 for an appointment.

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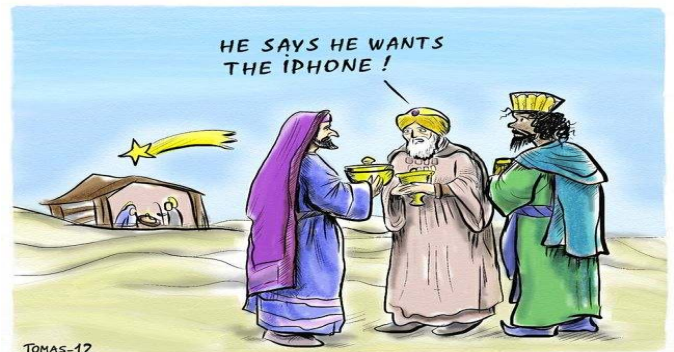


PARISH ENVELOPES

If you want a parish giving envelope and have not been getting one, please let us know. They are ready to be picked up. Calendars for next year are here too.

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Fr. Simon Sez

Celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany grabs our attention and focuses us on the kingship and divinity of the Christ Child. The Magi from the East, who are not believers like the Israelites, come to not just “pay their respects” to a neighboring “newborn king of the Jews” but to even “do him homage.” They have more respect to offer than King Herod and the Jewish elites. They even offer gifts of not just respect for a king such as gold, but also, frankincense and myrrh to, in part, symbolize worshipping with a sacrificial offering, now that’s homage! St. John Chrysostom suggested they even worshiped Jesus as God!

The Magi, as “outsiders,” provide an incredible witness of duty, honor, respect, adoration, and worship for the sacred newborn King! This should cause us to take pause and reflect on whether we are doing at least the same for Jesus in the midst of our lives and in our sacred spaces such as our churches and most importantly, in our sanctuaries where Jesus comes to us through Sacred Liturgy and gives Himself to us in the Most Holy Eucharist and is reserved for us in our tabernacles.

For this reason and many others, Sacred Liturgy is extremely important to me, Bishop DeGrood, and the Church. It is strictly regulated by the Church and overseen by our bishop. Bishop DeGrood is calling on our clergy to review how we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy in our diocese, bring more uniformity to it, and improve upon it.

When I arrived, I took the time necessary to learn how the liturgical norms are practiced in our parishes, reviewed them, and formulated the changes necessary while trying to respect certain customs and traditions where I can. Since Altar servers are intimately involved in Sacred Liturgy, I began with training present and new Altar servers and will retrain them during Youth Faith Formation (YFF) to help them get used to the changes. I really appreciate their openness to change and their efforts to adopt them. Also, we are adding interested adults to supplement and provide for serving roles as needed, such as serving funerals when school is in session. Please contact me to volunteer.

May we make it our personal priority and commitment to give the Christ Child the homage due Him with respect, praise, adoration and worship! We need to make a firm resolution for ourselves individually and to support one another in this lofty endeavor and journey of Faith in our parishes and in our Church.

Liturgical Correction: As I announced last Sunday at Masses, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day, but not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) specifies this on their website www.usccb.org. I made a mistake in following my planner instead of checking official sources.

A KING TO BEHOLD: SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11,
12–13
Ephesians 3:2–3, 5–6
Matthew 2:1–12

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “coheirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?