Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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www.sacredheartaberdeen.net
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church: Inviting Everyone to Passionately Live the Gospel

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MASS SCHEDULE
Sat. Vigil 5:00pm
Sun. 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30am

DAILY MASS
Mon. 5:30pm, Tues. 7:30am
Wed. 12:10pm & 5:30pm
Thur. & Fri. 7:30am, Sat. 8:15am

CONFESSIONS
Mon. 5:00pm, Tues. 7:00am,
Wed. 5:00pm
Thur. & Fri. 7:00am
Sat. 7:30-8:00am & 3:30-4:30pm

BAPTISM
Must attend 1 class - first Thursday of the month, 7:00pm in the school library. Call office for info and to register for class.

MARRIAGE
Date must be set 6 months prior to marriage to allow time for classes & formation. Call priests at the office.

Gaudete Sunday - Rejoice!
December 15, 2019

More announcements and events can be found at sacredheartaberdeen.net
Rejoice! We shout from the roof tops our joy and peace in Jesus Christ! We celebrate this 3rd Sunday of Advent with a greater fervor. We wear rose colored garments as we celebrate Mass and light the rose colored candle on the Advent Wreath. In Philippians chapter 4 we read: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

I have memorized this passage because it resonates in my heart. In all circumstances in life we rejoice and give glory to God. We are to be rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ and the promises that Jesus makes to us as His children. The Lord is near and we are getting closer to the coming of our Lord at Christmas and we also an hour closer to the second coming of Christ. We need all the help we can get to live our lives with meaning and purpose as we journey in this life with expectant hope for life eternal.

This past week we celebrated two feast days of our Blessed Mother, The Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Mary is so important to us in God’s plan of salvation and God’s plan for each of us. We can look to our Blessed Mother for peace and joy during our lives as she herself prayed: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” We ask our Blessed Mother, Mary to intercede for us during this Advent Season. Abbot, Father Adam Perseigne (+ c. 1221), reminds us, “If your faith is shaken by some assault from an enemy, turn your eyes upon the Virgin and that which was wavering will be firmly fixed; if the lust of the flesh delights you, turn your gaze upon the Virgin, and the danger to your chastity is removed; if pride disturbs your spirit, turn your gaze upon the Virgin, and by the merit of her unsullied humility your swelling spirit will subside. If you are set on fire by anger’s torches, lift your eyes to the Virgin and you will grow gentle through her calm. If ignorance or error have led you astray from the way of life, look to Mary, star of the sea, and in her light you will be led back to the path of truth; if the vice of avarice commands your idolatrous worship, call to mind the generosity of the Virgin and with a love of poverty there will come to you the goodness of openhandedness.”

The Virgin Mother was also passionate in her love for her Son, Jesus. This weekend we have enclosed an article by Thomas Eskro our Director of Evangelization and Discipleship, as he continues to unpack for us the Vision Statement for the parish, “Inviting everyone to passionately live the Gospel.” The emphasis will be on our passion for Christ. Father Patrick will also preach at all the Masses and touch upon this passion! One of my passions is to be the pastor at Sacred Heart Parish and to lead you closer to the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Have a great day and week! Fr. Mark

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Faith Formation

YOUTH FORMATION

Confirmation Class:
The next confirmation class will be on Sunday, December 15th from 4-6pm. Parent(s), students, and sponsor should plan to attend. Please bring back the assigned form from your sponsor meeting—thank you!

March for Life youth
will be selling Lonely Goat Soap on Sundays of December from 8:30am-noon. Thank you for supporting youth to go on the March for Life 2020!

Going Deeper Retreat:
Going deeper is a retreat put on by the diocese for youth (grades 9-12) who are actively involved in their parish or have participated in other retreats and events and who have a fervor to grow in the faith. The next retreat will be February 7-9, 2020 at St. Thomas More in Brookings. More info and register at http://www.sf catholic.org/youth/going-deeper/.

ADULT FORMATION

Reckless Diocesan Couples Conference
February 1-2, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sioux Falls. Find out more and register at sf catholic.org/familylife/reckless/ only $75/couple - use promo code sacredheartab10 for $10 off courtesy of Sacred Heart.

Communion and Liberation Group
Meets most Tuesday evenings at 7pm off campus. Contact thomas@ sacredheartaberdeen.net for details or check out https://english.clonline.org/

Check out the new FORMED.ORG - no password needed!

December 21 - December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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32 Points of Reflection:

All 32 points can be read at sacredheartaberdeen.net/cgs32-points-of-reflection
MISC. PARISH HAPPENINGS

Aberdeen Right to Life  Meetings 7:00pm 1st Thur. of the month, Brown County Courthouse basement

Family Rosary - December 17th at St Mary’s - 7:00pm

Serra Club  9:00am following the 8:15am Mass 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Knights of Columbus  Good news! You can now join the KCs online in a couple of minutes! Check it out at KofC.org/joinus and join the worlds largest lay-Catholic organization. Contact Henry Arzt at 380-9252 for more information.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  For information contact Nancy Vander Hoek at 377-3218

Anointing of the Sick  After Mass 1st Sat. of the month

Cemetery Hours  Sun-up to sun-down

Young Catholic Adults  7-8pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the church

Prayer Shawl - 1st Saturday each month, 9-11am

Women’s Group - Meets 6:30am on Saturdays, parish hall

St. Mary & Martha (formely Band 6-8) will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 5:45 in the Parish Hall. Any ladies interested in joining or learning more can contact Karen Marnette, Promoter 605-216-4101 (call or text).

Eucharistic Apostles Of Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet the first Sunday of each month at 2pm in the bridal room. Contact James Raba at 605-381-9633 for more information.

SUPPORT & HELP

Rachel’s Vineyard is for women & men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

Natural Family Planning Classes: Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or 225-7065.

Annulments: A possible 2nd chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. Call 225-7065.

Catholic Family Services: Call 226-1304

All women are invited to attend the Catholic Daughters’ Christmas party on Thursday, December 19 at Davis Court, 321 9th Ave NE, beginning at 6:30 PM. Bring baby diapers or toiletries for our Advent collection/donation. Join us for our charity Christmas basket auction with live auctioneer. For more information call Nancy Vander Hoek at 377-3218. Please consider becoming a Catholic Daughter. This is an opportunity for you to grow in spirituality and to get to know other Catholic women from both parishes in a more personal way.

Schedule Of Masses Week Of December 16th

Mon. 5:30pm † Luella Kline
Tue. 7:30am Int. Living & Deceased Member’s of St. Ann’s Circle
Wed.12:10pm † Rita Zulk
Wed. 5:30pm Int. Living & Deceased SOLT Members
Thur. 7:30am † Kevin Werts
Fri. 7:30am † Dorothy Lipp
Sat. 8:15am † Olga Salinas

Fourth Sunday Of Advent December 22nd
Sat. 5:00pm † Leonard & Evelyn Bruckner
Sun.7:30am † Kay Kessler
Sun. 9:30am † Don Meyer
Sun. 11:30am Int. Sacred Heart Parish

Aberdeen Catholic School System News

Instilling Catholic Values and promoting academic excellence by nurturing mind, body, and soul.

RONCALLI WEEKLY CALENDAR
Week of Dec 16. – Dec. 21, 2019

Mon., Dec. 16 - K-12 - Help Take a Child to School No Uniform Day
Boys Basketball at Mobridge/Pollock: 7:30 pm

Tues., Dec. 17 - Girls Basketball vs. Mobridge/Pollock at RHS - 8:00 pm.

Wed., Dec. 18 - RE Mass - 12:10 p.m. - Sacred Heart
RE Nativity - 2:15 p.m. – RE Gym
Cavalry Club Mtg. at Americinn - 6:00 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 19 - RP Mass - 12:10 p.m. - St. Mary’s
Girls Basketball at Milbank - 6:00 p.m.
Boys Basketball at Milbank - 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Pierre

Fri., Dec. 20 - End of 2nd Quarter
PreK-12 - Dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 21 - Wrestling at Valley City
Boys Basketball vs. Richland at Jamestown

For the most up-to-date athletic schedule changes, log on to northeastsconference.org.

RONCALLI NEARLY NEW
This week Christmas clothes and decorations are half priced. Also, orange tag clothing is also half priced. We are open Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Sat from 12-4pm. Thank you for your business and donations!

BABY ADVENT SHOWER - We invite you to participate in this special 27th annual event beginning December 1st, and continue through the fourth Sunday of Advent. Please bring NEW gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the playpen in the east entrance of the church. These needs will fill the needs of people in our parish, Catholic Family Services, foster homes, hospitals, Birthright, the Free Clinic, domestic shelters and Native American ministries.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is available 24/7 at Avera St. Luke’s Hospital. Open hours at this time are: Sun. 3 a.m., Tues. 4 a.m., Fri. 3 & 8 a.m., and Sat. 1 p.m. Call Theresa 226-1304

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4] /Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gv 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Lk 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Gv 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24