

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

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<b>Weekend Mass Schedule</b> .....	Saturdays 5:30 pm; Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am
<b>Weekday Mass Schedule</b> .....	Tuesday through Friday 8:05 am
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> .....	(by appointment) Fridays 8:40 am and Saturdays 4:30 pm
<b>Wednesday Faith &amp; Family Night</b> (CGS, Youth, RCIA / all adults) .....	Dinner - 6:00 pm; Class 6:30 - 8:00 pm

## Weddings

Begin your wedding preparation with a minimum of 6 months (preferably 1 year) prior to your wedding date with a meeting with your pastor

## Baptisms

Baptisms are usually celebrated after weekend Masses.  
Baptismal Preparation classes are offered by Pastor through appointment  
Preregister by calling (785) 242-2174

## New Parishioners

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish Community! Get involved and begin meeting your fellow parishioners. Start with a phone call to the Parish Office.

- Parish Office ..... (785) 242-2174
- Pastor's Office Phone Number ..... (785) 915-1508
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- Pastoral Advisory Chair (pac@shottawa.org) ..... Bob Bezek
- Sacred Heart School Office ..... (785) 242-4297
- Patrick Greer (Principal) ..... principal@shottawa.org
- Shayla Siebenthall (School Secretary) ..... school@shottawa.org

## FEB. 1 – FEB. 2, 2025

MONDAY, Feb. 3, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, Feb. 4, 2025

8:05 AM MASS

+ Mary McClure

by: Elaine & Robert Covin

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5, 2025

8:05 AM MASS

+ Deborah Miller

by: Eileen Bowling

THURSDAY, Feb. 6, 2025

8:05 AM MASS

+ Frank Seibert

by: Angela Gurule

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, Feb. 7, 2025

8:05 AM MASS FIRST FRIDAY

8:40 AM CONFESSION

+ Kevin Rew

by: Barbara Rew

SATURDAY, Feb. 8, 2025

4:40 PM – Confession/ 5:30 PM MASS

Phyllis Birzer (birthday)

by: Sharon Schnieders

SUNDAY, Feb. 9, 2025

9:00 AM MASS

+ Lela Mae Santarpia

by: Rosemary Pratt

CONFESSION: 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, Feb. 9, 2025

11:00 AM MASS

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

CHURCH CLEANING ANGELS

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who is this  
king of glory?  
it is the LORD!

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## LITURGICAL ROLES

SAT., Feb. 8, 2025 – 5:30 PM MASS

Gifts: Charlie & Margy Porter

Ushers: Theresa Paxton / Bud Stratton

Servers: Finley & Owen Wirth

Eucharistic Minister: Bud Stratton

Lectors: Dustin Wirth / Rick Nuckolls

Sacristan: Roberta Rhodes

Rosary Leader: Karen Tatum

SUN., Feb. 9, 2025 – 9:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Jeremy Stone / Dixie Dorsey

Ushers: Dale & Linda Hermreck/

Mike & Jamie Keiter

Servers: Eve Slocum / Gibson Saylor

Eucharistic Minister: David Hornung

Music: Becky Shrimplin / Ken Frank

Lectors: Gregory Wellnitz/ Christy Winter

Sacristan: Elizabeth Lowderman

Rosary Leader: Mary Redeker

SUN., Feb. 9, 2025 - 11:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Brandon & Jolene Stuchlik

Ushers: Walt & Clarice Dengel/ Brent & Emily

Mathis/ Rosemary Pratt/ Karen Chanay

Servers: Alex Boetel / Vincent Seibert

Eucharistic Minister: Jolene Stuchlik

Lectors: Steve Boetel / Betty Birzer

Sacristan: Stephanie Orr

Rosary Leader: Rosemary Pratt

## FINANCIAL CORNER – Offertory: Jan. 18-19

Collection \$5,239.00

Cash \$ 569.00

Candle \$ 29.00

California Wildfires Collection \$2,127.80

On-line Giving \$ 954.00

\$8,918.80

## OTHER DONATION

Masses \$ 70.00

Sacred Heart Guild for:

Totus Tuus \$2,000.00

Flowers \$2,000.00

Parish Bulletin Ads \$ 270.00

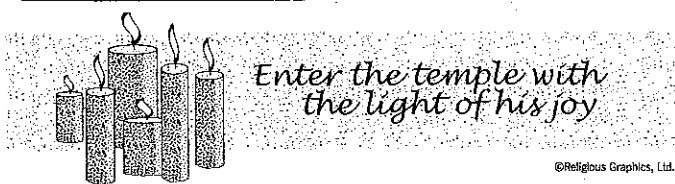
This child is  
destined for the  
fall and rise  
of many in Israel

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Suddenly  
there will  
come to  
the temple  
the LORD  
whom  
you seek

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**FINANCIAL CORNER – Offertory: Jan. 25-26**

Collection	\$5,990.00
Cash	\$ 756.00
Candle	\$ 42.25
Church in Latin America	\$ 185.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 95.00
On-line Giving	\$ 326.73
	<b>\$7,394.98</b>

**OTHER DONATION**

Masses	\$ 10.00
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Gerry Didde, Fred Foss, Kathy Laws, Donald Fischer, John Schnieders, Clara Guerin, Virginia Quintana, JoAnn & Dennis Nowatzke, Shirley Fischer, Erin Chappell, Phillip Pearce, Terry & Jack Shepard, Reba Miller, Koby Becker, Larry Fisher, Kathy Jordan \* Mike Adell, Charles Miller, Carol C., Cassy Higgins, Holly Shepard Ross, Robyn Spielman, Robert Strangways, Jr., Ashley Jones, Paul Nation, Judith & Frank Dixon, Tim Chanay, Debbie Samyn, Dale Samyn, Cal Lantis, Tom Mersman, Joann Kauffman, Amanda Wray, Rev. Bill Prather, Mark Andrew Kohn, Mark Austin Kohn, Shelly Frank, Annie O'Brien, Jerry Krause, Kenny Read, Beckham Moody and J Dalton Hennessy.

**ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS**

Saturday, February 8th – after the 5:30 pm Mass - **SOUPER BOWL POTLUCK**. Bring your favorite soup, chili, side, salad or dessert to share. Bring soup cans to donate to our Blessing Box. (PLEASE SEE THE INSERT)

NO Hospitality Sunday in February since we are hosting the Souper Bowl.

Tuesday, February 11th, 5:30pm - Altar Society dinner/meeting @ PrimeTime Grille. All women of Sacred Heart are invited to attend.

**HOPE HOUSE** – “Let all that you do be done in love.” I Corinthians 16:14

Thank you for your total: 35 lbs. donation during December. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE**

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for our parish priest. If you are a current Sister or are interested in becoming a Sister, please contact Sue Bina for more information, 484-264-0358.

**ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

Please send your information (below) to the Church Office, if you haven't already done so.

Full name:

Contact No.: (phone or email)

Parents' Names:

High School Graduated from:

Major (if going to College)/ Trade School/

Other plans

**FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES** – Please send the same information together with:

Degree/ College Graduated from:

(If you know of any College/University graduates from our Parish, please forward this information to them). We do not wish to miss anyone. Please send all information to the Church email: [office@shottawa.org](mailto:office@shottawa.org)

**FEBRUARY: FIRST FRIDAY** - Devotions are religious practices that are not obligatory.

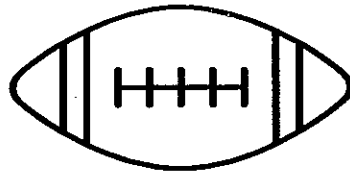
They help us to deepen our relationship with God. Do you want to deepen your relationship with God in 2025? Consider a commitment to this devotion. It offers a path to profound grace and spiritual growth.

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass: February 7, at 8:05 AM

5th Sacred Heart Devotional Promise  
“I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.”

Friday, February 7, is the First Friday for this month. Mass is at 8:05 am. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received a message from Jesus to foster devotion to his Sacred Heart. He also told St. Margaret Mary of his great love for souls and His desire to shower His mercy on those who are devoted to Him.

It's "SOUPER BOWL" time!



**When: Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Where: Sacred Heart Parish Center**

**Why: Fun, Food, Fellowship!**

**What: POTLUCK & GAMES, including voting  
for your favorite team to win the BIG GAME!**

- Bring your **favorite** soup, chili, side, salad OR dessert **to share**.
- Paper plates, drinks & utensils provided by the Altar Society.
- Bring **soup cans** to vote for which team you predict to win the SUPER BOWL. We will have voting tables stationed in the Parish Center. All donations will be used to stock our Blessing Box.
- Bring **cards/board game** & let's have some fun after we eat!



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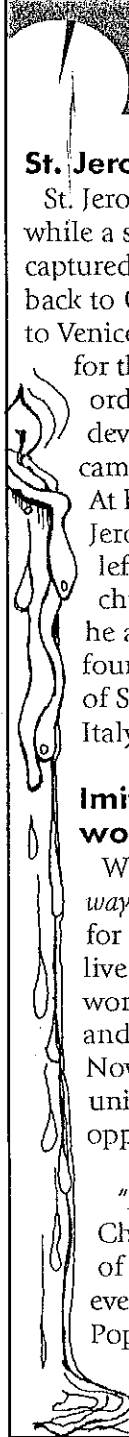
Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

February 2025

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Rev. Kenneth Clem, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Jerome Emiliani



St. Jerome led a wayward life while a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. Soon after returning to Venice, he began studying for the priesthood and was ordained in 1518. With the devastation from the war came famine and plague. At his own expense, St. Jerome cared for the victims left behind, especially the children. For this purpose, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somasca, in Somasca, Italy.

### Imitating Christ in the world

When Jesus said, "I am the way" (John 14:6), He meant for us to follow Him and live as He lived. He ate, slept, worked, and cared for friends and family, much like we do. Now, ordinary life, lived in union with Christ, can be an opportunity of grace for us.

"All the feasts in the Church's calendar are events of remembrance and hence events of hope."  
Pope Benedict XVI

## "I choose Heaven!"

Our time on Earth is but a fleeting moment compared to the vastness of eternity. Yet, we often prioritize earthly concerns over preparing for Heaven. Jesus reminds us of the right priority: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides" (Matthew 6:33). When we put God first, He faithfully provides for our every need.

**What are your true priorities?**  
Your daily routine is a reflection of your heart. Pause and consider: What consumes your time and energy? The things that dominate your schedule are the true indicators of your priorities. If they are pulling you away from God, it's time to reevaluate and make a change.

**Where do you turn for guidance?**  
When faced with decisions, do you seek advice from friends, social media, or colleagues, or do you turn

to prayer and Scripture? Aligning our choices with God's wisdom leads to lasting fulfillment and peace. Resolve to trust His direction over the fleeting opinions of the world. When we place our decisions in His hands, we can move forward with confidence.

**Do you trust God with your happiness?** God's promises assure us of His perfect plan: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). If trusting Him feels difficult, invite Him into your doubts and fears. Ask Him to reveal His goodness and faithfulness—He will answer, because He is always near.

Refocus your heart and trust God's plan for your life. Let go of distractions, realign your priorities, and step into the peace that comes from seeking Him first.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why are Catholics only baptized once?

The Catholic Church teaches that Baptism is the gateway to the Christian life, marking the beginning of our communion with God.

Through this Sacrament, we are adopted as God's children and permanently sealed as His own. Baptism transforms us into new creations, opening our hearts to

grace, strengthening us against sin, and deepening our love for God and others (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1121).

Because this sacred mark is everlasting, Baptism is received only once, signifying our eternal bond with God and call to holiness.

## Trusting God in unexpected moments

Imagine you're at a wedding celebration for your friends. The atmosphere is lively, the music is playing, and everyone is enjoying themselves—until you overhear a troubling conversation. The kitchen has run out of wine. Due to an oversight, the caterers didn't bring enough, and with all the stores closed, the situation seems hopeless. What now?

*"They have no wine"* (John 2:3). Moments of crisis can catch us off guard, but they don't have to shake us. When Mary encountered this dilemma at the wedding in Cana, she didn't panic or place blame. Instead, she turned to the one she knew could help—her Son, Jesus.

With confidence, she simply informed Him of the need, trusting fully in His ability to provide.

*"Do whatever He tells you"* (John 2:5). These profound words, Mary's last recorded in Scripture, offer us a powerful lesson. When we bring our problems to God, He often invites us to be part of the solution. Trusting Him means being open to His direction, even when it leads to unexpected actions. The servants at Cana likely didn't anticipate filling massive jars with water, yet their obedience led to an extraordinary outcome—the finest wine, far surpassing anything they could have imagined. With God, the impossible becomes possible.

### from **S**cripture

#### Luke 6:27-38, The demands of merciful love

In this Gospel passage, Jesus challenges our natural sense of fairness by commanding us to *"love your enemies ... lend expecting nothing in return ... and forgive."* These teachings contrast with the Old Testament principle of *"an eye for an eye,"* which aimed to prevent excessive punishment, and the idea of exchanging favors as a sign of gratitude.

However, human justice can lead to destructive cycles of retaliation and diminish the sincerity of generosity. When giving is tied to expectations, it becomes difficult

to discern whether kindness is motivated by love or the hope of something in return.

Jesus invites us to embrace God's justice—one that surpasses human understanding. God's love is not conditional or transactional; it is generous, selfless, and freely given to all, regardless of merit.

As children of God, we are called to reflect His love by extending kindness, forgiveness, and generosity without expectation. In doing so, we move beyond human limitations and participate in God's perfect justice.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord.** In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior (Luke 2:29-32).

**February 10 – St. Scholastica (543).** Twin sister to St. Benedict, St. Scholastica established a community of religious women about five miles from her brother's monastery.

**February 17 – The Seven Holy Founders (13th century).** Seven

Italian noblemen who withdrew from the immorality of the times to live in prayer, simplicity and penance. Their order, the Servants of Mary, was later approved by the Holy See in 1304.

**February 23 – St. Polycarp (155).** Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John the Evangelist, and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. He faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before he was martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.

### **Q & A** What do icons offer to our devotional life?

Icons are a revered form of sacred art. These sacred images carry a deep historical and theological significance, rich in symbolism and spiritual depth. Recognizable by their distinctive "flattened" style, vivid colors, and frequent use of gold backgrounds, icons often depict significant events from the lives of Jesus, Mary, and the saints, offering a window into their mystical and spiritual dimensions.

At first glance, the stylized, two-dimensional nature of icons, coupled with the direct gaze of the figures, can feel unfamiliar or even challenging to engage with in prayer. It is often recommended to begin by spending just five minutes a day in quiet reflection before an icon, gradually increasing the duration over time. There is no need to rush—prayer with icons is a contemplative journey, and as we remain open and attentive, the Holy Spirit gradually unveils their deeper meaning to us.

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