

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

408 South Cedar, Ottawa, Kansas 66067

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Weekend Mass Schedule	Saturdays	5:30 pm; Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Weekday Mass Schedule	Tuesday through Friday.....	8:05 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	(by appointment) Fridays 8:40 am and Saturdays 4:30 pm	
Catechesis Wednesdays:	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
- Pastor (frkclem@gmail.com) Rev. Kenneth Clem
- Parish Secretary (shcottawa@gmail.com) Carmelita Sieg
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- Principal (pjgreer@sacredheartottawa.eduk12.net) Patrick Greer
- School Secretary (ssiebenthall@sacredheartottawa.eduk12.net) Shayla Sienbenthall

DEC. 16 – DEC. 17, 2023

MONDAY, Dec. 18, 2023
NO MASS

TUESDAY, Dec. 19, 2023

8:05 AM MASS
+ Mary McClure
by: Elaine & James Covin

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20, 2023

8:05 AM MASS
+ Frank Seibert by: Angela Gurule

THURSDAY, Dec. 21, 2023

12:00 NOON MASS
President Biden by: Elizabeth Lowderman
ADORATION: 8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 22, 2023

8:05 AM MASS / 8:40 AM CONFESSION
Tim Jones & Family by: Rosemary Pratt

SATURDAY, Dec. 23, 2023

4:30 PM CONFESSION/ 5:30 PM MASS
+ George Santarpia by: Eileen Bowling

SUNDAY, Dec. 24, 2023

9:00 AM MASS
For the People of the Parish

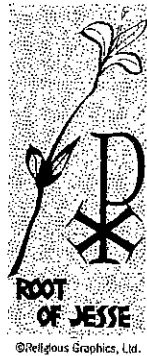
11:00 AM MASS
+ Paul Geist by: Rosemary Pratt

4:00 PM -CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
+ Roger Landwehr by: Becky Shrimplin

7:00 PM – CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
+ Kevin Rew by: Barbara Rew

MONDAY, Dec. 25, 2023 – CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM MASS
+ Bill & Wilma Gibson by: the Redeker Family



LITURGICAL ROLES

SAT., Dec 23, 2023 – 5:30 PM MASS

Gifts: Charlotte Rocker / Mary Gast
Ushers: Theresa Paxton / Bud Stratton
Servers: Autumn Wirth / Reid Sears
Eucharistic Minister: Bud Stratton
Lector: Rick Nuckolls
Sacristan: Roberta Rhodes
Rosary Leader: Karen Tatum

SUN., Dec. 24, 2023 – 9:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Tina & Joseph Capeder
Ushers: Walt & Clarice Dengel /
Joan Hazelton
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Hunsicker
Music: Guitar / Flute
Lectors: Ann Hunsicker / James Boyer
Sacristan: Kelly Jorgensen

SUN., Dec. 24, 2023 - 11:00 AM MASS

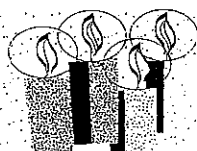
Gifts: Rob & Suzy Hedrick Family
Ushers: Brad & Annette Ferguson
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Engelbert
Music: Mark Paquette
Lector: Sherry Engelbert
Sacristan: Katie Smith
Rosary Leader: Jan Wallis

SUN., Dec. 24, 2023 – 4:00 PM MASS

Gifts: Dixie Dorsey / Jeremy Stone
Ushers: Bob & Pat Hayden
Servers: Zach & Braeden Winter
Eucharistic Minister: David Hornung
Music: Becky Shrimplin / Ken Frank
Lectors: Christy Winter / Gloria Hornung
Sacristan: David Hornung

SUN., Dec. 24, 2023 - 7:00 PM MASS

Gifts: Charles & Margy Porter
Usher: Stacey & Makayla Potter/Joe White
Servers: Lilli & Haiden Moll
Eucharistic Minister: Sue Bina
Music: Guitar/ Flute
Lector: Alan Bina
Sacristan: Debbie Blakeley



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MON., Dec. 25, 2023 - 9:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Rachel Nelson
Ushers: Steve & Dawn Bones/ Karen Chanay
Servers: Austin Nelson/ Alex Boetel
Eucharistic Minister: Craig Evans
Lectors: Gregory Wellnitz/ Roberta Rhodes
Sacristan: Eileen Bowling

WED. Dec. 27, 2023

Counters: Deb Henningsen / Ann Hunsicker

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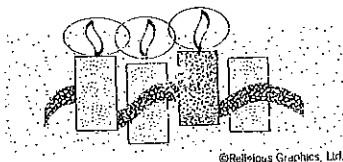
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DEAF MINISTRY INTERPRETED MASSES FOR HOLIDAYS

- It's that time of the year with holidays. If you have a deaf relative coming in from out of town. There was an error in the previous announcement regarding 6PM Mass at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka on Jan. 1, 2024

Monday, Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary

10:00 am, St. Paul Catholic Church in Olathe



FINANCIAL CORNER – Dec. 8 – Dec. 10, 2023

Collection	-\$7,479.00
Cash	-\$ 476.00
Candles	-\$ 28.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	-\$ 173.00
Immaculate Conception	-\$ 397.00
Catholic Charities	-\$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers	-\$ 355.00
Leaven	-\$ 25.00
On-line Giving	-\$ 404.81
	\$9,412.81

OTHER DONATION – Masses \$ 150.00

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MASS ON THURSDAY (Dec. 21st) WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON INSTEAD OF 8:05 AM.

Retreat Follow-Up

We appreciate all who attended the retreat on December 2nd. A huge thank you to Ryan Hahn for the countless hours of preparation he dedicated to make it possible! For more information about the topics Ryan covered at the retreat, see below...

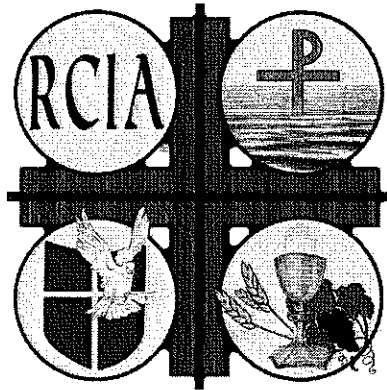
How to sign up for FORMED (no code needed)

- ▣ Go to formed.org/signup.
- ▣ Select Sacred Heart, Ottawa, KS, from the drop-down menu (or enter 66067).
- ▣ Register with your name and email address.
- ▣ Check your email for a link to gain access.

Post-Retreat Reminders and Quotes

- ▣ See insert in today's bulletin.
- ▣ Use this QR code to view the document...





Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming

For the last few months, Tammy Maniscalco, Jack Mibeck, and Roberta Wyckoff have been attending RCIA class on Wednesday nights. During this time, they have explored their own faith journeys and whether the Catholic Church is the place to continue that journey. They have decided to take the next step. This step involves a liturgical rite: the Rite of Acceptance (for the unbaptized) and the Rite of Welcome (for the baptized). This Sunday, they will "assemble publicly for the first time declaring their intention to the Church and the Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members."

We, the parish, as the Church, have a part in this Rite. We are asked to warmly welcome these catechumens and candidates into our faith family and to support them with our prayers. Please take the time after the 11:00 a.m. Mass to welcome them. They are embarking on a wonderful adventure and you are a part of it.

Let us all pray the "O Antiphons" this year.

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. These antiphonies inspired the verses of the popular hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Pray each Antiphon before and after reciting The Magnificat.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in
the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

December 24 & 25

Our season of Advent has come to an end. Rejoice that our Savior is born! Take a minute to contemplate how the Joy of these days has answered the longing in your heart while recognizing, this side of eternity, we continue to long for God.

The Magnificat – The Canticle of Mary –

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts,
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty,
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Luke 1:46-55



Looking Into the Eyes of Love
Post-Retreat Reminders and Quotes

Major Reminders

1. Whenever we are questioning God, we have something to learn.
2. God was not created in our image.
3. God's thinking is not our thinking. It's better.
4. All of the beauty of this world only hints at the unfathomable beauty of God.
5. As we come to know God, we become more able to perceive His beauty in others and experience His peace in our lives.
6. God is present in every moment. Do we notice Him?
7. We search for life, truth, and love. We search for God.
8. Love is "willing the good of the other."
9. We all desire to "look upon one who looks back in love."
10. We please God when we do what is right, for our own good and the good of others.
11. We do not have to convince God to love us.
12. God sees us differently than we see ourselves. (His thinking is not our thinking.)
13. Love costs something.
14. Loving us, cost God His Son. Jesus had to choose to make this sacrifice. He did.

Quotes and Verses (More are in your handout)

- 1) "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried." -G.K. Chesterton
- 2) "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." - Fulton Sheen
- 3) 1 Timothy 2:1-6, Mt 16:24-25.
- 4) Exodus 3:13-15. Exodus 34:6-7. Deuteronomy 6:4. Isaiah 45:22-24. Mark 12:29-30
- 5) "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth - in a word, to know Himself - so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves." - St. John Paul II (Fides et Ratio)
- 6) "Employ your time in improving yourself by other men's writings, so that you shall gain easily what others have labored hard for." - Socrates
- 7) "We make idols out of good things that we turn into ultimate things." - Fr. Mike Schmitz (Idols and Hidden Agendas)
- 8) "I am the Lord thy God; thou shall have no other gods before me – including your concept of me." -Episcopal bishop James Pike
- 9) Exodus 33:18-23 "Man shall not see me and live."
- 10) "The great wonder of the Life of Christ is really not His miracles, it is His restraint of power." - Fulton Sheen in "Walk with God"
- 11) "You can always recognize truth by its beauty and simplicity." - Richard Feynman
- 12) God is "That than which nothing greater can be thought." - St. Anselm
- 13) "God is what He has, and is what He does." - Lectio: God
- 14) "He is everywhere, whole." - St. Augustine
- 15) "Often what seems to be love is really pleasure-seeking, because our natural inclination, self-will, hope of reward, and self-interest are seldom absent." -Thomas a' Kempis in The Imitation of Christ

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Post-Retreat Reminders and Quotes

- 16) "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? I the Lord search the mind and test the heart, to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings." - Jeremiah 17:9
- 17) "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. Unfaithful creatures! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." - James 4:3-4
- 18) "No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us." - 1 John 4:12
- 19) "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." - John 15:12-13
- 20) "A disciple is someone who is willing to change their schedule to get closer to Jesus." - Fr. Mike Schmitz in *Idols and Hidden Agendas*
- 21) "The glory of God is man fully alive." - St. Irenaeus
- 22) "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." - John 10:10
- 23) Wisdom 11:24-26
- 24) "this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." - John 17:3
- 25) "God freely created us so that we might know, love, and serve him in this life and be happy with him forever. God's purpose in creating us is to draw forth from us a response of love and service here on earth, so that we may attain our goal of everlasting happiness with him in heaven. All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully. As a result, we ought to appreciate and use these gifts of God insofar as they help us toward our goal of loving service and union with God. But insofar as any created things hinder our progress toward our goal, we ought to let them go." - St. Ignatius of Loyola
- 26) "be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us" - Ephesians 5:1-2.
- 27) "In the end, we possess ourselves in order to give ourselves away, so that we can become ourselves... this is the way Christ lives." - Scott Hahn in "First Comes Love"
- 28) "I strongly suspect that if we saw all the difference even the tiniest of our prayers to God make, and all the people those little prayers were destined to affect, and all the consequences of those effects down through the centuries, we would be so paralyzed with awe at the power of prayer that we would be unable to get up off our knees for the rest of our lives." - Peter Kreeft
- 29) "Every Christian needs a half-hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour." - St. Francis de Sales
- 30) "the many unexpected events are not just disturbing interruptions of our projects, but the way in which God molds our hearts." - Henri Nouwen
- 31) "To live a Christian life means to live in the world without being of it." - Henri Nouwen
- 32) "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened." - C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*
- 33) "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life'" - John 14:6

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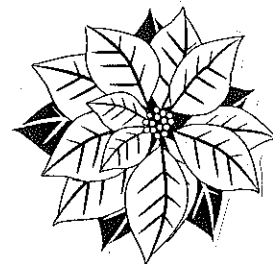
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CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



**JAMES BIEN & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE: BIEN FAMILY, LOLA RUTLEDGE,
MARY THORNBURG, PAUL & DORIS SEUFERLING** *by: Nancy Bien*

**CHARLES BOWLING; DECEASED MEMBERS OF:
MILLER & BOWLING FAMILIES** *by: Eileen Bowling*

LINK & JARVIS FAMILY *by: Lloyd & Susan Jarvis*

DONNA PATRY *by: Charles Patry & Family*

RANDY GOETZ; GREG STONE *by: Bill & Brenda Pfizenmaier*

VERNON ROECKER *by: Charlotte, Darren, Vickie & Warren*

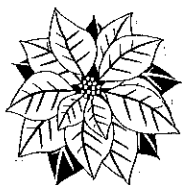
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BRAYDYN SCOTT, BOB GEORGE** *by: JoAnn & John Scott*

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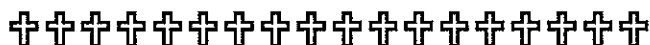
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MEMBERS OF TOM WELBORN FAMILY** *by: Bonita Welborn & Family*

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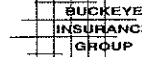


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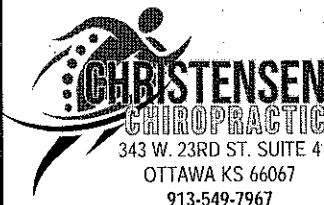


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