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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>Family Formation/RCIA (Sept 2022)</b> .....	Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:45 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.

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## DEC. 31, 2022– JAN. 1, 2023

MONDAY, Jan. 2, 2023  
NO MASS

TUESDAY, Jan. 3, 2023

8:05 MASS  
+ Mary McClure (Mom)  
by: Elaine & Robert Covin

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4, 2023

8:05 MASS  
+ Andrew Reiter-Lawrence  
by: Debbie Blakeley

THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 2023

8:05 MASS  
+ Juliann Sauer  
by: Charles & Angeli Leins

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL  
8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, Jan. 6, 2023

8:05 MASS  
8:40 AM – CONFESSION  
The newly Confirmed, Parents/ Sponsors  
by: Rosemary Pratt

SATURDAY, Jan. 7, 2023

8:05 AM First Saturday Mass  
+ Kevin Rew by: Barbara Rew

4:30 CONFESSION/5:30 PM MASS

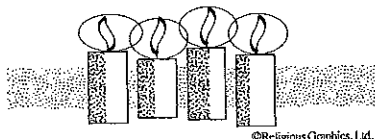
+ Bill & Sharon Burgoon  
by: Eileen Bowling

SUNDAY, Jan. 8, 2023

9:00 AM MASS  
+ Souls in Purgatory  
by: the Redeker Family

11:00 AM MASS  
For the people of the Parish

CHURCH CLEANING ANGELS  
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## LITURGICAL ROLES

SAT., Jan. 7, 2023– 5:30 PM MASS

Gifts: Charlotte Rocker / Mary Gast  
Ushers: Mike Fischer/ Eric Guenther/  
Theresa Paxton / Bud Stratton  
Servers: Clara Moyer / Austin Nelson  
Eucharistic Minister: Bud Stratton  
Lectors: Roberta Rhodes / Rick Nuckolls  
Sacristan: Debbie Blakeley  
Rosary Leader: Karen Tatum

SUN. Jan. 8, 2023 – 9:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Steve, Dawn, & Maggie Bones  
Ushers: Michael, Jamie, & Aidan Keiter  
Ervin Prather

Server: Lilli Moll  
Eucharistic Minister: David Hornung  
Music: Ken Frank  
Lector: Janet Prather / Gregory Wellnitz  
Sacristan: Kelly Jorgensen  
Rosary Leader: David Hornung

SUN., Jan. 8, 2023 – 11:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Dennis & JoAnn Nowatzke  
Ushers: Rick Vrbas/ Rosemary Pratt/  
Brad & Annette Ferguson  
Lectors: James Boyer / Betty Birzer  
Sacristan: Sandy Vrbas

MON. Jan. 9, 2023

Counters: Deb Henningsen /Ann Hunsicker

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

January 8, after both Masses - Annual  
"Special" HOSPITALITY SUNDAY celebrating  
the Feast of the Three Kings. Authentic  
Mexican pastries provided by Sam & Maria  
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January 10, 5:30pm - Dinner/ Meeting at  
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*Hail Mary  
Mother of God*

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Ruthanne Wasko, Shirley Fischer, Judy Pinder, Jason Roberts, Erin Chappell, Cynthia Sayler, Lupe Pacheco, Luella Stiffler, Phillip Pearce, Dennis Nowatzke, Jim Jumet, Vickie Cooper-Foss, Terry & Jack Shepard, Reba Miller, Koby Becker, Eddie Heiman, Larry Fisher, James Fisher, Kathy Jordan \* Leala, Shelly Frank, Shirley DeVore, Coby Parkin, Annie Obrien, Jerry Krause, Jodi Bergkamp, Kenny Read, Marla Seusy, Lauren Ring, Alicia Brown, Sandra Kleier, Leah Blaufuss, Daryl Shutt, Tim Chanay, Richard Grabbe, Beckham Moody, J Dalton Hennessy, Maria Wingert, Jonathan Pogge, Eddie Scheufler, Cindy D. Eden, Mary Jean Miller, Patrick Shannon, Amy/Allen Richardson & Family, Kent Porter, Liem Nickerson, Florence Tetuan, and John Wegman.

**FINANCIAL CORNER - Offertory: Dec. 24-25**

Collection	-\$ 5,803.00
Cash	-\$ 913.00
Retired Fund for Religious	-\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities	-\$ 1,568.00
Solemnity of Mary	-\$ 10.00
On-line Giving	-\$ 369.20
	<u>\$ 8,688.20</u>

**OTHER DONATION**

Church Collection (in the mail):  
Collection \$23,165.00

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Save the Dates)**

Council Meeting - 1/02/2023 @ 6:30  
Parish Breakfast - 1/15/2023 after 9AM Mass

**RETREAT FOR NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES**

Couples married 0-7 years are welcome to join the First Seven Fellowship at Queen of the Holy Rosary in Overland Park for a Weekend Immersion retreat: January 21-22, 2023.


For more information go to:  
[archkck.org/livinginlove](http://archkck.org/livinginlove)  
Scholarships available! Contact Brad DuPont: [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org)

**IGNITE FOR LIFE - Save the Date! Kansas Mass, March & Rally for Life 2023** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for IGNITE for LIFE January 24th, 2023 in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is the Catholic Kick-Off Rally for the Kansas March for Life. It is an inspirational morning of praise & worship music, motivational speakers, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. This year, we lift our prayers and call all to serve to show we still value them both. IGNITE is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

**HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE** Adult children of divorced or separated parents can come find healing at the Life-Giving Wounds retreat, February 24-26 at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. The weekend is presented by trained peer leaders and includes insightful talks, Reconciliation/ Adoration, time for prayer and optional small groups. For more information and to register: [archkck.org/LGW](http://archkck.org/LGW)

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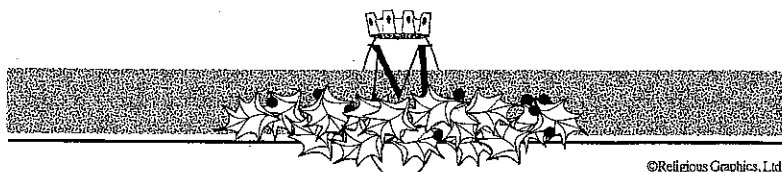


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## One Minute Meditations

### A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder – more friendly, generous, and considerate – and inspire others to do the same.

### Choose not to be offended

In the news or on social media, it can appear that there is more polarization around issues now than in the past. Each side wants to persuade the other. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships, however. If there is someone in your life who deliberately pursues you to argue, don't take the bait. Rather than let arguments create a rift, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.



*"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world"* (John 16:33).



## Fall deeper in love with Christ in the New Year

At the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

**T-Talk:** Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: *"Call to me, and I will answer you"* (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: *"When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you"* (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

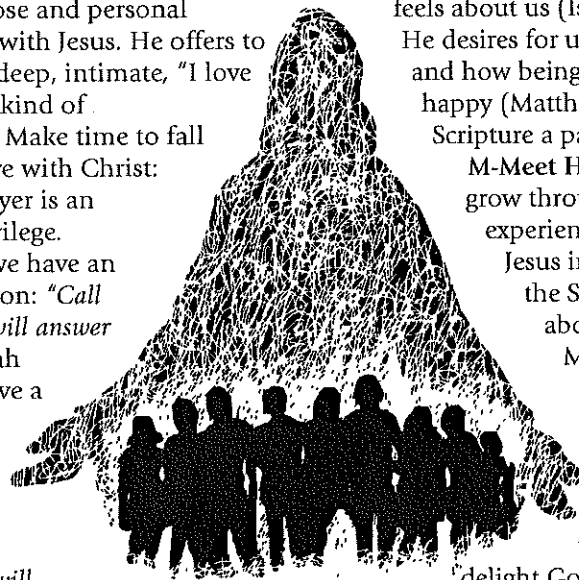
**I-Intimacy:** To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us

who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5-7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

**M-Meet Him:** Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

**E-Everything for love:** St. Thérèse of Lisieux discovered that she could

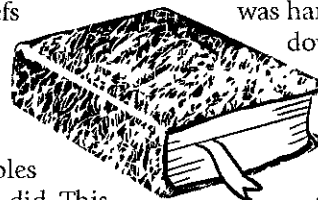
delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say, "I love you, too," in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics believe things that aren't in the Bible?

Catholics recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and we reject beliefs that contradict Scripture. Long before the Gospels were written down, the Apostles passed on to their disciples all that Jesus taught and did. This



is what we call, "Tradition," or what was "handed on." Not everything that was handed on could be written down. It was impossible to include everything Jesus did (John 21:25). Catholic beliefs don't depart from Scripture, but delve deeper into it.

# Make one change for God this year

When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas other Catholics have used to strengthen prayer, serve the poor, and evangelize our faith ...

Laura felt her prayer life growing stale, so when her parish asked for adorners for the perpetual adoration chapel, she jumped at the chance. Now, Mondays at midnight, Laura can be found in the presence of the Eucharist. She



said, "I really look forward to my peaceful hour each week. It's just me and Him."

Peter's law practice is incredibly busy, but he takes an afternoon off every month to work at the local soup kitchen serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. When asked why, he said, "Jesus said, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.'"

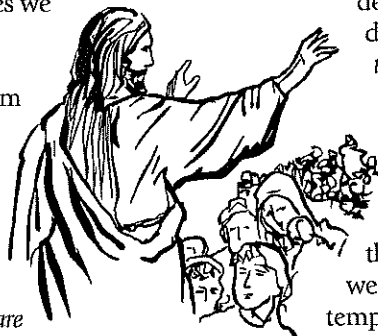
JoAnn's children are grown, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to spread our faith than to children? That's where I can do the most good," she said.

## from Scripture

### Matthew 5:1-12a, Jesus' blueprint for holiness

This passage contains the Sermon on the Mount during which Jesus detailed the Beatitudes – the attitudes we need to be truly holy, and therefore happy. In fact, "beatitude" is translated from the Greek word for happiness. Jesus was saying, "Happy are you!" or "Congratulations!" if you live by these attitudes.

When Jesus said, "blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are they who mourn ... the persecuted" He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart ... those who hunger and thirst



for righteousness," He was showing us that a holy heart will receive what it desires. When He described "the meek ... the merciful ... the peacemakers," He gave us a blueprint for how to act.

We can measure our behavior against these standards. When we are faithful to God in tempting moments, and translate holy inner attitudes into outward actions, we'll know we're on the right path to holiness. When we live by the Beatitudes, we'll be truly happy.

## Q & A

### What qualities can I pursue to make me a better follower of Jesus?

Actually, when you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.



**Wisdom:** This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

**Understanding:** Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and the mind.

**Counsel:** Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

**Fortitude:** The ability to remain firm against pressure. (Also called courage.)

**Knowledge:** A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

**Piety:** Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him.

**Fear of the Lord:** The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all his creations.

The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness. Then you will certainly become a better Christian.

## Feasts & Celebrations

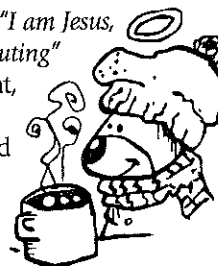
**January 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389).** Known as "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence, St. Gregory was unwillingly made Bishop of Sasima. He worked to clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

**January 16 – St. Berard and Companions (1220).** St. Francis of Assisi sent St. Berard and his companions to evangelize in the Muslim territories. After being arrested in Morocco, they were martyred after refusing to stop preaching and renounce their Faith.

**January 23 – St. Marianne Cope**

(1918). St. Marianne began religious life as an educator in New York schools, and later became a nurse. In 1883, she helped St. Damien de Veuster serve the leper colonies of Hawaii, continuing his work after his death.

**January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul (1st Century).** Formally called "Saul", he persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.



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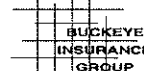


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