

# ***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><br>(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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- Sandy Vrbas (Faith Formation Coordinator) ..... [dre@shottawa.org](mailto:dre@shottawa.org)
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- Sacred Heart School Office ..... (785) 242-4297
- Patrick Greer (Principal) ..... [principal@shottawa.org](mailto:principal@shottawa.org)
- Shayla Siebenthall (School Secretary) ..... [school@shottawa.org](mailto:school@shottawa.org)

**MAY 3 – MAY 4, 2025**

MONDAY, May 5, 2025  
NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 6, 2025  
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2025  
8:05 AM MASS  
+ Jeff & Kathy McCurdy  
by: Rosemary Pratt

THURSDAY, May 8, 2025  
8:05 AM MASS  
Charles & Priscilla Gurule Family  
by: Charles & Angela Gurule  
ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL  
8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, May 9, 2025  
8:05 AM MASS  
+ Lauren Prather  
by: Janet & Ervin Prather  
CONFESSIOIN: 8:40 AM – 9:15 AM

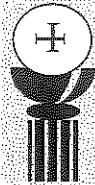
SATURDAY, May 10, 2025  
4:30 PM Confession/ 5:30 PM MASS  
+ George & Lela Mae Santarpia  
by: the families (Mary Beth/ Carol Ann)

SUNDAY, May 11, 2025  
9:00 AM MASS  
+ Galen Ouellette  
by: Veronica Ouellette  
CONFESSIOIN: 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, May 11, 2025  
11:00 AM MASS  
For the People of the Parish

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS  
May 5, 5:30pm - Altar Society dinner/  
meeting at PrimeTime Grille.  
Please NOTE date change. We will be  
permanently changing our monthly  
dinner/meeting times to coincide with the  
Knights of Columbus meeting dates.

The LORD  
feeds us  
himself



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**LITURGICAL ROLES**

SAT., May 10, 2025 – 5:30 PM

Gifts: Mike & Kathy Gretencord  
Ushers: Theresea Paxton/ Bud Stratton/  
Charles Patry

Servers: Owen & Finley Wirth  
Eucharistic Minister: Sue Bina  
Music: Bryan Schmidt  
Lectors: Alan Bina/ Dustin Wirth  
Sacristan: Sue Bina  
Rosary Leader: Karen Tatum

SUN., May 11, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Gifts: Michael & Jamie Keiter  
Ushers: Dale & Linda Hermreck/ John Golden/  
Ervin Prather

Servers: Eve Slocum / Austin Nelson  
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Snow  
Music: Becky Shrimplin / Ken Frank  
Lectors: Christy Winter / Shannen Freeman  
Sacristan: Ervin & Janet Prather  
Rosary Leader: Mary Redeker

SUN., May 11, 2025 - 11:00 AM

Gifts: Rob & Suzy Hedrick Family  
Ushers: Russ & Crystal Moyer Family/  
Stacy & Makayla Potter

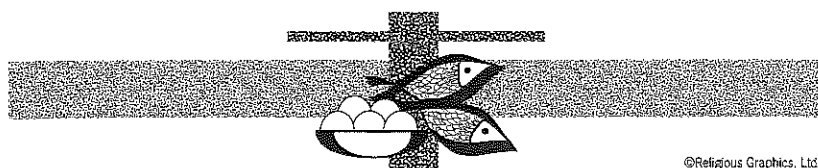
Server: Vincent Seibert  
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Henningsen  
Lectors: Alex & Steve Boetel  
Sacristan: Stephanie Orr  
Rosary Leader: Rosemary Pratt

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MOYER/ LINA SHUTT/ ED & SALLY HENRY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LAWN CARE  
5/03 – REBEL BEATTY/ STAN KLAUS  
5/10 - BOB FANGMAN / MIKE KEITER

REHOMING OF AZALEAS

Some of our Easter azaleas and lilies need to  
be “re-homed”. They have been placed outside  
against the bricks near our statue of Mother  
Mary. Please feel free to take one. We will be  
adding others as we go through the Easter  
season.



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**FINANCIAL CORNER – Offertory: Apr. 26-27**

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Collection                       | \$2,395.00        |
| Cash                             | \$ 842.00         |
| Candle                           | \$ 50.00          |
| CRS Rice Bowl                    | \$ 12.20          |
| Priesthood                       | \$ 180.00         |
| Holy Land/ Good Friday           | \$ 25.00          |
| Catholic Home Missions           | \$ 277.00         |
| On-line Giving (Collection)      | \$ 607.00         |
| On-line Giving (Faith Formation) | \$ 134.80         |
|                                  | <b>\$4,523.00</b> |

**OTHER DONATION**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Faith Formation Payment | \$ 40.00 |
|-------------------------|----------|

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL PIZZA NIGHTS**  
SHS Pizza Nights are back and Mondays are hard! So you don't want to cook? Pizza Time has you covered! Pizza Time here in Ottawa wants to help make Mondays easier while giving back to our school. Pizza Time will donate 20% of their sales for delivery, dine-in and carry-out when you bring in the flier! (Alcohol, Buffet, Specials and Coupons are excluded.) Be sure and mark the first Monday of each month down as Pizza Night for Sacred Heart! Pick up your flyer at the church entrance.

**SACRED HEART CAR SHOW**

Do you have a classic car, truck, motorcycle or any specialty vehicle that you would like to show off? Bring it to the Sacred Heart Car Show on May 10th (Saturday) at Forest Park from 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon. It doesn't have to be perfect! If you're proud of it ... we're proud of it! Bring your lawn chairs! No charge to bring a vehicle or to come and look. It will be a fun day for the entire family to socialize with your Parish community! Bring the kids! For more details/ information, please contact: Rick Nuckolls at (316) 734-8569. (Please see Insert)

**WILLS AND TRUSTS WORKSHOP- OTTAWA**

On May 21, 2025, the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas is hosting a Wills and Trusts Workshop at Sacred Heart Catholic Church- 408 South Cedar Street, Ottawa, KS 66067. The event begins at 5:30 PM with refreshments and a social, followed by the Wills and Trusts Workshop Presentation from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Casey Connealy, Estate Planning Attorney of Gaughan & Connealy, is the presenter. Register by visiting [cfnek.org/events](http://cfnek.org/events) or by contacting Greg Alejos at 913-647-0365 or [galejos@archkck.org](mailto:galejos@archkck.org).

## Wills & Trusts WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**  
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Refreshments & Social  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Wills & Trusts Presentation

**Sacred Heart Catholic Parish  
Parish Hall**  
408 South Cedar Street, Ottawa, KS 66067


- What is the difference between a Will and a Trusts?
- How to avoid Probate (and what exactly is Probate?)
- How can I leave money or assets to my church, school, archdiocese, or favorite charitable organization?

**CASEY CONNEALY**  
*Estate Planning Attorney | Gaughan & Connealy*



**REGISTER**

[cfnek.org/events](http://cfnek.org/events)  
Greg Alejos: 913-647-0365



SCAN TO REGISTER!



Novena Prayer  
for the Sacred College of Cardinals  
gathered for the Conclave  
to elect the Roman Pontiff  
April 26 – May 5, 2025

I kneel before you, O Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the compassionate mother of all who love you, cry to you, seek you, and trust in you. I plead for the Church at a time of great trial and danger for her. As you came to the rescue of the Church at Tepeyac in 1531, please intercede for the Sacred College of Cardinals gathered in Rome to elect the Successor of Saint Peter, Vicar of Christ, Shepherd of the Universal Church.

At this tumultuous time for the Church and for the world, plead with your Divine Son that the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, His Mystical Body, will humbly obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Through your intercession may they choose the most worthy man to be Christ's Vicar on earth. With you, I place all my trust in Him Who alone is our help and salvation. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee, have mercy upon us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Virgin Mother of God and Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us!

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke  
April 24, 2025

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May 2025

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Rev. Kenneth Clem, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Augustine of Canterbury

St. Augustine was an Italian Benedictine monk who, with forty other monks, was sent to re-evangelize England. The Celtic population had already accepted Christ, but the incoming Anglo-Saxons hadn't. St. Augustine and his companions arrived at Ebbsfleet in 597, and were, thankfully, welcomed by King Ethelbert of Kent, who gave them permission to preach the Gospel. He also later converted. St. Augustine and his companions successfully converted southern England. He is called the "Apostle of England."

### Happy Pentecost!

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Blessed Mother and the Apostles in the Upper Room, in a display of divine glory. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, just as He inspired the first Apostles to go preach to the ends of the earth. How might He be guiding you? (We celebrate Pentecost on June 8, this year.)

### "Be the one"

"Be with Jesus. ... I always write that sentence, 'I looked for one to comfort Me, but I found no one.' Then I write, 'Be the one.' So now you be that one. Try to be the one to share with Him, to comfort Him, to console Him. So let us ask Our Lady to help us understand."

Mother Teresa

## "Be not afraid"

What God wants most for each of us is to be happy with Him in Heaven. He uses the world to shape us and give us qualities that will help us get there untainted by sin. *"Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand ..."* (Jeremiah 18:6). Sometimes that means allowing us to undergo trials that cleanse and strengthen us.

Don't judge a gift by its ugly wrapping paper. Some virtues can only be acquired through hardship. Avoiding discomfort will cause you to miss out on experiences God wants you to have. While they may be uncomfortable, God would remove them at once if they weren't good for your soul.

"Pray, hope and don't worry." This famous advice from St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is both comforting and practical. Many of tomorrow's troubles exist only in our minds. Live your trust in God by refusing to think about what might

happen and instead deal with what is happening right now. Refuse to worry. *"Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"* (Matthew 6:27).

*"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand"* (Isaiah 41:10).

Accept aid. When overwhelmed, we may overlook the help God is already providing, mistakenly believing we must face challenges alone. This mindset can lead to pride — the temptation to act without God.

Instead, stay open to help from others, seek guidance in Scripture and Church teachings, and remain rooted in prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Once your storm passes, you'll be prepared to support others through theirs.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the well-known Marian apparitions approved by the Church — Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Kibeho — the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance seems to adapt to the local culture of those to whom she appears, while her central message remains consistent: a call to prayer, repentance and renewed devotion to the Faith.

For example, the miraculous image

## Why do Catholics have different images of the Blessed Mother?

of Our Lady of Guadalupe features symbolic elements that the Aztec people would have understood, communicating the Gospel message in a way that resonated within their cultural context. This adaptation of Mary's appearance underscores her closeness to the communities she visits, reflecting the profound truth of her spiritual motherhood of all Christians.

## The Ascension brings us closer to Jesus

The Ascension might have felt like a moment of separation to Jesus' disciples, but in reality, it brought them closer to Him in a deeper spiritual connection. Through His Ascension, Jesus became spiritually present everywhere, continually interceding on our behalf. He is always thinking of us, presenting our needs to the Father. When we pray, we are never alone—Jesus Himself is praying with us and for us.

Prayer "power-up." Prayer doesn't have to feel good to be good prayer. It can be a real struggle to pray throughout the day, to stay focused on God, and not get distracted. That's when we can lean on Jesus' perfect prayer to the Father. We

can join our prayers to His, and know they are pleasing to God.

Offer it up. Whether it involves suffering, fulfilling a necessary duty, or performing an act of charity, when we unite these actions with Jesus' self-offering on the Cross, they gain profound spiritual significance and immeasurable value for souls — especially our own.

Mass intentions. During Holy Communion or right after Mass, take a moment to present your concerns, and your desires to God, dedicating them to the service and glory of His love. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity!

### from **S**cripture

**John 14:23-29, "I am with you always."**

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. As He prepared to face His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus sought to strengthen His disciples, a close-knit group who had followed Him for three years. In this poignant moment, He reassured them of His continued presence, even after His departure. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus promised, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus' message was clear: although His followers would no longer see Him physically, He would remain invisibly but powerfully present. If they kept His word, both He and the Father would

dwell within them through grace. Furthermore, He promised to send the Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter, granting them the gift of His peace and the assurance of His return.

It is natural to feel that being faithful would be easier if we could see and hear Jesus directly. Yet, He remains present in His Church—in her worship, prayer, sacraments, and acts of charity.

Above all, Jesus is profoundly present in the Eucharist, where His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are truly present (CCC, #1374). We do not need to look back in time; we encounter Jesus at every Mass.

### Feasts & Celebrations

May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (First Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, the son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 12 – Sais Nereus and Achilleus (d.c.100). Little is known about the early lives of Saints Nereus and Achilleus. They were Roman soldiers of the Praetorian Guard but converted to Christianity. They resigned the army, refusing to serve the Emperor. They

were exiled from Rome to the island of Terracina and were beheaded.

May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). Today marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 29 – Pope St. Paul VI (1978). Born in 1897, near Brescia, Italy, Giovanni Battista Montini spent most of his priesthood working for the Vatican. He was elected pope in 1963 and concluded the Second Vatican Council, went on many apostolic missions, and wrote several significant encyclicals. He died in 1978.

### **Q & A** How can I make a consecration to Mary?

The Marian Consecration, or *Total Consecration to Mary*, is a devotion dating back to the 1700s, introduced by St. Louis de Montfort. It involves entrusting one's life to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. This practice has been highly praised by many saints and popes, including Pope St. John Paul II.

Marian consecration does not involve worshiping Mary or treating her as divine. Instead, it acknowledges that Mary, as Christ's mother, always leads us to her Son. Mary serves as a bridge, guiding us closer to Jesus by the safest and most direct route.

On the Cross, Jesus gave His mother to humanity, saying, "Behold your mother" (John 19:26-27). St. John Paul II saw this as an invitation to deeper intimacy with Christ by drawing closer to the one closest to Him on earth.

Many who practice the consecration experience a deeper, more transformative prayer life, drawing closer to both Mary and Jesus. (*Note: Catholic websites like EWTN and the National Shrine of St. Louis de Montfort provide free downloadable versions and instructions.*)

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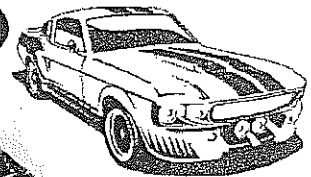
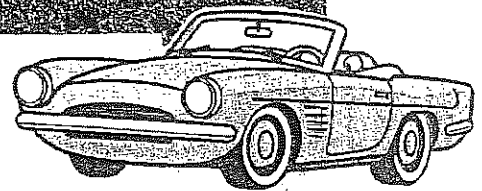
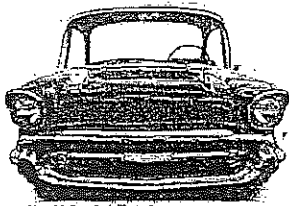


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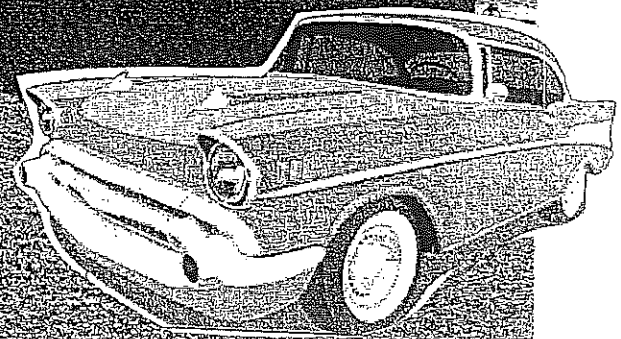
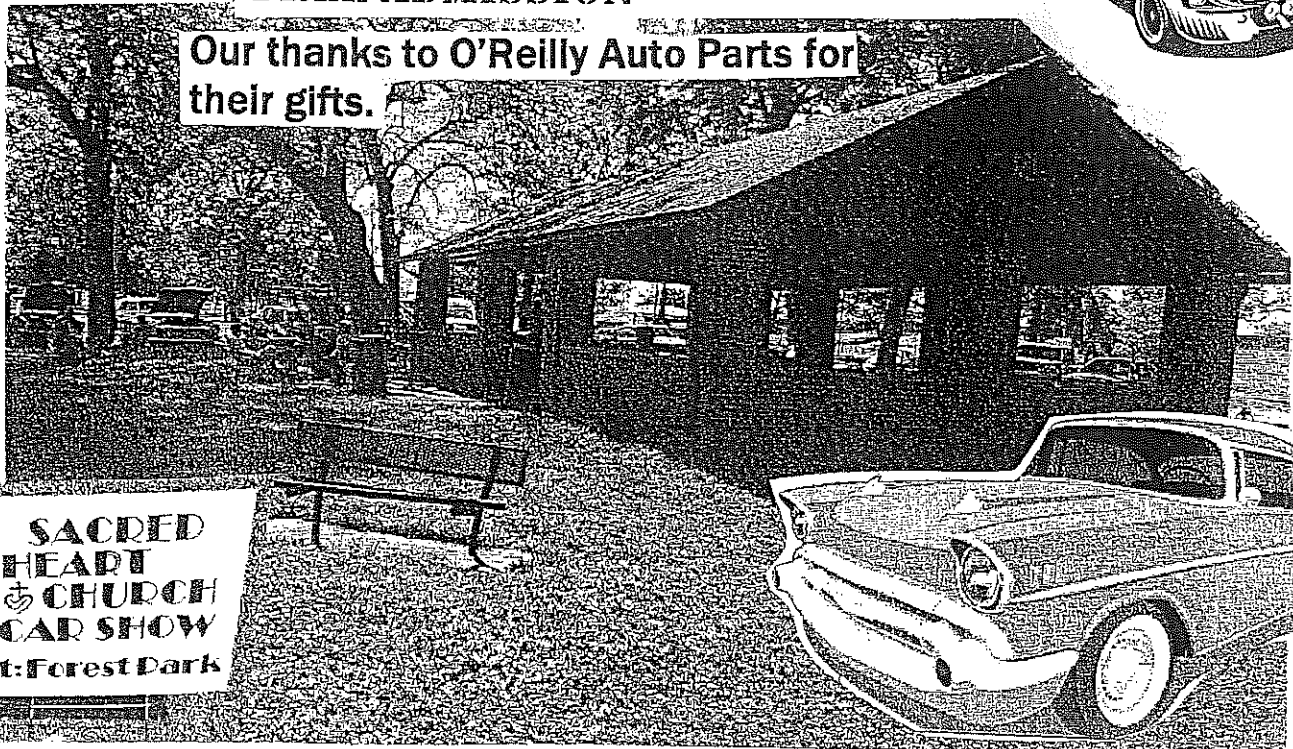
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