

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

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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 | |
| Family Formation/RCIA (Sept 2022) | 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. 3- DEC. 4, 2022

MONDAY, Dec. 5, 2022

NO MASS

TUESDAY, Dec. 6, 2022

8:05 MASS

+ Mary McClure (Mother)
by: Elaine & Robert Covin

7PM CONFIRMATION MASS

By: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7, 2022

8:05 MASS

+ John Birzer
by: Mike & Debbie Setzkorn

THURSDAY, Dec. 8, 2022

8:05 MASS

+ Juliann Sauer by: Dottie Lickteig

6PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

(Holy Day of Obligation)

+ Samuel Pacheco Sr. by: Nancy Bien

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

8:40 AM to 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 9, 2022

8:05 MASS

8:40 AM – CONFESSION

Special Intention

by: Elizabeth Lowderman

SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 2022

12:00 FUNERAL MASS FOR ED PINDER

4:30 CONFESSION/ 5:30 PM MASS

+ Ed Pinder by: Rosemary Pratt

SUNDAY, Dec. 11, 2022

9:00 AM MASS

+ Cole Hayden by: Bob & Pat Hayden

11:00 AM MASS

For the people of the Parish

CHURCH CLEANING ANGELS

STACY BURGOON/ CRYSTAL MOYER

CAROL FISCHER/ SUE BINA

LITURGICAL ROLES

THURS., Dec. 8, 2022 – 6:00 PM MASS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – HOLY DAY
OF OBLIGATION

Gifts: Rob, Suzy, and Slater Hedrick

Ushers: Karen Chanay & Rosemary Pratt

Server: Graceyn Hedrick

Eucharistic Minister: Bud Stratton

Lector: Rick Nuckolls

Sacristan: Debbie Blakeley

SAT., Dec. 10, 2022 – 5:30 PM MASS

Gifts: Jim & Sherry Engelbert

Eucharistic Minister: Craig Evans

Lector: Emma Tumberlin / Tom Weigand

Sacristan: Roberta Rhodes

SUN., Dec. 11, 2022 – 9:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Jeremy Stone / Dixie Dorsey

Ushers: Dale & Linda Hermreck/
Robert & Kelley Thompson

Server: Lilli Moll

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Downing

Music: Ken Frank

Lectors: Gloria & Dave Hornung

Sacristan: Ervin & Janet Prather

Rosary Leader: Dotty Quinn

SUN., Dec. 11, 2022 - 11:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Dennis & JoAnn Nowatzke

Ushers: Brad & Annette Ferguson /
Joan Hazelton

Eucharistic Minister: Stephanie Orr

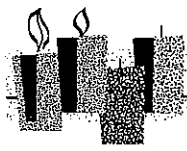
Lector: Betty Birzer

Sacristan: Stephanie Orr

MON. Dec. 12, 2022

Counters: Deb Henningsen /Ann Hunsicker

THERE WILL BE NO HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
THIS WEEKEND due to the busyness of the
holiday season. Enjoy time with your family
and friends, and we look forward to seeing you
in 2023!



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.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

to the Family of: Ed Pinder

Re-Scheduled for next Saturday (Dec. 10th)

at Sacred Heart Church:

Visitation - 10 am – 11:15 am

Rosary - 11:30 am – Noon

Funeral Mass – Noon – 1:00 pm

Funeral Dinner – 1:00 pm (Parish Center)

Your memorial donations will be divided and personally handed to the Olathe Hospice House and the Franklin County Cancer Foundation. Thank you, Judy Pinder

FINANCIAL CORNER - Offertory: Nov. 26-27

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| Collection | - \$5,298.11 |
| Cash | - \$ 389.00 |
| Candles | - \$ 28.00 |
| Leaven | - \$ 21.00 |
| Cath. Camp. For Human Devt. | - \$ 20.00 |
| Faith Formation | - \$2,000.00 |
| Christmas Flower Memorials | - \$ 410.00 |
| On-line Giving | - \$ 343.14 |
| | <u>\$8,509.25</u> |

OTHER DONATION

Church Collection (in the mail):

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| Masses | \$ 530.00 |
| Designated funds | \$7,500.00 |
| Church Offering | \$ 150.00 |
| Christmas Flower Memorial | \$ 50.00 |
| | <u>\$8,230.00</u> |

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Tuesday, December 6 – The Altar Society will be hosting a reception for our Confirmation candidates and their families. All are welcome to join in the celebration! Can you provide cookies/cupcakes/ brownies, cheese & crackers, veggie tray and/or help serve in the evening? Contact Betty Birzer, 785-418-5701 call or text.

Interested in helping with HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS? Held the 1st Sunday of each month (except for January, May and those months with conflicting holidays), now after the 9am mass. Need help on occasion with:
 - picking up the donuts, juice, milk at Price Chopper
 - helping to setup and serve the goodies
 Contact Betty Birzer, 785-418-5701 (call or text) if you have interest and/or questions.

ALTAR SOCIETY – ANGEL TREE

The Altar Society is once again organizing an "Angel Tree" to help those in our community. This year, we voted to help KVC Kansas foster care with some of their needs. Please check out the tree, grab an angel and then bring back your selected item to put in the box by the tree. We will deliver items to KVC on the 19th. THANK YOU for your support!

SPIRITUAL ITEMS

Free spiritual items including many VHS Bible and Saint Stories are available in the North Hall from Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11. Thank you.

SACRED HEART CHURCH'S ONLINE GIVING

We appreciate all donations to support the efforts and works of the parish. The following QR code will bring up our online giving page for those who would like to give in that way.



Sacred Heart School Survey

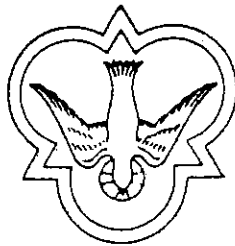
Action Requested

The school, in its greater endeavor to create opportunities for students to engage with Jesus Christ and prepare members of the Faithful for the future, is looking to for input from the greater Sacred Heart community. We ask that each family scan the QR code (right) using the camera on your smart device and prayerfully consider each question provided in the survey. The school and its committees will be using the information gathered to set goals and plans for the possible future of Sacred Heart School. We will be accepting survey responses until the end of December. Forming young members in Christ is one of the most important missions we take on in our lives and I thank you all for everything you do to help in those those efforts



With Faith & Hope,

Mr. Patrick (P.J.) Greer
Sacred Heart School Principal



The following confirmands will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. Please keep them in your prayers.

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| Nick Alexander | Tatum Ball |
| Bailey Cameron | Ever Cornejo |
| Mya Crabtree | Grace Dempsey |
| Katelyn Denney | Pete Dorsey |
| Graceyn Hedrick | Bryce Klaus |
| Grace McKenzie | Lilli Moll |
| Rowin Morgan | Makayla Potter |
| Brody Rockers | Eli Wells |

— CONFIRMATION MASS —

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Reception to follow in the parish center.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

FRANK & ANNA MARIE GRETENCORD; DEAN GRETENCORD
by: Mike & Kathy Gretencord

CECIL & JEWELL SPRATT; DEANNA ABEL *by: Mike & Kathy Gretencord*

TONY BIRZER, JOHN FIG, BILL & BILLIE BOODRO & JEROME BIRZER
by: Betty, Jennifer & Jaime Birzer

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

BILL HENNINGSEN *by: Deb Henningsen*

THE STONE & THE HENRY FAMILIES *by: Edgar & Sally Henry*

DONNA PATRY *by: Charles Patry & Family*

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RHODES & McCONVILLE FAMILIES
by: Roberta Rhodes

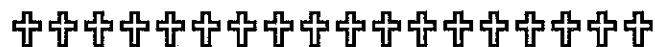
BRAYDYN SCOTT, LEWIS & MARIE BAUCOM, PEGGY CASTLEBERRY &
BOB GEORGE *by: John & JoAnn Scott*

JOHN UDELHOFEN & ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF MERSMAN
& UDELHOFEN FAMILIES *by: Arlene Udelhofen*

JANE & PEGGY HANDRAHAN *by Ann Hunsicker*

CHADD LOWDERMAN, JOBETH CRAIG & CAROL WALLIS
by: Elizabeth Lowderman

BILL & JOHN GIBSON *by: Bob & Mary Redeker*



*Thank you to those who have given Memorials for their loved ones,
and to the Art and Environment Committee who work lovingly to add to the beauty of
our spiritual experience.*

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December 2022

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Rev. Kenneth Clem, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Begin in His presence

Jesus came among us to be with us. When you first wake up in the morning, but before you get out of bed, place yourself in His presence. Take a few minutes to focus on a sacred picture or an image that will help you to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Holiday advice

The holiday season is an exciting time but it can also be a time when money worries, family worries, and every kind of worry intrudes. Instead, try to follow this advice from St. Paul, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things," (Philippians 4:8).

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



Encounter Christ this Christmas

God came to us in the most vulnerable human form possible so that He could draw us to Himself for all eternity.

This Christmas, answer His call and come close to Him:

In song. Listen to and ponder the words of your favorite Christmas hymns. Imagine the reality of heavens filled with angels and faraway kings answering the call to pay Him homage.

In service. The newborn Jesus is the physical sign of God's love for us. When we give of our time and resources in His service, we become an instrument of that love. Share His love in your parish, in your neighborhood, in your community.

In mercy. Experience God's mercy in Confession and His loving presence in the Eucharist.

Then, like Him, offer mercy to anyone who may have hurt you. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12).

In prayer. Jesus came to live among us so He could be intimate with us. He wants to connect on a deep level - more than rushed prayers or perfunctory devotions. During Advent, find quiet time to give Him your full attention and speak to Him heart to heart.

In watchfulness. Live this Advent with a new awareness of the presence of God. Be awake to who He is and how precious you are to Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

God gave us body and soul, so it makes sense actions that combine prayer and movement help us to most fully participate. During Mass, each posture means something. We stand to show respect when the priest (representing Christ) enters and

Why do Catholics stand, sit, and kneel at Mass?

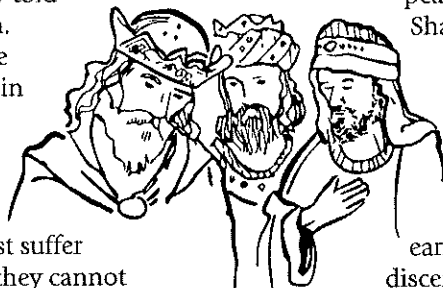
leaves, when the Gospel is read, and when we proclaim the Creed. We sit to focus on the homily, and kneel during the Consecration, showing adoration and humility. We genuflect to the tabernacle and altar to demonstrate ultimate respect.



Spread the "Good news of great joy"

After the shepherds visited Jesus, they told others who didn't yet know about Him. Pope St. John Paul II urged us to do the same: "If we truly encounter Christ again and again, we cannot keep him to ourselves." As disciples, we are required to make disciples.

Practice urgency. Those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ suffer the misery of our fallen world. Worse, they cannot enter eternal life. Our Catholic Faith holds the key to

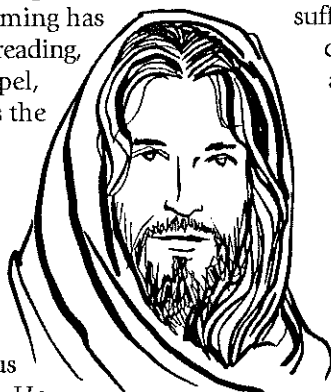


peace in this world and salvation in the next. Sharing our knowledge and love for Him is urgent. **Spend time in the Word.** The world desperately needs to know the Truth contained in the Word. Those who spend time with Scripture grow deeper in their relationship with God and can share that knowledge. **Actively listen.** It is through listening that we earn the right to be heard. Active listening helps us discern where our companion is in the faith journey. Then we learn how best to share the gospel message.

from Scripture

John 1:1-18, Who is Jesus Christ?

Our faith hinges on knowing Christ -- who He is and what His coming has meant for us. This Scripture reading, the Prologue of John's Gospel, gives us the answer. Jesus is the divine Word who always existed, the Second Person of the Trinity, and the source of life. Grace and truth come to us through Christ. To know Jesus is to know God.



wept, slept, and prayed. He suffered temptation in the desert, and was abandoned, rejected, and wounded by those He loved. God understands us.

Jesus Christ made a bold claim. He said that He is truly God and truly man, and that our salvation comes through Him.

Will we choose Him as our Messiah? Will we live our lives as children of God? If our answer is "yes," then Jesus is the one to whom we turn for enlightenment and grace.

At the Annunciation, Jesus took on our human nature. He became like us in all things except sin. Yet even though He was God and perfect Man, He still suffered. He got tired, hungry, and thirsty. He worked,

Q & A What does Our Lady of Guadalupe teach us about Christmas?

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) occurs during Advent. Almost 500 years after Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego, we can still learn from her miraculous image on his tilma (cloak).



God is the source of life. Viewed upside down, the flowers on Our Lady's dress take the shape of hearts with arteries coming out, representing life which originates from God. He sustains us with His grace, especially through the Sacraments.

God draws near. A four-petalled flower on Mary's dress symbolizes the Aztecs' highest deity, perceived as distant and unmoved by their concerns. The flower's placement over Mary's womb shows that the Almighty God draws close in love and humility, even becoming one of us.

Humility and joy. Aztec gods were painted looking up and ahead, yet Our Lady's head is bowed in humility and prayer. She is from Heaven, but is not God. She is a messenger of His love, modeling a humble, joyful response to Him and ready to bring His love to others.

Feasts & Celebrations

December 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked that a chapel be built and sent him with roses as a sign. When St. Juan emptied the roses before the bishop, his cloak retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

December 16 – St. Adelaide of Burgundy (999). A Burgundian princess, St. Adelaide escaped from a murderous plot for the throne. She married King Otto I, the Holy Roman Emperor. As Queen of Germany, she was

known for charitable works, including founding and restoring monasteries.

December 20 – St. Dominic of Silos (1073). St. Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000 AD in Navarre, Spain. Recognized for his leadership abilities, he was appointed abbot of St. Sebastian's monastery at Silos.

December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents (1st century).

On this day, we remember the infants massacred by King Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2:16-18). We also pray for the safety of unborn children.



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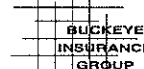


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