

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
Wednesday Faith & Family Night (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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- Carmelita Sieg (Parish Secretary) office@shottawa.org
- Sandy Vrbas (Faith Formation Coordinator) dre@shottawa.org
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- Shayla Siebenthall (School Secretary) school@shottawa.org

SEPT. 14 – SEPT. 15, 2024

MONDAY, Sept. 16, 2024
NO MASS

TUESDAY, Sept. 17, 2024
10 AM FUNERAL MASS
DONNA LEA FERGUSON

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18, 2024
8:05 AM MASS
+ Jim Kiefer (birthday)
by: Patricia Cummings

THURSDAY, Sept. 19, 2024
8:05 AM MASS
+ Souls in Purgatory
by: Anonymous

ADORATION: 8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, Sept. 20, 2024
8:05 AM MASS
+ Ed & Leena Miller (Aunt/ Uncle)
by: Eileen Bowling

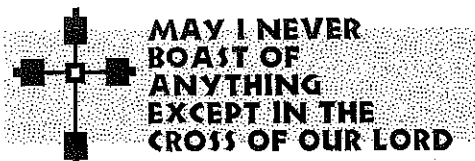
SATURDAY, Sept. 21, 2024
4:30 PM – Confession/ 5:30 PM MASS
+ Agnes Kiefer (birthday)
by: Patricia Cummings

SUNDAY, Sept. 22, 2024
9:00 AM MASS
+ George & Roxie Luschen
by: the Redekers

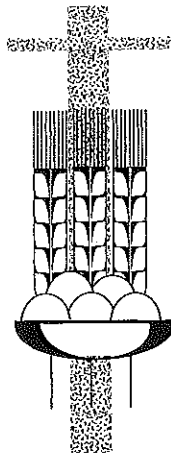
11:00 AM MASS
For the People of the Parish

CHURCH CLEANING ANGELS
BECKY SHRIMPLIN/ DIANN PRENTICE
THERESA PAXTON/ KAY STRATTON

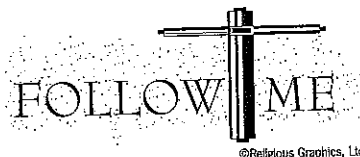
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LAWN CARE
9/20/24 CRAIG EVANS/ GIB BRUNA
9/27/24 CHRIS LAMAR/ MIKE BROWN



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LITURGICAL ROLES

SAT., Sept. 21, 2024 – 5:30 PM MASS
Gifts: Mike & Kathy Gretencord
Usher: Theresa Paxton/ Bud Stratton
Eucharistic Minister: Craig Evans
Lector: Rick Nuckolls
Sacristan: Roberta Rhodes
Rosary Leader: Mike Fischer

SUN., Sept. 22, 2024 – 9AM MASS
Gifts: Steve, Dawn, & Maggie Bones
Ushers: Dale & Linda Hermreck/
Rosemary Pratt/ Ervin Prather
Servers: Lilli & Haiden Moll
Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Downing
Music: Mark Paquette
Lector: Janet Prather
Sacristans: Ervin & Janet Prather
Rosary Leader: Rosemary Pratt

SUN., Sept. 22, 2024 - 11AM MASS
Gifts: Brad & Annette Ferguson
Ushers: Russ & Crystal Moyer/
John Golden
Servers: Clara & Maggie Moyer
Eucharistic Minister: Stephanie Orr
Music: Guitar/ Flute
Lectors: Betty Birzer/ James Boyer
Sacristan: Katie Smith
Rosary Leader: Rick Vrbas

MON. September 23, 2024
Counters: JoAnn Scott / Sue Bina

FINANCIAL CORNER Offertory: Sept. 7-Sept. 8

Collection	-\$3,360.00
Cash	-\$ 448.00
Candle	-\$ 10.00
Leaven	-\$ 42.00
The Catholic Univ. of America	-\$ 40.00
Roof Fund	-\$ 322.00
On-line Giving	-\$ 226.73
	<u>\$4,448.73</u>

OTHER DONATION

Faith Formation \$ 145.00

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 8:05 AM MASSES FROM SEPT. 24th THROUGH SEPT. 27th SINCE FR. KENN WILL BE ATTENDING THE PRIEST RETREAT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ann Hunsicker, Debbie Blakeley, Kathy Laws, JR Daugharthy, Donald Fischer, John Schnieders, Clara Guerin, Virginia Quintana, JoAnn Nowatzke, Shirley Fischer, Erin Chappell, Phillip Pearce, Dennis Nowatzke, Terry /Jack Shepard, Reba Miller, Koby Becker, Larry Fisher, James Fisher, Kathy Jordan * 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 Kaufmann, Amanda Wray, Rev. Bill Prather, Mark Andrew Kohn, Mark Austin Kohn, Shelly Frank, Annie Obrien, Jerry Krause, Kenny Read, Beckham Moody, J Dalton Hennessy.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Hog Raffle tickets - 2 chances to win.
Tickets \$10 each
Religious Education tickets - 25 chances to win. Tickets are \$100
Sept. Knight of the Month – Gerry Didde
Family of the Month - Lee Crane Family

FALL FESTIVAL - Sunday, October 13, Noon-4pm. This is a Parish-wide family fun event, and EVERYONE is invited to attend!

ALTAR SOCIETY - Sept. 17th, 5:30pm - dinner/meeting at PrimeTime Grille. ALL ladies of Sacred Heart (church and school, no matter your age) are invited to attend.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

to the family of: **DONNA LEA FERGUSON**
Obituary at Dengel's Funeral Home
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in Peace. Amen.

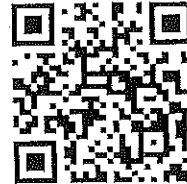
SAVE THE DATE: LIFE CHAIN

Join us as we stand united for life at this years Life Chain Sunday. October 6th from 2-3 pm in Ottawa, KS. (Please see the insert)



FR. KENN'S MESSAGE ON ROOF FUND

Thank you all so very much for the support that you have showed this far in our parish's raising money for the roof and building fund. Below is a QR code to give digitally. We are well on our way and we will continue to communicate as we make progress. Thank you and God Bless.



FAITH & FAMILY NIGHTS - There is something for everyone at our Faith & Family Nights. Take notice of the "Year at a Glance" AND "Month at a Glance" in the vestibule and the north hallway. Snap a photo or contact Sandy Vrbas at dre@shottawa.org to get a copy. All are welcome!

LOOKING FOR COOKS! - If you enjoy cooking and want to serve our community, please consider serving on one of the Wednesday night meal teams. Classes have begun and we still have about 20 slots open that need to be filled. Call Sandy Vrbas at 785-893-2654 if you can help provide three meals during the school year. Or, sign up with the QR code. THANK YOU!



SHS SPIRIT WEAR

SHS is excited to share that it is now offering spirit wear. Show your support of the School and Parish with SHS gear from Scarlet & Gold Shops. We have both adult and youth sizes with fun designs that the whole family can enjoy. Find the "Sacred Heart Spirit Wear" link on the school's website at shs.shottawa.org or reach out to the school office and we will email you the link. Know that 10% of all sales go directly back to the school, and a 15% discount is offered to all first-time orders upon subscribing to S&G's newsletter.

Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

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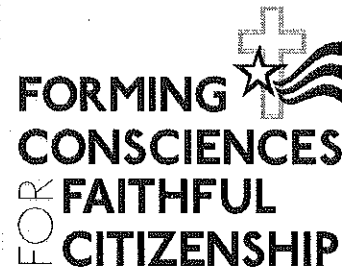
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¹ *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life. . . 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., "Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation."¹

"If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most

basic of truths" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively "religious" truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

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Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church's mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

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¹ Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

² *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

³ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.



You are invited to Life Chain Sunday

WHAT: A peaceful and prayerful gathering for the unborn

WHEN: Sunday October 6th, 2024

TIME: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

WHERE: 4th and Main Street Ottawa, Kansas

***Near the war memorial across from Corner Market**

*"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek
my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will
forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My name is Jolene Stuchlik and I would like to personally invite you and your family to join me this year for Life Chain Sunday. Life Chain Sunday is a national prayerful witness for the unborn. We, as a pro life people, believe in the sanctity of life from womb to tomb. October is Respect Life Month and the National Life Chain Sunday takes place on the 1st Sunday of every October. This year it is my hope to bring the message of life to our wonderful town of Ottawa.

The bible verse that was chosen to represent the Life Chain this year is 2nd Chronicles 7:14: **"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."** With that scripture in mind I invite you and your family and friends to be a prayerful witness to life this coming October. We will stand united in Christ and united in LIFE. We will have signs provided for your use but you are also welcome to create and bring your hand made sign as well. If you plan to make your own sign please see the additional information about what is appropriate within the standards of the National Life Chain Sunday organization through Kansans For Life at KFL.org.

I look forward to seeing people of all ages, races, denominations and backgrounds coming together and the National Life Chain is a great way for our community to come together and stand united for life. I hope and pray that you will share this message and invitation with others as well and will prayerfully consider joining us during this year's Life Chain Sunday.

We will meet 10-06-2024 from 2-3pm at the 400 block of Main Street near the war memorial across from Corner Market.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you all October 6th for the Life Chain!

Jolene Stuchlik
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