

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
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NOV. 30 - DEC. 1, 2024

MONDAY, Dec. 2, 2024 **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, Dec. 3, 2024

+ Ron Myers by: CS & Sue Bitler

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4, 2024

8:05 AM MASS

+ Lois Miller by: Eileen Bowling

THURSDAY, Dec. 5, 2024

8:05 AM MASS

+ Souls in Purgatory by: Anonymous

ADORATION: 8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 6, 2024

8:05 AM MASS/ 8:40 AM CONFESSION

+ Sr. Bernadette Marie Leon Guerrero

by: Carmelita Sieg

SATURDAY, Dec. 7, 2024

8:05 AM FIRST SATURDAY MASS

+ Fred & Adrianna Fehrenbach

by: Eileen Bowling

4:30 PM - Confession/ 5:30 PM MASS

+ Sam & Lupe Pacheco by: Eileen Bowling

SUNDAY, Dec. 8, 2024

9:00 AM MASS

For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM MASS

+ Bob & JoAnn Colot by: the Redeker Family

MONDAY, Dec. 9, 2024 – Immaculate

Conception – 8:05 AM MASS

+ David & Helen Bunch

by: Eileen Bowling

6:00 PM - Immaculate Conception

+ Ron Myers

by: Charles Patry

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LITURGICAL ROLES

SAT., Dec. 7, 2024 - 5:30 PM MASS

Gifts: Mike & Kathy Gretencord **Eucharistic Minister: Dan Gast** Lectors: Rick Nuckolls/ Alan Bina

Sacristan: Debbie Blakeley Rosary Leader: Mike Fischer

SUN., Dec. 8, 2024 – 9AM MASS

Gifts: Gary, Sharon, & Ethan Shields Ushers: Steve, Dawn, & Isaac Bones/

Ervin Prather

Server: Lilli & Haiden Moll

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Downing

Music: Becky Shrimplin / Ken Frank Lectors: Gregory Wellnitz/ Elizabeth

Lowderman

Sacristan: Ervin & Janet Prather Rosary Leader: Mary Redeker

SUN., Dec. 8, 2024 - 11AM MASS

Gifts: Rob & Suzy Hedrick Family Ushers: Walt & Clarice Dengel /

Joan Hazelton/ Rosemary Pratt

Server: Alex Boetel

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Henningsen

Lectors: Steve Boetel/ James Boyer

Sacristan: Stephanie Orr

Rosary Leader: Rosemary Pratt

TUES. December 10, 2024

Counters: JoAnn Scott / Sue Bina

MON., Dec, 9, 2024 – 6PM MASS

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations will be at both entrances beginning November 30, 2024 and throughout Advent.

HOPE HOUSE - "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever." -Psalms 118:29 Thank you for your total: 101.1 lb. food donation during October. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless.

> **CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT** WEDNESDAYS - 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM **SUNDAYS - 10:00 AM**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gerry Didde, Lela Mae Santarpia, Ann Hunsicker, Kathy Laws, 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 * Charles Miller, 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**

FINANCIAL CORNER Offe	rtory: 11/23 - 11/24
Collection	-\$7,790.00
Cash	<i>-</i> \$ 676.00
Candle	-\$ 20.00
Human Development	-\$ 45.00
On-line Giving	<u>-\$ 876.45</u>
•	\$9,407.45

ALTAR SOCIETY - The Angel Tree is ready for your donations! This is to help provide Christmas gifts for the children in foster care in Franklin County. We are asking for donations of new, UNWRAPPED gifts of toys, sports equipment, electronics, teen-sized clothing and gift cards. Please bring items to the baskets under the tree at the front entrance no later than Friday, Dec. 6. Thank you!

<u>Dec. 1</u> -There will be NO Hospitality Sunday due to the holiday weekend.

<u>Dec. 10</u>, 4pm - White Elephant Exchange Christmas Party at Amore Italian Restaurant. Join us when you can. A short meeting will take place first.

<u>Dec. 16.</u> 2pm - Classic Movie Monday at the Plaza, showing "A Christmas Story".

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Saturday, December 7th - 9:00 (Altar Servers) 10:00 (EMHC, Ushers, Greeters) 10:30 (Lectors)

CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED - We need one or two individuals to help in our toddler/baby room on Wednesday nights (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.). If we have two people volunteer, they can take turns. If you are not Virtus-trained, we can help you find an upcoming training session. Contact Sandy Vrbas (785-893-2654), if interested. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY/ FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

The Sacred Heart Parish First Friday/Saturday Committee invites you to participate in the beloved traditions of The First Friday and First Saturday devotions. These beautiful practices offer a path to profound grace and spiritual growth. The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and thereby obtaining heaven.

1st Friday Mass: December 6 at 8:05 AM 1st Saturday Mass: December 7 at 8:05 AM 3rd Sacred Heart Devotional Promise I will comfort them in all their affections.



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

Slater Hedrick Kaylee Henningsen
Brylee Rockers Clara Moyer
Gibson Sayler Marcella White
Autumn Wirth Addison Lowderman
Asher Morgan Robbi Roecker
Macy Stone Braeden Winter

— CONFIRMATION MASS — Monday, December 2, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Reception to follow in the parish center.



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. Starting Monday, September 2nd, 2024, Pizza Time will donate 20% of their sales for delivery, dine-in and carry-out when you bring in this 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!

Monday, September 2nd, 2024 Monday, October 7th, 2024 Monday, November 4th, 2024 Monday, December 2nd, 2024 Monday, January 6th, 2025 Monday, February 3rd, 2025 Monday, March 3rd, 2025 Monday, April 7th, 2025 Monday, May 5th, 2025 Monday, June 2nd, 2025 Monday, June 2nd, 2025

Bring in this printed flier and Pizza Time will donate 20% to our school. You can print it out at home or let the school office know you need some and we will get them to you.

Benefit Group: <u>Sacred Heart School</u>
Amount of Ticket:
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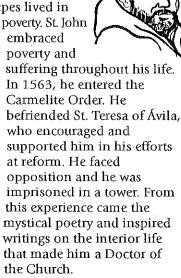
December 2024

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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St. John of the Cross

Born in Castile. Spain, St. Juan de Yepes lived in embraced poverty and



Close to the Infant Jesus

"You are nowhere but close to the Infant Jesus, trembling with cold in the stable of Bethlehem...Therefore, I beg you to love the crib of the Child of Bethlehem...stay close to him and be sure that Jesus is in the midst of your hearts more than you could believe or imagine." St. Padre Pio

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory" (John 1:14).

The best gifts come on Christmas

Christmas brings a joy that goes beyond presents—it's a season

rich with the gifts God offers: love, hope, family, and the promise of Heaven. These gifts touch every heart, young and old, and hold profound meaning.

The gift of love. God chose to come into the world as a baby, sharing in our human experience. His love surpasses anything we could

imagine. He invites us to embrace His love and let it transform us.

The gift of hope. Although we have moments of sin and can turn from God, the Child born on that first Christmas offers freedom from sin and the hope of a brighter future. This hope renews us and promises a better path forward.

The gift of family. Family provides strength, comfort, and support. Baptism welcomes us into Christ's divine family, where we are bound by an unbreakable

connection. "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God" (1 John 3:1).

The gift of Heaven. The most awesome gift is Heaven itself. Without Jesus'

miraculous birth, Heaven would be out of reach. He bridged the gap between Heaven and Earth, offering the promise of eternal joy. This Christmas, we can cherish the enduring gifts of love, hope, family, and Heaven that make the season truly meaningful.

Why Do Catholics Why do Catholics Do That O display nativity scenes?

The tradition of displaying nativity scenes began with St. Francis of Assisi, who was awed that God humbled Himself to be born in humility and poverty. To illustrate, he

displayed a manger scene in a cave near the Franciscans' chapel —

complete with donkey and ox. He celebrated Christmas Mass and, according to an eyewitness, the wax

figure of the Christ Child came alive. This pious tradition continues. reminding us that "the

Word became flesh and dwelt among us"(John 1:14).

Two Advent practices for a joyful Christmas

Each Advent, God invites us to deepen our friendship with Him and draw closer to His love. The key to a joyful Christmas lies in responding to this invitation by dedicating daily time to God and helping those in

Do the one thing needful: Pope Francis encourages us to "waste time" with God through prayer, even for just 15–20 minutes. This could be offering daily prayers for a special intention, meditating on the Christmas Story a verse at a time, or simply being peacefully

present to Him, who is always present to us.

Continue spending time with Him after the season ends.

Go in haste to love: Just as Mary went "with haste" (Luke 1:39) to serve her cousin Elizabeth, we, too, are called to act quickly in love. While no one can do everything, everyone can do something. When we serve others even in small ways, we receive a greater gift in return (Matthew 25:40).

Embrace these practices for a deeper, more joyful Christmas open to God's love.



Luke 2:41-52, Love and obedience

The Feast of the Holy Family (December 29) includes the story of finding Jesus in the Temple a story of love and obedience. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. They traveled in a large group for protection against bandits who infested the hill country. So it wasn't surprising that His parents didn't miss Jesus as they started the return trip. Upon discovering Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

On the third day of searching, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was

questioning the priests and amazing them with His understanding.

However, Mary asked how He could have caused His parents so much worry and Jesus replied, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

Though they were puzzled by His

answer, Mary and Joseph took Jesus back to Nazareth. He remained there in obedience to His parents until it was time for His public ministry. We learn from this story to obey not only God but also those in valid authority over us.

Q How do& I use anA Advent Wreath?

The Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreen branches, symbolizing God's eternal and unending love. It includes three purple (violet) candles and one pink (rose) candle. On the first Sunday of Advent, and each night that week, the first purple candle, known as the Prophet's Candle, is lit

to symbolize hope. On the second Sunday and throughout that week, light both the first and second purple candles.

The second candle, called the Bethlehem Candle, represents faith. The pink candle, lit during the third week, symbolizes joy and marks Gaudete Sunday. During the fourth week of Advent, all three purple candles and the pink candle are lit. The fourth candle, known as the Angel's Candle, represents peace.

Consider meditating on Scripture as you light the candles. Week 1 (hope) - Isaiah 9:2-7, week 2 (faith) - Micah 5:2-5a, week 3 (joy) - Luke 2:8-14, and week 4 (peace) - Luke 1:26-38.

Feasts & 🔻 💿 Celebrations

December 1 - First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and His coming on the Last Day. Catholics everywhere light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

December 4 – St. John Damascene (749). A Doctor of the Church and the last of the Greek Fathers, St. John was born in Muslim-ruled Syria and was counselor to the caliph. He is known for his writings in favor of the use of sacred images for devotion.

December 9 - Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin, preparing Mary to be the Mother of God. Pope Pius IX declared this doctrine in 1854. This year, it's still considered a holy day of obligation and Mass attendance is required.

December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents (1st century). Today, 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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Rev. Kenneth Clem, Pastor



Light all four candles in the wreath, including the last one for peace. Remember we are awaiting Christ and the peace He brings to those faithful to Him (Luke 2:14).	15 Gandete Sunday Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy to mark the halfway point of Advent	Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet. Read Luke 2:1-7.	December Light the first violet candle in the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on God's faithfulness and the hope of salvation. (See 1 Peter 3:15 for inspiration.)	Sign
Read Luke 2:1-19 and decide how you can make room in your heart for Christ. What steps will you take to welcome His presence and live out His love each day?	Reach out to your parish office to find out how you can make Christmas brighter for a family in need. Your kindness could be their Christmas miracle.	Immaculate Conception God preserved Mary from sin to be Jesus' mother. Attend Mass and pray a Rosary in her honor.	How will you draw closer to Christ during Advent? Will you deepen your faith through intentional prayer, heartfelt penance, generous almsgiving, or a renewed focus on the Sacraments?	Monday
Meditate on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary or pray Evening Prayer tonight to ready your heart for the birth of the Messiah.	Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.	A loving gaze is one of the kindest gifts we can offer. Today, Look at everyone through eyes of compassion and kindness, letting love illuminate each encounter.	A Practice the Heroic Minute as proposed by St. Josemaría Escrivá. Get out of bed immediately when you wake (don't press the "snooze" button) and offer the day to God.	Tuesday
25 Resolute! Place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice!	18 Today, offer a small sacrifice out of love, just for God.	Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from experiencing God's bountiful love.	Set out the stable and the empty manger from your Nativity scene. Slowly add the figures throughout Advent.	Wednesday
"In those days a decree wer enrolled. This was the first all went to be enrolled, each from the town of Nazareth because he was of the hous trothed, who was with childher child, and she gave bi clothes and laid him in a 1	Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus promises to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Renew your faith in His steadfast love.	Our Lady of Guadalupe To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase and pray for expectant mothers.	Advent is a busy time for Catholic parishes. Call or email your parish office and ask how you can help.	Inursday
"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"	Refusing to forgive can destroy our interior peace. Ask for the grace to let go and move on.	St. Francis de Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but chiefly with yourself." Practice patience with everyone today, especially yourself.	Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart Pray, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will.	
that all the world should be s was governor of Syria. So bh too went up from Galilee id that is called Bethlehem, enrolled with Mary, his bestime came for her to have wrapped him in swaddling place for them in the inn"	The King is coming! Tidy up your home and prepare to welcome Him.	Gather friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nutsing home or homeless shelter.	Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.	Saturday

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