



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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JAN. 4 – JAN. 5, 2025

MONDAY, Jan. 6, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, Jan. 7, 2025

8:05 AM MASS

+ Ethel Sobba (Sister)

by: Eileen Bowling

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, 2025

8:05 AM MASS

+ Lee & Grace Wedman (parents)

by: Carole Wedman

THURSDAY, Jan. 9, 2025

8:05 AM MASS

Oscar & Blanche Frey (+)
and Family

by: Angela & Charles Gurule
ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, Jan. 10, 2025

8:05 AM MASS

+ Lela Mae Santarpia

by: the Altar Society

SATURDAY, Jan. 11, 2025

4:40 PM – Confession/ 5:30 PM MASS

+ Jack Udelhofen

by: Arlene Udelhofen

SUNDAY, Jan. 12, 2025

9:00 AM MASS

+ Ralph & Mary Fanson

by: the Redeker Family

CONFESSION: 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, Jan. 12, 2025

11:00 AM MASS

For the People of the Parish

CHURCH CLEANING ANGELS

STACY BURGOON/ SUE BINA/ ISRAEL LORY
CRYSTAL MOYER/ LINA SHUTT

LITURGICAL ROLES

SAT., Jan. 11, 2025 – 5:30 PM MASS

Gifts: Charlie & Margy Porter

Ushers: George & Weng Mendez

Servers: Owen & Finley Wirth

Eucharistic Minister: Bud Stratton

Music: Bryan Schmidt

Lectors: Dustin Wirth / Alan Bina

Sacristan: Debbie Blakeley

Rosary Leader: Karen Tatum

SUN., Jan. 12, 2025 – 9:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Michael & Michelle Stephan

Ushers: Bob & Pat Hayden/ John Golden

Servers: Haiden & Lilli Moll

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Downing

Music: Becky Shrimplin / Ken Frank

Lectors: Elizabeth Lowderman/

Shannen Freeman

Sacristan: Maureen Downing

Rosary Leader: Mary Redeker

SUN., Jan. 12, 2025 - 11:00 AM MASS

Gifts: Dan & AmyJo McKean

Ushers: Joe White/ Moyer Family

Server: Alex Boetel

Eucharistic Minister: Stephanie Orr

Lectors: Betty Birzer / Steve Boetel

Sacristan: Stephanie Orr

Rosary Leader: Rosemary Pratt

MON. Jan. 13, 2025

Counters: Debbie Henningsen/ JoAnn Scott

The FINANCIAL CORNER will be available in
next weekend's Bulletin.

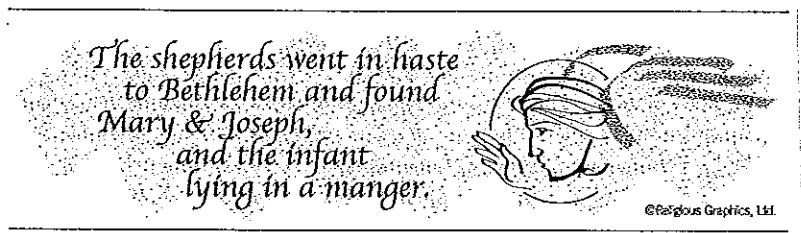
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*"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and
let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her
soul rest in Peace. Amen."*



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gerry Didde, Kathy Laws, Donald Fischer, John Schnieders, Clara Guerin, Virginia Quintana, JoAnn & Dennis Nowatzke, Shirley Fischer, Erin Chappell, Phillip Pearce, Terry & Jack Shepard, Reba Miller, Koby Becker, Larry 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 Kauffman, Amanda Wray, Rev. Bill Prather, Mark Andrew Kohn, Mark Austin Kohn, Shelly Frank, Annie O'Brien, Jerry Krause, Kenny Read, Beckham Moody and J Dalton Hennessy.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

January 5 - Hospitality Sunday, after both Masses, celebrating the Feast of the Three Kings. Sam & Maria Pacheco are once again donating special Mexican pastries for this annual event. Come join us!

January 14, 5pm - dinner/meeting at PrimeTime Grille (note earlier time).

January 27, 2pm - Classic Movie Monday showing of "Meet me in St. Louis" with Judy Garland.

We will be preparing our annual budget on January 7th to present at our January meeting. If you have any items to be considered, please contact one of the officers; Betty Birzer (President), Stephanie Orr (VP), Teresa McClay (Treasurer), Maureen Downing (Secretary).

HOPE HOUSE - "Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!" II Corinthians 9:15

Thank you for your total 60.8 lbs. donated during November, 2024. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS

Friday - 8:40 am
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am



LIFE GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

- Registration for the 2025 Life Giving Wounds retreat is now open! Life Giving Wounds is a healing retreat for adult children (18+) of divorced, separated or never-married parents. This peer-led weekend includes insightful talks, optional small group and one-on-one discussion, Eucharistic adoration, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation. Jan. 17-19, 2025 Kansas City, KS at Savior Pastoral Center

Register today at <https://archkck.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2449819>

IGNITE for Life & the Kansas Mass & March for Life 2025

- Mark your calendars and register today for IGNITE for LIFE January 29th, 2025 in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-love rally for the protection of preborn children and women facing challenging pregnancies. The morning consists of live music, motivational speakers including Keynote Leah Darrow, 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. IGNITE for Life is sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. To register for this FREE event, visit: www.archkck.org/IGNITE.

MARCH FOR LIFE DC ADULT TRIP 2025

Archdiocesan March for Life DC Adult Trip – Jan 22-25, 2025 Join others from the Archdiocese, and thousands from across the country, to pray and march for unborn children and their mothers at the National March for Life in DC. The trip is co-sponsored by the Evangelization and Pro-Life Offices. Participants will make their own travel arrangements to DC then join in community for the Rally & March for Life as well as several prayer opportunities with Archbishop Naumann and priests from Kansas. For more information and to reserve a room in the Archdiocesan block of hotel rooms, visit: <https://archkck.org/national-march-for-life>.

One Minute Meditations

St. André Bessette

Born in Montreal, Canada, St. Alfred Bessette was orphaned at the age of twelve. He was mentored by Fr. André Provençal, who inspired him to join religious life. He joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross at twenty-five, becoming "Brother André," and was the doorkeeper for their school. During an epidemic, everyone in his care was miraculously healed with oil from a lamp lit before St. Joseph. With help and donations, he built an oratory to St. Joseph.

Holy simplicity

Holy simplicity, or "spiritual childhood," starts with being who you are and not trying to be who you're not — even in prayer. When we're open-hearted with God, His grace can change our hearts. We grow in humility, trust, and love — the roots of "tough" virtues like courage, perseverance, and faithfulness.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven"
(Matthew 5:44-45).

7 resolutions to transform your New Year

The New Year is a chance to come closer to becoming the person you are meant to be. As you embrace the new beginning, consider these seven resolutions to allow God's love to transform your life.

1. **Trust Him:** Trust in God is the foundation of a peaceful soul. Start each day praying, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I surrender myself to You; Take care of everything," and He will.
2. **Embrace authentic humility:** A humble heart chooses others first. Ask, "How can I best love this person?" and let your actions reflect that answer.
3. **Partner with your guardian angel:** Your guardian angel is always with you, offering guidance and protection (Matthew 18:10). Call

upon your angel daily for heavenly help.

4. **Practice self-discipline:** Small sacrifices can lead to profound transformation. Skip cream in your coffee, offer someone full attention, cut back on screen time.
5. **Seek out silence:** God often speaks in silence. Find silence in your day to rest in God's presence, and let Him renew your spirit.
6. **Deepen your knowledge of our Faith:** Faith blossoms with understanding. Look through the Catechism until something interests you, and dive deeper.
7. **Offer God your free time:** If you have an hour to yourself, spend five minutes in prayer. No time spent with Love, Himself, is ever wasted.

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is an expanded form of the Apostles' Creed and comes from two great Church councils (Nicaea, 325 and Constantinople, 381). Intended to combat Arianism, the Nicene

Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity and divine Sonship (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #465). As a communal profession of faith, the Nicene Creed affirms the core beliefs of the Church and unites the congregation in a shared declaration of truth.

A proven way to grow in friendship with God

Do you long to feel God’s love more deeply but find something holding you back? St. Ignatius of Loyola shared this struggle, inspiring him to create a transformative daily practice. This practice can help you live with greater joy in your journey with Christ:

1. **Give thanks:** Reflect on the blessings of your day. Pause to savor them and offer heartfelt gratitude.
2. **Seek clarity:** Ask God for the grace to recognize your sins and remove them from your heart.
3. **Examine your day:** Review your actions from

waking until now. Reflect on how sin crept in, the virtues you may need to cultivate, and areas of your life that need God’s healing touch.

4. **Ask for mercy:** Come to God in repentance. His mercy welcomes you back, and Scripture assures us that Heaven rejoices over every contrite heart (Luke 15:7).
5. **Resolve to grow:** Commit to loving God and others more fully tomorrow. Plan how to resist temptation, make an effort to amend relationships, or prepare for Confession if needed.

from **S**cripture **Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Not the Messiah they expected ...**

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah, who would “bring glad tidings to the poor.” Then He said, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” He confirmed that He was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked: they expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this Messiah-king to defeat the

oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the even greater enemies of sin and death by His Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out His plans: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the Son of God, came to Earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God’s love is stronger than sin and death. If He rose to glory, those who follow Him faithfully will, too.

Q Does fervent prayer & change God’s mind? **A**

Prayer doesn’t change God’s mind, as if He had to be persuaded to love us. God is a good Father, and He is our Father who knows how to give good gifts (Matthew 7:9-11). Yet, prayer is still powerful and worthwhile for other reasons:

Prayer changes us: God rewards persistent, faith-filled prayer: “Lord, I entrust this to you. Thy Will be done.” When we persevere in prayer, grace goes to work in our souls: our desires are purified, ordered, and sometimes even deepened. Our hearts are gradually brought into line with God’s, and we begin to see, choose, and love like He does.

Prayer is relationship: A read through Scripture shows God seems to enjoy involving many “co-conspirators” in His plans, even today. He doesn’t need us yet desires our (active) involvement in His plans. He has the final say, but wants to hear our thoughts, questions, and concerns. God didn’t make us to be robots but His children and heirs (Galatians 4:6-7). Prayer isn’t magic. It’s way more powerful.

Feasts & Celebrations

January 3 – The Holy Name of Jesus. In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. “... *At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth*” (Philippians 2:10).

January 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort (1275). St. Raymond studied canon (Church) law before joining the Dominican Order. He worked for Pope Gregory IX, then was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, Spain. Afterwards, he was elected head of the Dominicans. He retired two years

later.

January 23 – St. Vincent of Saragossa (304). Born in Saragossa, Spain, St. Vincent trained as a deacon under Bishop Valerius. During the Diocletian persecutions, St. Vincent and the bishop were captured. St. Vincent was tortured but refused to deny Christ.

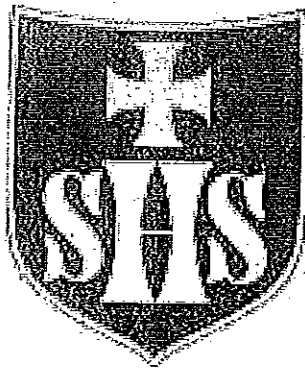
a – Saints Timothy and Titus (1st century). St. Timothy was converted by St. Paul and became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work, especially at Corinth. St. Titus served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.

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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, July 7th, 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: Sacred Heart School

Amount of Ticket: _____

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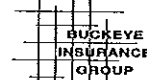
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