



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Parish Bulletin

May 22, 2022 | 6th Sunday of Easter

Fr. Pat Sullivan, Pastor

Our Parish Mission: *We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, faithful to the teachings of the magisterium, are committed to forming Disciples of Christ by embracing Stewardship through Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.*

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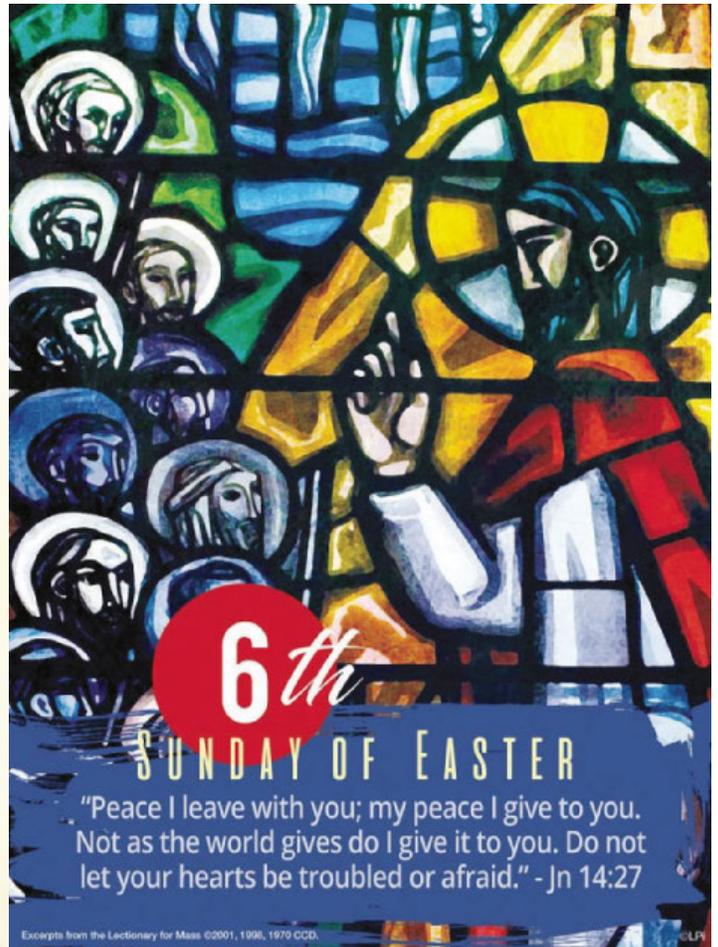
God created humanity for greatness and calls each of us to continually grow in holiness. This is no small task and something we can't do on our own. So Jesus gave us the Church and its many treasures to guide us; providing a perfect road map to salvation. It's my prayer that everyone comes to know the truth of the gospel.

I want to take this opportunity to personally invite you to grow deeper in your faith, and allow myself, and the many other professionals and volunteers at SHOJ to assist you however we can; let's help each other get to heaven. You can't do it without the Church, and we can't do it without YOU.

Our doors are open to any and all who desire to hear the truth in a loving and peaceful setting. As a physician of souls, I care deeply about your well-being, and want to help you stay spiritually healthy. If it's been awhile since you've had a "checkup," come on in and we'll chat. If there's anything else we can do for you, please ask.

I look forward to ministering to you as your spiritual Father.

In Peace,
Fr. Pat Sullivan



Sacrament & Contact Information



BAPTISM

A *Baptism preparation class* must be completed prior to scheduling your child's baptism. Baptisms are held on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please contact **Maureen Reintjes** at **913.422.5700** for more info and to schedule your class.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in August for those students who are in the 8th grade. Please contact **Jen Zans** at **913-422-5700 ext. 247**, for more information.



RCIA (Becoming Catholic)

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions meet weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning in mid-September. Contact Char Mies 913-422-5700, ext. 241 for more information.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation begins in August for those students who are in 2nd grade. Please contact **Emily Dumler** at **913-422-5520 ext. 202** for more information. First Eucharist will be on Sat., April 24, 2021.



MARRIAGES

You must be a registered member of the parish for a minimum of six months. Please contact a priest at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin marriage preparation.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebrated the First Thursday of each month within the 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. Masses as well as upon request. Contact the parish office **913.422.5700** for details.

Hospitality

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IT SOME HAVE
UNKNOWINGLY
ENTERTAINED
ANGELS.”
– Hebrews
13:1-2



NEW Pictorial Directory for Members!



Great News! Sacred Heart is publishing a NEW pictorial directory of Parish members and giving members an opportunity to get professional photographs taken. This opportunity will be on **May 31 – July 2**. See sign-up here: www.ucdir.com to schedule your photo session! Use Church Code: ks120 and Password: photos.

The directory will be distributed to those that participate in October. Each individual or family that sit for a photo will receive **an 8 x 10 complimentary photograph and Directory**.



Need to Update your Contact information? Has your email, phone number or address changed? Call the parish office today 913-422-5700.



COMING UP:

**Catholic Charities
Food Drive**
May 21-22

**Fr. Sudeep's First Mass &
Reception**
Sunday, May 29 @11 a.m.

VTB Tailgate & Prayer Rally
Sunday, June 5

Pitching for Priests
Friday, June 10

Do you receive our weekly email updates? If not, scan the barcode below to join!



Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 5.23.22	TUESDAY 5.24.22	WEDNESDAY 5.25.22
Mass Times/ Mass Intentions	6:30 a.m. Yolanda Aguayo † 8:15 a.m. Rita Hoag †	6:30 a.m. Inten of Blake Petersen 8:15 a.m. Carla Walsh †	6:30 a.m. Inten of David Gaustad 8:15 a.m. Reba Graf †
Readings	First Reading: Acts 11:1-18 Gospel: Jn 10:1-10	First Reading: Acts 11:19-26 Gospel: Jn 10:22-30	First Reading: Acts 12:24—13:5a Gospel: Jn 12:44-50
Reconciliation Times/ Solemnities or Memorials	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Daily Gospel Reflections <i>from The Word Among Us</i>	Roadblocks and uncertainty can be frustrating. But they are also opportunities to become more reliant on the Lord. They can teach you to yield to the Spirit & trust in God's plan.	God always finds a way to move us forward. Your life does have a purpose. And it's the most glorious purpose ever: to be united with Christ, here and for eternity!	Don't get discouraged if you don't see much fruit with your efforts to share the good news. Like Paul, do what God is asking and let the Lord take care of the rest.

SHOJ's Newly Baptized *Originals!*

- ♥ Alaina Joanne Seaton, child of Emily and Nicholas
- ♥ Camden Robert Duckworth, child of John and Kelsie
- ♥ Maria Grace Feist, child of Derek and Kimberly

Reflect on the Word

First Reading: We hear in Acts how Paul and Barnabas formed Gentile-believing churches in cities of the eastern Roman Empire. What do you think is needed today to build a strong faith community?

Second Reading: In John's final visions, he sees "a new Jerusalem" coming down from heaven. God is fully present with humanity and there is no more suffering and death. How often do you think about the end-times?

Gospel: As Jesus discussed his impending death with the disciples, he presents them with "a new commandment: love one another." In what ways are you challenged by this commandment?

Spring Planting Fundraiser

Are you in need of a beautiful plant or flowers for your yard? The Knights of Columbus have teamed up with **Marc's Flowers** to raise funds for a very important ministry. From now until the end of May, Marc's will give 15% of flower and veggies purchases, located at 5095 Old K7 Highway in Shawnee, back to Sacred Heart and the Knights! Their hours are: Mon thru Fri 9-6, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-4. You must mention Sacred Heart when you purchase.

Live the Liturgy *Inspiration for the Week*

Everyone wants to experience peace. When we look to the world to provide this for us, we can easily get disappointed. We associate peace with an absence of war and conflict, good relationships between neighbors and coworkers, the achievement of success and even the absence of noise! While all of these are worthy endeavors, pursuing them exclusively as a path to experiencing peace sets us up for failure. When we look for peace outside of ourselves, it will never be found. True and lasting peace is something that comes from within and not something we can produce on our own or receive from others. Peace is discovered when we experience an inner wholeness and harmony. It is born of a sense of connectedness with a God who is larger and greater than ourselves, gifting us with His presence. It is the only the peace offered by the Risen Christ that can settle our hearts and calm our fears. Regardless of the degree of turmoil around us, this sense of completeness that Jesus gives anchors our boats and prevents us from sinking.

"HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO GOD."

Philippians
4:6



Holy Spirit Novena

In preparation for Pentacost Sunday, coming up on June 5, let us join together in the Holy Spirit Novena, **starting on May 27** to open us to the power of the Holy Spirit! Visit this link: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit> to pray the Novena each day.

THURSDAY 5.26.22	FRIDAY 5.27.22	SATURDAY 5.28.22	SUNDAY 5.29.22
6:30 a.m. Vinh Tri Nguyen † 8:15 a.m. Rita Hoag †	6:30 a.m. Catherine Ferrell † 8:15 a.m. Intentions of Jim and Carol Tepper	8:15 a.m. Thomas Free † 4:30 p.m. Marsha Hoelting †	8:00 a.m. Intention of Cory & Francine Roshau 9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Parishioners 11am Inten Michael & Lori Coleman
First Reading: Acts 13:13-25 Gospel: Jn 13:16-20	First Reading: Acts 13:26-33 Gospel: Jn 14:1-6	First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Gospel: Jn 15:9-17	First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 2nd Reading: Rev 21:1-5a Gospel: Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	
As you persevere in faith, discernment, and love, he will help you direct your past experiences and present gifts toward building his kingdom here on earth.	We can find joy and encouragement in Jesus' presence with us through the Scriptures, the Eucharist, and in one another. We can fix our eyes on him and know that he is with us.		

Adult Formation

“I, THE LORD, YOUR GOD, TEACH YOU WHAT IS FOR YOUR GOOD, AND LEAD YOU ON THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO.”

– Isaiah
48:17



MaKayla's Experience - RCIA



1. What brought you to RCIA?

My husband is catholic and it was important to him that we raise our kids catholic. We went through marriage prep with Father Pat and I told him that I wanted to get baptized. Father Pat told me to wait until I was sure if I wanted to join the Catholic Church. When the time came, I wanted to learn more and get my questions answered about the church... Little did I know I would completely fall in love with it.



2. What was your experience through this year's RCIA process?

This process has been so beautiful. Not only do you get the feeling of out pouring love and affection from the leaders and RCIA community, but the teaching about the Catholic Church is like no other. There is no pressure and the topics are not forced upon you. They are taught in a way that truly gets your mind thinking and allows you to ask questions freely. I have always wanted to go to a church and feel like I am "at home". Through the RCIA process, I have accomplished that and more! I truly feel more peaceful in my life being more connected to Our Father.

3. What was your biggest surprise/Aha moment about the Catholic Church?

I think the biggest surprise is learning that all the misconceptions that are constantly filled in our minds about the Catholic Church are far from the truth. It is actually one of the most welcoming religions that I have come to know.

4. What would you say to someone who is considering joining or returning to the Catholic faith through the RCIA process?

If you are curious at all, do not hesitate, just come to the first couple sessions. Hear the message, meet the leaders and dedicated sponsors. Trust your instinct and allow Jesus to enter your life. I promise, you won't be disappointed.

Contact Char Mies, Adult Retreat & RCIA Coordinator at 913-422-5700 ext. 241 for more information about RCIA and becoming Catholic.

Saint of the Week, St. Rita of Cascia *Feast Day is May 22*



St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

Youth Formation

Youth Ministry Registration



Registration for Middle & High School Youth Ministry, as well as preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation are open. Please sign up early so we can have the right number of volunteers to best serve your children.

- **Middle School** Youth Ministry meets weekly on Wednesdays at either 4:30-5:45 or 6:30-7:45.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation** preparation will meet once a month on Sundays 4:30-6:00 p.m., plus other requirements that will be communicated in the next month.
- **High School** Youth Ministry meets weekly on Sundays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Click below to register for 2022-23 Middle School Youth Ministry!

<https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=1298219>

Click below to sign up for Confirmation Prep:

<https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=1315221>

Catholic Q&A



Question: I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer: You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED."

– Matthew
5:6



2022-23 SOR Registration

2022-23 SOR Registration is officially open! Class times are assigned on a first come, first serve basis, so I recommend registering early to guarantee the class time you prefer. The 2022-23 school year will begin September 7, 2022.

K-5th Grade Class Times:

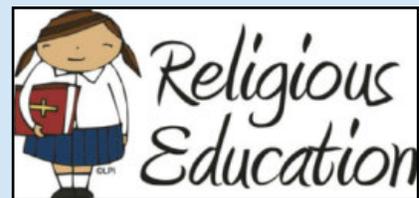
Early Session: Wednesdays 4:30-5:45 pm

Late Session: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 pm

Home School: only available for kindergarten and 3rd-5th grade

Early Bird Discount: \$10 off/child (ends May 31, 2022) *All registrations and fees are due by August 24, 2022.

Register here: <https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=1297922>



Service

Catholic Charities Food Drive

Our next food drive to benefit Catholic Charities of Northeast KS is on **May 21-22**. Drop off your food donations to the panel truck in the courtyard before or after each Mass. Or you can donate financially here:

<https://catholiccharitiesks.org/parish-food-drive-donation>.

Most Needed Food Items:

- Canned fruit
- Oats
- Fruit Juice
- Canned tomatoes
- Condiments
- Ramen
- Pasta
- Carrots
- Dry Beans



No glass jars please. Also a request is for standard size food items only. No industrial size food items.

Summer Camps at STA

During May through early August, Saint Thomas Aquinas High School provides a variety of summer camps for students entering grades K through 8 to explore. Our summer camps give students the chance to discover their potential in both sports and other activities (baking/candy making/choir/STEM camps and more!). Registration and further information is available online, through our website at www.stasaints.net/summer-camps. We look forward to providing a positive camp experience not only for your son or daughter but for their friends as well! For questions, please call the Athletic Office at 913-319-2416 or email btriggs@stasaints.net.

Ongoing Service Opportunities

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Every second Tuesday of the month, Sacred Heart helps feed the hungry through the **St. Mary's Food Kitchen**. Look for pans the weekend before (in the narthex) to cook and bring back a dish by Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. OR help serve the food that morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Willa Gill Center, 645 Nebraska Ave. KCKS. Contact Ryan and Lynsey Hammeke for further details at 913-422-8228.

4th Friday of the Month

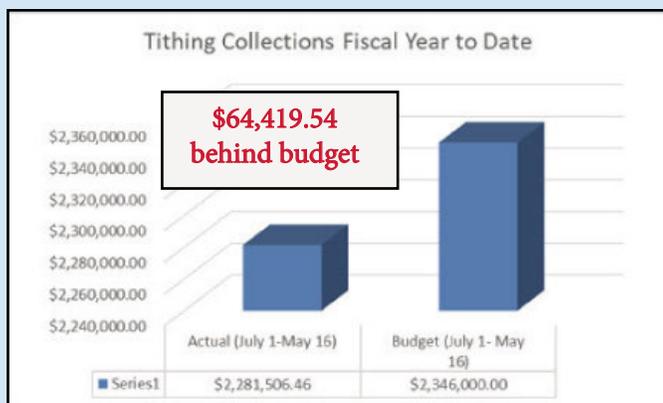
Do you like to bake? Every 4th Friday of the month (see sign up genius for exact dates) Sacred Heart provides cookies for **Feed His Lambs** community organization which provides meals to families in need in the Bonner Springs and Edwardsville communities. To donate go to: <http://bit.ly/FeedHisLambs-SHOJ>

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- Isaiah 48:17



Parish Weekly Financials



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"For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16

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