

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Parish Bulletin

December 4, 2022 | Second Sunday of Advent

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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We're so glad you're here!



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 22, 2023.



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

“LET MUTUAL
LOVE
CONTINUE.
DO NOT
NEGLECT
HOSPITALITY,
FOR THROUGH
IT SOME HAVE
UNKNOWINGLY
ENTERTAINED
ANGELS.”

– Hebrews
13:1-2



New Parishioner Welcome Luncheon



Calling **all new members** that have joined Sacred Heart Church since our September luncheon and anyone that was unable to attend a previous luncheon! We would like to invite you to our Quarterly New Parishioner luncheon being held on **December 4**, from 12:15-1:30pm in the church Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 to introduce you to Fr. Pat and our parish “formally” by sharing our overall parish structure, mission and ministries while sharing a delicious brunch together. Contact Tara Green for more info at 913-422-5700, ext. 253.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will visit Sacred Heart on **Saturday, December 10** from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. in the MPC! In addition to meeting with Santa, there will be crafts and games for the kids to enjoy, along with a delicious breakfast for the whole family, graciously provided by our Knights of Columbus for a goodwill donation.

If your child would like to visit Santa, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F-4BAAAE2DA6F94-breakfast7>. All links in Friday email!

In order to make this event happen, we need your help! Sign up here to Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F-4BAAAE2DA6F94-breakfast>



COMING UP:

Return Gifts for Angel Tree
December 3-4

Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 8

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 10

St. Mary's Food Kitchen
Tuesday, December 13

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



Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 12.5.22	TUESDAY 12.6.22	WEDNESDAY 12.7.22
Mass Times/ Mass Intentions	6:30 a.m. Autumn Johnson † 8:15 a.m. Irene Ruffner †	6:30 a.m. Tony Macek † 8:15 a.m. Beth Sieben †	6:30 a.m. Joan Bregel † Intention of Jill Hanson 8:15 a.m. Melba Mills † 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Parishioners
Readings	First Reading: Is 35:1-10 Gospel: Lk 5:17-26	First Reading: Is 40:1-11 Gospel: Mt 18:12-14	First Reading: Is 40:25-31 Gospel: Mt 11:28-30
Reconciliation Times/ Solemnities or Memorials		7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Daily Readings Meditations <i>from The Word Among Us</i>	Asking for “just enough” is never enough for the Lord. He wants to give you nothing less than his own presence within you. It’s amazing isn’t it? All because God loves you!	It can be exhausting trying to be good enough to earn God’s love. Next time you feel disheartened by your weaknesses, turn to him and allow him to carry you.	Jesus stands ready to help you today. He is eagerly waiting for you to take up his yoke so that you can find rest and joy as you and he work together!

In Sympathy:

Let us remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of **Christopher Stephan**, Father of Jessica Stephan-LeBar of our Parish.

Holy Day Mass Times

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass times are **Wednesday, December 7** at 7:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass) and **Thursday, December 8** at 6:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m. (All School Mass). All Masses are in the MPC. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation and in this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne.

Reflect on the Word

First Reading: About two hundred years after the death of King David, the prophet Isaiah in around 760 BC prophesied the arrival of a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") that would bring about peace among people and animals. How can any of us today help make this promised future a reality?

Second Reading: Paul taught the Roman Christians that being a welcoming and unified community of Jewish and Gentile believers was one way to glorify God. Do you think your group of friends are welcoming to others?

Gospel: John the Baptist taught the people that repenting of sins and producing "good fruit" was essential for preparing for the kingdom of heaven. What good works are you doing for your family/friends as we continue through Advent?

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

The God in whom we believe is "the God of endurance and encouragement." Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

"HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING MAKE YOUR REQUEST KNOWN TO GOD."
Philippians 4:6



Parish Penance Service

Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior! Sacred Heart will have a Parish-wide Penance Service on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Building, with multiple priests to hear confessions. Please arrive at 7:00 as the service ends once the last penitent in line is heard. Bring the whole family!

THURSDAY 12.8.22	FRIDAY 12.9.22	SATURDAY 12.10.22	SUNDAY 12.11.22
6:30 a.m. Joe Oberle † 8:15 a.m. Roland E. Musolf †	6:30 a.m. Intention of Ian Garnett 8:15 a.m. Vida Greening †	8:15 a.m. Tom Muessig † 4:30 p.m. Savannah Armendariz †	8:00 a.m. Richard Burns † 9:30 a.m. Trevor Cates † 11:00 am Sacred Heart Parishioners
First Reading: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Gospel: Lk 1:26-38	First Reading: IS 48:17-19 Gospel: MT 11:16-19	First Reading: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Gospel: Mt 17:9a, 10-13	First Reading: Is 35:1-6a, 10 2 nd Reading: Jas 5:7-10 Gospel: Mt 11:2-11
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	
On this Feast of the Immaculate Conception, who in receiving God's grace, helped prepare her to say yes to being the Mother of Jesus. You too have a share in that grace!	We are beloved sons and daughters of God. God is always faithful and never changes. He will fulfill his purposes and intentions in our lives.		

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



RCIA - Did you know?

Why are some RCIA participants dismissed in the middle of our 9:30 Mass?

For the last couple weeks you may have noticed those adults preparing to be baptized into the Catholic church are dismissed at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. This will continue each Sunday until Easter when, at the Easter Vigil, those who are ready will join us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time. Though they cannot yet come to the table of the Eucharist, the Church has an obligation to feed those who have entered into a relationship with her through the Rite of Acceptance which we recently celebrated as a community. God's Word is their food during this period. These participants depart from the Mass with an RCIA team member to discuss the Mass readings and to experience more fully the impact of the Scriptures in their lives. It is a most fruitful and joyful experience. Please pray for them and their time spent in Dismissal!

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the one who belongs to God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)



The 99 Master Class

Are you feeling called to something more? Consider joining our 99 Master Class...

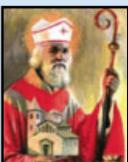
Mondays (Starts January 23 – March 20)
8 Sessions
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Meeting Room 2

In this workshop, you will learn from a diverse and passionate group of evangelization experts who offer encouragement and advice on how to build stronger community as Catholics. Learn more at shoj.org/adult-retreat. Materials provided as this group will become the team to facilitate the parish-wide retreat on Saturday, March 25.

SAVE THE DATE! The 99 Experience Retreat
Parish-wide Retreat is on Saturday, March 25,
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Saint of the Week, Saint Ambrose *Feast Day is December 7*



Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.'

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia about 373. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374. As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity), and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized. Saint Ambrose is one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy.

Youth Formation

Celebrate the Feast Days

Tuesday, December 6 is the Feast of St. Nicholas. Here are some ideas on how to celebrate this Feast day with your kiddos:

- Learn about this 3rd Century bishop at The St. Nicholas Center.
- Have kids put their shoes/stockings by the fireplace/front door the night before. Fill them with chocolate coins, candy canes, fruit, nuts or other gifts.
- Make a homemade card to mail your own bishop, assuring him of your prayers.
- As patron of bakers, honor St. Nicholas by starting your Christmas baking – and in the spirit of the saint's hidden generosity, secretly deliver the goodies to neighbors.
- As patron of children, honor St. Nick by asking the children's hospital if there is anything they need – toys, cozy stockings, or hospitality items for the families of sick kids.
- Recite 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Add a St. Nicholas prayer to mealtime grace.



High School Youth Ministry

Sundays at 7:00 p.m.
(meet in the Library)



“BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO
HUNGER AND
THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUS-
NESS, FOR
THEY WILL BE
SATISFIED.”

– Matthew
5:6



All are invited - 49th Annual Catholic Charities Snowball

All are invited to the 49th Annual Snow Ball benefitting Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas. This year's gala will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center on January 21, 2023. Funds raised support Catholic Charities' mission of providing help, hope and hospitality to the most vulnerable in our communities.

For more information about the event or to register visit:

<https://snowballgala.org>

Snow Ball is open to anyone in the Archdiocese, so please share!



Service

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

– Isaiah 48:17

Angel Tree - Giving to our Community

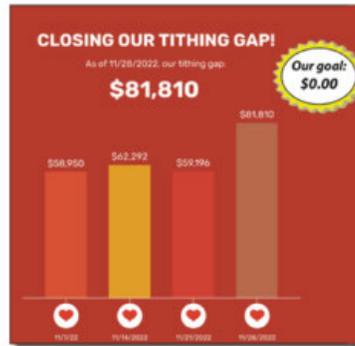
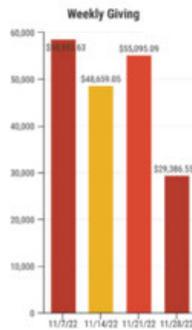
Purchase a gift listed in the sign up and return them wrapped, to the Church Narthex on **December 3-4**. If you are unable to return this weekend, please deliver to the Parish office on Monday, December 5. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and located on the lower level of the building off Monticello Drive. May God bless the Sacred Heart community with the true spirit of Christmas through the love and peace of his Son, Jesus Christ. Any questions, please contact Carol A. Coyle at 913.441.1851 or cac_537@yahoo.com.



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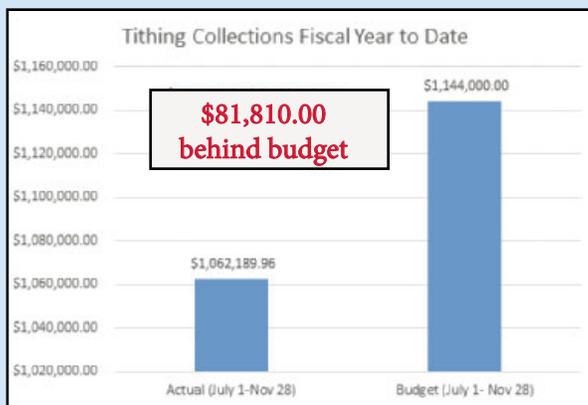
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As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit... If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.
1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26-27

Parish Weekly Financials

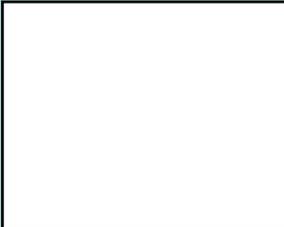


We give because God gave first...

“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

Life is too precious, do not destroy.
Life is life, fight for it.
St Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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