

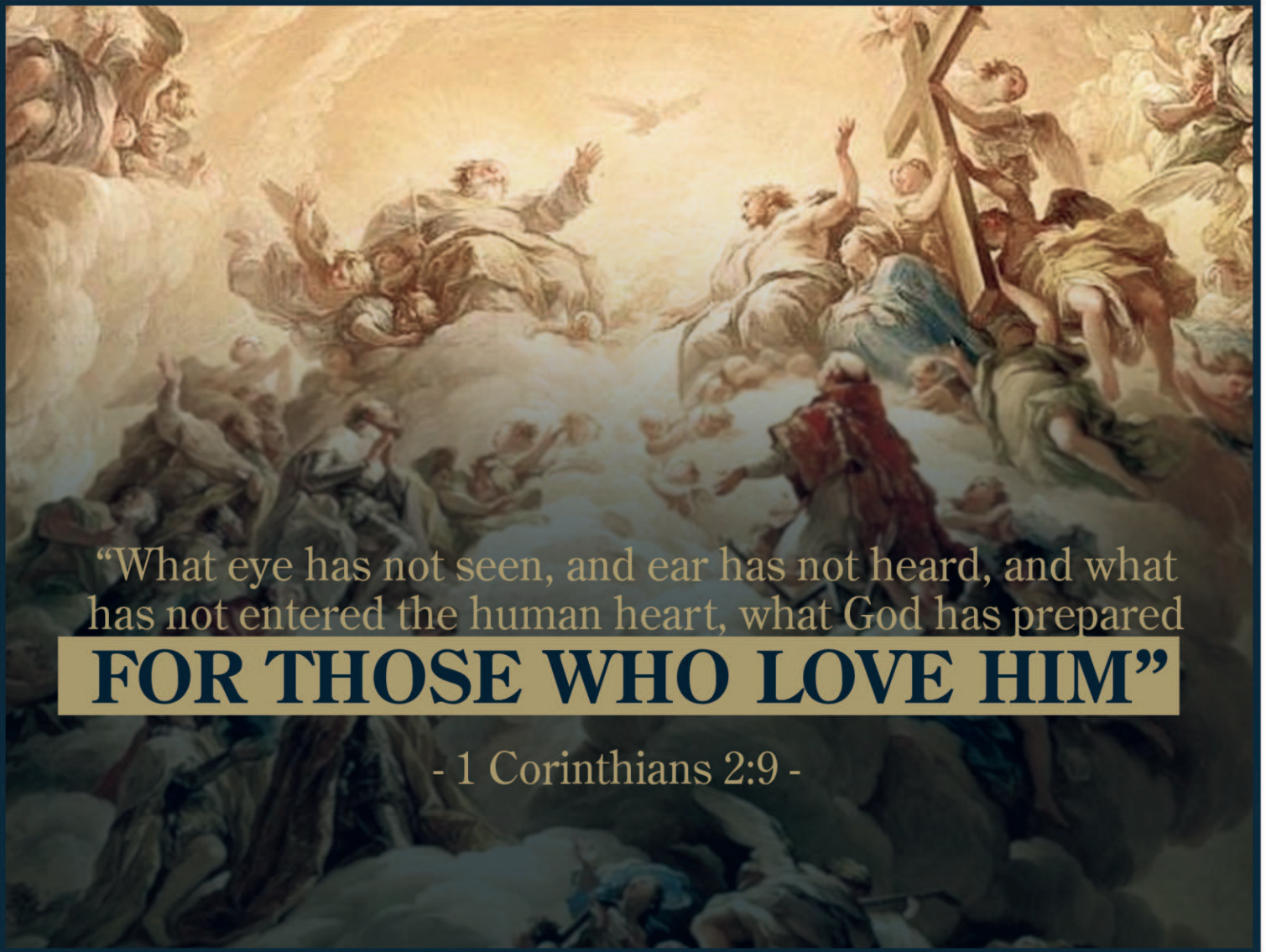


SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM”

- 1 Corinthians 2:9 -

WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM

Sun: 8:00, 9:30,

11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM

Thu: 6:00 PM

Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM

Wed: 6-7 PM

Thu: 5 PM

Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

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Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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VIRTUS TRAINING



Do you plan to volunteer this year for field trips, classroom parties, CYO, SOR or Youth Ministry? Virtus Training will be held at Sacred Heart on February 19 from 6-9 pm in the Meeting Rooms. Virtus training is required for volunteers 16 years and older.



ENCOUNTER YOUTH RALLY



Don't miss this high-energy, four-hour rally event for Middle and High School youth and youth leaders. There will be a keynote speaker Adoration, group activities, and more! The rally is February 21st, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The cost is \$15 per person.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On February 18 there will be no confessions and an additional 7 PM Mass for Ash Wednesday.



CYO SPORTS



Registration is open for 3rd-8th graders for track and flag football. The games and practice will start in March with cost depending on the sport.

Register at <https://cyojwa.org/current-programs>



SASH MEET AND GREET



Join us in the Rectory at 6:00 PM on February 24 to hear Fr. Joseph's story. Register at: <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5488>



NEW PARISHIONER HAPPY HOUR



If you are new to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Parish—or were unable to attend our most recent new parishioner gathering you are invited to, join us February 26th from 6:30-8:00pm. You will get the chance to hear Fr. Zarse share his parish vision, learn how to get involved, and connect with parishioners with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This event is for adults only.

WE ARE HIRING!

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Interested in joining the Sacred Heart team? We currently have openings for a Director of Operations as well as a School Health Specialist. Apply or learn more on our website.

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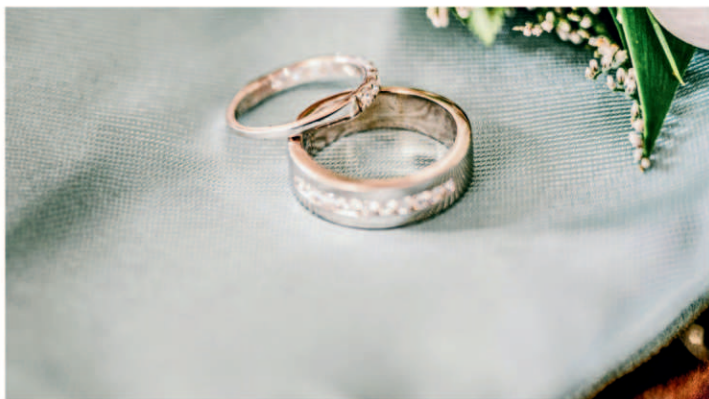


With our NEW year-round OCIA process, we have a need for parishioners to serve as sponsors. With this new model, individuals can respond to God's call immediately. Catechumens and candidates follow different tracks, and sponsor roles and commitments vary accordingly. To sign-up contact Char Mies at Charlene.mies@shoj.org. Find more information on our website or scanning the QR code.



CONVALIDATIONS

Have You Been Married Outside the Church? If you are a Catholic who was married in a civil ceremony or another faith tradition and need to have your marriage recognized by the Church, you can have your marriage convalidated. Convalidation is a simple and beautiful way to bring your marriage into full communion with the Church. It also strengthens your relationship with the Lord and sacramentally increases the grace infused into your marriage. For more information or to begin the process, please contact the parish office.



MARRIAGE MINI-RETREAT



All married couples are invited to a one-day Marriage Mini-Retreat on February 28th at 9:00-3:30 in the Meetings Rooms. Whether you were just married or it's been decades -this is for you! Through talks, reflection, and conversations, you'll gain practical ways for connection, communication, and understanding. The cost is \$70 per couple. If you need childcare, please email erin.rodriguez@shoj.org.

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date! VBS this year will be the week of June 15-19. Children's registration will open on Sunday, March 6th. Our theme this year is, "Hop on the Vatican Express with St. Jerome!" by Catholic Kidz Camp. Adults interested in volunteering can inquire with Emily Warn at emily.warn@shoj.org.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Step into the land of the Bible, where every stone and street tells the story of our salvation. Join Fr. Zarse and Dr. Mike Scherschligt on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 1 - 11, 2026.

<https://bit.ly/3Myba0a>



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

1 Year Celebration

It's been one year since Fr. Zarse launched his podcast! In this special episode, he reflects on how the idea first came to him in Poland, the discernment and prayer that shaped its direction, and the steps it took to make it a reality. He shares gratitude for the guests who have joined him in the studio, the lessons learned, the graces experienced over the past year, and the excitement for what's still to come!



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, February 16

6:30 - Paul Worthington +

8:05 - Jim Baker +

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 - William Standish +

8:05 - Donna Rohner

Wednesday, February 18

6:30 - Larry Lau +

8:05 - John and Virginia Hermes +

7:00 - SHOJ Parishioners

Thursday, February 19

6:30 - Herbert Reischman +

8:05 - Jim Ferrell +

6:00 - Therese Grego +

Friday, February 20

6:30 - Ada Keating +

8:05 - Greg Flaherty +

Saturday, February 21

8:05 - Nikki Howell +

4:30 - Gottfried & Kathie Kotscher +

Sunday, February 22

8:00 - Margaret Armendariz +

9:30 - Glenn E. Russell +

11:00 - Francis Menghini +



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year, with the next beginning March 1. Already baptized? You may begin right away. Scan the QR code to learn more or go to our website.

KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD & YOU SHALL BE SAVED

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

The Sermon on the Mount continues as the focus of the Gospel readings during Ordinary Time in Winter, and today's passage contains some of the most challenging verses in the Gospel.

1. The First Reading comes from the Book of Sirach, also known by its Latin title "Ecclesiasticus," or "Church Book," so called because the early Church made extensive use of this wisdom text in moral instruction for catechumens and the faithful. Sirach reflects powerfully on moral freedom: If you choose, you can keep the commandments; they will save you. Before you are life and death, good and evil; whichever you choose shall be given you. Freedom of the will is one of God's greatest gifts. God places before us the choice between good and evil and invites us to choose life. What is equally clear is that God does not choose sin or injustice on our behalf. We are responsible for our moral choices.
2. The Second Reading continues from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Writing to a Christian community surrounded by moral confusion, Paul reminds them that true wisdom does not come from the world, but from God. This reading complements Sirach beautifully. If the First Reading emphasizes our freedom to choose, the Second Reading reminds us that God does not leave us unassisted. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, God prepares us to live according to divine wisdom rather than worldly standards.
3. Together, these readings lead us into today's Gospel. Jesus makes it clear that he has not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it. He then calls his disciples to a righteousness that surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, not through legal technicalities, but through holiness of heart. Jesus' striking examples - equating anger with murder and lust with adultery - may sound harsh to modern ears. Yet Matthew presents these teachings to a Jewish Christian community still shaped by strict legal interpretation. Jesus' strong language is meant to awaken his listeners to the truth that holiness requires more than outward observance. It calls for an interior conversion, where the heart itself is transformed by God's grace.

CONCLUSION

As we prepare to begin LENT in three days' time, let us choose to keep the commandments of God. Let us choose life and good and be immersed with the wisdom of the Lord by avoiding the wisdom of this age. Spiritual maturity is needed and we must pray for it. We must control our anger. We must forgive and reconcile with other children of God. Let us control our lust and keep our purity. Do not swear. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one.

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2025-2026



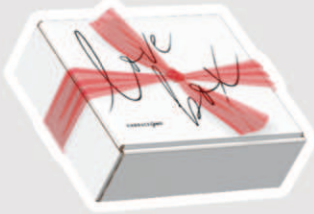
We are now enrolling for our Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School – Preschool Program! Are you looking for a nurturing, faith-filled environment for your preschooler?

We are now enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year. Help your child build a strong foundation in faith and education at Sacred Heart!



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LOVE BOX

Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

UPDATE EMAIL

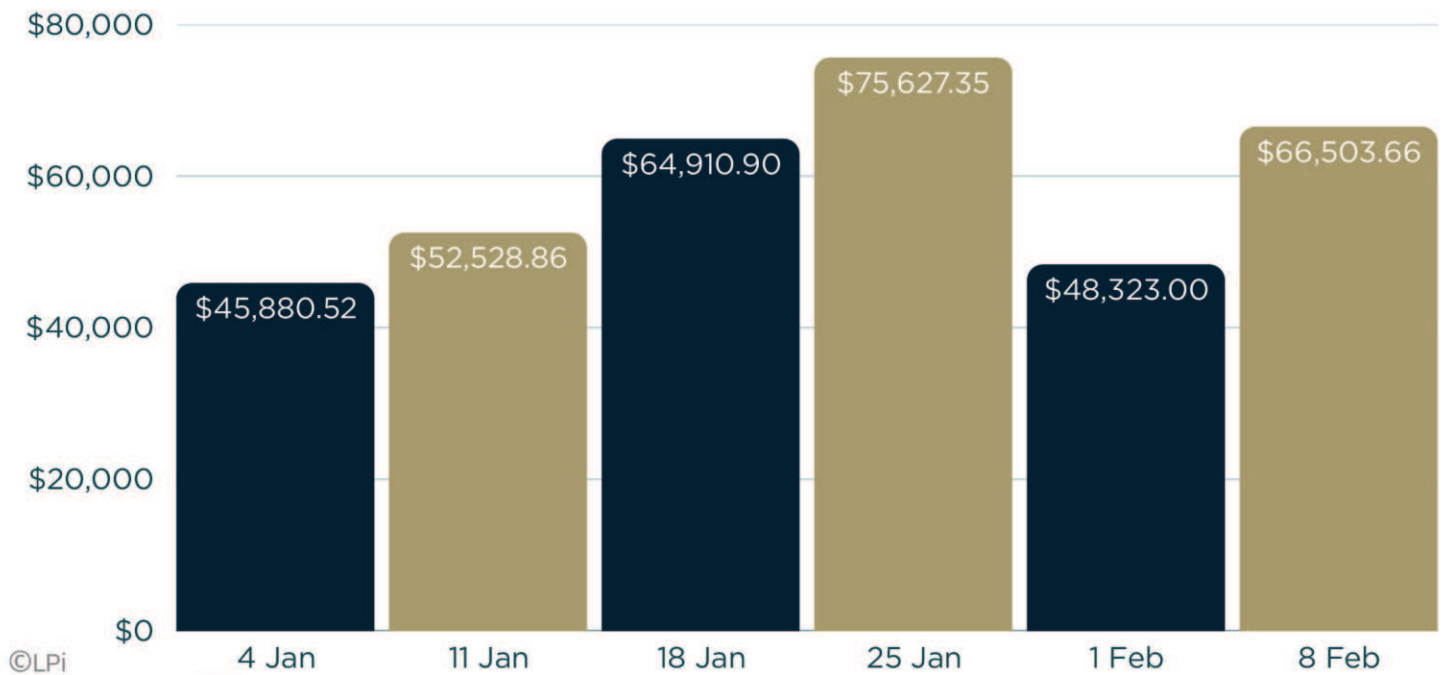
We transitioned to a new parish database this fall. If you are not currently receiving Sacred Heart's weekly eNewsletter, please contact the parish office at erin.rodriguez@shoj.org so we can ensure your contact information is up to date.

FINANCIALS



"For you were made from dust to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:19) If you can't take it with you... where is the best place to put your money? Contact Beth Bucklin at beth.bucklin@shoj.org to make/increase your tithing gifts today, or to inquire about adding SHOJ to your will/trust/IRA, etc.

- In Quarter 1 of 2026, we need \$67,803.46 per week for our operating budget.
- We are currently at 42% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$58,962.40 per week in Quarter 1 2026.



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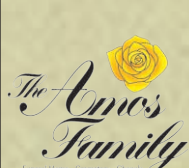
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