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WITH THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

SACRAMENTAL ASST.

Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

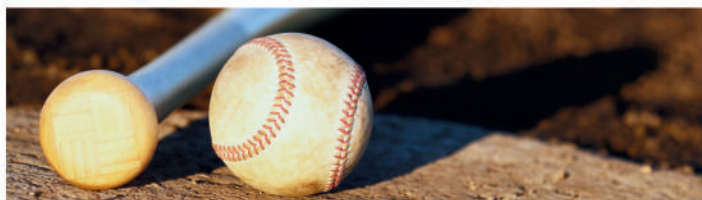


Registration for Vacation Bible School is open for preschoolers - 4th grade!



PRAY FOR OUR CLERGY

Women are invited to join a Seven Sisters Apostolate group to pray a holy hour each week for the intention of a specific clergy member. There is a group for Fr. Zarse, Fr. Joseph, and Deacon Nicholas. If interested, please contact Jennifer Peavler at jennifer.peavler@shoj.org.



SASH MONARCHS GAME



Join SASH (55+) and cheer on our KC Monarchs on May 19. Your \$35 ticket will get you a fabulous seat in the suite, snacks, and a fun evening of entertainment with friends.

<https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5769>

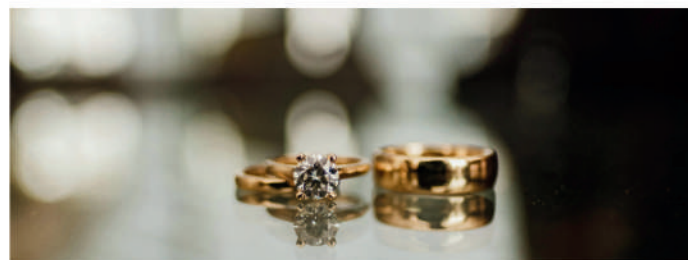


DASH FAMILY CAMP



Join DASH for a family camping trip at Clinton Lake, May 29-31. There will be meals, campfires, and Mass. Families are welcome to come for the day or both nights.

<https://bit.ly/4dswf7f>



MARRIAGE PROGRAM



Struggling in your marriage? Retrouvaille offers hope and healing for couples through a weekend experience on June 19-21—help is closer than you think.



PRO-LIFE COLLECTION



During May, the month of our Blessed Mother, we celebrate all mothers. As Mary rushed to help Elizabeth in her need, we want to assist mothers struggling with an unplanned pregnancy. Please prayerfully consider giving to our Pro-life campaign, which will support mothers through the crisis pregnancy centers. You can give online or by the envelopes found in the narthex. Please pick up a prayer prayer card to pray for all expectant mothers.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Great news! On Wednesday, April 22, we received Archdiocesan approval and blessing to move forward with our construction projects—an exciting milestone for our parish! The very next day, Thursday, April 23, we sent out our official bid package. The bidding process will take about three weeks, with responses expected by May 18. We also received permission to submit our permit application to the City of Shawnee, which was completed on April 23. That process is expected to take approximately 30–45 days. Thank you for your continued commitment and prayers as we move forward—together putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus!



WELCOME PAM WALDECK!



We are excited to announce that Pam Waldeck has been selected as our Director of Operations. Over the course of 27 years in public service and law enforcement, she has developed extensive leadership experience in complex operations, strategic planning, fiscal oversight, and team development, with a strong ability to create order, strengthen systems, and lead with both clarity and care. What stands out most is her heart for service, her grit in navigating complex challenges, and her steady leadership under pressure. She, her husband, Jeremiah, and their daughter, Lucy, have been members of Sacred Heart since 2021, and Lucy is currently a 3rd grader at SHOJ School. Her professional experience, and the love she has for this community, is a tremendous gift as we continue to put hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She will begin on April 27. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her.

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

2026-2027 Youth Ministry Registration (Middle School, High School, and Confirmation) is now open!

Middle School & Confirmation Small group requests will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, so register ASAP!



Middle School /
Confirmation



High School

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jen at jen.zans@shoj.org.



SACRED HEART COUNSELING



Sacred Heart now offers Catholic counseling on-site with David Walter, MA, LCPC, providing therapy from an authentically Catholic perspective for individuals, couples, and families. To learn more or schedule a free 15-minute consultation, please see the flyer at the information desk.

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, May 4

6:30 - Dotti Callahan +

8:05 - Eric & Mary Hungerford

Tuesday, May 5

6:30 - Dick Whalen

8:05 - Janet Hart +

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 - Carol & Greg McWhorter

8:05 - Klug & Fields Families

Thursday, May 7

6:30 - Jude Whalen

8:05 - Bobby Roberts +

6:00 - Keenan Family

Friday, May 8

6:30 - Kylie Heinen

8:05 - Russ Daly +

Saturday, May 9

8:05 - For all the Mothers in our parish

4:30 - Opal Frankenfield +

Sunday, May 10

8:00 - Karen Ratzlaff +

9:30 - Marilyn Joyce Allen +

11:00 - Bridget Howes



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Fr. Zarse takes on a topic most of us avoid: vulnerability. Is it a weakness to hide, or a strength that opens us to grace? In this episode, he reflects on how Christ's own life reveals the power of vulnerability—and how embracing it can lead to deeper faith and real growth.



[Listen Here!](#)



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year. Already baptized? You may begin right away. To learn more about the process pick up a flyer at the information desk.

JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

The 5th Sunday of Easter calls on us to trust in Jesus, to serve others, and to seek the spiritual growth of the Church. In the First Reading from Acts 6:1-7 there is an indication that the early Church faced a challenge when Greek-speaking widows were neglected in daily food distribution. The apostles appointed seven Spirit-filled men to serve, allowing the apostles to focus on prayer and teaching. This demonstrates the importance of organization, service, and using our gifts for the good of others. Psalm 33 calls the faithful to rejoice and trust in God, highlighting His justice, love, and faithfulness. It reminds us that God sustains those who hope in Him and that His word is trustworthy. The Second Reading from 1 Peter 2:4-9 describes all who believe as living stones, built into a spiritual house with Christ as the cornerstone. Christians are called to reflect God's light, proclaim His excellence, and live as a holy people, chosen to share His love with the world. The Gospel from John 14:1-12 reassures Jesus's disciples not to be troubled, emphasizing that faith in Him leads to eternal life. The question of Thomas about the way is answered by Jesus' declaration that He Himself is the way, the truth, and the life. Philip's request to see the Father throws more light on Jesus' unity with God and the promise that we will do even greater works through Him.

LESSONS FOR REFLECTION

The spirit of God and God's wisdom help us to solve crisis whenever we face them. The men/deacons appointed are to be men filled with two things: The HOLY SPIRIT and WISDOM. Jesus said: I am the way, the truth and the life (John 4:6). It is something you can hardly avoid in the Gospel reading today. But what is at stake in this statement? There is one thing that unites these three concepts. Each of them in the Hebrew worldview is understood as being in some dualistic antithetical relationship. There is the WAY of the Lord and the way of the wicked. What is required is wisdom to be able to discern which way to choose. That is the import of the question of Thomas – how can we know the way? How can we decide which way? We need wisdom in order to discern.

The second is the truth. This also has its antithetical partner – falsehood. It comes out very clearly in the book of Proverbs chapter 9. We have the invitation of wisdom and the invitation of foolishness. Truth is wisdom and falsehood is foolishness. What we need is to discern between what is true and what is false. It doesn't come easily. Our choices require wisdom. When there is an inadequacy of wisdom, James 1:5 states: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

The third is about life and its antithesis, death. In Deuteronomy 30:19 Moses set before his people life and death and advises them to choose life. Jesus is the life and we must choose him without hesitation. In all these three (WAY, TRUTH and LIFE) there is a call for discernment, for wisdom and then a choice.

CONCLUSION

We are therefore invited to trust Jesus as the ultimate guide, to serve others selflessly, and to live fully in His truth and His life. He is the way to the Father's Heart. By doing so, we participate in the ongoing mission of the Church, bringing hope, love, and light to the world. Acts of service, prayer, and faith strengthen both personal spirituality and the community of believers.



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2025-2026



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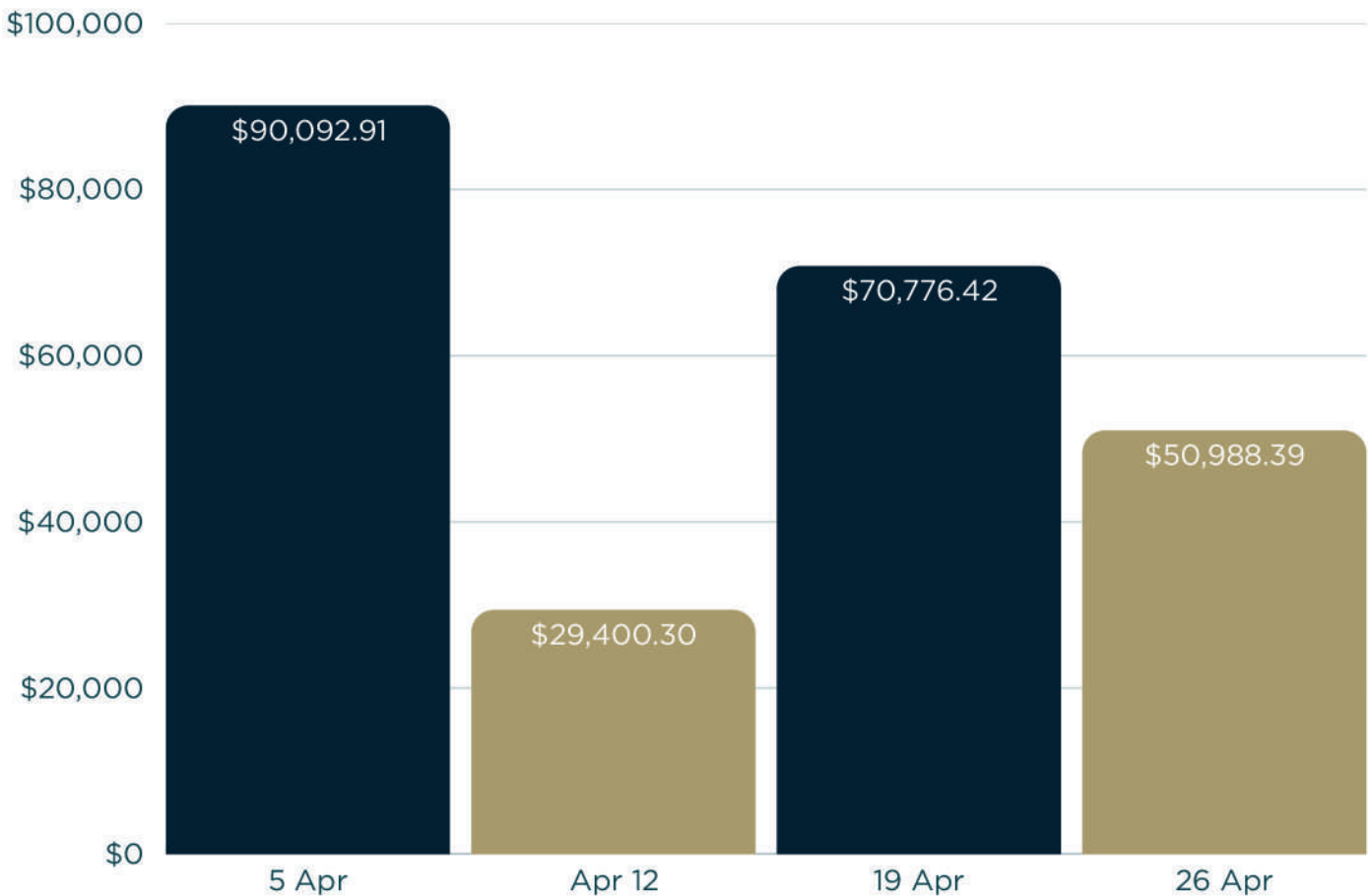
Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

FINANCIALS



This Easter season, as we rejoice in the gift of new life through Christ's Resurrection, we are reminded that all we have is a gift from God, meant to be shared in love. May your Easter giving be a reflection of gratitude, hope, and the abundant life we celebrate in Him.

- In Quarter 2 of 2026, we need \$67,182 per week for our operating budget.
- We are currently at 27% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$60,314.51 per week in Quarter 2 2026.



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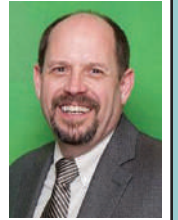


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