



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 26, 2026

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OUR PARISH MISSION: PUTTING HEARTS ON A COLLISION COURSE 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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

EVENTS OVERVIEW

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WALKING WITH MARY

 Join us Wednesdays this summer for Youth Ministry! Find more details on our website.



CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are looking for Catechists for both our Wednesday night SOR classes and our Sunday evening Family Formation program. Please contact Emily Warn at emily.warn@shoj.org for more information or if you are interested.



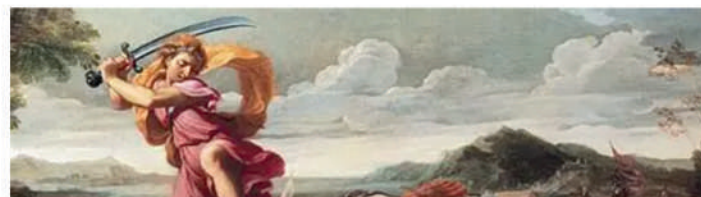
PITCHING FOR PRIESTS TAILGATE

 Join us on July 31, 2026, from 4:30–6:00pm for a parish tailgate before the State Line Showdown between both the priests from the Missouri Diocese and Kansas Archdiocese! We'll provide the main meal - just bring a side to share, drinks, lawn chairs, and yard games. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare! (Make sure to wear red!)



BACKPACK DRIVE

 Help students in need start the school year with essential supplies! Visit the Angel Trees in the narthex, now decorated with paper backpacks. Each tag lists supplies needed for a child at New Chelsea Elementary. You can shop as a family to fill a backpack or contribute funds to support the drive. Return filled backpacks or donations with the tag by the weekend of July 25–26. Backpacks and donations may also be dropped off at the parish office through July 31. Questions? Contact Mallory Ronnebaum at mronne86@gmail.com.



SCHOOL OF FAITH TALK

 Join our SASH-sponsored Holy Family School of Faith event on August 6th at 6:30 PM in the MPC for a talk by Nicholas Hinkel on “David and Gol-A.I-th: Living the Faith Well in the Age of Machines.” All parishioners are welcome.



OCIA SPONSORS

 Our new Year Round OCIA process is booming and sponsors are needed ASAP. As a sponsor, you'll share your faith through friendship, encouragement, and prayer. All you need is a heart willing to walk with someone. Contact Char Mies @ charlene.mies@shoj.org to sign up or to ask questions.

ROSARY FOR IMMIGRANTS

Rosary for Immigrants is an initiative that invites the faithful to come together in prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters, asking God to help us recognize the dignity of every person created in His image and to foster justice, compassion, and unity within our communities. The monthly Rosary gatherings will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Washington Square Park, across from the Immigration Court, on the following dates: August 26, September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16.



SMALL GROUP MENTORS

Adults are invited to serve as small group mentors for our Youth Ministry programs for the 2026–27 year! As mentors, they will help build relationships with students and lead discussions each week. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per week. No prior experience required. If you are interested, please contact Jen at jen.zans@shoj.org to schedule a meeting.



VIRTUS TRAINING



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and School is hosting a VIRTUS training session on Thursday, August 13 at 2pm. Seating is limited, please sign up early. All volunteers, as well as parish and school staff, who work with the youth or vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese are required to complete safe environment training before beginning their service. If this date does not work you may signup at any location in our diocese.

CYO SPORTS



Registration is open for Fall CYO Sports for 2nd-8th graders. Fal Sports includes Cross Country, Flag Football, Tackle Football, and Volleyball. Registration is open until August 14th (Tackle Football August 3d.) Register at <https://cyojwa.org/current-programs>



WE'RE HIRING!



Sacred Heart of Jesus School is hiring a Lunchroom Coordinator as well as a Kitchen Aide. Visit our employment page for more information. Come be a part of putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

"If you want to be a saint, you have to be magnanimous." – Fr. Mike Schmitz

What does that actually mean?

In his latest podcast, Fr. Zarse explores how magnanimity can help each of us become the saint God is calling us to be and how to live out this virtue through the gifts, responsibilities, sacrifices, and daily opportunities God has placed before us



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, July 27

6:30 - Kathleen Hess

8:05 - John & Frances Hoag +

Tuesday, July 28

6:30 - John Joseph Brancato +

8:05 - Andy Graham

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 - Arthur Alexander +

8:05 - Marty Clement

Thursday, July 30

6:30 - Hannah Bernas +

8:05 - Francis & Margaret Farley +

6:00 - Justin Landwehr +

Friday, July 31

6:30 - Christine Commerford +

8:05 - Gottfried Kotscher +

Saturday, August 1

8:05 - Fallen away parishioners and
the reparation of sinners

4:30 - Joanna Graham

Sunday, August 2

8:00 - Rita Hoag +

9:30 - Ronald Fry +

11:00 - Jeannie Thiel +

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Find all updates about construction on our website including our May Update.
<https://shoj.org/capital-campaign>



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.

HE GOES AND SELLS ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS IT

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

There is a special focus today on wisdom, the value of God's kingdom, and seeking what truly matters. This special focus leads growth of faith and living out the teachings of Jesus in daily life.

EXPLANATION OF THE READINGS

In the First Reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12), God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites him to ask for anything. Solomon requests wisdom to govern his people justly, rather than wealth or power. God is pleased and grants him unparalleled understanding. Listen to God speak, "I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you." When you seek what is truly valuable over worldly gain God steps in.

The selected verses in Psalm 119 emphasize the value of God's commandments, describing them as more precious than gold and a source of joy, of guidance, and of understanding.

In the Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30) St. Paul reminds us that God works for the good of those who love Him, calling, justifying, and glorifying them according to His purpose. This reading encourages trust in God's plan and how He transforms us by the power of His guidance.

In the Gospel Reading (Matthew 13:44-52) Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure or a pearl of great value. Those who recognize its worth are willing to give up everything and anything else to obtain it. The parables emphasize sacrifice, discernment, and the pursuit of eternal treasures over worldly possession.

PSYCHO-SPIRITUAL EFFECTS OF THE READINGS

Seeking Wisdom: Like Solomon, we are encouraged to ask for wisdom to make righteous choices and to discern what is truly important in life.

True Treasure: God's kingdom surpasses all earthly wealth and pursuit.

Living Faithfully: St. Francis de Sales teaches that ordinary actions, performed with love and devotion, contribute to holiness. He once said, "Holiness is not reserved for monks or nuns, but is achieved by doing ordinary, everyday things extraordinarily well." He believed that by offering even worldly tasks to God through love and charity, an ordinary life becomes a profound spiritual practice. Daily tasks, prayer, and small virtues are all ways to seek the kingdom of God. He prayed, "My God, I give you this action; please give me the grace to conduct myself in a manner most pleasing to you."

Trust in God's Plan: Be encouraged to trust God's guidance by prioritizing spiritual growth over material gain.

WHAT WE CAN PRACTICALLY DO

1. Spend time in prayer asking God for wisdom before making decisions.
2. Reflect on what you value most and consider how your choices align with God's kingdom.
3. Practice small acts of love, patience, humility, and devotion in daily life, recognizing them as part of pursuing eternal treasures.

CONCLUSION

We must focus on wisdom, discernment, and the pursuit of God's kingdom, reminding ourselves that true joy and purpose come from seeking what lasts forever rather than what fades away.



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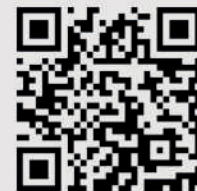
2025-2026



Our Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School students have provided faith-filled service to others this past year through several projects. Our Cereal Bowl collected over 2,200 cereal boxes to support Catholic Charities, helping provide food to those in need in our community. Students also spent time making treats and cards for St. Mary's Food Kitchen, bringing a smile to those they serve. In addition, our students continue to serve our school by assisting younger classmates in the classroom, building leadership skills and spreading kindness.

We are grateful for your support as we encourage our students to grow through service and compassion.

Please reach out to our principal, Mr. Jared Herzet, for more information or scan the QR code below to schedule a tour.



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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.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION LIST

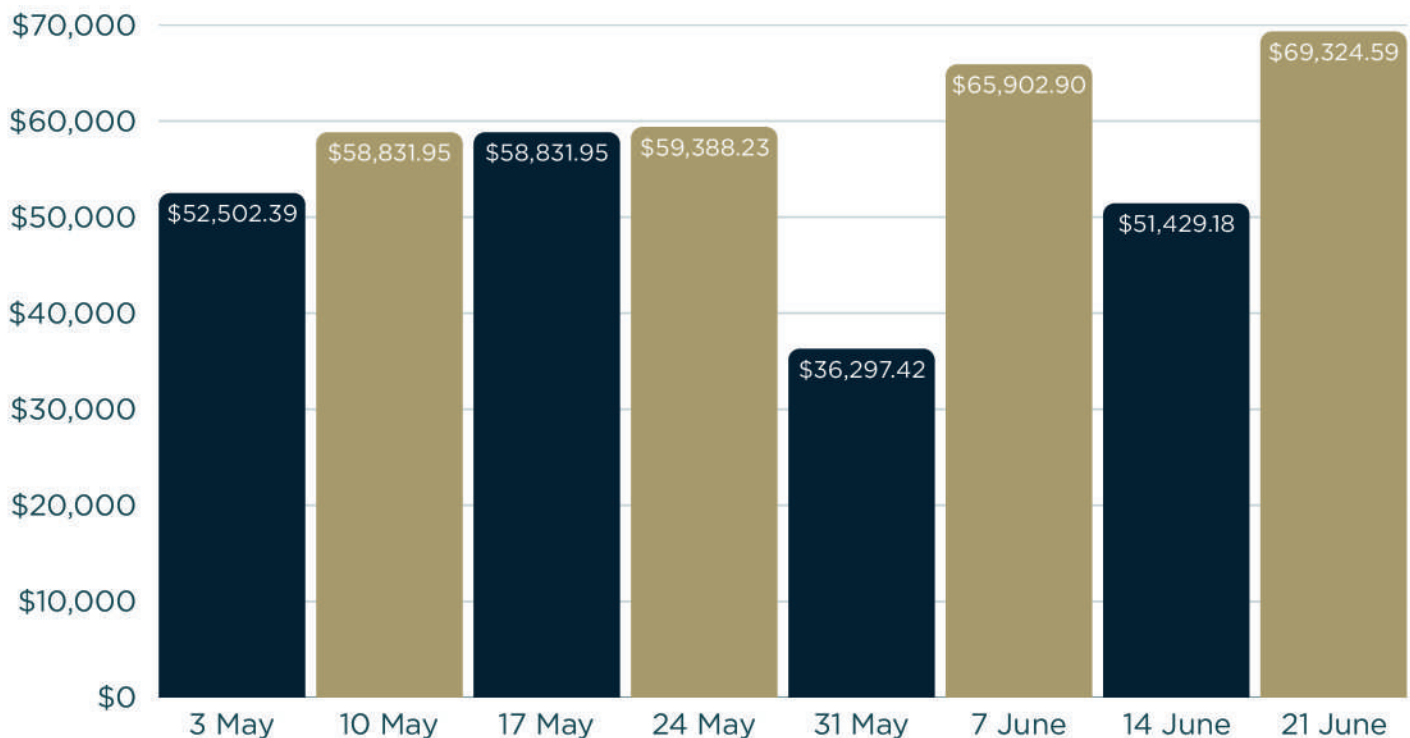
We have some upcoming important votes for the August 4th election. If you are interested in receiving more information about pro-life initiatives, please email erin.rodriguez@shoj.org or contact the office to be put on our mailing list.

FINANCIALS



As we enter the summer season, a time often filled with rest, travel, and renewed family rhythms, we are reminded that God continues to work in every season of our lives. Even in these quieter months, the mission of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School moves forward through your faithful generosity.

Your continued support helps sustain our ministries, form our students, and care for our parish community all year long. If you are able, we invite you to prayerfully consider making or increasing your gift during the summer months as an expression of gratitude for God's ongoing blessings. Thank you for being part of this mission. May your summer be filled with peace, rest, and the abundant grace of Christ.



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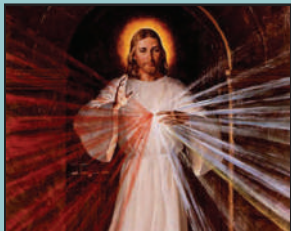
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