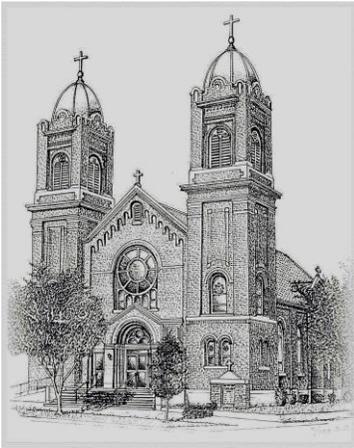


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ July 20, 2025



Sunday Reflection

Who are they, these three strangers who appear unexpectedly at Abraham's tent? Nomads tend to be extremely hospitable, since they see so few other human beings in the barren stretches of the desert. Strangers can report news of the outside world. They can bring a moment of welcome change in the monotony of everyday life. Abraham does not know the identity of his visitors. But that does not matter. He treats them like royalty. He bows to the ground to greet them. He brings water to bathe their feet. He calls himself their servant. He offers them food. Even though Abraham calls it "a little food," it is a lavish banquet. He has a huge amount of bread made from a bushel of flour, enough to feed an army. He orders a whole steer to be roasted. This abundance of food reflects the hospitality of the desert dweller.

Who are these three visitors? They do not identify themselves. But today's first reading informs us that "the Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre as he sat in the entrance of his tent." Is one of these three actually God, while the other two are companion angels? With a view toward the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, are they the three persons of the Holy Trinity? Or, are all three of the visitors angels acting on behalf of the one God? Is the one God acting by means of these three visitors?

Even though Abraham does not know who these three visitors are, they seem to know who he is. They possess special knowledge. Even though Abraham has not introduced his wife Sarah to them, they already know her name. Even more impressive than their knowing her name, they predict that she will bear a son within a year. The visitors' supernatural knowledge attests to their heavenly origin.

By welcoming these three strangers, Abraham is welcoming God into his midst . . . and perhaps an angel or two, as well. It is as the New Testament admonishes: "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels (Heb 13:2).

by Father Mike Stubbs

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Wed, Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.

Misa en español

Jueves	7:00 p.m.
Domingo	11:00 a.m.

Confessions/Confesiones

Tues, Wed, Friday	7:30 a.m.
Mar, Mié - Vie	7:30 a.m.
Jueves	6:30 p.m.
Saturday/Sabado	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Sunday/Domingo	8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

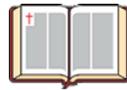
Parish Office/Oficina

302 South B Street
620-442-0566
Monday/Lunes
9:00 a.m. - 3:30p.m.
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School/Escuela

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- For the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony, and Anointing of the Sick contact Fr. Sam Brand @ 620-442-0566
- Couples planning marriage must contact the pastor nine months in advance of the marriage.
- For homebound visits or OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) call the office, 620-442-0566
- Eucharistic Adoration weekly from 9 a.m. Tuesday through 2 a.m. Wednesday in the Chapel.



Tuesday, July 22

8:00 a.m. †Jan Born by Dan & Vera Krueger

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 a.m. †Elmer Diver by Barry & Barclay Pierce

Thursday, July 24

7:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Friday, July 25

8:00 a.m. † Elmer Diver by Barry & Barclay Pierce

Saturday, July 26

6:00 p.m. †Gene Brinkman by Dan & Vera Krueger

Sunday, July 27

9:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Gustavo Francisco by Magdalena Francisco

Monday	Exod 14:5-18	Exod 15:1bc-2,3-4,5-6	Matt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Songs 3:1-4b	Ps 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9	John 20:1-2,11-18
Wednesday	Exod 16:1-5,9-15	Ps 78:18-19,23-24,25-26,27-28	Matt 13:1-9
Thursday	Exod 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b	Dan 3:52,53,54,55,56	Matt 13:10-17
Friday	2 Cor 4:7-15	Ps 126:1bc-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6	Matt 20:20-28
Saturday	Exod 24:3-8	Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15	Matt 13:24-30
Sunday	Gen 18:20-32	Ps 138:1-2,2-3,6-7,7-8	Luke 11:1-13

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of July 26 & 27</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Tim Ford	Kelley Schones	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Kim Ford	Lillie Pankaskie	Lety Varela
ALTAR SERVER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	Have Esparza Isaac Esparza Josselina Picornio
OFFERTORY	Josh & Ashley Monroe	Jason & Shannon O'Toole	Eleazar & Maria Mendez
GREETERS	David & Karen Schmeidler	Jim & Dawn Metzinger	Jose & Martha Esparza
July Gift Counters	David & Mariah Rippe		
Church Cleaners	Amy Lawson, Melissa Dorsey, Jacque Arnett, Lauren Rosales		

Our Stewardship of Treasure

July 13, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 3,137.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 837.57
Votive Candles	\$ 73.25
TOTAL	\$ 4,047.82
Budgeted	\$11,650.00
Below	\$ 7,602.18

e-Giving with Faith Direct

If you would like to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card you can sign up at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is **KS928**



Please keep our parishioners and friends in prayer. If they have recovered, please call the parish office and let us know.

Thank you. (620-442-0566)

Paul & Mary Ramirez, Jim Bernhardt, Leola Rippe, Lois Webb, Violet Waggoner, Michelle Emily Ambriz, Emily Sims, C.N., Nate Montgomery, Eddie Erickson Jr., Dick & Mary Ann Schneider, Ann Erickson, Matthew Aikins, Amy Adamson Riel, Ted Ford, Mary Wiggins, Lester David Hernandez, Kathy Schmeidler, Catalina del Rosario Batres, Theresa Mata, Eileen Docherty, Jessica Gregory, Joseph Schones, Jerry Old, Sherley Lopez, Donna Prichard, Gage Watkins, Kim Adams, James Martin, Tami Potter-Pullins, Debbie Guerrero, Liz Jacoby Carson, Joe & Donna Rauscher, Lauren McPherson, N.L., Robert & Diann Hull, J.G., David Schmeidler, Ernest Tauscher, Jeff Schroder, Joe Clark, Carder Squirel, Jeremy Walker, Kenny McNutt, Jean Jacoby, Marcia Trillo

PARISH NEWS



Thank you to all who volunteered to host the Totus Tuus team this past week for evening dinners, those who brought lunches to the cafeteria, and the families who opened your homes for the team to have a place to stay. We had 47 youth attend the program.



CONFIRMATION PARENTS

Confirmation applications are due by the end of July. Applications are available in the parish office. This is for all students grades 5-12 who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation. If you have questions, please see Fr. Sam or call the parish office. 620-442-0566

Spiritual Life Center Programs

For more information and to register, please visit www.slcwichita.org or call (316) 744-0167



Michael Brown
July 26, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Cost \$50, Lunch included

The Spiritual Life Center in Bel Aire will host a special one-day event for well-known author and speaker Michael Brown on Saturday, July 26, titled *Our times, the Church, apparitions of the Blessed Mother, and spiritual warfare / protection*. Michael will discuss the "prophetic pulse" at this critical time in history, apparitions of the Blessed Mother, miracles, as well as what afterlife experiences of Christians and saints have taught us about preparing for God's Kingdom now and forever. He will also discuss aspects of demonology and the heightened spiritual battle. **Please register soon; This event is filling up quickly.**



Midwest Catholic Family Conference - August 1-3 Century II, Wichita, KS

This conference will include opportunities for Mass, confession and adoration of the Eucharist, outdoor Eucharistic procession and the children's program. This year's speakers include Rev. Paul Sheller, OSB, Mike and Alicia Hernon (Messy Family Project), Father Larry Richards, Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, Tim Staples, Jesse Romero, Father Dennis McManus, and John T. Bruchalski, M.D. For more information and to register:

<https://www.catholicfamilyconference.org/>

Advance tickets are still available and will be available until the 26th! Get your children registered now because there will NOT be ANY onsite registration for PreK-5th.

SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:



We are offering in-person enrollment **Monday, July 21st from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** and **Friday, July 25th from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. Returning students can begin their enrollment on line by logging in to their PowerSchool account.



We are in need of a music teacher. This position requires about 5 hours a week (2 1/2 hrs. Tuesday and Thursday).



Donations for Sacred Heart School

The school is seeking donations of good used board games and puzzles for the classrooms. Please check that they do not have missing pieces and are grade school friendly. Only donate what you have at home. You can drop off donations at the school or the parish office. Thank you!

Casey's CASH for CLASSROOMS



Turn your Casey's purchases into donations to Sacred Heart School. Sign up for Casey's Rewards in the Casey's app and turn points earned on everyday purchases into a donation. Get started today!

Knights of Columbus News



Our next meeting is **Monday, August 11th** at 7:30 PM in the council chambers. All are welcome.



St. Vincent de Paul

We invite you to come to our next SVdP meeting **August 14th at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria.

20 de julio ~ El decimosexto domingo del tiempo ordinario

¿Quiénes son estos tres forasteros que aparecen inesperadamente en la tienda de Abraham? Los nómadas suelen ser extremadamente hospitalarios, ya que ven muy pocos seres humanos en las áridas extensiones del desierto. Los forasteros pueden reportar noticias del mundo exterior. Pueden traer un momento de cambio bienvenido a la monotonía de la vida cotidiana. Abraham desconoce la identidad de sus visitantes. Pero eso no importa. Los trata como reyes. Se inclina para saludarlos. Les trae agua para lavarles los pies. Se considera su siervo. Les ofrece comida. Aunque Abraham lo llama "un poco de comida", es un banquete suntuoso. Tiene una enorme cantidad de pan hecho con un celemín de harina, suficiente para alimentar a un ejército. Manda asar un novillo entero. Esta abundancia de comida refleja la hospitalidad del habitante del desierto.

¿Quiénes son estos tres visitantes? No se identifican. Pero la primera lectura de hoy nos informa que "el Señor se apareció a Abraham junto al encinar de Mamré, mientras él estaba sentado a la entrada de su tienda". ¿Es uno de estos tres realmente Dios, mientras que los otros dos son ángeles acompañantes? Desde la perspectiva de la doctrina cristiana de la Trinidad, ¿son las tres personas de la Santísima Trinidad? ¿O actúan los tres ángeles visitantes en nombre del único Dios? ¿Actúa el único Dios a través de estos tres visitantes?

Aunque Abraham no sabe quiénes son estos tres visitantes, ellos parecen saber quién es él. Poseen un conocimiento especial. Aunque Abraham no les ha presentado a su esposa Sara, ya saben su nombre. Aún más impresionante que conocer su nombre, predicen que dará a luz un hijo dentro de un año. El conocimiento sobrenatural de los visitantes da fe de su origen celestial.

Al acoger a estos tres desconocidos, Abraham da la bienvenida a Dios en su seno... y quizás también a uno o dos ángeles. Es como amonesta el Nuevo Testamento: «No descuiden la hospitalidad, porque por ella algunos, sin saberlo, hospedaron ángeles» (Hebreos 13:2).

Por el Padre Mike Stubbs

Clases del Bautismo en español: Las clases pre-bautismales son obligatorias para todos los padres y padrinos. **La clase de bautismo es solo con cita previa.**



Santa Misa con Padre Machado

Domingo, 10 de agosto @ 11:00 AM

El padre Machado está ofreciendo una clase de Biblia en la cafetería después de la misa de las 11 am



SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Lo invitamos a venir a nuestra próxima reunión de SVdP el **14 de agosto (jueves) a las 5:30 pm** en la cafetería. Por favor considere unirse a nosotros en esta reunión.



PADRES DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Las solicitudes de Confirmación vencen a finales de julio. Están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. Esta solicitud es para todos los estudiantes de 5.º a 12.º grado que aún no hayan recibido el sacramento de la Confirmación. Si tienen alguna pregunta, pueden comunicarse con el Padre Sam o llamar a la oficina parroquial al 620-442-0566.

Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:

Mirando hacia el futuro:

Ofrecemos inscripción presencial el **lunes 21 de julio de**

10:00 a. m. a 3:00 p. m. y el

viernes 25 de julio de 10:00

a. m. a 7:00 p. m. Los

estudiantes que regresan

pueden comenzar su

inscripción en línea iniciando

sesión en su cuenta de

PowerSchool.

