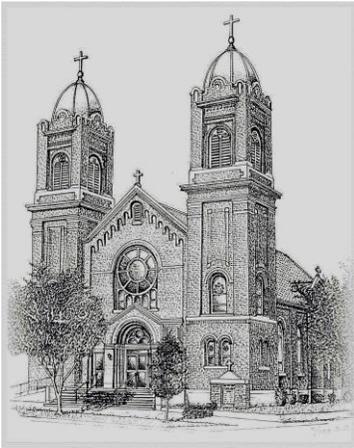


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 3, 2025



Sunday Reflection

Ecclesiastes is one of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament that is not usually a first choice for someone to sit down and read through, but it does hold one of the most famous quotes in Scripture: *“Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!”* Allow me to offer some historical context to assist our reflection. Firstly, the time is 200-400 years before Christ. Secondly, “Qoheleth” is a designation of someone who calls an assembly to listen to him teach. This was a popular technique among Greek philosophers to attract students. Therefore, it can be inferred that this book of scripture was used as an indictment against the Greek influence that was occurring in and around Jerusalem.

The book speaks of two kinds of wisdom. The pursuit of **worldly** wisdom and pursuit of **divine** wisdom. The author observes that worldly wisdom can become a trap. We can become so consumed by it that *“even at night his mind is not at rest.”* Humans experience this in their anxiety. They stay up at night looking for wisdom on the world. How to pay the bills, well-being of loved ones, jobs, careers, rising costs, political issues, and societal issues. Worldly wisdom also includes sciences and philosophies. This type of wisdom is approached by our observations on creation. In fact, the scientific method is based on “what we observe?”

Divine wisdom is based on “what does God see?” Far from condemning worldly wisdom as evil, like some fundamentalists do, the author reminds everyone that wisdom comes from God. How does God want me to make money? What does God want me to do with my life? When I look through a telescope or a microscope, what does God see? How does God see me? Morals and commandments do not hinder us but allow us to pursue true wisdom.

Interestingly, this book never mentions the afterlife. It is almost as if the author is boldly proclaiming that a life of morals is far superior to life without them, even if there is no reward afterwards.

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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.

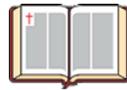
Parish Office/Oficina

302 South B Street
620-442-0566
Monday/Lunes
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday/Martes-Viernes
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
parish@sacredheartarkcity.org
www.sacredheartarkcity.org

School/Escuela

312 South B Street
620-442-6550
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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, August 5

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Anonymous

Wednesday, August 6

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Thursday, August 7

7:00 p.m. NO MASS

Friday, August 8

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, August 9

6:00 p.m. †Gene Brinkman by Sacred Heart K of C

Sunday, August 10

9:00 a.m. †Gene Brinkman by Sally Hoag

11:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

Monday	Num 11:4b-15	Ps 81:12-13,14-15, 16-17	Matt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Num 12:1-13	Ps 51:3-4,5-6ab,6cd-7,12-13	Matt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Dan 7:9-10,13-14	Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9	Luke 9:28b-36
Thursday	Num 20:1-13	Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9	Matt 16:13-23
Friday	Deut 4:32-40	Ps 77:12-13,14-15,16 & 21	Matt 16:24-28
Saturday	Deut 6:4-13	Ps 18:2-3a,3bc-4,47 & 51	Matt 17:14-20
Sunday	Wis 18:6-9	Ps 33:1,12,18-19,20-22	Luke 12:32-48

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of August 9 & 10</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Ashley Monroe	Lillie Pankaskie	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Mike Kuffler	Kellie Hull	Mary Trillo
ALTAR SERVER	Alexandria Lake Dirk Lake	Lizzy Bergkamp Katherine Bergkamp Fred Bergkamp	Emiliano Gaspar Francisco Angel Andres Domingo Alejandro Francisco Martinez
OFFERTORY	Tim & Kim Ford	Devin & Madison Metzinger	Jose & Silvia Martinez
GREETERS	Jack & Donna Blatchford	Benny & Lori Roths	Vicente Giles & Olivia Obregon
August Gift Counters	Dixie Givens, Amy Prater		
Church Cleaners	Mario & Maria Medina Family		

Our Stewardship of Treasure

July 27, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,748.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 2,109.00
Votive Candles	\$ 144.50
TOTAL	\$ 8,001.50
Budgeted	\$ 11,650.00
Below	\$ 3,648.50



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, Carder Squirrel, Jeremy Walker, Kenny McNutt, Jean Jacoby, Marcia Trillo

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**

PARISH NEWS



Mass
Schedule
Change

Fr. Sam will be out for vacation Wednesday, August 6 – Friday, August 8. We will not have 8 AM Mass on those days. Also, Theresa will be out of the office on Friday, August 8 and Monday, August 11. The parish office will be closed on Friday, August 8th and Monday, August 11th. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS

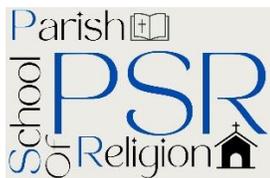


Confirmation

*Please save the date:
Wednesday, August 20th!*

This will be the first mandatory parents meeting for Confirmation. The meeting will be at 7 PM in the cafeteria. Fr. Sam will have information for the parents and students for the coming classes.

PSR ENROLLMENT



Now is the time to enroll your student in PSR classes. This is for ALL students in grades 1-5 who do not attend Sacred Heart School. If your child is in the 1st grade, now is the time to enroll

them for First Confession and First Holy Communion classes. It is a two-year program. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Please enroll early as classes may be limited and we can order books before classes start. If you have questions, please call the parish office. 620-442-0566

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat



Hurt by abortion? Find emotional and spiritual healing at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Wichita

September 12-14. The weekend retreat combines group discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a memorial service, and Mass. The retreat is confidential and available to women and men of all faiths. Cost to attend the weekend retreat is \$100 which includes 2 nights lodging, meals, and all materials. Scholarships are available. To register or for more information, contact Stephanie Nemecek (316)269-4673 or ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org.

St. Vincent de Paul



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

SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:



620-442-6550.

Enrollment continues for students in grades 2 – 5. Parents may begin their enrollment on line by logging in to their PowerSchool account or call the school at



Backpack Night

Wednesday, August 13th, 5-6 PM



First Day of School

Grades K – 5th

Thursday, August 14

Sacred Heart Catholic School Mum Sale



Pre-order your Mums. Several colors are available. 8" pots for \$12 and all proceeds will go to Sacred Heart PTO. Orders are due by August 15. For questions, please call Lakin at 620-441-3909.



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!



Dillons Community Rewards

Link your Dillons card to Sacred Heart School. When you use your card, the school will receive a donation from Dillons.

It's another way to help the school!

Knights of Columbus News



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

3 de agosto~ El decimoctavo domingo del tiempo ordinario

Eclesiastés es uno de los libros sapienciales del Antiguo Testamento que no suele ser la primera opción para leer, pero sí contiene una de las citas más famosas de las Escrituras: "¡Vanidad de vanidades, dice Qohelet, vanidad de vanidades! ¡Todo es vanidad!". Permítanme ofrecer un poco de contexto histórico para facilitar nuestra reflexión. En primer lugar, el tiempo transcurre entre 200 y 400 años antes de Cristo. En segundo lugar, "Qohelet" designa a alguien que convoca una asamblea para escuchar sus enseñanzas. Esta era una técnica popular entre los filósofos griegos para atraer estudiantes. Por lo tanto, se puede inferir que este libro de las Escrituras se utilizó como una crítica a la influencia griega que se estaba produciendo en Jerusalén y sus alrededores.

El libro habla de dos tipos de sabiduría: la búsqueda de la sabiduría mundana y la búsqueda de la sabiduría divina. El autor observa que la sabiduría mundana puede convertirse en una trampa. Podemos llegar a estar tan absorbidos por ella que "ni siquiera de noche su mente descansa". Los seres humanos experimentamos esto en nuestra ansiedad. Se desvelan buscando sabiduría sobre el mundo. Cómo pagar las cuentas, el bienestar de sus seres queridos, el trabajo, las carreras profesionales, el aumento de los costos, los problemas políticos y sociales. La sabiduría mundana también incluye ciencias y filosofías. Este tipo de sabiduría se aborda mediante nuestras observaciones de la creación. De hecho, el método científico se basa en "¿qué observamos?".

La sabiduría divina se basa en "¿qué ve Dios?". Lejos de condenar la sabiduría mundana como algo malo, como hacen algunos fundamentalistas, el autor recuerda a todos que la sabiduría proviene de Dios. ¿Cómo quiere Dios que gane dinero? ¿Qué quiere Dios que haga con mi vida? Cuando miro por un telescopio o un microscopio, ¿qué ve Dios? ¿Cómo me ve Dios? La moral y los mandamientos no nos impiden, sino que nos permiten buscar la verdadera sabiduría. Curiosamente, este libro nunca menciona el más allá. Es casi como si el autor proclamara con valentía que una vida con moral es muy superior a una vida sin ella, incluso si no hay recompensa después.

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

¡Reserven la fecha: miércoles 20 de agosto! Esta será la primera reunión obligatoria de padres para la Confirmación. La reunión será a las 7 p. m. en la cafetería. El Padre Sam tendrá

información para los padres y estudiantes sobre las próximas clases.



Mass
Schedule
Change

El Padre Sam estará de vacaciones del miércoles 6 al viernes 8 de agosto. No habrá misa de las 8:00 a. m. esos días. Además, Theresa no estará en la oficina el viernes 8 y el lunes 11 de agosto. La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el viernes 8 el lunes -11 de agosto. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión.

Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:

Mirando hacia el futuro:



Los estudiantes que regresan pueden comenzar su inscripción en línea iniciando sesión en su cuenta de PowerSchool.



Noche de Mochilas

Miércoles, 13 de agosto, 17:00-18:00



Primer día de clases

Kínder a 5.º grado

Jueves, 14 de agosto



INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE RELIGION

Es hora de inscribir a su hijo/a en las clases de Religión de la Iglesia (PSR). Esto es para TODOS los estudiantes de 1.º a 5.º grado que no asisten a la Escuela del Sagrado Corazón. Si su hijo/a está en 1.er grado, es hora de inscribirlo/a en las clases de Primera Confesión y Primera Comunión. Es un programa de dos años. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. Por favor, inscribese con anticipación, ya que el cupo puede ser limitado y podemos solicitar libros antes del inicio de las clases. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina parroquial al 620-442-0566.