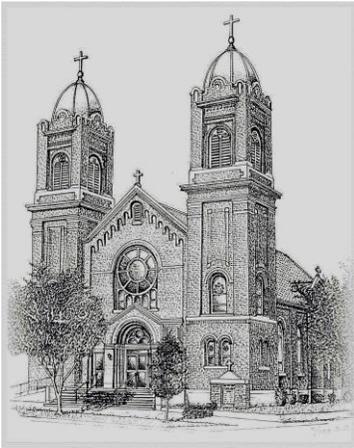


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 17, 2025



Sunday Reflection

Constant Renewal: School began this week which means summer vacation has concluded. It's amazing how most years it seems to go by so fast. Some years it takes longer, but I have never reached the end of summer vacation and thought, "that took forever to get through." (maybe I'm doing it wrong). I was thinking about this as I read the words of Pope Leo XIV to large group of young people: *"Think of the image of grass: is not a field of flowers beautiful? Of course, it is delicate, made up of small, vulnerable stems, prone to drying out, to being bent and broken. Yet at the same time these flowers are immediately replaced by others that sprout up after them, generously nourished and fertilized by the first ones as they decay on the ground. This is how the field survives: through constant regeneration. Even during the cold months of winter, when everything seems silent, its energy stirs beneath the ground, preparing to blossom into a thousand colors when spring comes.*

We too, dear friends, are made this way, we are made for this. We are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and static, but for an existence that is constantly renewed through gift of self in love. This is why we continually aspire to something "more" that no created reality can give us; we feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy."

Hopefully, we all had some great moments over summer vacation (a field of flowers). Sometimes we wish we could hold onto those moments or repeat them, but that is not their purpose. They are being replaced. What new moments are coming? They are nourishment for the good things to come. What good deeds has your summer vacation inspired?

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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.

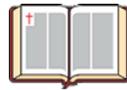
Parish Office/Oficina

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 19

8:00 a.m. †Helen Callea by Steve & Lupe Weide

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 a.m. †Gene Brinkman by Randall & Margaret Rippe

Thursday, August 21

7:00 p.m. †Patrick Upton by Ron Upton

Friday, August 22

8:00 a.m. †Joe Clark by Bernie & Ida Betzen

Saturday, August 23

6:00 p.m. Special Intention by the Fiorentino Family

Sunday, August 24

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

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

Monday	Judges 2:11-19	Ps 106:34-35,36-37, 39-40,43ab & 44	Matt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Judges 6:11-24a	Ps 85:9,11-12,13-14	Matt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9:6-15	Ps 21:2-3,4-5,6-7	Matt 20:1-16
Thursday	Judges 11:29-39a	Ps 40:5,7-8a,8b-9,10	Matt 22:1-14
Friday	Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22	Ps 146:5-6ab,6c-7,8-9a,9bc-10	Matt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ruth 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17	Ps 128:1b-2,3,4,5	Matt 23:1-12
Sunday	Isa 66:18-21	Ps 117:1,2	Luke 13:22-30

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of August 23 & 24</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Mike Kuffler	Kellie Hull	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Foss Farrar	Matt Metzinger	Martha Esparza
ALTAR SERVER	Anna-Lea Monroe Lilliana Monroe	VOLUNTEER	Lyzaira Francisco Yahaira Francisco Elizabeth Brookshire
OFFERTORY	Garrett & Sarrah Metzinger	Zach & Lori Barnes	Alfredo & Angelina Francisco
GREETERS	David & Amy Prater	Duane & Connie Befort	Gaspar Lopez & Eva Juan Felipe
August Gift Counters	Dixie Givens, Amy Prater		
Church Cleaners	Susi Juan Felipe, Eva Juan Felipe & Gaspar Lopez, Patricia Murillo, Martha Esparza		

Our Stewardship of Treasure

August 10, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 4,645.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 554.51
Votive Candles	\$ 80.25
TOTAL	\$ 5,279.76
Budgeted	\$ 11,650.00
Below	\$ 6,370.24

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, Carder Squirrel, Jeremy Walker, Kenny McNutt, Jean Jacoby, Marcia Trillo, Lori Rudman, Nixon Molitor

PARISH NEWS

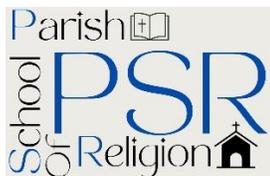
CONFIRMATION PARENTS



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

Confirmation 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. 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 by August 31st.** 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 Nemechek (316)269-4673 or ProjectRachel@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org.

Spiritual Life Center Programs

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

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

Men's Silent Retreat:

Spiritual Exercises Preached

Fr. Michael Maher, S.J

Thu. Sep. 11, 4:00 pm – Sun.

Sep. 14, 1:00 pm

This man's only, silent retreat will provide an opportunity to

develop those skills that were advanced by Ignatius and provide a means for us to develop our spiritual lives. Spiritual Direction will be offered.

Cost: Single occupancy is \$395.

Retreat includes 3 nights and 8 meals.

Space is limited, register soon!



SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:



Thursday, August 21st:
1st day of Pre-K



Thursday, August 21st:
Parent Orientation/PTO
Meet in the church at 6 PM
Mandatory Parent Attendance:
At least one parent must attend.



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, September 8th** 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 28th at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria.

17 de agosto~ El Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Renovación constante: Esta semana empezaron las clases, lo que significa que las vacaciones de verano terminaron. Es increíble lo rápido que pasan la mayoría de los años. Algunos años tarda más, pero nunca he llegado al final de las vacaciones de verano y he pensado: «¡Qué pasada!» (quizás lo estoy haciendo mal). Pensaba en esto mientras leía las palabras del Papa León XIV a un grupo numeroso de jóvenes: «*Piensen en la imagen de la hierba: ¿no es hermoso un campo de flores? Claro que es delicado, formado por tallos pequeños y vulnerables, propensos a secarse, a doblarse y romperse. Sin embargo, al mismo tiempo, estas flores son inmediatamente reemplazadas por otras que brotan después, generosamente nutridas y fertilizadas por las primeras al descomponerse en la tierra. Así es como el campo sobrevive: mediante la regeneración constante. Incluso durante los fríos meses de invierno, cuando todo parece silencioso, su energía se agita bajo la tierra, preparándose para florecer en mil colores con la llegada de la primavera.*

Nosotros también, queridos amigos, estamos hechos así, estamos hechos para esto. No estamos hechos para una vida donde todo se da por sentado y estático, sino para una existencia que se renueva constantemente a través de la entrega de uno mismo en el amor. Por eso aspiramos continuamente a algo «más» que ninguna realidad creada puede darnos; sentimos una sed profunda y ardiente que ninguna bebida en este mundo puede saciar». Ojalá todos hayamos tenido momentos geniales durante las vacaciones de verano (un campo de flores). A veces deseáramos poder aferrarnos a esos momentos o repetirlos, pero ese no es su propósito. Están siendo reemplazados. ¿Qué nuevos momentos se avecinan? Son alimento para las cosas buenas que están por venir. ¿Qué buenas acciones te han inspirado tus vacaciones de verano?

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, 14 de septiembre @ 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 **28 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.

Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:

Mirando hacia el futuro:



Jueves, 21 de agosto: Inicio de clases en preescolar



Jueves, 21 de agosto: Orientación para padres/Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTO)

Nos reuniremos en la iglesia a las 6 p. m.

**Asistencia obligatoria de los padres:
Al menos uno de los padres debe asistir.**



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, inscribábase 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.