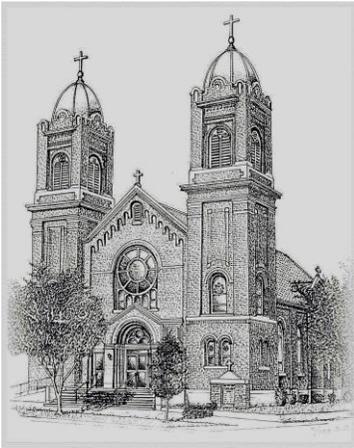


# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ September 7, 2025



## Sunday Reflection

**Pastor's Statement on Children at Mass** - For the last few months, I have been offering the document in the bulletin this weekend to families who are preparing for Baptism. My experience has been that new parents are always looking for recommendations because they want to be the best parent that they can. It is for that reason alone that I interviewed other parents and put together this handout. I was hesitant to do so because of the complexities: children grow at different speeds, there are cultural influences, situations within families, and family backgrounds. I was also hesitant because I wanted to offer the perfect advice. However, "the perfect can be the enemy of the good." If I wait to do something perfect, then there is a chance that there is some good that doesn't occur because I waited. With that in mind, I have been offering this handout to new parents strictly as a guide.

Most importantly, I try to convey the great calling of parenthood as the Church sees it. In a PEW research study from 2023, 62% say that being a parent is somewhat harder than they expected. 26% say it's been a lot harder. That's a lot of moms and dads stepping up and we appreciate them! On multiple occasions, from our own parish family and from other parishes, people have remarked to me how much they love seeing our young children at Mass. Their presence brings joy and inspiration. However, our children cannot be viewed solely as the future. They are the present and, quite frankly, I often wonder if God takes more joy in their presence at Mass than my own. Even in the bible, there are moments where God commands babies to be present. Why? They cannot understand the proclamation of Torah or appreciate the rituals used. In the Gospels, Jesus proposed children not as marginal liturgical participants, but as ideal ones in receiving blessings. "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Parents who bring their children to Mass are cooperating in the infusion of grace. For those of us without children, we support them and give the example of our own prayers to the young.

### Fr. Samuel Brand

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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.

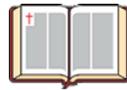
### Parish Office/Oficina

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

### School/Escuela

312 South B Street  
620-442-6550  
tlake@sacredheartarkcity.org

- 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.



**Readings for the week of  
September 8, 2025**

**Monday, September 8**

8:00 a.m. †Joe Clark by Pat Blubaugh & Family

**Tuesday, September 9**

8:00 a.m. †Blesses Federic Ozanam by Sacred Heart SVdP

**Wednesday, September 10**

8:00 a.m. †Elmer Diver by Dan & Vera Krueger

**Thursday, September 11**

7:00 p.m. NO MASS

**Friday, September 12**

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

**Saturday, September 13**

6:00 p.m. †David Miley by Deanna Miley

**Sunday, September 14**

9:00 a.m. †Tim & Teresa Tsoie by Steve & Lupe Weide

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

Monday	Micah 5:1-4a	Ps 13:6ab,6c	Matt 1:1-16,18-23
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15	Ps 145:1b-2,8-9,10-11	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11	Ps 145:2-3,10-11,12-13ab	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17	Ps 150:1b-2,3,4,5-6	Luke 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tim 1:1-2,12-14	Ps 16:1b-2a & 5,7-8,11	Luke 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Tim 1:15-17	Ps 113:1b-2,3,4,5 & 6-7	Luke 6:43-49
Sunday	Num 21:4b-9	Ps 78:1bc-2,3,4-35,36-37,38	John 3:13-17

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of September 13 &amp; 14</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Ashley Monroe	Kellie Hull	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Dan Givens	Kelley Schones	Bertha Navarro
ALTAR SERVER	Lilliana Monroe Anna-Lea Monroe	Lizzy Bergkamp Katherine Bergkamp Fred Bergkamp	Emiliano Gaspar Francisco Angel Andres Domingo Alejandro Francisco Martinez
OFFERTORY	Doug & Amy Lawson	Larry & Mary Ann Hale	Vicente Giles & Olivia Obregon
GREETERS	Cathy Fuller	Jeff & Chelsea Metzinger	Douglas & Elvia Figueroa
September Gift Counters	Dave & Lillie Pankaskie		
Church Cleaners	Matt Metzinger & Family, Mike & Jamie Metzinger		

**Our Stewardship of Treasure**

August 31, 2025

Envelopes .....	\$ 2,903.00
Loose Offerings .....	\$ 2,341.75
Votive Candles .....	\$ 106.39
TOTAL .....	\$ 5,351.14
Budgeted .....	\$ 11,650.00
<b>Below .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,298.86</b>



*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, Ken Martell, Judah Sonego, J.A.G., Micah Smith*



**e-Giving with VANCO**

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 with VANCO by

visiting our website at [www.sacredheartarkcity.org](http://www.sacredheartarkcity.org) and choosing the link for E-Giving.

## PARISH NEWS



We will have 8 AM Mass on Monday,  
September 8<sup>th</sup>.  
We will not have 8 AM Mass on Friday,  
September 12<sup>th</sup>.

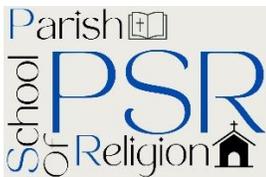
## Sacred Heart Youth Groups

Groups will begin meeting in September!



**Bullpups** (Grades 6-8) will meet  
on the first and third Wednesdays  
from 7 -8 PM (**September 17<sup>th</sup>**)

**Bulldogs** (Grades 9-12) will meet on the second and fourth  
Wednesdays from 7-8 PM (**September 10<sup>th</sup>**)



## PSR CLASSES

Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM  
Sunday, Sept. 14 - 10 AM



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to  
volunteer to mow and trim the lawns  
around our Sacred Heart campus. If  
you are interested, please call the  
parish office. 620-442-0566

*FREE TRAINING HAS BEEN OFFERED*

## Spiritual Life Center Programs

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

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



**Rock-Breaking Hammer: The  
Incredible Story of How (and Why!)  
You Have a Bible**

Dr. Umberger

5-part Series: Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13  
In this five-part series, Matthew Umberger will tell the  
surprising story of how the Bible was put together. Have  
you ever wondered why Protestant and Catholic Bible  
canons are slightly different? What about all of those  
apocryphal books that didn't make it into the Canon? Dr.  
Umberger will bring his expertise to bear to answer these  
questions and more. The result will be gratitude to God for  
revealing Himself to you through the written word, and  
preserving that revelation for you to receive today.  
Cost: \$50



## St. Vincent de Paul

We invite you to come to our next SVdP  
meeting **October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the school  
cafeteria.

## SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:

**Children's Mass: Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM**



## VIRTUS TRAINING



**VIRTUS Mission:** To educate  
and empower everyone  
(individually and collectively) to  
ensure optimal safe  
environments for children and

the vulnerable. The VIRTUS programs empower  
organizations and people to take action as safe adults and  
improve the lives of everyone with whom they interact  
within the Church and other organizations.

A training session will be offered on Saturday, September  
27<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. To pre-register, please see the parish website:  
[www.sacredheartarkcity.org](http://www.sacredheartarkcity.org). There will be a link to  
follow. It is recommended to pre-register. If you have  
questions or need help, please call the school at  
620-442-6550.

## Knights of Columbus News



Our next meeting is **Monday, September  
8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM in the council chambers. All  
are welcome.

## FOOTBALL PARTY



## Knights of Columbus Watch Party

Join us on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in  
the cafeteria for the Chiefs game.  
Kickoff is at 3:25PM

## TURKEY DINNER MEETING



Please join us on Monday, September  
22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria for our  
first meeting to plan for this years  
Turkey Dinner. Hope to see you  
there!

## 7 de septiembre ~ El Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

**Declaración del Pastor sobre los Niños en la Misa:** Durante los últimos meses, he estado ofreciendo el documento en el boletín de este fin de semana a las familias que se preparan para el Bautismo. Mi experiencia me ha demostrado que los nuevos padres siempre buscan recomendaciones porque quieren ser los mejores padres posibles. Es solo por esa razón que entrevisté a otros padres y preparé este folleto. Dudé en hacerlo debido a las complejidades: los niños crecen a diferentes ritmos, existen influencias culturales, situaciones dentro de las familias y antecedentes familiares. También dudé porque quería ofrecer el consejo perfecto. Sin embargo, "lo perfecto puede ser enemigo de lo bueno". Si espero para hacer algo perfecto, existe la posibilidad de que algo bueno no ocurra por haber esperado. Con eso en mente, he estado ofreciendo este folleto a los nuevos padres estrictamente como una guía.

Y lo más importante, intento transmitir el gran llamado de la paternidad tal como lo entiende la Iglesia. En un estudio de investigación de PEW de 2023, el 62 % afirma que ser padres es algo más difícil de lo que esperaban. El 26 % afirma que ha sido mucho más difícil. ¡Son muchos los padres que están dando un paso al frente y los agradecemos! En múltiples ocasiones, tanto en nuestra propia parroquia como en otras, me han comentado cuánto les encanta ver a nuestros hijos pequeños en misa. Su presencia les brinda alegría e inspiración. Sin embargo, nuestros hijos no pueden considerarse solo el futuro. Son el presente y, francamente, a menudo me pregunto si Dios disfruta más de su presencia en misa que de la mía. Incluso en la Biblia, hay momentos en los que Dios ordena a los bebés estar presentes. ¿Por qué? No pueden comprender la proclamación de la Torá ni apreciar los rituales. En los Evangelios, Jesús propuso a los niños no como participantes litúrgicos marginales, sino como personas ideales para recibir bendiciones. «En verdad les digo: el que no acepte el reino de Dios como un niño, no entrará en él». Los padres que llevan a sus hijos a misa están cooperando en la infusión de la gracia. Para aquellos de nosotros que no tenemos hijos, los apoyamos y damos el ejemplo de nuestras propias oraciones a los jóvenes.

**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**

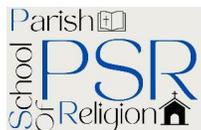
Lo invitamos a venir a nuestra próxima reunión de SVdP el **9 de octubre (jueves) a las 5:30 pm** en la cafetería. Por favor considere unirse a nosotros en esta reunión.



### **SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS**

Buscamos voluntarios para cortar y podar el césped de nuestro campus del Sagrado Corazón. Si le interesa, llame a la oficina parroquial al 620-442-0566.

SE OFRECE CAPACITACIÓN GRATUITA.



### **CLASES DE PSR**

Domingo, 7 de septiembre – 10 AM  
Domingo, 14 de septiembre – 10 AM

### **Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:**

Mirando hacia el futuro:

**Misa de niños: domingo 7 de septiembre a las 9 a. m**



Tendremos misa a las 8 am el lunes 8 de septiembre.

No habrá misa de las 8 a. m. el viernes 12 de septiembre.

## **CAPACITACIÓN VIRTUS**



**Misión de VIRTUS:** Educar y empoderar a todos (individual y colectivamente) para garantizar entornos seguros óptimos para niños y personas vulnerables.

Los programas VIRTUS empoderan a organizaciones y personas para actuar como adultos responsables y mejorar la vida de todas las personas con quienes interactúan dentro de la Iglesia y otras organizaciones.

Se ofrecerá una sesión de capacitación el sábado 27 de septiembre a la 1 p. m. Para preinscribirse, visite el sitio web de la parroquia: [www.sacredheartarkcity.org](http://www.sacredheartarkcity.org).

Encontrará un enlace. Se recomienda preinscribirse. Si tiene preguntas o necesita ayuda, llame a la escuela al 620-442-6550.