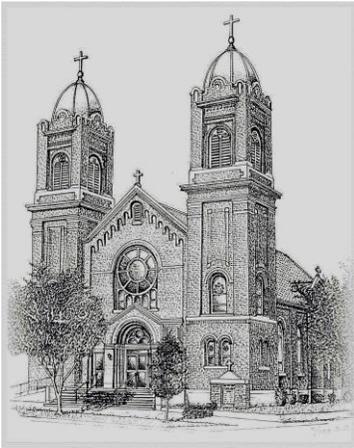


Sacred Heart Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 30, 2025



Sunday Reflection

This week marks a new liturgical year. With a new year comes hope for new goals. It might even bring a change of habits, which brings a change of character. It was about this time last year that I wrote about the book "From Christendom to Apostolic Mission" which describes the change in Catholic culture. This transition began on December 7, 1990, with St. Pope John Paul II and his encyclical: **Redemptoris Missio**. Like I did last year, I would like to try to lead us through this prophetic vision for the Church.

His introduction begins by reminding all Christians of 1 Cor. 9:16: *"If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!"* His hope is that we all experience the joy of our faith strengthen as we give it to others. In a capitalist nation like our own, which places a high value on exports, I think it is important to remember what the greatest export of the Church is. It is not our hospitals (we have 9 of them in our diocese), our schools (we have 38 in the diocese), or our social outreach (34 offices of different services). It is not even our beautiful churches (over 90 in the diocese). We would rightly consider these to be the fruits/results of our greatest export: faith. Our greatest gift we can give to our children is not money or education, but a loving relationship with their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The greatest gift we can give to our family, friends, and neighbors is our faith. The saint said: *"our purpose is to serve man by revealing to him the love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ."*

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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.

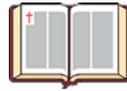
Parish Office/Oficina

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
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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 12 a.m. Wednesday in the Chapel.



**Readings for the week of
December 1, 2025**

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by the Fiorentino Family

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 a.m. †Joan Carroll by Judi Befort

Thursday, December 4

7:00 p.m. †Alfonso Moreno by Martha Moreno

Friday, December 5

8:00 a.m. †Theresa Boley by Cathy Fuller

Saturday, December 6

6:00 p.m. †Richard Covey by Janet Bismark

Sunday, December 7 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. †Pietro Fiorentino by the Fiorentino Family

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

Monday	Isa 4:2-6	Ps 122:1-2,3-4b, 4cd-5,6-7,8-9	Matt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Isa 11:1-10	Ps 72:1-2,7-8, 12-13	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	Isa 25:6-10a	Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4, 5,6	Matt 15:29-37
Thursday	Isa 26:1-6	Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21,25-27a	Matt 7:21,24-27
Friday	Isa 29:17-24	Ps 27:1,4,13-14	Matt 9:27-31
Saturday	Isa 30:19-21,23-26	Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6	Matt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a,6-8
Sunday	Isa 11:1-10	Ps 72:1-2,7-8, 12-13,17	Matt 3:1-12

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of December 6 & 7</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Mike Kuffler	Lillie Pankaskie	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Kim Ford	SHCS STUDENTS	Lety Varela
ALTAR SERVER	Richard Prater Gerald Prater Judie Prater	SHCS STUDENTS	Justin Martinez Joel Pedro Andres Francisco
OFFERTORY	Garrett & Sarrah Metzinger	SHCS STUDENTS	Jose & Martha Esparza
GREETERS	Dan & Vicki Givens	SHCS STUDENTS	Nickelus & Angelina Brookshire
December Gift Counters	Doug & Amy Lawson,		
Church Cleaners	Olivia Obregon & Family, Daisy Arcos & Family		

Our Stewardship of Treasure

November 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,973.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,055.75
Votive Candles	\$ 157.56
TOTAL	\$ 7,186.31
Budgeted	\$ 11,650.00
Below	\$ 4,463.69



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, Leola Rippe, Lois Webb, Violet Waggoner, Emily Sims, C.N., Nate Montgomery, Eddie Erickson Jr., Mary Ann Schneider, Ann Erickson, Matthew Aikins, 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, James Martin, Tami Potter-Pullins, Debbie Guerrero, Joe & Donna Rauscher, Lauren McPherson, N.L., J.G., David Schmeidler, Ernest Tauscher, Jeff Schroder, Jeremy Walker, Kenny McNutt, Marcia Trillo, Lori Rudman, Ken Martell, Judah Sonego, J.A.G., Micah Smith, Edd Crittenden, Terri Pressnall, Debbie Walter, Phair Morgan, Joe Woodard, Karen Schmeidler



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 and choosing the link for E-Giving.

PARISH NEWS

Out of Office

Fr. Sam will be out of the office on Friday, December 5th and will be gone the weekend of December 6 & 7. Please welcome Fr. Michael Brungardt who will be here to celebrate the Masses.

Advent 40 Hours Devotion



Set aside an hour during this "O Holy Season" for some quality time with Jesus in preparation for the "O Holy Night".

Beginning on Friday, December 12th at 8 PM and ending at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, December 14th. You can sign up for an hour on our website (www.sacredheartarkcity.org) or if you need help, please call the parish office. 620-442-0566

DONATE A REMEMBRANCE PLANT FOR YOUR LOVED ONES!

Here is a perfect opportunity to remember your loved ones, living and deceased, by donating a poinsettia in their honor. You are welcome to collect your plant as soon as the Christmas season is over. Simply fill out the form and place it, along with your donation, in an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers'. Place it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office. Order forms can be found at the entrance of the church or in the parish office.



Cost: \$17.50

Deadline: Monday, December 1 by 3:30 PM

Sacred Heart Youth Groups



Bullpups (Grades 6-8) will meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 7 -8 PM (**December 3rd**)

Bulldogs (Grades 9-12) will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7-8 PM (**December 10th**)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Grades 5-7: class will meet on Sunday, **December 7th at 7 PM.** Please meet in the cafeteria.

Grades 8-12 will have class on Sunday, **December 14th at 7 PM.**



PSR CLASSES

Sunday, November 30 – NO CLASS
Sunday, December 7 – 10 AM

St. Vincent de Paul

We invite you to come to our next SVdP meeting **December 4th at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria.

SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:

Children's Mass: Sunday, December 7th @ 9 AM

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



The last day for donations is December 17th. Donations will be accepted at the school or the office. Please avoid leaving items in the church to eliminate confusion with other donations.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Please call Mrs. Hull if you are available or willing to fill in as a substitute teacher at the school. 620-442-6550



PHOTOS REQUESTED

Do you have old photos of the school or students? The office will make copies and return your photos to you. The school office is requesting old photos to start preparing for their Centennial Celebration next year. For more information, please call the school office. 620-442-6550



Knights of Columbus News

Our next meeting is **Monday, December 8th** at 7:30 PM in the council chambers. All are welcome.



Vocations Support Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Vocations Support Breakfast Sunday, December 7th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Parish cafeteria. All parishioners and their families are invited to attend. There is no cost for the breakfast, but free-will donations will be accepted. Please come and join your fellow parishioners for a delicious breakfast and support the seminarians and religious in our Diocese!



Understand the Gift 3-Part Series

Tue, Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16 2025
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Dr. Joshua Papsdorf ~ Reflections on the History and Meaning of Christmas

Explore the riches of Advent and Christmas traditions as we explore how the Church has celebrated Christ's Incarnation and Nativity across two millennia. This three-session series invites participants to deepen their understanding of the theological foundations and lived practices that make this season so central to Catholic faith. Cost: \$30

Find more information and register at www.slwichita.org or call 316 744-0167.

30 de noviembre ~ Primer Domingo de Adviento

Esta semana marca un nuevo año litúrgico. Con un nuevo año llega la esperanza de nuevas metas. Incluso podría traer un cambio de hábitos, lo que a su vez conlleva un cambio de carácter. Fue por estas fechas el año pasado que escribí sobre el libro “De la Cristiandad a la Misión Apostólica”, que describe el cambio en la cultura católica. Esta transición comenzó el 7 de diciembre de 1990, con el Papa Juan Pablo II y su encíclica Redemptoris Missio. Al igual que el año pasado, me gustaría intentar guiarnos a través de esta visión profética para la Iglesia.

Su introducción comienza recordando a todos los cristianos 1 Corintios 9:16: *“Si predico el evangelio, no es para mí motivo de gloria, porque es un deber mío; ¡ay de mí si no lo predico!”* Su esperanza es que todos experimentemos la alegría de nuestra fe fortalecida al compartirla con los demás. En una nación capitalista como la nuestra, que valora mucho las exportaciones, creo que es importante recordar cuál es el mayor producto de exportación de la Iglesia. No son nuestros hospitales (tenemos 9 en nuestra diócesis), nuestras escuelas (tenemos 38 en la diócesis) ni nuestra labor social (34 oficinas de diferentes servicios). Ni siquiera son nuestras hermosas iglesias (más de 90 en la diócesis). Con razón, consideraríamos que estos son los frutos/resultados de nuestro mayor producto de exportación: la fe. El mayor regalo que podemos dar a nuestros hijos no es el dinero ni la educación, sino una relación de amor con su Creador, Redentor y Santificador. El mayor regalo que podemos dar a nuestra familia, amigos y vecinos es nuestra fe. El santo dijo: *“Nuestro propósito es servir al hombre revelándole el amor de Dios manifestado en Jesucristo.”*

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 diciembre @ 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 **4 de diciembre (jueves) a las 5:30 pm** en la cafetería. Por favor considere unirse a nosotros en esta reunión.



CLASES DE PSR

Domingo, 30 de noviembre – No hay clases
Domingo, 7 de diciembre – 10 AM



CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Alumnos de 5.º a 7.º grado: la clase se impartirá el domingo **7 de diciembre a las 7 PM**. Nos reuniremos en la cafetería.
Alumnos de 8.º a 12.º grado: la clase se impartirá el domingo **14 de diciembre a las 7 PM**. Nos reuniremos en la cafetería.



Orden de Nochebuena

Les ofrecemos la oportunidad de comprar nochebuena para esta Navidad. El precio es de \$17.50. Por favor, completen el formulario de pedido y entréguelo en la oficina. La fecha límite para realizar su pedido es el 1 de diciembre.

Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:

Mirando hacia el futuro:

Misa de niños: domingo 7 de diciembre a las 9 a. m.



Reunión de hombres de Emaús
Lunes de 7 a 9 PM en la cafetería



Reunión de Mujeres de Emaús
Domingos de 12 a 2 PM en el Colegio Sagrado Corazón

Devoción de 40 horas de Adviento

Dedica una hora durante este tiempo de oración y reflexión con Jesús, preparándote para la Noche Santa.

Comienza el viernes 12 de diciembre a las 8 p. m. y termina con la misa de las 11 a. m. del domingo 14 de diciembre. Puedes inscribirte para una hora en nuestro sitio web

(www.sacredheartarkcity.org) o, si necesitas ayuda, llama a la oficina parroquial al 620-442-0566.



Grupos Juveniles del Sagrado Corazón



Los Bullpups (6.º a 8.º grado) se reunirán el primer y tercer miércoles de cada mes de 7 a 8 PM (**3 de diciembre**).

Los Bulldogs (9.º a 12.º grado) se reunirán el segundo y cuarto miércoles de cada mes de 7 a 8 PM (**10 de diciembre**).