

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ December 28, 2025



Sunday Reflection

Redemptoris Missio (continued)

On this solemnity of the Holy Family, it is fitting to give thanks to God for the gift of our families. God blessed our world with his presence and consecrated family life in a special way. It might be fitting that, as we continue to reflect on JPII's Redemptoris Missio, we recall that almost all writing on evangelization has emphasized the importance of family. The family is both the source of evangelization and focus of it. It is in the family that we should first learn to speak about God openly to others. It is where kids ask questions about faith which sharpens the faith of the parents. It is where kids are encouraged to be good and avoid evil. It is in the discipline of family life that we learn to establish a routine of prayer. At times, it is our family that provides us a haven to be ourselves when society questions or scoffs our faith.

Currently, there are many people who see their families as the focus of evangelization. After growing up in a Catholic home, children have left the practice of their faith. They have stopped participating in Mass, adopted beliefs contrary to the Church, declared themselves non-religious, or all of the above. It should not surprise us that the Church encourages us to focus our missionary activity within our own families.

We could spend days talking about different situations and circumstances. Personally, I appreciate those conversations and would welcome the chance to sit down with a cup of coffee, listen, and maybe offer counsel. For now, please allow me to offer some principles:

- Prayer – we must always humbly acknowledge that God is the source of all things good including the conversion of others. Pray for their health and holiness.
- Example – the example of holiness is by itself a great evangelist.
- Understanding – to know why someone has a particular belief can be a great aid for bridge building.
- Uncompromising – do not compromise your faith for someone else's ideology.
- Open Door Policy – do not permanently close a door on anyone. Be inviting.
- Share – St. Peter told us to always be ready to share the reason for our faith.

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.

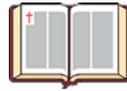
Parish Office/Oficina

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
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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 29, 2025**

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 a.m. †Joe Clark by Pat Blubaugh

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

4:00 p.m. †Deanna Davis & Dionicio Lujan
by the Lujan Family

Thursday, January 1 ~ Mary, Mother of God

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

11:00 a.m. Familia Moreno Hernandez
by Martha Moreno

Friday, January 2

8:00 a.m. †Ellen Ice by Cathy Fuller

Saturday, January 3

6:00 p.m. †Sr. Mary Clare, IHM by Steve & Lupe Weide

Sunday, January 4

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

11:00 a.m. †German Miranda by Martha Moreno

Monday	1 John 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6	Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 John 2:12-17	Ps 96:7-8a,8b-9,10	Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday	1 John 2:18-21	Ps 96:1-2,11-12,13	John 1:1-18
Thursday	Num 6:22-27	Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8	Luke 2:16-21
Friday	1 John 2:22-28	Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4	John 1:19-28
Saturday	1 John 2:29 - 3:6	Ps 98:1,3cd-4,5-6	John 1:29-34
Sunday	Isa 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13	Matt 2:1-12

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of January 3 & 4</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Tim Ford	Lillie Pankaskie	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Kim Ford	Jerry Hewitt	Silvia Maritnez
ALTAR SERVER	Gerald Prater Richard Prater	VOLUNTEER	Justin Martinez
OFFERTORY	Gary & Bernice Adamson	Duane & Connie Befort	Nickelus & Angelina Brookshire
GREETERS	Jack & Donna Blatchford	Larry & Mary Ann Hale	VOLUNTEER
January Gift Counters	Theresa Kuffler		
Church Cleaners	Lacey Whetstone, Lori & Zach Barnes		

Our Stewardship of Treasure

December 21, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 3,918.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 2,452.35
Votive Candles	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 6,920.35
Budgeted	\$ 11,650.00
Below	\$ 4,729.65



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, Eddie Erickson Jr., Mary Ann Schneider, Ann Erickson, Ted Ford, Mary Wiggins, Kathy Schmeidler, Theresa Mata, Eileen Docherty, Jessica Gregory, Joseph Schones, Jerry Old, Sherley Lopez, Donna Prichard, James Martin, Debbie Guerrero, Joe & Donna Rauscher, J.G., David Schmeidler, Ernest Tauscher, Jeff Schroder, Jeremy Walker, Marcia Trillo, Lori Rudman, Ken Martell, Judah Sonogo, J.A.G., Micah Smith, Edd Crittenden, Terri Pressnall, Debbie Walter, Phair Morgan, Joe Woodard, Karen Schmeidler, Todd Cordell, Beverly Schmidt, Donna Bachelor, Freda Klinger



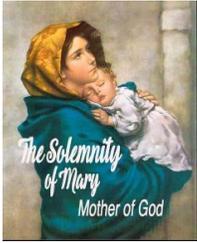
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If you would like to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card you can sign up with VANCO by

visiting our website at www.sacredheartarkcity.org and choosing the link for E-Giving.

PARISH NEWS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



The parish office will close Wednesday, December 31st at noon and will be closed on Thursday, January 1st. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 31st at 4 PM, January 1st at 9:00 AM and 11 AM in Spanish for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.



Prayer & Action Is Open!! – A Week of Faith, Service, and Joy!

This transformative experience encourages participants to relinquish their own designs to the

workings of God. This summer, high school youth are invited to participate in *Prayer & Action*, our diocesan mission program that transforms the local community through hands-on service and transforms hearts through deep prayer. Each day includes Mass, Adoration, inspiring talks, service projects at homes and local ministries, small-group community, and fun activities. Teens will stay at a host parish for the week under the guidance of adult leaders and diocesan staff.

Invite your high school students to encounter Christ, discover their gifts, and become a joyful missionary disciple—right here within the diocese. **Registration opens December 15th, 2025.** Cost per person is \$199.00. To find out more about Prayer and Action go to:

<https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith-formation/prayer-and-action/>

Week one: June 7th-12th

Week two: June 14th-19th

Week three: June 21st-26th

For questions or more information contact: Bonnie Toombs
316 269-3935 or toombsb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org



SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:



NO SCHOOL:
December 19th – January 5th



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, January 12th** 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 **January 8th at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria.

Sacred Heart Youth Groups

Youth activities Bullpups (Grades 6-8) will meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 7 -8 PM (January 21)

Bulldogs (Grades 9-12) will meet on the second and forth Wednesdays from 7-8 PM (January 28th)



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Grades 5-7: class will meet on Sunday, **January 11th at 7 PM.** Please meet in the cafeteria.
Grades 8-12 will have class on Sunday, **January 18th at 7 PM.**



PSR CLASSES

Sunday, December 28 – NO CLASS
Sunday, January 4 – 10 AM

28 de diciembre ~ La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

Redemptoris Missio (continuación)

En esta solemnidad de la Sagrada Familia, es apropiado dar gracias a Dios por el don de nuestras familias. Dios bendijo nuestro mundo con su presencia y consagró la vida familiar de una manera especial. Sería conveniente que, al continuar reflexionando sobre la encíclica Redemptoris Missio de Juan Pablo II, recordemos que casi todos los escritos sobre evangelización han enfatizado la importancia de la familia. La familia es tanto la fuente como el centro de la evangelización. Es en la familia donde debemos aprender primero a hablar de Dios abiertamente con los demás. Es allí donde los hijos hacen preguntas sobre la fe, lo que fortalece la fe de los padres. Es allí donde se anima a los hijos a ser buenos y a evitar el mal. Es en la disciplina de la vida familiar donde aprendemos a establecer una rutina de oración. A veces, es nuestra familia la que nos proporciona un refugio para ser nosotros mismos cuando la sociedad cuestiona o se burla de nuestra fe.

Actualmente, muchas personas ven a sus familias como el centro de la evangelización. Después de crecer en un hogar católico, algunos hijos han abandonado la práctica de su fe. Han dejado de participar en la Misa, han adoptado creencias contrarias a la Iglesia, se han declarado no religiosos, o todo lo anterior. No debería sorprendernos que la Iglesia nos anime a centrar nuestra actividad misionera en nuestras propias familias.

Podríamos pasar días hablando de diferentes situaciones y circunstancias. Personalmente, aprecio esas conversaciones y me encantaría tener la oportunidad de sentarme con una taza de café, escuchar y quizás ofrecer algún consejo. Por ahora, permítanme ofrecerles algunos principios:

- Oración: siempre debemos reconocer humildemente que Dios es la fuente de todo bien, incluida la conversión de los demás. Oremos por su salud y santidad.
- Ejemplo: el ejemplo de santidad es en sí mismo un gran evangelizador.
- Comprensión: comprender por qué alguien tiene una creencia particular puede ser de gran ayuda para tender puentes.
- Firmeza: no comprometan su fe por la ideología de otra persona.
- Política de puertas abiertas: no cierren permanentemente la puerta a nadie. Sean acogedores.
- Compartir: San Pedro nos dijo que siempre estemos preparados para compartir la razón de nuestra fe.



Santa Misa con Padre Machado Domingo, 4 de enero @ 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 **8 de enero (jueves) a las 5:30 pm** en la cafetería. Por favor considere unirse a nosotros en esta reunión.

CLASES DE PSR



Domingo, 28 de diciembre –NO HAY CLASES

Domingo, 4 de enero- 10 AM



CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Alumnos de 5.º a 7.º grado: la clase se impartirá el domingo **11 de enero a las 7 PM**. Nos reuniremos en la cafetería.

Alumnos de 8.º a 12.º grado: la clase se impartirá el domingo **18 de enero a las 7 PM**. Nos reuniremos en la cafetería.

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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 (**21 de enero**).

Los Bulldogs (9.º a 12.º grado) se reunirán el segundo y cuarto miércoles de cada mes de 7 a 8 PM (**28 de enero**).

Noticias de la Escuela Sagrado Corazón:

Mirando hacia el futuro:



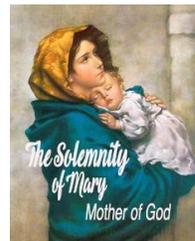
NO HAY CLASES:
Del 19 de diciembre al 5 de enero



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



DÍA DE PRECEPTO

La oficina parroquial cerrará el miércoles 31 de diciembre al mediodía y permanecerá cerrada el jueves 1 de enero.

Se celebrará misa el miércoles 31 de diciembre a las 4:00 p. m., y el jueves 1 de enero a las 9:00 a. m. y a las 11:00 a. m. en español, con motivo de la Solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios.

FELIZ Año Nuevo