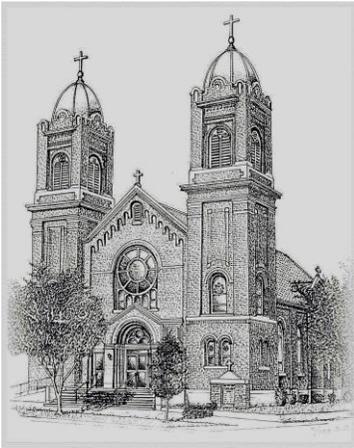


# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 11, 2025



## Sunday Reflection

### Redemptoris Mission – We cannot but speak

Last week Pope John Paul II affirmed the truth that salvation is possible to all people according to their circumstances and that there is a special grace which unites them to the Church. Therefore, the question is: “Why is there an urgency to bring people into the Church?”

“*True liberation consists in opening oneself to the love of Christ. In him, and only in him, are we set free from all alienation and doubt, from slavery to the power of sin and death. Christ is truly ‘our peace’ (Eph 2:14).*” How many of us could claim that our lives would be less fulfilling if we did not have our faith? I boldly claim and challenge anyone to argue against me that **FAITH MAKES LIFE MORE FULFILLING AND IT MAKES THE WORLD BETTER.** Christ’s teachings free us from slavery to the things of this world. It is tempting for someone to make money, power, pleasure, or prestige the primary focus of their lives. However, Jesus liberates us and helps us to see that these are only instruments. What if all humanity were freed from these shackles? How much better would our world be? There is an urgency because the more people that we allow to fall into slavery, the worse the world will become. Whether they realize it or not, all people cry out for new life in Christ Jesus.

This life of faith has both vertical and horizontal dimensions. The horizontal represents our communion with our brothers and sisters. The vertical represents our communion with God. Faith brings fulfillment to both dimensions. Modern philosophies and ideologies focus solely on horizontal, often removing God from the equation (sad fact: all countries that have tried this have resorted to massacring their own people). Horizontal focus is not enough for a human being who possesses both body and soul. There is an eternal newness and richness of the life of faith that we cannot keep hidden or monopolize. We cannot give up on people, surrendering to the lie: “you do your thing and I’ll do mine.”

### 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

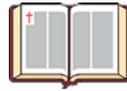
302 South B Street  
620-442-0566  
Monday/Lunes  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30p.m.  
Tuesday-Friday/Martes-Viernes  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.  
parish@sacredheartarkcity.org  
www.sacredheartarkcity.org

### 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 12 a.m. Wednesday in the Chapel.



**Readings for the week of  
January 12, 2026**

**Tuesday, January 13**

8:00 a.m. †Joe Clark by Grace Lujan

**Wednesday, January 14**

8:00 a.m. Randy & Marcy Lundberg by Tim & Kim Ford

**Thursday, January 15**

7:00 p.m. †For the Godchildren of Lois Lobmeyer

**Friday, January 16**

8:00 a.m. †Sr. Connie Roblest by the Lujan Family

**Saturday, January 17**

6:00 p.m. †Fredy Romero by Maria Romero

**Sunday, January 18**

9:00 a.m. †Ray & Mary Schmidt by Lakin Waggoner

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

Monday	1 Sam 1:1-8	Ps 116:12-13,14-17, 18-19	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sam 1:9-20	1 Sam 2:1,4-5,6-7, 8abcd	Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20	Ps 40:2 & 5,7-8a, 8b-9.10	Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sam 4:1-11	Ps 44:10-11,14-15, 24-25	Mark 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a	Ps 89:16-17,18-19	Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1	Ps 21:2-3,4,5,6-7	Mark 2:13-17
Sunday	Isa 49:3,5-6	Ps 40:2,4,7-8,8-9, 10	John 1:29-34

	<i>Liturgical Ministers for the Week of January 17 &amp; 18</i>		
	SAT- 6:00 PM ENGLISH	SUN – 9:00 AM ENGLISH	SUN – 11:00 AM SPANISH
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Kim Ford	Kelley Schones	Minister of Holy Communion- Fr. Sam
LECTOR	Josie Messenger	Matt Metzinger	Mayra Fernandez
ALTAR SERVER	Judie Prater Gerald Prater Richard Prater	VOLUNTEER	Justin Martinez
OFFERTORY	Doug & Amy Lawson	Deanna Miley	Catarina Diego & Family
GREETERS	JoLynn Foster & Joi Jay	Duane & Connie Befort	Nickelus & Angelina Brookshire
January Gift Counters	Theresa Kuffler, Amy Prater		
Church Cleaners	Darci Bogner & Family, Justin & Krystle Byer		

**Our Stewardship of Treasure**

Holy Day & January 4, 2026

Envelopes .....	\$ 5,714.05
Loose Offerings .....	\$ 1,762.55
Votive Candles .....	\$ 199.70
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,676.30</b>
Budgeted .....	\$11,650.00
<b>Below .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,973.70</b>

**Christmas Call to Sharing ..... \$ 320.00**



*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, 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, Mike Priddy, Judy Allwood, Mark Aldridge, Sr. Regina Baker*



**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

### STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Please Notice This



Thank you to the families who have returned the Stewardship packet. If you were involved last year with any ministry and would like to continue helping at Mass, please fill out a packet and return it to the parish office. The ministry lists are made from the returned Stewardship forms. Thank you!

## **IGNATIUS BOOK FAIRS**

### COMING SOON!



Sacred Heart Catholic School will be hosting Ignatius Press on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 12:30 PM in the gym.

Everyone is invited! Quality books will be available for purchase that would be a good addition to any home library. This event helps our school earn new books for the classrooms and library. Check out the parish website for more information.



### **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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Week two: June 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Week three: June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

For questions or more information contact: Bonnie Toombs  
316 269-3935 or [toombsb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:toombsb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org)

## SACRED HEART

Looking ahead:

**NO SCHOOL:** Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Staff Retreat

**Catholic Schools Week and Mass:**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9 AM



### 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 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 **February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria.

### Sacred Heart Youth Groups



**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 fourth Wednesdays from 7-8 PM (**January 28<sup>th</sup>**)

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES



**Grades 5-7:** class will meet on Sunday, **January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** Please meet in the cafeteria.

**Grades 8-12** will have class on Sunday, **January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**



### PSR CLASSES

Sunday, January 11 – 10 AM  
Sunday, January 18– 10 AM

## 11 de enero ~ El Bautismo del Señor

### Misión Redemptoris – No podemos callar

La semana pasada, el Papa Juan Pablo II afirmó la verdad de que la salvación es posible para todas las personas según sus circunstancias y que existe una gracia especial que las une a la Iglesia. Por lo tanto, la pregunta es: "¿Por qué urge incorporar a las personas a la Iglesia?"

“La verdadera liberación consiste en abrirse al amor de Cristo. En Él, y solo en Él, somos liberados de toda alienación y duda, de la esclavitud al poder del pecado y de la muerte. Cristo es verdaderamente ‘nuestra paz’ (Efesios 2:14)”.

¿Cuántos de nosotros podríamos afirmar que nuestras vidas serían menos plenas si no tuviéramos nuestra fe? Afirmo con convicción, y desafío a cualquiera a que me contradiga, que la fe hace la vida más plena y mejora el mundo. Las enseñanzas de Cristo nos liberan de la esclavitud a las cosas de este mundo. Es tentador para algunos hacer del dinero, el poder, el placer o el prestigio el objetivo principal de sus vidas. Sin embargo, Jesús nos libera y nos ayuda a comprender que estos son solo instrumentos. ¿Qué pasaría si toda la humanidad fuera liberada de estas ataduras? ¿Cuánto mejor sería nuestro mundo? Hay una urgencia porque cuantas más personas permitamos que caigan en la esclavitud, peor será el mundo. Lo sepan o no, todas las personas claman por una nueva vida en Cristo Jesús.

Esta vida de fe tiene dimensiones tanto verticales como horizontales. La dimensión horizontal representa nuestra comunión con nuestros hermanos y hermanas. La dimensión vertical representa nuestra comunión con Dios. La fe aporta plenitud a ambas dimensiones. Las filosofías e ideologías modernas se centran únicamente en lo horizontal, a menudo excluyendo a Dios de la ecuación (triste realidad: todos los países que han intentado esto han recurrido a la masacre de su propia población). El enfoque horizontal no es suficiente para un ser humano que posee cuerpo y alma. Existe una novedad y una riqueza eternas en la vida de fe que no podemos ocultar ni monopolizar. No podemos darnos por vencidos con las personas, cediendo a la mentira: "tú haz lo tuyo y yo haré lo mío".



### Santa Misa con Padre Machado Domingo, 8 de febrero @ 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 **12 de febrero (jueves) a las 5:30 pm** en la cafetería. Por favor considere unirse a nosotros en esta reunión.

### CLASES DE PSR

Domingo, 11 de enero- 10 AM  
Domingo, 18 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.

### 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:** Lunes, 19 de enero – Retiro del personal

**Semana de las Escuelas Católicas y Misa:**

Domingo, 25 de enero a las 9:00 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

### RENOVACIÓN DEL COMPROMISO DE SERVICIO

Please Notice This



Gracias a las familias que ya han entregado el formulario de compromiso de servicio. Si participaron en algún ministerio el año pasado y desean seguir colaborando en la Misa, por favor, completen el formulario y entréguenlo en la oficina parroquial. La oficina parroquial no podrá asignarles un horario si no recibimos el formulario. ¡Gracias!