



“It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: “A voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’”

Matthew 3:3

December 8, 2024

Sacred Heart of Jesus Pastorate Welcomes You!

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday	8:00 AM	Wednesday 5:00 to 5:45 PM
	10:30 AM	Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 PM
	5:00 PM	
Monday & Wednesday	6:00 PM	
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 AM	
First Friday	11:00 AM	

Open For Prayer Daily
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday · 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(or by appointment)

To Register With The Parish

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Dec 7	
5:00 PM	†	Norma Ferrara
Sunday	Dec 8	
8:00 AM		Parishioners of Sacred Heart
10:30 AM		Elizabeth Bridgewater
5:00 PM		Mark Bridgewater
Monday	Dec 9	
8:30 AM		Parishioners of Sacred Heart
4:00 PM	†	Polly Morey
7:00 PM		James Frugale
Tuesday	Dec 10	
8:30 AM		James Frugale
Wednesday	Dec 11	
6:00 PM		Frugale Family
Thursday	Dec 12	
8:30 AM		Frugale Family
Friday	Dec 13	
<i>No Mass Here This Day</i>		
Saturday	Dec 14	
5:00 PM	†	Maryann Billmeier
Sunday	Dec 15	
8:00 AM		Parishioners of Sacred Heart
10:30 AM		Frugale Family
5:00 PM		Elizabeth Bridgewater

Financial Update**November 18 - 24, 2024**

Contributions - <i>Basket</i>	\$8,525.50
Contributions - <i>Online Giving</i>	\$7,129.50
Total Contributions	\$15,655.00
Contribution Budget	\$12,000.00
Overage / (Shortfall)	\$3,655.00
YTD Overage / (Shortfall)	\$22,002.51

Other Offerings

Building & Maintenance Fund	\$169.00
Christmas Hearts	\$1,628.00
Christmas Flowers	\$693.00
Campaign For Human Development	\$435.00

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**December 2024**

Sun 8	"Cor Cantus" (Youth Choir) Rehearsal <i>Main Church</i>	9:15am
Sun 8	Nativity Play Practice <i>Main Church</i>	12:00pm
Mon 9	Mass - Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	8:30am
Mon 9	Mass - Immaculate Conception (with music) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	4:00pm
Mon 9	No 6:00pm Daily Mass This Day	6:00pm
Mon 9	Mass - Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	7:00pm
Tues 10	Daily Mass (every Tuesday) <i>Church</i>	8:30am
Tues 10	"Hebrews" Study with Annie <i>Tuesday Evening Session · Parish Hall</i>	7:00pm
Wed 11	"Hebrews" Study with Annie <i>Wednesday Morning Session · Parish Hall</i>	9:00am
Wed 11	Daily Mass (every Wednesday) <i>Church</i>	6:00pm
Thu 12	Daily Mass (every Thursday) <i>Church</i>	8:30am
Thu 12	Adult Choir Rehearsal <i>Main Church</i>	7:00pm
Sat 14	Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal <i>Main Church</i>	10:00am

Registered Parishioners

As of December 3, 2024

Households: 489 Individuals: 1,167

Reporting an Incident of Sexual Abuse

<https://dol-in.org/reporting-an-incident>

If you or someone you know has been a victim of child sexual abuse in the past or present day by clergy (priest or deacon), please report the incident in the following manner:

1. Contact *Child Protective Services* to file a report by calling **(800) 800-5556**. You can also call local law enforcement. Indiana is a mandated reporter state.
2. Contact Jackie Montrie M.A., LMFT, LMHC, Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese at **(765) 464-4988**. An investigation will be undertaken by or on behalf of the Diocese.

Weekend Mass Attendance for November 30 - December 1, 2024:

Saturday · 5:00pm: **142**

Sunday · 8:00am: **159**

Sunday · 10:30am: **254**

Sunday · 5:00pm: **177**



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Special Collections For December

Christmas Poinsettias • By Dec. 12th

Immaculate Conception

Christmas

Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God



Sunday Offering Collection

Sunday Offering

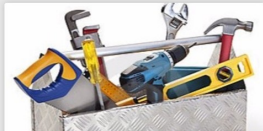
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Charitable Needs

Contributions to this fund allow us to assist our parishioners and community with food, rent, and utility assistance.

GIVE NOW



Building & Maintenance Fund

Donation will be used for church building maintenance.

GIVE NOW



Christmas Poinsettias

To be published in the Christmas Bulletin, money is due by Thursday, December 12th. Money can be given in memory of someone or in honor of someone. Please use the notes part of this form to submit the name(s) of the person(s) ...

GIVE NOW



Immaculate Conception

The Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin.

Monday, December 9, 2024, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

GIVE NOW



Christmas

Christmas Collection

GIVE NOW



Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

We celebrate Mary as the mother of God.

Holy Day of Obligation, January 1st.

GIVE NOW

There are envelopes in your December packets for these special collections.

Please place in collection boxes.

If you give online and do not receive envelopes, you can give to special collections by visiting:

<https://www.osvhub.com/sacredheartcicero>

and choosing one of the special funds.

Thank you!

Returning Paper Surveys

Please place your household's written survey in the box on the credenza in the narthex.

Your participation is vital for the future of our parish, and we sincerely thank you!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING \$10



Christmas Flower Offering - Due Dec. 12th

If you've misplaced your envelope - or you are an online giver - you can cut out and return form to the office.

You may also drop in one of the collection boxes.

Donor Name: _____

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Advent at Sacred Heart of Jesus

December 8	Second Sunday of Advent	
December 9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Mass at 8:30am, 4pm, 7pm
December 10	Advent Penance Service	7pm at St. Elizabeth Seton
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mass at 4pm with Dinner to Follow
December 14	Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal	10am in Church
December 15	Third Sunday of Advent	
	Nativity Play and Advent After Party	6pm (Play) with Party to Follow
December 16	Advent Penance Service	7pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel
December 18	Advent Penance Service	7pm at Our Lady of Grace
December 19	Advent Penance Service	7pm at St. Maria Goretti
December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent	

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve
5:00pm & 7:00pm

Midnight Mass
12:00am

Christmas Day
9:00am

THANK YOU

To the crew who helped switch out the Breaking Bread books in the pews, we say thanks!

A crew of 15 people had it done in less than 30 minutes!

Thank you to
Luke and Ariel's
Grandma and Grandpa

for sponsoring coffee and donuts
This Sunday - December 8, 2024

Reminder...

In order for your contribution to appear on your 2024 giving statement, it must be received by December 31, 2024.

Thanks you for your continued financial support of our parish!

Christmas Decorating

We will decorate the church for the celebration of Christmas on **Monday · December 23rd** at **10:00am**.

Anyone and everyone is welcome! We will also do some light cleaning of the church and chapel.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation December 9, 2024



Because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been moved to Monday, December 9th, and declared as a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, we are presented with the following scenario to meet both our Sunday obligation and Holy Day Obligation, as required by the Church...

Sunday Obligation

Second Sunday of Advent
(Choose One from this Column)

Saturday · Dec 7th - 5:00pm Mass
Sunday · Dec 8th - 8:00am Mass
10:30am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Holy Day Obligation

*Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception*
(Choose one from this Column)

Sunday · Dec 8th - 5:00pm Mass
Monday · Dec 9th - 8:30am Mass
4:00pm Mass (with music)
7:00pm Mass

The Sunday December 8th 5:00pm Mass will be a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, however, it cannot be counted for both the Sunday Obligation and Holy Day Obligation. If one attends the Sunday 5:00pm Mass to meet their Sunday Obligation, one would still need to attend Mass on Monday to meet the Holy Day Obligation.

Special Announcement

**The parish office will be closed
Monday - December 9th**

*In observance of the
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*



*A Ministry for
Children of
Sacred Heart and
Their Families*

**Presents...
The Nativity Play!**

Come join our Little Hearts as they share the Christmas story with the parish. After rehearsing throughout November, they will share the story of Christ's birth on December 15 at 6pm. This is a great event for all ages!

Immediately following the Nativity play is our Annual Advent After Party! Head down to the Parish Hall after the Nativity play for crafts, snacks, hot chocolate, and fellowship as we prepare for the Christmas season.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us on **Thursday, December 12th**, as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas!

Mass will be at 4pm with a kid-friendly homily to dive more deeply into the devotion and importance of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Immediately following Mass will be a Taco dinner! All are invited to attend! Activities for children will be provided during dinner. Interested in bringing a dish to share or wanting to help with meal preparation? Contact Annie or Jess to let them know so that the meal is appropriately planned.



Welcoming Hearts

When we ask people what they love most about Sacred Heart of Jesus, we almost always hear “how welcoming and small it is!” It is a place where people are recognized, seen, and known! We share in the joys and sorrows and are supported by our faith community.

As Sacred Heart continues growing, we want to maintain our welcoming and hospitable spirit! **We are looking for 2-4 individuals who would lead a welcoming committee— plan events for new parishioners, set up registration tables quarterly, and extend a “hello” and “welcome to the parish” to newly registered members!** These individuals need to be willing to reach out to people they may not know, collaborate with staff for the organization of events, and be willing to think outside the box!

If interested in leading this committee, please contact Annie Aker in the Parish Office to set up a time to meet and go over goals. We hope that this committee becomes a central aspect to our 2025 ministries!



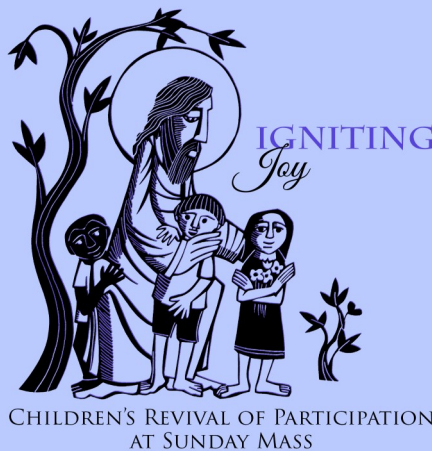
Hire a babysitter for **January 16** and **join the Little Hearts for a married couples night out at Chuy's (Hamilton Towne Center) from 6:30-8:30pm.** This is especially geared towards those families currently raising young children, to hear from older married couples share some of their faith story and wisdom.

This is a “buy your own dinner” event but we are asking for RSVPs. Contact Jess to register so that we can appropriately plan. This will be a great faith-filled date night!

Second Sunday of Advent Faith Candle



This week's Advent wreath candle reminds us of the “faith” that Mary and Joseph had in God's plan. It is also called the “Bethlehem Candle” to remind us of their journey.



Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year for Catholics, a season of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time for reflection, hope, and renewal as the faithful prepare their hearts and minds for the coming of the Savior. This season is

particularly significant, as it sets the tone for the spiritual journey that unfolds throughout the year.

In this spirit of new beginnings, our parish is thrilled to introduce the **Children's Revival of Participation at Sunday Mass with St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.** This initiative aims to transform the way children engage with the Mass, making it more accessible and meaningful for them. By incorporating activities such as **preparing the worship environment, singing and moving with the Spirit, proclaiming the word, and hearing it explained,** we hope to foster a deeper connection between our youngest members and their faith.

As Advent progresses, the Children's Revival promises to bring joy and a stronger sense of community to our parish. We hope that this initiative will not only enhance the children's worship experience but also inspire families to grow together in faith. Join us every Sunday and be part of this heartwarming revival, making this Advent season truly special for our children and our entire parish community.

THIS WEEK'S MASS READINGS**DAILY READINGS**

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Consider Sponsoring Coffee and Donuts

We are looking for sponsors of our weekly "Coffee and Donuts" gatherings on Sundays. Sponsors can be a local business, family, or individual. The cost for donuts, coffee, juice, and milk each week is **\$100**. If interested in promoting your business, or your family just really loves donuts, consider sponsoring a week!

To sponsor a week, contact Emily Sipes in the office.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Jim Aloisio	James Brady	Laura Brady
Marty Braley	Tom Beckenbauer	Alyssa Bridgewater
Janene Clarke	Stephanie Davis	Philip Decker III
Lisa Dowell	Elanor Elder	Debbie Finkbinder
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Joe Peters Family	Mikey Pore	Bob Prendergast
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Bryant Swinford	Bruce Wooldridge	Ella Klingerman



Please remember and pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces:

- ★ W01 Christopher Price, Ft. Rucker AL
- ★ SA Grant Webber, U.S. Navy, Sasebo, Japan, 7th Fleet
- ★ LTJG Margaret Brumley, U.S. Navy, San Diego, Med Center
- ★ LT Eric Hayes, U.S. Navy, San Diego, USS America
- ★ Matthew Liebenenthal, U.S. Navy, USS Indiana SSN-789 (Nuclear)
- ★ Wing Commander 1st LT Evan Patrick Cade, U.S. Air Force
Kunsan Air Base · South Korea
- ★ SSG Kieran M. McCormack, Indiana National Guard

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK**

Monday Dec 9	Kathy Moorhous Melva Loria Ginger Purvlicis	Jeanne Justice Jen Pferrer
Wednesday Dec 11	Donna Ennis Marie Barr Staci Hanlon	Katherine Sanders Frank Billmeier

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY
Open **Mondays and Wednesdays**
6:30pm - 8:00pm

To volunteer, contact Emily Sipes

Volunteers work on a monthly rotation.

The food pantry serves families in need in Hamilton County, and distributes personal products, non-perishables, meat, eggs, and dairy.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE · DECEMBER 14 - 15, 2024

	HOSPITALITY	ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	CANTORS & ACCOMPANISTS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday 5:00 PM	Kay Hanlon Priscilla Austgen	Heikki Kikta	Maria Carroll	Mark Bailey	Ashley Kudla <i>EMHC Needed</i>
Sunday 8:00 AM	Sean McCormack Margie McGrath	Brian Sommers	Lori McCormack	Venita McCormack Ann Cavanagh	Cindy Essig Shelly Cunningham
Sunday 10:30 AM	Jeanette Welsh <i>Greeter Needed</i>	Mikko Kikta	Joey Weyler	Amber Phlipot Heather Becker	Jeanette Welsh Eileen Weyler
Sunday 5:00 PM	Gary Schmidt Karen Schmidt		Susan Hanson		Daniel Lubs Nancy Wooldridge Bridget Ryan

Volunteering for Liturgical and Music Ministries

If interested in cantoring or joining the choir, contact Heather Becker. Choir rehearsal is Thursdays @ 7pm. To volunteer as a Minister of Hospitality, Reader, or Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion, please contact Annie Aker. Training sessions are held annually or on an individual basis.

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