

Sacred Heart Parish

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers
who harvested your fields are crying aloud;
and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.*

James 5:4



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**Any who give you a cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.**

Mark 9:41

THE FREEDOM OF GOD

Today's readings remind us that God is free: God acts as God wills regardless of what human beings might expect. In the reading from Numbers, God's spirit enters two men, Eldad and Medad, even though they had not been with the others who had received the spirit of God. And in Mark's Gospel, Jesus endorses an unknown exorcist, who did God's work in the name of Jesus but was not officially sanctioned by the disciples. That God's spirit is shared widely does not threaten Moses or Jesus. They celebrate the notion that God's spirit blows where it wills. Moses was shaping the people of Israel, and Jesus similarly was shaping the community of disciples, to encounter a radically free God who doesn't fit their preconceptions. This encounter, when received with humility, widens their vision and deepens their faith. God continues to shape the Church similarly today, to open us up to God's freedom.

LOOK WITHIN

A wrestling match of sorts takes place in this section of Mark's Gospel. Jesus tries mightily to describe what it will mean to be his followers, and the disciples try mightily to avoid the subject. They point to an outsider, and the dangers he poses. Jesus turns the tables and asks his disciples to look within themselves: how are they a danger to Jesus and his work? Jesus uses graphic language, invoking self-amputation, to underscore his point.

Sometimes our most difficult obstacles lie deep within. Like our hands and feet, some attitudes and habits are deeply a part of us, and their removal would be traumatic for us. Yet we know that some beliefs (such as idolatries based on race, wealth, or gender) or behaviors (such as addictions) seriously harm ourselves and many others. We need a prayerful, non-neurotic watchfulness about our inner life. When necessary, we need a fierce resistance to anything that places us or others in danger.

UNITY IN CHRIST

Jesus, in today's Gospel from Mark, says "whoever is not against us is for us." Mark was speaking to his own Christian community. From its beginnings, there were tensions in the Church about who speaks for Jesus. Jesus himself always called for unity of heart and a diversity of expression as a sign of the truth of the Gospel. It is no secret that in Christian history and continuing today, divisions have seriously damaged the message and cause of Christ.

In our own time and place, cultural and political divisions have reduced our ability to solve problems and to live together in a just and peaceful society. Perhaps this is a time for Christians to step up, to remember that our unity in Christ is far deeper than the differences that we perceive. We are called to reach out and listen to each other, to honor each other as members of the Body of Christ. Christians can lead the way, and show everyone watching how it's done.

TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers 11:25–29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12–13, 14
James 5:1–6
Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

St. Vincent de Paul Society

~~~Food Collection~~~

Drop off of food for our St. Vincent De Paul pantry is the weekend of **October 2 & 3 AFTER** all the masses. Drop off is at the Stutzke Center NOT in the church.

Current needs:

salad dressing, mayonnaise, season mixes, paper napkins, baking ingredients, dish and laundry detergent and infant supplies.

Anyone in need of groceries can contact our St. Vincent de Paul office at [630-765-5919](tel:630-765-5919) and someone will return your call.

God bless you for your continued generosity and support!



Religious Education News

"To Jesus through Mary!"

Greetings from our Religious Education office! Thank you to everyone who attended last week's annual Catechetical Sunday Family Mass; it was so nice to see you all! As for our upcoming events - for our 8th grade parents, please remember to mark your calendar to attend our mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:45 p.m. in our Church.

In addition - for all of our families and parishioners, please join us for our annual Candlelight Rosary Procession and Benediction on Friday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in our Church! We truly hope you can all join us in honoring Our Blessed Mother during the month of October, which is especially devoted to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary!



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday vigil & Sunday	September 25 & 26: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Debt Reduction and Christ is Our Hope Magazine
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Susan Leahy by Leahy Family
11:00 a.m.	Jerry & Eleanor Trotta by Bates Family
Monday	September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
12:00 p. m.	Arno Dennerlein by Family
Tuesday	September 28: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
12:00 p.m.	Robert Remedi by Albright Family
Wednesday	September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
12:00 p.m.	Deacon Frank Annerino by Deacon Bill & Genie Crane
Thursday	September 30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Jess Testa by Murphy Family
Friday	October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
12:00 p.m.	Albert Conti by Conti Family
Saturday vigil & Sunday	October 2 & 3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection: Building & Grounds Maintenance
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Nancy Manna by Bob Manna
11:00 a.m.	Patricia Radtke by Kent Radtke



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Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

During the month of October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. During this month, Catholics are encouraged to raise awareness of the dignity and value of each human life and to pray for and promote an end to abortion.

This year, Sacred Heart Parish, along with many other Catholic parishes throughout the country, will display a “Field of Crosses” to recognize and honor the over 60 million babies who have been killed legally in the United States by abortion since the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*. These crosses serve to remind us to pray for the innocent babies who have lost their lives, for the women and men who struggle to make the decision for life, and for Christ’s mercy and healing for all those who have chosen abortion.

As we pray for and work toward an end to the scourge of abortion, we must always remember that our message must be grounded in the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Our duty as Christians is to spread Christ’s healing and forgiving love — it is not to condemn others or judge hearts. Let us lovingly encourage those who have chosen abortion to seek forgiveness. For our Catholic brothers and sisters, that forgiveness comes through the healing Sacrament of Confession. Remember, Christ’s mercy is endless, his forgiveness, absolute. That is the Gospel message we are called to share.

I am sensitive to the fact that children will see the crosses outside our parish, and I know it is difficult to determine age appropriate ways to speak to children about abortion. Attached is a FAQ sheet, which offers assistance to parents in conversing with children about this difficult topic; however, parents know their children best and should determine how and when it is appropriate to raise the issue with their children.

Finally, I want you to know that the issue of abortion is deeply important to me. Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God, and the dignity of the human person requires that we honor and respect all life. I believe abortion causes great pain to Jesus and to our Blessed Mother. Please join me in strengthening our prayers and works in an effort to end abortion.

God Bless,

Fr. Tom



FAQs of children about the Field of Crosses

Why are all those crosses on the church lawn?

You know your child better than anyone and understand what they are ready to learn. Children should receive bits of information over time on a need-to-know basis. As parents, we can simply answer that the Field of Crosses is a very special memorial for people who have died before they were born and we put up the crosses to remind us to pray for them and their families. It's encouraged to bring the message back to the purpose of the crosses, which is Prayer.

My friend told me those crosses are up for dead babies.

Oftentimes, children hear things outside the home that can cause them worry. The Field of Crosses is a solemn representation of the millions of lives lost to the act of abortion. It should be an opportunity for children to pray for the protection of the unborn child and those deeply affected by abortion. Parents can assure young children that they don't need to be afraid of the crosses but rather be reminded that every person, no matter how small, is a gift from God.

I heard someone at school say it's a cemetery. Is that right?

It is not a cemetery but rather a representation of the thousands of lives being lost to abortion *each and every day* in our country. It also reminds us of the many men, women and family members who suffer from the choice they made to abort an unborn child. Parents can share their sadness with their children about abortion – it is a tragedy that has hurt and destroyed generations of human beings.

Why does our church put up the crosses and banners every year in October?

October is Respect Life Month and our parish joins with other catholic parishes across the U.S. educating parishioners on The Church teachings on Life issues. Erecting the Field of Crosses is a way of expressing how we love all human life from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death and that we need to do all we can to protect our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Isn't it true that a fetus was just a glob of tissue?

"At the moment of conception, a human being's DNA is determined. "At the moment of fertilization, your baby's genetic make-up is complete, including its sex...Within three weeks, the blastocyte cells ultimately form a little ball, or an embryo, and the baby's first nerve cells have already formed." (clevelandclinic.org) At day 18, the baby has a heartbeat; at week 4, the baby's ear, eye and respiratory system begin to form; and at 16 weeks a baby's brainwaves are detected.

I thought abortion was legal and a good thing because it gives women the right to do what she wants with her body.

In attempting to keep equality for women in our society, making abortion legal set into motion the ultimate act of discrimination. **The people who have chosen abortion often feel much pain and regret for the rest of their lives.** The "choice" we have allowed women to make has done a great deal of harm to those women and to our entire society. Abortion ends a human life and strips our world of the hope and love we so desperately need and desire.

WHAT CAN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DO THROUGHOUT RESPECT LIFE MONTH

TO SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR UNBORN CHILDREN

AND SUPPORT OF PREGNANT WOMEN.

LEARN: Show children pictures and posters of the beauty of unborn development month-by-month: gestation lasts about as long as a school year. Gorgeous painted illustrations with text can be ordered through www.littleonepublishing.com.

PRAY: Join Sacred Heart families in praying a very special novena for the protection of the unborn. <https://www.powerfulcatholicprayers.com/novena-for-the-protection-of-the-unborn-anytime/#axzz6WuArJos7>

DONATE: Begin saving money to donate to a crisis pregnancy center like Caring Network Illinois in Glen Ellyn www.caringnetwork.com With your extended family, school or neighborhood host a baby shower gathering items in need. You could also donate to Pro-Life Action League that is a recognized national leader in pro-life activism at www.prolifeaction.org

SHOW SUPPORT: As a family, pray at Access Health Center at 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove on Saturday mornings. This *peaceful*, prayerful demonstration sends a powerful message to passersbys that we love all human life!

SHOW LOVE: Wear the Precious Feet pin, the actual size of a 10-week old baby in utero, demonstrating your respect for Life and your willingness to defend the most vulnerable of human life. You can purchase these at <https://www.amazon.com/precious-feet-pin/s?k=precious+feet+pin>


40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
life is precious -defend it

Fall Campaign
September 22 - October 31



Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2021 *40 Days for Life* campaign to end abortion at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove, across the nation and around the world.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Downers Grove abortion clinic, Access Health Center, during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from September 22 to October 31, and bring a friend.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove
Access Health is located at 1700 W. 75th Street.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Evangelium Vitae, The Gospel of Life, 105



September 2021

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

Sacred Heart School (SHS) is thrilled to announce that our 2021 auction, "**80s Prom Night**," will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021!

Each year the funds raised during the auction have a significant impact on the overall finances of the school. With that in mind, SHS needs your help to continue providing the quality education that we've grown so accustomed to. This year, we have set a goal of **\$70,000** in net proceeds, and we know we can do it.

There are several ways that you can help support our event and achieve this goal:

1. **Join us** at the auction on Saturday, October 16th. Doors open at 6pm!
 - o If you are unable to join us in-person, you can participate in the silent auction virtually!
 - o To purchase admission tickets or participate virtually, visit our website <https://SHSAuction.givesmart.com>, or complete the bottom section of this letter and return to SHS.
2. **Make a Cash donation**
 - o Visit our website (same as above), or complete the bottom section of this letter and return to SHS.
3. **Purchase 50/50 "Split the Pot" Raffle Tickets** (50% to the winner and 50% to the school)
 - o Visit our website (same as above), or complete the bottom section of this letter and return to SHS.

We anxiously await your response and thank you in advance for your generous support of our school, our community, and most importantly, our children. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda Spagnolo at akspagnolo@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
The 2021-22 Auction Committee

Sacred Heart School is part of the Sacred Heart Parish in the Diocese of Joliet and is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Under the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Tax ID# 53-0196617.

Contact name: _____ Contact phone number: _____

Choose all that apply:

- I would like to purchase _____ tickets for admission at \$20 per ticket
- Please accept my enclosed donation in the amount of \$ _____
- I would like to purchase 50/50 Split the Pot Raffle Tickets for \$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100. # of tickets _____

Make checks payable to: SACRED HEART SCHOOL. Raffle Ticket purchases must arrive at SHS no later than Monday, 10/11 to ensure your entry is processed.



Sacred Heart School

Where Minds and Spirits Grow

5 Oct	Home & School Assoc Mtg	7:00pm
7-8 Oct	No School - Diocesan Institute	
11 Oct	No School - Columbus Day	
15 Oct	Rosary Service	8:45am
16 Oct	SHS Annual Auction	6:30-11:00pm



Unable to attend? Interested in participating in the 50/50 Split the Pot Raffle? Tickets are \$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100. Contact Karen Reed at kreed@shslombard.org for tickets and more information.

The 6th and 7th graders worked outside so that they could enjoy the beauty God had given us this day. Since we are reading Prince Caspian, the students were writing, discussing, and creating what they learned in chapters 3 and 4. They created poems, wrote letters, discussed their beliefs and drew pictures based on what they had read so far.

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Sacred Heart website: www.sacredheartlombard.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday , & Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch from 11:45 -12:45)

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Parish Office Phone: 630-627-0687

School Phone: 630-629-0536

REO Phone: 630-495-0843

Hours by appointment

DAILY MASS: (Monday - Friday): 12:00 noon

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (in the Church)

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The chapel is open. Visit the parish website for more information.

Baptism Program:

1. Make arrangements beforehand by calling the parish office. You can call before the baby is born.
2. While social distancing is in place, each baptism will be private. Call the parish office to schedule.

Marriages:

1. Make arrangements beforehand by calling the parish office.
2. Diocesan policy requires that marriage preparation begin at least six months prior to the wedding.

Hospital Visitation:

Please inform the parish office if one of your family members is hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital, Elmhurst Hospital, or Central DuPage Hospital and you wish a priest to visit. Catholic chaplains are assigned to all hospitals to administer the Sacraments and care for the spiritual needs of patients. Kindly inform the information desk.

Notification of the Death of a Parishioner:

Upon the death of a parishioner and once final arrangements have been made, details will be announced at the next scheduled morning Mass. The parish office will also post the information on the bulletin board in the walkway between the church and school.

New Parishioners:

May register at the parish office during the week in person (by appointment), by phone, or on our website.

Parish Boundaries:

NORTH: North Avenue from Grace Street to Swift Road

SOUTH: Roosevelt Road from River to Finley Road

Wilson Avenue to Hammerschmidt

Madison to Grace Street

EAST: Grace Street

WEST: Swift Road, DuPage River

Also St. James Apts.—Roosevelt Road & Finley Road

Braeside and Royal Glen Apts.— Glen Ellyn