

July 4, 2021

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

GOD BLESS AMERICA

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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### The Beam



This weekend we celebrate our independence as a nation. Looking back over the past 245 years, have we learned that independence has its place: although we celebrate the birth a country when it declared its independence from Great Britain, we are at our best, and can most effectively live the values we share when we are “interdependent”. When we realize that no one lives alone, and that the unalienable rights we speak of in the Constitution come from the one who has created us in his own image and likeness, and makes us responsible for one another in the process. That is what we call the “common good”. I fear that value is forgotten too often in our day and age. Protecting the life of the unborn, welcoming the unborn, and sharing resources with the poor strengthen us. Is this politics? Pope Francis offers this perspective:

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

But we are so timid, at times, when it comes to proclaiming our faith in our culture. In today's gospel, Jesus is preaching to his own neighbors; he was doing the equivalent of preaching at a family reunion. Even if they welcome Jesus, they don't welcome his message.

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**New Goal: \$96,198.00**

**As of 6/28/2021**



2021

**Pledged: \$60,087.00**

(62% of Goal)

**Paid: \$50,297.00**

(52% of Goal)

**Balance: \$9,790.00**

(789 Families/107 Pledges)



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, July 4th**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church**  
 †Ed Ochen/Ron & Virginia Konczalski  
 †Nicholas Curto/Joe & Jan Connors  
 †Gerald Todd/Ed & Marian Sidor

**5:00 p.m. Mass outdoor at the Rectory**  
 †Robert Nykiel (12th Anniv)/Family  
 †Ray Kwiecien/Betty Kane

**Monday, July 5th**

**6:00 p.m. Mass in the Church**  
 For the Intentions of  
 Fr. Marc Gawronski/  
 30th Anniversary of Ordination/  
 Florence Ames & Family

**Tuesday, July 6th**

**8:30 a.m. Scripture Service**  
w/Communion in the Chapel/  
**Doris Hoffmann**

**Wednesday, July 7th**

**8:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel**  
 †Gerald Todd/Bob & Becky Myrick

**Thursday, July 8th**

**8:30 a.m. Scripture Service**  
w/Communion in the Chapel/  
**Doris Hoffmann**

**Sunday, July 11th**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church**  
 †Thomas Wharton/  
 Dennis & Cynthia Matulewicz  
 †Sue Jaskowski/  
 Tom & RoseAnn Malvesto  
 †Ed Ochen/  
 Jack & Marguerite Telnack

**5:00 p.m. Mass outdoor at the Rectory**

†Patricia A. Kobiljak/Family  
 †Jim Gallagher (Birthday)/Wife, Kay  
 †Anthony Agnone/  
 The Albertson Family



**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, July 4th**

**Independence Day!**

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian / Fr. Marc
- 11:00 AM Mass / Church / Fr. Marc
- 5:00 PM Mass / Fr. Marc / Outdoors

**Monday, July 5th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svcs/ Chapel
- **Parish Office Closed**
- No Mat Makers today
- 11:30 AM Friendship Club/Offsite
- 6:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart / Fr. Marc

**Tuesday, July 6th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svcs/Chapel
- 8:30 AM Scripture Service w/  
Communion/St. Anne Chapel
- **Parish Office open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**
- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish
- 3:00 PM Christian Svcs Mtg/Room B
- 6:30 PM "Pray the Rosary"/Rosary Walk

**Wednesday, July 7th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svcs/Chapel
- 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel / Fr. Marc

- **Parish Office open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**
- 10:00 AM Rosary Makers/Room 6

**Thursday, July 8th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svcs / Chapel
- 8:30 AM Scripture Service in the Chapel
- 9:00 AM Mass at St Cyprian
- **Parish Office open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Friday, July 9th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svcs/Chapel
- **Parish Offices closed**

**Saturday, July 10th**

- 11:30 AM Agnone Funeral Service/  
St. Anne Chapel/Deacon Bob/followed  
by a luncheon in the Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish

**Sunday, July 11th**

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian / Fr. Gary
- 11:00 AM Mass / Church / Fr. Gary
- 5:00 PM Mass / Fr. Marc / Outdoors

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**  
**15th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**



Am 7:12-15  
 Eph 1:3-14  
 Mk 6:7-13

**This past week's collection**

June 27th 11AM & 5PM Mass	\$6,125.00
Electronic Contributions	\$3,541.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$9,666.00
Required \$ to meet Budget	\$11,817.00

Visit: [osvonlinegiving.com/1824](https://osvonlinegiving.com/1824)

**Keep those in need of prayers**

Annie Rodgers, Robert Phelps,  
 Dr. David Beaudrie, Ray Chontos,  
 Karen Schneider, Tom Wharton,  
 Allen Darin, Mark, Sharon Kemp,  
 David, Graham E. Barton, Renee Hill,  
 Angela Stratton, Patti Wert, John Poulos  
 Richard Kloc, Ray Duniea, Cecilia Clark,  
 Drew Lund, Jim Kwasiborski,  
 Stella Demare, Bob, Paul Gregory,  
 Joanne M., Elizabeth Marhefka,  
 Bernie T. Richard T. Schultheis,  
 Greg, Trish, Marty Vanrhein,  
 Marilyn Buckley, Linda Thompson,  
 Ashlynn Bowen, Joyce B., Keith Moore,  
 Kay Heitz, Carl & Fran Bargardi,  
 Jacob Fleming, Christy Key,  
 Anna Demarco Sullivan, Bill Staab,  
 Baby Dakota, John Gardner,  
 Bob Martin, Kim, Maria P., Cory,  
 Jeanne Howey, Carol Caruso,  
 Anthony Millazzo, Sharon Lagina,  
 Debbie, Lindsay Labadie, Pat Juip,  
 Shawn Patrick Donald, Beth Gill,  
 Isabella Korczyk, Lori Ferguson,  
 Katie Chambers, Sophie Varney,  
 Sara Hovick, Sean Sugrue, Jimmy Brock,  
 Rachel Danowski, Dominik Mackowski,  
 Phyllis Esordi, Lindsey McGuire,  
 Mehann Hill, Joe Trolly, Elaine Fenton,  
 Anne Halcisak, Pat Bennett,  
 Joe Mitchel, Frank L., Rose Mary Prato,  
 Kim Tarabula, Will Clayton,  
 Susan Tournier. Laura Onofrio-Beals,  
 Shirley Mataverde, Jack Telnack,  
 The Brian St. John Family,  
 Gerald Siepierski, Marsha Pizzo,  
 Maureen Budny.

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We talk sometimes about the "scandal of the Incarnation," "...the shocking possibility that God could reveal self through ordinary people and events, through what the First Epistle of John speaks of as "what we have seen with our eyes ... and touched with our hands." When we limit ourselves to only what we can see and hear we risk locking God out. Nothing is impossible with God, including our own salvation.

While we celebrate our independence with pride, we are still encouraged by the example of Jesus to preach the gospel "over the back fence" or "at the kitchen table" with those we love the most. How can our conversations in person, on social media, over the phone, invite others to experience the nearness and the freedom of the Kingdom that Jesus came to proclaim?

This is the first weekend that we are configured into a Family of Parishes. Archbishop Vigneron recently wrote in a Pastoral Note entitled *Led by the Spirit on Mission*:

A Family of Parishes is a grouping of three or more parishes that collaborate in deeper and more intentional ways than parishes have ever done before. Each parish in a Family will retain its own unique identity, similar to how each sibling has his or her own unique role in the family. This is not a parish cluster or merger as we have done in the past. ...These new Families of Parishes will collaborate by sharing resources — including priests, deacons, and staffs across parish lines — to further advance the mission Christ has entrusted to his Church.

While Families of Parishes are certainly new to our archdiocese, the required commitment to collaboration and cooperation is not. In the past

four decades, we have seen parishes coordinating Advent Reconciliation Services, Lenten Missions and Mass schedules. Some of our parishes have shared staff positions, faith formation programs or pastors. A few have shared buildings and worship sites. In the months and years ahead, new and innovate ways to work together will strengthen the bonds that already exist and will build new bonds everywhere else. For many of our parishes this will be an entirely new process which will require everyone to let go of a status quo mentality and to choose trust over fear. For all of us, this new reality will require a renewal of our confidence in Jesus' power and his presence among us.

I'm confident that this new direction for the Church as been guided by the Holy Spirit, because it bears the signs the Spirit working in and through the Church throughout the ages: A diversity of gifts exercised and shared for the building up for the Body of Christ. As a work of the Spirit, we all share in this task. What are the gifts the Spirit has given you to share? This week my fellow family pastors and I will begin to meet to work on the priest Covenant which will outline the ways our collaboration will unfold. Every group of family pastors will do the same. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in our efforts. I'm counting on your help and your prayers as we embark upon this journey together.

### **On-line Giving - Updated Link!**

With the threat of COVID still looming amongst us, Sacred Heart continues to find ways to electronically accept donations, pay for Mass Stipends, and more. We offer convenient ways to give through our Online Giving site without having to create an account or commit to recurring contributions.



**Quick Give – at <https://www.osvhub.com/sacredheartgi/funds>**

This link allows you to make a one-time contribution to Sacred Heart without the need to register or sign in. It's simple, quick, and secure.

Hello, Pro-life Heroes



A special thanks to all those Church Representatives who put in the hard work for the Father's Day chocolate bars and/or pens!

Thanks also to Pastors who generously allowed LIFESPAN to offer the chocolate bars at your churches! As we did with Mother's Day, make sure you churches are aware that we will be sending an official LIFESPAN Thank You to the pastors and church communities for participating in the Father's Day campaign.

Please note that because of your efforts and the generosity of your churches, the Mother's Day carnation donations exceeded our expectations. The feedback was extremely positive. Almost all the Church Representatives and Board members who communicated with us preferred the live carnations to the previous chocolate roses and silk flowers. We will make the process for hole-punching the LIFESPAN cards and preparing the ribbons easier for you next year, although you will still need to attach them to the carnations as the order arrives fresh on the Saturday morning prior to Mother's Day.

We also have deep gratitude for all those who were able to attend the Pro-Life Legislative Luncheon on June 19 and to those who helped to publicize the event by including fliers in your church bulletins and posting or distributing fliers in your church. Please note that whether you attended and would like to be inspired again or missed out on the event but would like to be informed, the talks by Bob Dutko and State Sen. Lana This will be posted to [www.milifespan.org](http://www.milifespan.org) very soon.

Yours in LIFE, Timothy Pruse, Director

### Right to Life Church Notes

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it will hear a challenge to the State of Mississippi's Gestation Age Act in *Dobbs. V. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in its 2021-22 docket. This is a big one as the Court has an opportunity to overturn, or at least significantly revise, *Roe v. Wade*. The ruling is expected to be announced in spring 2022. LIFESPAN encourages all members to pray daily and fast frequently that the Supreme Court justices may have the wisdom and moral courage to protect all Americans, born and preborn. God grant the United States a new birth in liberty for the preborn (and their parents who are ensnared in lies of abortionists).


Bottoms Up Diaper Bank
  
**Please keep the diapers coming.**  
**7500 donated to date in 2021!!**  
*A note from "The Diaper Lady"*

Thank you so very much (for your donations)! You (Sacred Heart) are among our number one supporters.

A volunteer at Fish and Loaves told me about a woman who cared for six kids, four of whom are in diapers. She was DELIGHTED to receive 480 diapers as part of her shopping experience. This is just one example of the difference you are making in the lives of families.

Thank you again and please keep up the good work.

*Elaine McElwaney, aka "The diaper Lady" at Fish and Loaves*

Donations (**diapers or monetary**) can be dropped off at the **designated areas** in the church Gathering Space or the Parish Office. **This appeal for donations is ongoing throughout the year.** Sizes 3 to 5 are especially needed.

Our participation in this ministry is part of Sacred Heart's Knights of Columbus community outreach through the Inter-Faith Council.



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 Sacred Heart  
 Catholic Community



There is  
always time  
to share!

Linda and Todd Cleaver of Faith Methodist Church in Trenton with the help of Tammy Ranck from Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church are asking for our help in collecting furniture, household items, beds and TVs to share with their ChristNet guests as they obtain an apartment.

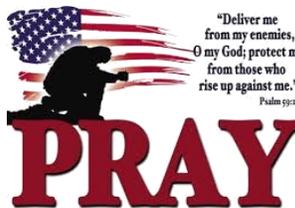
Even during these difficult times, they are getting approved for housing. There were three guests who were helped last month. There are 8 more who are approved and currently looking for an apartment.

Please look around, ask around and let them know if you can help. They will be happy to pick the items up.

Items needed are:

- Twin and double mattress and box spring sets
- Sheet sets for twin and double beds
- Microwaveable dishes
- TVs and stands (we cannot take the huge floor models)
- End tables
- Night stands
- Dressers
- Small kitchen table and chairs
- Couches
- Silverware
- Pots and pans
- Coffee makers
- Microwaves
- Old tools (hammer, screwdrivers, wrenches)
- Lamps

At this time we do NOT need any dishes as we are very well supplied. If you have anything you would be willing to share, please contact: Linda and Todd Cleaver at 734-675-5562 or 734-558-9912. Bless and continue to stay safe.



JOHN CHAMBERS,  
ERIC MADONIA,  
CASEY PEGRAM,  
RICHARDO MIRA,  
JORDAN LABADIE,  
BILLY RAY BREWER,  
ADAM SHIELDS,

TIMOTHY ROGERS, JOE BENZ, NICHOLAS KENAGA,  
BRIAN TELL, ADAM KOPP, EMILY CLEMONS BYE,  
JASON KOPP, BRENTON WELLER,  
DALE BREWER, CHRISTOPHER SCHEIBER,  
KEVIN SCHEIBER, ANDREW RAMIREZ,  
MATTHEW BRUMWELL, TANNER COOLSAET  
JORDAN BOLTHOUSE, LUCAS KOPP, JOSEPH LABADIE.



**The Families of Parishes**

The third Families of Parishes Gathering takes place Wednesday, July 21st from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Be sure to mark your calendar and attend this important meeting. **The third gathering will be an in-person event.** Location to be announced.

Each one of us is called to go and make disciples, to share the Good News. That's what's behind our move to Families of Parishes. We want each one of our Families to be places where people can encounter Jesus anew, grow in faith as disciples, and be equipped to be His witnesses.

**Family Gathering 3**

**Witnessing with Support  
and Encouragement**

**Wednesday, July 21 from 7 - 9 PM**

This third gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently witnessing to the Gospel.

Visit **FOPGatherings.org** to learn more and to register. We hope to see you this this Summer as we learn, pray, and recommit ourselves to becoming joyful missionary disciples.



## **SACRED HEART FAITH COMMUNITY**

**Join us for an evening of Fun, Faith, Food and Fellowship  
at Comerica Park as the Tigers face the Anaheim Angels  
at 7:10 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18 at 7:10 p.m.**

**All ages are welcome. We have blocked seats on  
the Club level at the 3rd base line!**

**We have also reserved an air conditioned  
55 passenger Motor Coach bus.**

**Tickets are \$25 a seat and Bus is \$5 a seat**

**Both are on a first come first serve basis.**

**(If we get several reservations before the middle of June we  
will reserve an additional bus). *The bus ride is optional.***

**Please RSVP in the Parish Office today at 734-676-1378**

**\*\*\*Seats will be “officially” reserved with payment.\*\*\***





Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

July 2021

Sacred Heart Parish  
Rev. Michael A. Molnar

### One Minute Meditations

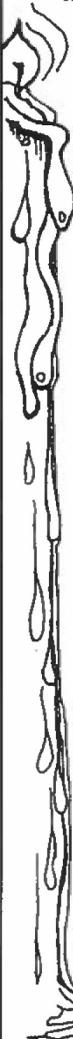
#### God is the current of life

"Each one of us is merely a small instrument. When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, often you see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God."  
Mother Teresa

#### Saying "no" is not a sin

Saying "no" is hard for many of us. Not wanting to let anyone down, we say "yes" until we are overburdened, frustrated, and unhappy. Remember it is not a sin to say "no." God needs workers, but He wants the willing, joyful kind. Our "yes" should come from a heart enthusiastic about doing His work.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-40).



## Love one another, especially those who are different

In a time of widening political and cultural divides, it can be easy to lose sight of the dignity of people different from ourselves. Yet, as Catholic Christians, we know that Jesus asks that we see everyone as family.

*"Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"* (Romans 12:10).

Treat others with kindness, not because they are kind, but because you are. It's easy to be kind to those we love and respect. It's critical to be kind to people we don't like or don't know. Kindness is best offered when nothing is expected in return.

Don't build yourself up by making others look small. No one is impressed

by a bully. Treat all of God's children with honor, love, and respect.

Practice empathy. People's reactions tend to reflect their circumstances.

Avoid judging and instead offer the consideration you'd like to receive.

Meet in person instead of online.

Social media makes it easy to stay in touch but it's also the quickest way to damage

relationships. Choose to meet in person when possible. In person or online, we must be wise in the words we use.

Forgive those who have hurt you, help those who need you. Treat all people – including yourself – with love and compassion. When we treat people the way we want to be treated, life will instantly get better.

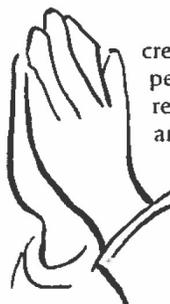


### Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics pray?

Prayer is our response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2560).

That encounter is our connection to God, who



created us and wants to have a close, personal relationship with us. Our relationship with Him is nurtured and strengthened through prayer - raising our hearts and minds to God ..." (CCC, #2559).

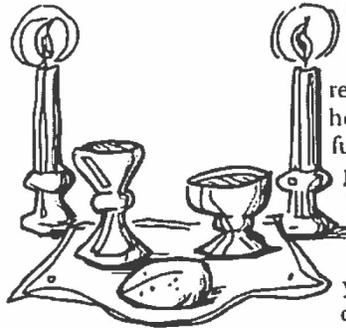
It is through prayer and in prayer that we come to know and love Him best.

# Welcome back to Mass!

Now that many dioceses across the country have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass, we once again honor Sunday as a celebration of the living presence of Jesus in the midst of His people.

Meet Him in the flesh. The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. There is no substitute for taking Him into our bodies to feed our souls.

Receive His protection. Divine love and protection are showered on God's children through the supernatural gift of grace. The



more open we are to it – by actively participating in Mass – the more we enjoy the benefits.

Love Him back. The Third Commandment requires that we designate Sunday as our day to honor God. Mass is the most important way we fulfill our obligation to show gratitude to God. "If you love me you will keep my commandments" (John 15:15).

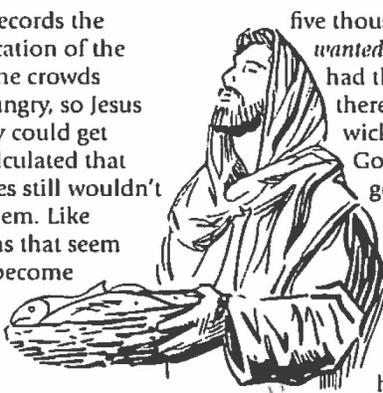
If you are worried about your exposure to disease in church, consult your physician and your pastor for advice on extra protections you can take.

## from Scripture

### John 6:1-15; Loaves and fishes

This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Philip calculated that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we face problems that seem too big for us and can become intimidated.

The Apostle, Andrew, went a step further than Philip; he found the boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy, in turn, offered to Jesus what little he brought – all of it. What a surprise when Jesus fed the



five thousand "as much...as they wanted." Even after they'd had their fill of bread, there were still twelve wicker baskets left over!

God can't be outdone in generosity.

When we are faced with many problems at once, it can be overwhelming. It's easy to react like Philip and give up hope. While on our own, we may not have

much to offer, if we offer what we have to God, He can do something amazing with it.

## Q & A What is expected of Catholics?

Every household has basic ground rules: "Be respectful," "Clean up your messes," etc. This way, everybody benefits. Like every family, the Catholic Church has "house rules" as well:

**Come home every weekend:** "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." God wants to see us back in person – often!

**Take responsibility:** "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, we're obligated to reconcile with God at least once a year.

**Reconnect:** "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood at every Mass!

**Practice detachment:** "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

**Help around the house:** "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, every little bit helps. (CCC, #2042-2043)

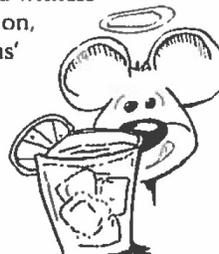
## Feasts & Celebrations

July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel (1251). Carmelite tradition holds that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon on Mount Carmel and gave him a scapular. Wearing one has become a popular way to honor the Blessed Mother.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel (Luke 8:2). She helped to support Jesus' ministry out of her own money and stood by the Cross of Jesus with his mother. Known as the "Apostle to

the Apostles," Mary was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 25 – St. James (1st Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



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