

The Eagle's Nest



Educating Mind + Heart + Spirit

September 5, 2025



Sacred Heart was truly honored to receive The Catholic Impact Award from the Archdiocese and the Catholic Schools Office acknowledging and celebrating our school for outreach efforts and extraordinary service to others. This is a true honor for all of families and our school community!



Congratulations Sarah Romo
for winning the Oktoberfest
T-Shirt drawing contest!

Oktoberfest Sponsorships Available Now!

All Underwriters, Diamond and Platinum Sponsors will be included on our Oktoberfest T-Shirts worn by our whole community!

Due Date to be included on T-Shirt: September 12th.

Important Dates:

**September 9th, 10th,
16th and 17th**

NWEA Benchmarks

Thursday 9/11

Room Parent Meeting

Wednesday 9/17

Progress Reports

Thursday 9/18

Oktoberfest Pottery Day

Thursday 9/25

NOON DISMISSAL

Parent Teacher

Conferences 1:30-5PM

Friday 9/26

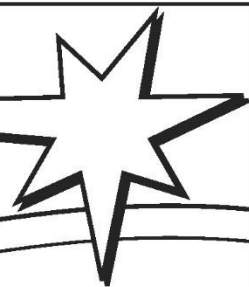
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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2025

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Mrs. Deb Brown, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence longed for sainthood from an early age. A mystical encounter confirmed his calling to religious life. Though pressured to enter an advantageous marriage, he chose to follow his vocation. He escaped to the Canons Regular of St. George, where he eventually became the order's general. Known for his zeal, penitential life, and deep charity—especially toward the poor—he was later appointed Bishop of Venice by the pope.



We are never alone

Our existence depends entirely on God. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that without God's will, we would cease to exist. Many saints taught that His love is constant, personal, and sustaining. At Baptism, He comes to dwell within us. Even in silence or struggle, we are never alone. An unseen Friend walks with us, always.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jeremiah 31:3).



Five saints to help youngsters become holy

It can be discouraging helping children grow in holiness in our fallen world, but parents can turn to the saints to offer clear, practical models. Here are four powerful approaches:

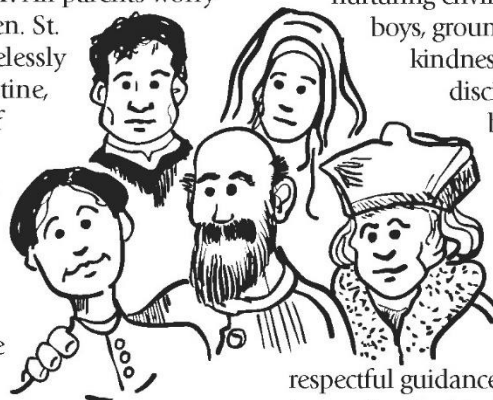
Persistent prayer: All parents worry about their children. St. Monica prayed tirelessly for her son, Augustine, during his years of rebellion. Her perseverance bore fruit—he experienced a profound conversion and became one of the Church's great saints. We don't always see the full results of our prayers, but they are never wasted.

Virtuous example: Despite intense pressure, St. Thomas More refused to acknowledge King Henry VIII as head of the Church and was imprisoned for

treason. We want children to be good citizens, but God's laws come first. Children can learn from St. Thomas' example.

Kindness: St. John (Don) Bosco built a nurturing environment for struggling boys, grounded in the power of kindness. He believed discipline should be firm but compassionate, always rooted in trust and love. He rarely raised his voice, relying instead on consistent expectations and respectful guidance. He expected the boys to practice the kindness he showed them.

Surrender: Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin dedicated every part of family life to God. They offered joys, sorrows, and struggles to Him. When we entrust our families to God, we invite His grace to shape and guide us.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

We honor Mary's name because she is the Mother of Jesus and the Queen of Heaven. Moreover, even though her name doesn't have the power that the Name of Jesus has, it still carries a significant influence.

Why do Catholics honor Mary's name?



Pope Innocent XI extended the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary to the entire Church after the King of Poland defeated an advancing Ottoman army in Vienna in 1683, crediting this victory to Jesus and Mary, whose names he invoked while fighting.

Holy homework hacks

Even the saints had to do homework. St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students, used practical strategies to tackle demanding workloads. Try these study habits inspired by his example:

Take notes: St. Thomas's surviving notes show his use of symbols and shorthand to capture ideas quickly. Students can adopt similar methods to stay engaged during class, study sessions, or group activities.

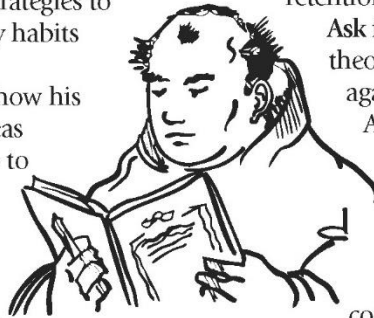
Take breaks: Known for his intense focus, St. Thomas also made time for short walks around the monastery courtyard. Encourage

students to take brief breaks after focused study to boost retention and motivation.

Ask for help: When struggling with a complex theological text, St. Thomas once leaned his head against the tabernacle and prayed for guidance.

Asking for help—whether through prayer, a teacher, or a classmate—is a wise and humble step.

Pray: Above all, St. Thomas dedicated his work to God. He began his studies with prayer, "Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion ... Amen."

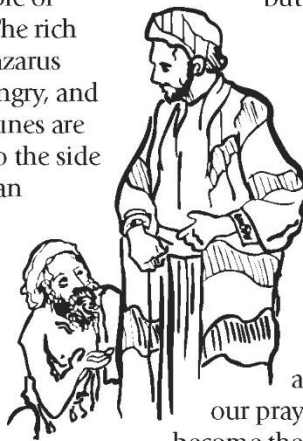


Scripture LESSON

Luke 16:19-31, Love in action

This passage tells the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The rich man lives in luxury, while Lazarus suffers at his gate—poor, hungry, and alone. After death, their fortunes are reversed: Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, and the rich man finds himself in torment.

Notice that the rich man isn't condemned for outright cruelty or injustice, but for his failure to demonstrate charity. He knew Lazarus by name. He likely stepped over him daily, but ignored Lazarus' suffering. In the afterlife, the rich man begs for relief and for Lazarus to warn his brothers,



but his chance to do good has passed.

What can a parent do?

Teach children that following Jesus isn't just about avoiding wrongdoing—it's about doing what is right. The Gospel makes it clear: love is active. When we live our faith through compassion, generosity, and awareness of others,

our prayers become action. We become the hands and feet of Jesus. And when we love as Jesus loves, we reflect His heart—and that's the path to true, lasting joy.

Parent TALK

Tina has always been direct—sometimes to a fault. She doesn't hesitate to critique my outfits, and once made a classmate cry by telling him his shirt smelled bad. After her teacher expressed concern about her harsh comments, we agreed to help her use her honesty more constructively.

I told Tina I admired her courage to speak up when something's wrong. But I explained that bluntness should serve a purpose—to help, not hurt. If someone is in danger or something is truly wrong, she should tell a teacher privately. That's not tattling; it's responsibility.

A week later, Tina saw a student being bullied and immediately got help from an adult. Her quick thinking and honesty became a tool for good.

By guiding her to use her strengths rather than punishing her for them, we saw real growth—and so did her classmates. Sometimes, it's all about redirection, not correction.



Feasts & Celebrations

September 10 – St. Nicholas of Tolentino (1305). Born to pious parents, Nicholas was known for his holiness, purity, and penances. He became an Augustinian monk. After his ordination, he developed a reputation as a great preacher and confessor. He spent the rest of his life traveling and preaching inspiring sermons in Tolentino, Italy.

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified while others ran away.

September 20 – St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions (1846). The first Korean-born Catholic priest, Andrew was the son of Christian converts. Upon being ordained, he tried to introduce French missionaries, and was arrested, tortured, and martyred with several others.

September 29 – Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Today we honor three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



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Sacred Heart Catholic School's

Oktoberfest

Children's Festival - October 18, 2025

Games, Prizes, and Family Fun!

Hearts of Gold Gala: November 8, 2025
Dinner, Dancing, Auction and Live Band

★ I want to sponsor Oktoberfest 2025:

☐ **Underwrite Sponsorship - \$5,000**

(Includes Dinner Table for 8 at the 2025 Hearts of Gold Gala Evening. Includes Specialized Individual Thank You Banner as well as Company Logo on Event Banner at the Children's Festival and all Print & Digital Media & 4 Oktoberfest T-shirts)

★ **Children's Festival** ★ **Gala Entertainment**

★ **Live & Silent Auction**

☐ **Diamond - \$2,500**

(Includes Entry & Dinner Table for 8 to the 2025 Hearts of Gold Gala. Also includes Company Logo on Event Banner for BOTH events, all Digital Media, and 2 Oktoberfest T-shirts)

☐ **Platinum - \$1,500**

(Includes Company Logo on Event Banner at Children's Festival and all Digital Media, and 2 Oktoberfest T-shirts)

☐ **Gold - \$1,000**

(Includes Company Logo on Gold Banner displayed at Children's Festival)

☐ **Silver/Booth - \$500**

Sponsor a Booth - All sponsor signs will be displayed at the Children's Festival Booth's and included on a Silver Sponsor Banner.

Contact Information

Name (as you wish to be recognized in print)

Website (if applicable)

Contact Name

Phone

Email

Address

State

Zip

Please email/complete online or mail forms and sponsorship to: Sacred Heart Catholic School
Attn: Mrs. Beth Istre - bistre@shcstx.org / 615 McDade Street Conroe, TX 77301
For questions: Please contact Beth Istre at bistre@shcstx.org or 936.756.3848



Thank you for your support!

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Information Online: Please visit
www.shcstx.com/oktoberfest



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Conroe, TX 77301



Sacred Heart Catholic School's

Oktoberfest

2025 Oktoberfest Festival

Children's Festival, Games, Bingo, Shopping and More!

Children's Festival - Saturday, October 18, 2025 | 11 AM - 4PM | SHCS Campus

42nd Annual Hearts of Gold Gala Evening - Saturday, November 8, 2025

ALL Sponsorship Banners and Recognition will be at BOTH community events!!

Help us FUNdraise for our Sacred Heart Students and our School.

Oktoberfest Sponsorship Opportunities

Underwrite SHCS Oktoberfest	\$5,000
Diamond Sponsor	\$2,500
Platinum Sponsor	\$1,500
Gold Sponsor	\$1,000
Silver / Booth Sponsor	\$500

Hearts of Gold Gala: Event Tickets

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION, DINNER, DANCING AND DUELING PIANOS!

Tickets and Reserved Tables: Coming Soon!

We are excited to host our Sacred Heart Gala off campus this year at The Springs Stonebrook Event Venue (approx. 10 minutes west of the SH campus on FM 2854.)



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STONEBROOK



CONGRATULATIONS YUREM!!

Yurem Ramirez, 8th grade, is an auxiliary cadet and was recently raised to the rank of Sargent in the Civil Air Patrol, a direct branch of the US Air Force. In addition, one of his recent awards was given by NASA, it was about researching contrails with NASA. The second one was that he is now able to fly drones legally in restricted areas with his license. The third one was his recruiting ribbon.

WAY TO GO!!



Order your Families Oktoberfest T-Shirts

**ORDERS DUE THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12TH**

[Click Here to Order your Oktoberfest Shirt](#)

2025 Artwork by Sarah Romo, 4th Grade

Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Shirts are designed by a Sacred Heart student each year for our school's largest annual fundraiser.

Students may wear their Oktoberfest T-shirt with jeans or uniform bottoms each Thursday until the Gala on November 8th.






OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS needed

2025 Oktoberfest Family Festival Planning is in Full Swing!
This is a Great Opportunity to become involved and build lasting relationships with parents, the school and the community.

- **Event Co-Chair:** Shadow Chair for takeover in 2026. Coordinate and organize event and provide assistance to all other leads as needed. Ensure all moving parts are aligned days leading up to and during event.
- **Games LEAD and Co-Lead:** Lead and Shadow for takeover in 2026. Coordinates all games for the event, including game pricing, tokens and prizes.
- **Décor Co-Lead:** Assist Lead with decorating the school grounds & solicitation of pumpkin donations. Coordinate pick-up and delivery of pumpkins for the event.
- **Concessions Lead & Co-Lead:** Help secure food vendors for concession, coordinate with vendors on their needs and day of setup. Ministries outreach. Apply for food permits.
- **Plant Booth Solicitations Lead & Co-Lead:** Responsible for reaching out to businesses for plant donations for the plant booth.
- **Vendor Market Co-Lead:** Assist Vendor Market Lead with contacting vendors, vetting vendors, finding new vendors, setting up vendor market area where help needed from vendors, ensuring vendors are helped and available for any questions day of event.
- **Volunteer Coordinators:** Request for day of festival: 4 volunteers needed.
 - Duties include: Ensure volunteers are stationed at proper stations and answer any questions.
 - Ensure station volunteers are relieved from their duties once their time slot is complete. Reach out to next in line volunteers and ensure all volunteers have water if needed.
- **Booth Ticket Co-Lead:** Shadow the Lead to take over ticket assimilation and run the ticket booth at the event.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to: Sam Miller
(swisnoski04@hotmail.com) (832) 640-3948 or Beth Istre (bistre@shcstx.org)



Earn a Jersey and Jeans Day with your Oktoberfest
Toy and/or Soda donations! Thank you!!

Oktoberfest Toy Drive

Donate a Toy to the Oktoberfest Festival Toy Walk.

(Toy Walk Toys should be under \$10)

**Please bring all Toy Donations to the Advancement Office
Your child will earn a Jersey Day for the donation.**

(Please write your child's name on a sticky note when turning in the to)



Help Support Oktoberfest and the Soda Walk



We are collecting

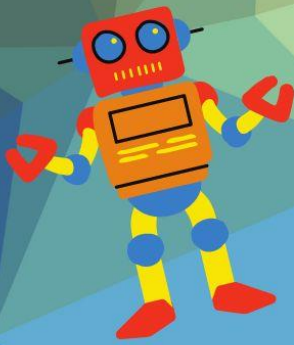
**Mini Soda Bottles to help make the
Soda Walk a success!**

Please bring all Soda Donations to the Advancement Office

Your child will earn a Jersey Day for the donation

(Please write your child's name on a sticky note when turning in the Soda)

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO OUR



Booth

We need new fun prizes to give the winners during Oktoberfest. 5 Below is the perfect place to find such items. Please bring the prizes to the Advancement office and mention that it is for the Bingo Booth!



**Dance on in for afterschool dance classes
on the SHCS campus starting Sept 9th/11th
Ms. Kristen Drake will gather the
dancers at the office and bring them to The Moran
for a 45 min jazz/pom dance class.**

**Tuesdays 3:20-4:15 PreK -1st grade \$60/month
Thursday 3:20-4:15 2nd - 5th grade \$60/month
All dancers must pay the semester registration fees**

**Your dancer will learn fun jazz and pom
fundamentals, combinations, and routines
to be performed at Oktoberfest and the studio
December showcase and Spring recital.
Dancers will need a black tank style biketard
and flesh tone jazz shoes
Registration and information at
gracepointedance.com
or text 9363203813 with questions**

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