

Sacred Heart Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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Website



Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Daily Mass Schedule
8:00 A.M. (Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday)

Holy Days:
8 a.m. & 12:10 p.m..

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 P.M.- 4:15 P.M.
or anytime by appointment.

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Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift (Mt 10:8)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 19 4:30 p.m.	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish
Sunday, September 20 8:00 a.m.	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Beverly Swetcky (Well-being) Her family
10:15 a.m.	John Vignati By Peter & Suzanne Vignati
Monday, September 21 8:00 a.m.	St. Matthew Adam Julian By Helene Stech
Tuesday, September 22 8:00 a.m.	Weekday Vincent Chidozie & Family By Vincent Chidozie
Wednesday, September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina No morning Mass
Thursday, September 24 8:00 a.m.	Weekday John Cooper By Beth Ellison
Friday, September 25 8:00 a.m.	Weekday Rajiv & Melba By Mother
Saturday, September 26 4:30 p.m.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Charles & Evelyn Babella By their family
Sunday, September 27 8:00 a.m.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Eugenie Gooden By Jeff & Marlene Sutherland And Joselyn Gooden
10:15 a.m.	Glenn Pilipski By Johanna Briggs

PRAYER SHAWL

All are welcome to the next gathering of the prayer shawl ministry on Monday, September 21st from 10 to 11:30. in room 3.

Adoration

of the
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd for Adoration and the Rosary. There will also be adoration on Friday, September 25th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED "Sing to the Lord a New Song!"

As seasons turn, our choir once again lifts its voice in praise! We welcome back our faithful singers, and open our arms to new voices. Whether you've sung for years, or simply feel the stirrings of song in your heart, now is the time to join us. Come and be part of our joyful and prayerful ministry. No audition required - just your willing heart, a listening ear, and eager voice! **Next Rehearsal: September 23rd at 7:00pm, Room 4.**

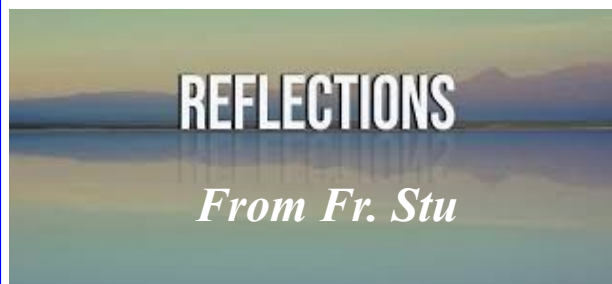


Religious Education programs for grades 1-8 (Confirmation)

Religious Education classes for grades 1 through confirmation will begin the October 4th from 9 to 10 a.m. each Sunday morning. Please feel free to register now. Forms are available on the parish website, at the entrance of the church, or by emailing the parish office: **sacredheartblct@gmail.com. We are in need of 3 teachers for our program. Please help!**

THANK YOU DEACON JEFFREY SUTHERLAND

This weekend will serve as an end of an era as Deacon Jeffrey will be concluding his service as a Deacon here in the archdiocese for the past 18 years. We thank Jeff for his dedication to the ministry and especially his help each day at morning Mass here at Sacred Heart. We wish him the best in his retirement and look forward to seeing him join his wife Marlene at Mass here each weekend.



What is Christian Stewardship?

The notion of Stewardship is found in the bible. It refers to the belief that each of us has been blessed by God with certain talents, abilities, resources and opportunities that we're called to nurture and develop for our own good and the good of the human family. God has appointed us as stewards or caretakers of the world in which we live, acting on behalf of a loving God who challenges us to give an account of the use of our time, talents, and treasure that have been entrusted to our

care.

As stewards, we come to understand that God trusts us with **time**, through which we may share love, show concern, offer compassion, be creative, and care for creation. God gives us **talents**, skills, abilities, and strengths which we steward at home or work, school or parish in our local community and our world. Through the proper use of our gifts, we earn money or **treasure** and purchase material resources, which in turn can be used to care for family, participate in the mission of our parish, relieve suffering, and show care for the most vulnerable. God trusts us and as we grow as stewards, we come to trust in God in a fuller way. We see God's grace and blessings shared generously with us, and we trust that God will be with us as we grow in our willingness to share our gifts in return. God truly blesses a generous giver and guides those who follow Jesus Christ as stewards of his gifts.

The Fullness of Time

Everyone is pressed for time. We fret about today, tomorrow, and yesterday. We try to make time, save time, budget time. We waste time, pass time, find and lose time. Time is a gift from God, and we should receive it as such and be grateful for it. It's perhaps our greatest gift and the measure of our lives. To live a life of authentic Christian stewardship, one of the best uses of our time is to pray.

A Christian steward is a prayerful person. Without a prayerful approach, most people couldn't make the leap of faith to be a real steward of Jesus. Stewardship requires reflection that leads to mindfulness. We cannot deepen our stewardship ways without enhancing our faith life and vice versa. And to grow as Christian stewards we must prayerfully consider how we can best share our gifts now and in the days to come. Through prayer we grow and give fully.

To deepen our spirituality of stewardship, turn to prayer. If you're stuck, struggle with trusting and having faith that God will provide, simply pray. Here's a short one you may try:

*"God, grant me a grateful heart, a generous spirit,
and faithful trust in your loving, abundant grace.
Help me to know you are always with me. Amen."*

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

On the front page of this bulletin is a QR code. If you scan the code it will bring you right to our website. Try it out! There is lots of information, and pictures from our own parish family and throughout the archdiocese.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,526.00
On-Line:	\$ 677.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,203.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

*Thank
you!*

BOOK CLUB

Love to read? Come to the next Sacred Heart Book Club meeting on Wednesday, September 30th at 1:30 p.m. in room 3. This month the group will be discussing *The Hideaway* by Lauren K. Denton. *The Hideaway* is a heartfelt Southern story of family secrets, small-town charm, and the power of second chances.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS !

OCIA: Exploring the Catholic Faith and Discernment

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the Catholic Church's process for adults who want to explore the Catholic faith and discern whether they are called to become Catholic. Open to unbaptized adults, baptized Christians from other traditions, and baptized Catholics who have not completed their sacraments, the program combines faith formation, spiritual growth, prayer, and community involvement.

Beginning on **October 4 after the 10:15 a.m. Mass** (generally from 11:30 to 1) and meeting every other Sunday, the program guides participants through four stages: **Evangelization and Precatechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy**. These stages provide a gradual and flexible path toward deeper faith and, for those who choose, sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church.

Participants study the core beliefs of Catholicism, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, Sacred Scripture and Tradition, the nature and mission of the Church, prayer, the sacraments, Catholic moral teaching, and Christian discipleship. The curriculum encourages personal reflection, discussion, prayer, and active participation in parish life.

Through mentorship, prayer experiences, reflection, and ongoing discernment, participants deepen their relationship with Christ and gain a solid understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices. By the end of the program, they will be equipped to make an informed and prayerful decision about continuing their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

Sunday morning Gospels

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. beginning **Sunday, October 4th**. We will deepen our understanding of the Gospels and share our own faith experiences.. Bring a Friend!

Scripture Group

Do you want to learn about scripture? Have a better appreciation of the Sunday readings? Join us for one hour every **Friday, starting October 2**, where we will look at the Sunday readings, put them in context, and learn about the situation of the time that influenced them. We also study one book a year. This year we will look at first Isaiah. For morning people we meet from 9:30 to 10:30 in room 3. If you are not a morning person: 1:30 to 2:30 in room 3.

Be a Volunteer in the Religious Education Program for a Lifetime Experience of Countless Blessings.

Contact Doris Battle for more information: call: 860-655-2097 or email: Doris_battle@hotmail.com