

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)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, September 28 8:00 a.m.	St. Wenceslaus People of the Parish
Tuesday, September 29 8:00 a.m.	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Intention available
Wednesday, September 30	St. Jerome No morning Mass
Thursday, October 1 8:00 a.m.	St. Therese Intention available
Friday, October 2 8:00 a.m.	The Holy Guardian Angels Vincent Chidozie & Family By Vincent Chidozie
Saturday, October 3 4:30 p.m.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Marguerite Nye By her family
Sunday, October 4 8:00 a.m.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Genowefa Krawiel By Helene Stech
10:15 a.m.	Joseph Dooley By Betty Cronin

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 29th for Adoration and the Rosary. There will also be adoration on Friday, October 2nd from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

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.

SHARE AND GROW IN FAITH

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00. We will deepen our understanding of the Gospels and share our own faith experiences.

We begin October 11 !

This is open to all adults. Bring a friend !

Religious Education programs for grades 1-8 (Confirmation)

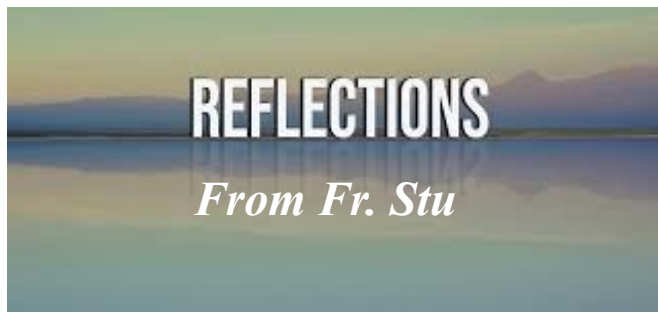
Open house Sunday, October 4th at 9 a.m. Come meet the teachers, see the classrooms and register your child. **Classes start Sunday, October 11th.**



PANCAKE BREAKFAST! October 4th!

Pancakes are coming back! Please join us for a wonderful Pancake Breakfast prepared and served by our loyal volunteers in our breakfast ministry. Pancakes and... will be served after both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Masses. This month's breakfast is sponsored by Paul Pelletier. We hope you will join us. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact call or email the parish office and we will get you onboard!

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wednesday, September 30th—7PM



This is the third week of the month-long stewardship initiative in our parish, as we reflect on how to live as faithful stewards of our treasure, the final stewardship gift from God.

As treasure-stewards, our call is to make sacrificial giving a way of life. Since God has given us the ability and the opportunity to either work, earn a living, or share from our financial resources, as stewards we give back to God a

"faith offering" in gratitude for our financial gifts.

This is not easy and the only way we'll grow into living this stewardship way is by keeping three things in mind. *First*, making the decision to give the "first fruits" of the material resources we have earned or acquired must grow out of prayer. We have to take time out to pray and remind ourselves of our blessings and the need to respond in gratitude for these blessings.

The *second* element of good treasure stewardship is being responsible for budgeting a certain amount to give back to the Lord each week, month or year, taking care to account for family needs and considering our resources.

How much should we give? There's no set number. But we can start with a review of our level of giving now. Does God's portion of our income come first, and does it reflect our gratitude for the Lord's generosity? The bible and church teaching call us to strive to give a tithe of 10% (5% to our church through the parish offertory, 2% to the archdiocese collections and 3% to other charities that serve the poor, the needy and others we can help in our community). While we may not be able to reach that level yet, we should be trying to move closer to it. In the end there is no right answer. Our goal is to return to God and our parish a first portion of our treasure gifts and to do so consistently, making up for the weeks when we're not able to worship with our parish family. The amount we give should be proportionate to our means and truly reflect our gratefulness to God for our blessings.

This leads to the *final part* of living as good stewards of our treasure: it should be a sacrifice. Our treasure commitment should nudge us to go beyond our "comfort zone." The proportion of our gift becomes sacrificial when it causes us to make some challenging choices about our priorities and how we live out our faith and dedication to the Lord. It's a sacrifice when we reconsider our values and the place God occupies in our lives. And every time we share our gift of treasure, we're able to remember why. Then, like in the gospel story of the widow's mite, something begins to happen inside of us. We draw closer to the Lord who sacrificed everything for us. We give of ourselves to assist others, help our parish meet its needs and grow as a spirit-filled community of stewards.

Keep this in mind as you reflect on your blessings this week and fill out your "Stewardship Intention Card" for the coming year. And when we process up to the front of the church with this card *next weekend* at the beginning of the offertory during Mass and place it in the wicker baskets, it will truly be a committed offering to our faithful God, who is at the center of our lives.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 3,776.00
On-Line:	\$ 660.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,436.00
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.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

All are invited to bring your furry friends to meet Fr. Stu and receive a blessing on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

DINNER CLUB BANQUET!

The **GREAT** party will be Saturday, October 17th

Members are free, Guests \$60.

Please rsvp by October 9th. Members should have received their invite.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS—LIVING ROSARY

Thursday, October 22nd 7:00 p.m.

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