

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Church & School

The Memo

December 05 - 06, 2020

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)*

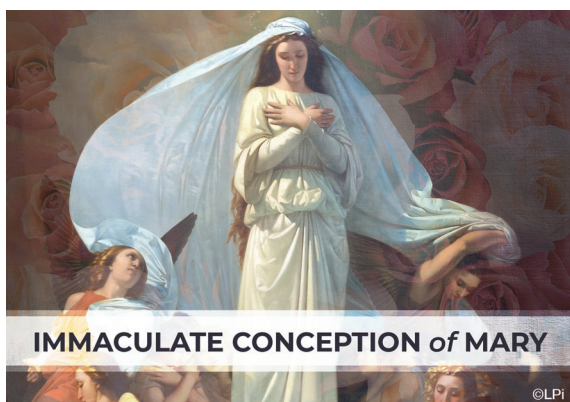


2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Prepare the way
of the Lord."
- Mk 1:3*

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

**Solemnity Mass is
Tuesday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m.**



**Sacred Heart
Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m.**

**St. Joseph, Olpe
Saturday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m.**

27 Cottonwood Emporia, KS 66801
Office Hours: M-Th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm www.shemporia.org



The John & Frances Ice Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry

Curbside service
every Sunday 4 - 5:30 p.m.



Pre-packaged food pantry bags are available for pick-up every Sunday from 4 - 5:30 p.m. There is a limit of one bag per household per weekend. To-go meals are served every Sunday beginning at 4 p.m. while supplies last.

THANK YOU to all who continue to donate food or send monetary donations to the Ice Box! Your generosity is overwhelming!



Food donations can be dropped off in the north entrance of the church during church open hours. Please do not bring your food donation to the church office.

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruits
Whole-Grain Cereal
Pasta

Tomato Pasta sauce
(no glass)
Rice
Beans
Mac & Cheese
Canned Meats
Canned Soups,
Stews, Chili

Canned Ravioli
Applesauce
Shelf-stable or
Powdered Milk
Crackers
Granola Bars

Interesting numbers...

Sunday, November 22
74 meals served &
32 pantry bags given

Sunday, November 29
50 meals served &
27 pantry bags given

This week...

Requested donations this week:
canned fruit, canned vegetables,
jelly, oatmeal, rice,
spaghetti/ravioli.

We greatly appreciate your continued donations. However at this time, we do not need large-family sized boxes of cereal. We have a lot of family sized boxes of cereal which makes storage a challenge.

When shopping for your food pantry items, consider choosing items that are labeled *Box Tops for Education*. You can contribute to the food pantry AND Sacred Heart School at the same time!

Current Weekend & Weekday Mass times...

Please arrive on time.
Masks must be worn.

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ~ in the church & Parish Hall as needed.

Sunday, 8 a.m. ~ in the church & overflow in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, 10 a.m. ~ in the church & overflow in the Parish Hall.

Live-stream for at home viewers.

At home viewers are welcome to participate in communion beginning at 11 a.m. Please come to the parish hall.

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Weekday Mass goes, please use north church entrance only.

Confessions are heard in the Confessional using the anonymous screen side only. No face-to-face.

Wednesdays beginning at 6 p.m. & Saturdays beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Please enter through the north church entrance and proceed to the church nave to pray and/or examine your conscience. Penitents should make a line along the north church wall keeping distancing in mind.



The Ice Box is looking for volunteers!

The John & Frances Ice Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry operates every Sunday to serve those in need. We are looking for more volunteers willing to help!

You will work with 4-5 other individuals while social distancing and wearing masks. Would you consider volunteering? All volunteers must be Virtus trained. Please contact the church office to learn more about Virtus training and/or volunteering for the Ice Box.

The following volunteer positions are needed:

Food prep, Servers, Greeter, Meal Runner

You can learn more about each position at shemporia.org/soup-kitchen-food-pantry



Thank you God, I have everything I need.
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This is a simple prayer that Sara and I came up with about a year ago when she was overcome with desire after a shopping trip but limited funds. It was really hard for her to know she wouldn't get everything that caught her eye or looked fun, and that she couldn't have all the toys that she saw others demonstrating on YouTube. She cried hard and felt really confused. Everyone in the house knew she was unhappy, but she did not recognize the source of her unhappiness to be anything other than her lack of money. When she and I sat together and prayed, God led us to this prayer. First I said it over and over to her, then I made her say it with me. She pretty quickly felt the power of the words she was saying, and she actually smiled at me. She felt better.

What do I want? What do I need? These are such simple questions, but their answers are not so simple. In the year of disappointments because so many traditions have had to be put on hold, this question may be hard to answer, but it brings perspective. Since I knew the big Dold family Thanksgiving couldn't happen, (no cousins & climbing on hay bales) I wanted all my kids at home in my house for Thanksgiving. I wanted to hear them laugh at each other and watch them build mashed potatoes into sculptures on their plates as we lingered too long at the table together. I cried when I realized I wouldn't have what I wanted (all my kids at home together), but what I really needed, I had: to know each of my family members was safe and loved. What do I want? What do I need? God provides what we need.

In the season of wish lists and even more family traditions, when we try to figure out our Christmas gift giving plans and gatherings, this prayer can help create some focus. Sara and I say it three times, once for each person in the Trinity. We move forward with much greater peace. I encourage you to pray it, too. May God provide you with everything you need.

Joan Dold,
Director of Catholic Youth Formation



The family of Lupe Gutierrez would like to honor her with a card shower in her honor for her 90th birthday on December 12. Wishes can be mailed to

25 S. Arundel, Emporia.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning December 9 immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass until 7:30 p.m. Come for a few minutes or stay the entire time. All are welcome.



Track the progress of your *Spiritual Adoption!*

First Trimester

After fertilization and implantation, a baby is at first just an embryo: two layers of cells from which all the organs and body parts will develop. Growing quickly, your baby is soon about the size of a kidney bean and constantly moving. The heart is beating quickly and the intestines are forming. Your budding son or daughter's earlobes, eyelids, mouth, and nose are also taking shape.



10 weeks pregnant: Your baby has finished the most critical part of development! Organs and structures are in place and ready to grow.
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The Didde Catholic Campus Center at ESU is hiring a part-time custodian & general handyman. For more information or to apply go to

**diddecenter.org/news/251-job-opening-custodian
or call 620-343-6765.**

Baby SHOWER

The Knights of Columbus is collecting baby items through Christmas for the Shiloh House. Items requested are diapers, infant formula, clothes, blankets, and other baby necessities.

**Please place your items in the infant crib in the church vestibule.
Please do not bring your items to the church office.
Please do not place your items in the food donation baskets.
Thank you for your generosity.**



"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"
December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

Thank You!

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Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas made a commitment to keep serving during the pandemic.



Food Assistance

Food assistance was provided **20,024 times** to individuals and families in need across our Hope Distribution Center, seven Family Support Centers and our monthly mass food distributions.



Kids Summer Food

Over **89,100 meals** were distributed to children who depend on free and reduced cost lunch during the school year. The program started early and saw over a sevenfold increase from last year!



Housing Assistance

2,078 individuals and 788 families were provided housing, rent and utility assistance. Many attend our financial education programs.



Resource Bus

Our Mobile Resource Buses provided food, clothing, diapers and hygiene products **1,198 times** to families who live in our 15 rural counties.

*All numbers from March-July 2020. Kids Summer Food includes August.

**Learn how your donation impacts those we serve.
Visit: catholiccharitiesks.org/covid-19**

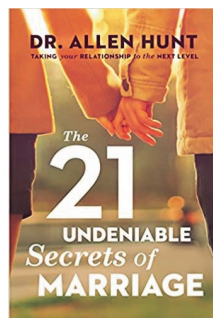


Tom & Megan Mahoney along with Dan & Joan Dold are beginning a Marriage & Family Ministry at Sacred Heart.

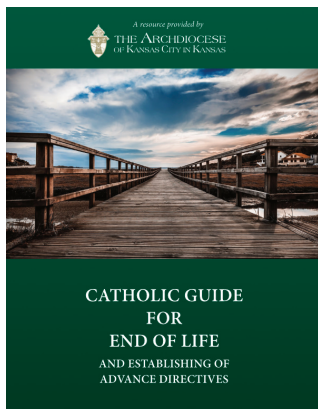
In the past year, I have been getting to know more about Saint John Paul II. Although he was the pope during most of my life, I was, sadly, quite unfamiliar with his life and with the issues he held dear. One of these issues was the importance of marriage and the family. I was surprised to learn that as a young priest in the 1940s, John Paul II conducted marriage preparation classes with engaged couples in his parish. I thought marriage preparation was one of the changes that came with Vatican II! As a parish priest, John Paul II built a community of young -initially single but later married - persons, and he ministered to this community of families weekly. The community, which he called his Srodowisko, shared faith, values, and activities. John Paul II lived through Nazi-occupied Poland, Communist-occupied Poland, and constant persecution for his faith, and through all of it, he believed that the cornerstone of society - the foundation that would get the people of Christ through these trials, was marriage grounded in Christ. A strong marriage makes for a strong family, and a strong family makes for a community that can withstand all kinds of trials. The members of the Srodowisko were committed Catholic citizens that performed important functions at all levels of Polish society, even after John Paul II left parish ministry to serve as a bishop and then pope. Pope John Paul II's ministry spoke to me, and I felt called to start a Marriage and Family ministry here at Sacred Heart.

Marriage is vital, especially in the trials that we are now facing. Your sacrament is precious, not only to you and your spouse, but to our community. The Mahoneys and Dolds hope to build a Marriage & Family ministry here at Sacred Heart that will recognize and support marriages and families through shared faith, values and activities. We will be starting small due to the pandemic, but it too will pass eventually and then, hopefully, we will be able to expand. First, we will pray monthly for the married couples here at Sacred Heart in a Mass petition. We would also like to recognize anniversaries each month in the bulletin. If you would allow us to thank you for your witness through marriage, contact the church office or complete the Google Survey in the weekly this-n-that eNewsletter with your name and anniversary date.

Lastly, we are starting a marriage enrichment group that will meet monthly on Zoom. We are going to start by reading and discussing *21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage* by Dr. Allen Hunt in January. Please contact Megan Mahoney at meganohayes@gmail.com to sign up. Possible ideas for future activities include parenting groups, mentoring, an Anniversary Supper, and more. If you would like to be involved, please contact Megan Mahoney.



The Catholic Guide for End-of-Life and Establishing of Advance Directives The Ethics Council that serves Archbishop Naumann has produced a comprehensive resource for end of-life planning titled "*Catholic Guide For End-Of Life and Establishing Of Advance Directives*". The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions in accordance with the teachings of our faith about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches. It also includes two Appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the Guide, visit archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care or contact the church office.



Sacred Heart Catholic School Advent Appeal

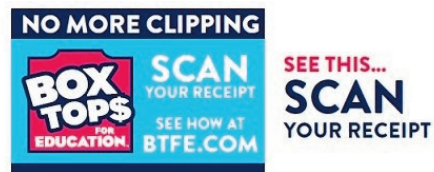
As you finish up your Christmas shopping, don't forget to check Sacred Heart School off your list!

SHS DINING NIGHT!

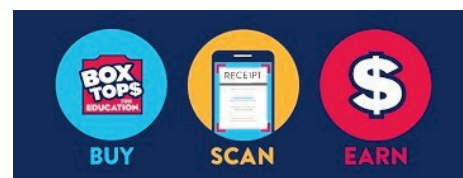
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from 5-8 p.m.
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Jeffrey Williams ~ 620-343-1919



Welcome New Parishioners Please register at the Parish Office.

Catechumenate (RCIA) Those desiring to enter our faith community are welcomed into the Catechumenate to begin Christian Initiation. Call the parish office.

Baptism Preparation Congratulations on your pregnancy or new arrival! Contact the church office regarding preparation. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Must be registered parishioner for at least six months.

Need Help With Prayer? Spiritual direction is available on request with Fr. Farrar, Debra Williams or Jim Krueger. Call the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Thinking about or already engaged? We're happy to help celebrate your love in the Sacrament of Marriage. Make an appointment with the pastor at least nine months prior to wedding.

Parish & School

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Week of November 21 - 22, 2020

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| Envelopes | \$5582.50 |
| Collection Plate..... | \$1243.00 |
| Electronic Withdraw..... | \$7488.00 |
| Children's Envelopes..... | \$12.25 |
| Online/Kiosk..... | \$467.00 |
| Total..... | \$14792.75 |

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| All Saints..... | \$100.00 |
| Building Fund..... | \$29.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | \$10.00 |
| Ice Box..... | \$20.00 |
| Poverty Line..... | \$233.00 |
| Sacred Heart School..... | \$396.00 |
| The Leaven..... | \$5.00 |
| Working on the Margins..... | \$5.00 |

Week of November 28 - 29, 2020

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes | \$7026.50 |
| Collection Plate..... | \$1366.00 |
| Children's Envelopes..... | \$15.30 |
| Online/Kiosk..... | \$1258.00 |
| Total..... | \$9665.80 |

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|--------------------------|----------|
| All Saints..... | \$8.00 |
| Building Fund..... | \$179.00 |
| Catholic Charities..... | \$75.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | \$181.00 |
| Poverty Line..... | \$68.00 |
| Sacred Heart School..... | \$241.00 |
| The Leaven..... | \$88.00 |
| Uganda..... | \$3.00 |
| World Missions..... | \$3.00 |

Thank you!

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This Week

Sunday, December 6

10:00 am Livestream Mass
11:00 am CYF grades K-8
1:00 pm Discipleship Presentation, PHall
4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru

Monday, December 7

6:15 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 8

Church office closed for Holy Day
5:00 pm SHS Gambinos Pizza Dining Night till 8:00 pm
5:30 pm Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass

Wednesday, December 9

9:30 am Catholic Charities Mobile Bus till 2:30 pm, St. Catherine's
6:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Adoration with Benediction till 7:30
7:00 pm CYF grades 6-8
7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 10

6:30 pm RCIA, PHall

Sunday, December 13

10:00 am Livestream Mass
11:00 am CYF grades K-8
4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru



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The church office is open to the public
Monday - Wednesday
from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Friday

The church is open for private prayer during the following hours:
Mon. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thur.
6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and weekends Noon to 4 p.m.

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Looking Ahead

December 15: Sacred Heart Advent Penance Service, 7pm

December 19: St. Joseph Advent Penance Service, 9:30am

December 24-January 1: Church office closed for Christmas

December 28-30: No weekday Mass

December 31: Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 5:30p

January 1: Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, 10:00a

January 24-30: Catholic Schools Week

February 9: SHS Dining Night at Billy Sims 5-8pm

February 10: Adoration & Benediction

February 17: Ash Wednesday

March 10: Adoration & Benediction



Recordings of each Sunday's homily can be found on our website shemporia.org/homilies

Readings of the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcd, 19 [15:9d]/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are located in the north church entrance and near the principal's office at SHS.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 pm † Bill Selbe

Wednesday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
5:30 pm † Jim Stubenhofer

Thursday, December 10

Second Thursday of Advent
5:30 pm † Anton Tan Van Nguyen

Friday, December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope
8:15 am † Cherri Lopez

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:30 pm † Bill Selbe

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
10:00 am Sacred Heart Parishioners

Masks are required to attend public Mass.

Please bring your own face covering.

Our supply of disposable masks is running low.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Face Mask



Required



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We're looking for Sacred Heart School alumni!

We want you to...

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Share stories and life experiences!
Relive, reminisce and retell!
Watch progress of your alma mater!

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