

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Church & School

The Memo

December 12 - 13, 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)*



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was
sent from God. He came
for testimony, to testify to
the light, so that all might
believe through him.

- Jn 1:6-7

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

**St. Joseph, Olpe
Saturday, December 19 at 10:00 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, December 6
63 meals served &
27 pantry bags given

This week...

Requested donations this week: canned fruit, shelf stable or powdered milk, rice, spaghetti/ravioli.

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!



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

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction the 2nd Wednesday of the month 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.



Instead of thinking about what you are going to give or get from people this Christmas, maybe we should

be thinking how we can grow in our walk with the Lord this Christmas. Christmas is about the birth of Christ, not about all the extra tuff which can be good, but can distract us from the real PRESENT, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The real tragedy for many of us is that we get wrapped up in the wrapping paper and miss the Lord.

God is love and this is all a love story about God's love for us. "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be expiation for our sins" (1 Jn 4:9-10). This is the greatest present that we could ever receive; every other gift will fade over time. St. Augustine wrote "It is easy to want things from the Lord and yet not want the Lord Himself, as though the Gift could ever be preferable to the Giver." Ultimately only the Lord will satisfy our hearts as St. Augustine also wrote: "You have created us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

God loves us so much that he became one of us and died on the Cross for each of us. Just spend a little time thinking about that. Think about how much YOU ARE LOVED. This demands a response from us. Where have we failed in loving God and others in our actions and words, in what we have done and failed to do? Each of us should go to the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas. We need the healing and the grace from Jesus. Jesus Christ instituted the sacrament for our healing and forgiveness. "He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven, if you retain the sin of any they are retained'" (Jn 20:22-23). The Catechism states "Through such an admission man looks squarely at his sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible (CCC 1455). We all need God's forgiveness and God's grace to be the person that we were meant to be.

The Catechism again states, "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship" (CCC 1468).

God bless you and know that you are loved.
Dcn. Dan Vehige

Thank You!



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

The Knights of Columbus is collecting baby items through Christmas for the Shiloh House. Items requested are diapers, infant formula, bottles, 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.



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.



The Spiritual Adoption
Of The Unborn Child

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.



11 weeks pregnant: Your baby's hands will soon open and close into fists, and tiny tooth buds are appearing underneath the gums.
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JOYFUL HOMES AREN'T PERFECT *They assume the best.*



Your brother posts something divisive on social media. A guy cuts you off in traffic. Your kid is whining. You can't control anything about these frustrations, except the most important thing: how you respond. When we **assume the best**, especially of those in our own home, we invite so much joy into families—even if we're wrong!

As a family, discuss:

- When is a time recently when someone annoyed or hurt you? What did you tell yourself their motive was?
- How can we see the situation from their point of view?
- What difference would it make if we assumed the best of each other and others all the time?

Pick one practice this month!

One small, attainable goal sets us up for success.

- Imagine and speak out loud the good motives of those who frustrate you: *He must be in a hurry. She really believes that is the best for me. It must be really difficult to make that kind of decision... I'm sure they took all the information into account.*
- Ask a family member to tell you the reason behind a behavior that makes you crazy (see box at right).
- Pray each day for a specific person about whom you have difficulty assuming the best. Ask God for compassion to see through their eyes.
- Consider ways you have assigned bad motives to others, and bring them to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

FIND THE VALUE



Do you love someone who does things the **wrong way**? Maybe he folds the towels instead of rolling them, or she loads the dishwasher in a haphazard way.

These little behaviors can drive us crazy!

To get past this, simply ask the person the reason they approach the situation like that. Usually, the value behind their behavior is not so hard to support. Once we understand each other better, it's easier to come to a good solution.

Scripture of the month: Genesis 1:31

*God looked at everything he had made, and found it **very good**.*

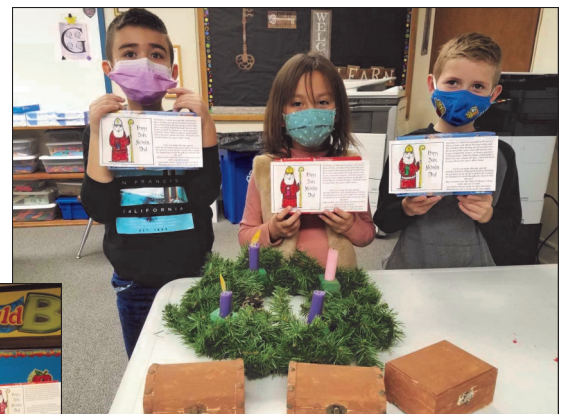
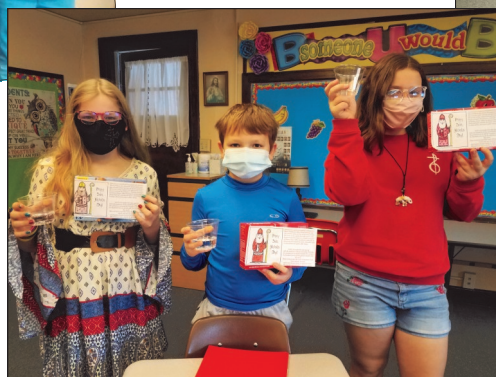
God, help me see everyone in my life through your eyes!

Want more ideas and encouragement? www.archkcks.org/best



(above): 3rd & 4th graders Isaac Munoz, Briseis Arroyo, Sebastian Trujillo & Kinli Drake show off their packages. (at right): 6th grade students also toasted the new liturgical year! Student are Jenasis Mann, Brock Malone, Kayli Drake.

Last Sunday, CYF students recognized the Feast of St. Nicholas by creating mini care packages. They colored a St. Nicholas card & attached it to a box of cocoa mix. The treats were passed out that afternoon at the Ice Box drive-thru.



(above): 1st graders pictured with their Advent wreath are Kash Garza, Eliza Zuniga, Zane Navarro.



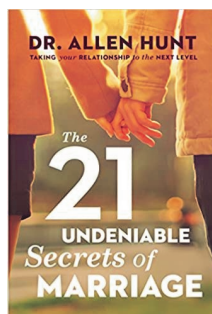
Tom & Megan Mahoney along with Dan & Joan Dold are beginning a Marriage & Family Ministry at Sacred Heart.

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.



Sacred Heart Catholic School Advent Appeal

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



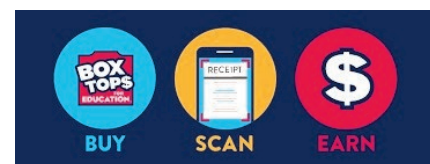
CASEY'S Rewards CASH for CLASSROOMS

Join Casey's Rewards! You'll earn points on all your Casey's purchases - in store, online, or at the pump! You can redeem those rewards for cash for Sacred Heart School!



**SAVE LABELS
for
CASH!**

Save your Best Choice UPC labels and turn them into the school, church office or place them in the Box Tops box in the vestibule. We do not collect Campbell's labels.



Earn easy cash for Sacred Heart School by purchasing products with the *Box Tops for Education* label & scanning your grocery receipt with the Box Tops smartphone app. Learn more at boxtops4education.com/How-To-Earn



Community Rewards

Register your Dillon's Loyalty Card with organization number JR505 and SHS will earn cash back on your purchases!

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Steve Henry ~ 620-340-9586

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Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry

Christina Acosta-Lane ~ 620-757-5000

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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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Operations Committee

Cindy Lore ~ 620-366-2374



Week of December 05 - 06, 2020

Envelopes	\$12389.00
Electronic Withdraw.....	\$3808.00
Collection Plate.....	\$2050.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$19.01
Online/Kiosk.....	\$1447.00
Total.....	\$19713.01

Advent Appeal/SHS.....	\$25.00
Building Fund.....	\$480.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$10.00
Christmas.....	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$448.00
Human Development.....	\$101.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$117.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$20.00
Retired Religious.....	\$139.00
Sacred Heart School.....	\$241.00
The Leaven.....	\$26.00
Uganda.....	\$50.00
World Missions.....	\$3.00

Thank you!

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This Week

Sunday, December 13

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

Monday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 pm Advent Penance Service, Church

Wednesday, December 16

6:00 pm Confessions
7:00 pm CYF grades 6-8
7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 17

6:30 pm RCIA, PHall

Saturday, December 19

10:00 am Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph, Olpe

Sunday, December 20

10:00 am Livestream Mass
4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru

Looking Ahead

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 2: Discipleship Presentation

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

February 10: Adoration & Benediction

February 17: Ash Wednesday

February 10: Adoration & Benediction

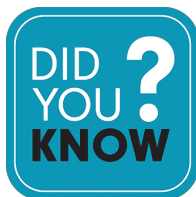
April 4: Easter Sunday

April 25: Discipleship Presentation



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



Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Tuesday, December 15

Third Tuesday of Advent
5:30 pm † Brian Nuessen

Wednesday, December 16

Third Wednesday of Advent
5:30 pm † Louis Aguilar

Thursday, December 17

Third Thursday of Advent
5:30 pm † MacKenzie Payne

Friday, December 18

Third Friday of Advent
8:15 am † Peter Mendoza

Saturday, December 19

Third Saturday of Advent
5:30 pm † Marcelino Rangel

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 am † Jim & Marie Krueger
10:00 am Sacred Heart Parishioners

Confessions are heard in the the confessional using the anonymous screen side only:

Wednesdays 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
and
Saturdays 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

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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We're looking for Sacred Heart School alumni!
We want you to...
Keep in touch with classmates!
Share stories and life experiences!
Relive, reminisce and retell!
Watch progress of your alma mater!
Submit your online
shemporia.org/stay-connected .

We would love to get pictures of your memories! Email them to alumni@shemporia.org
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