



Sacred Heart of Jesus
Catholic Church & School
 The Memo
 January 23 - 24, 2021



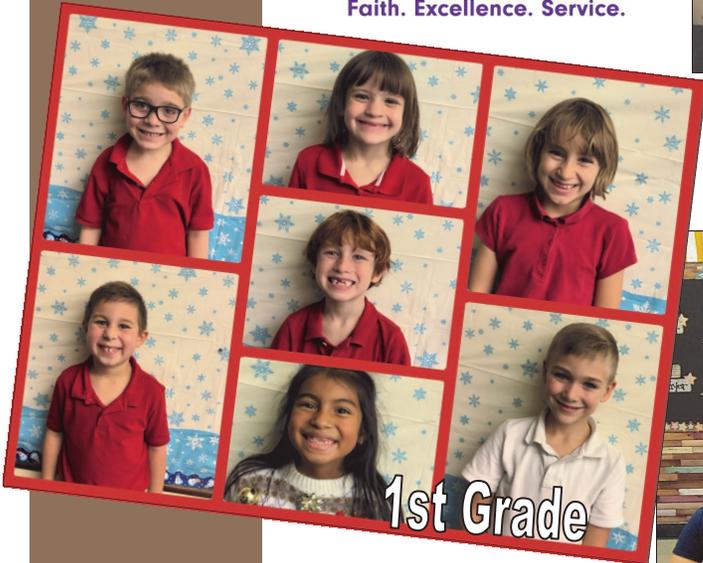
3rd & 4th Grade



Kindergarten



2nd Grade



1st Grade

**Celebrating Our
 Catholic School!**



5th Grade

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 p.m.



Pre-packaged food pantry bags are available for pick-up every Sunday from 4 -5 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

**Our pantry supplies are extremely low.
 If you can, please help stock our shelves.**



**Track the progress of your
 Spiritual Adoption!**

Second Trimester

At the beginning of the second trimester, babies are about 3 1/2 inches long and weigh about 1 1/2 ounces. Tiny, unique fingerprints are now in place, and the heart pumps 25 quarts of blood a day. As the weeks go by, your baby's skeleton starts to harden from rubbery cartilage to bone, and he or she develops the ability to hear. The Mother will likely feel kicks and flutters soon if they haven't already.



18 weeks pregnant: Your baby's genitals are developed enough to see on an ultrasound. Hungry? An increase in appetite is normal now.
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**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
 SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**



The idea behind fishing is to know the fish you are looking for and attract it so you can make the catch. To catch a fish we must know what equipment to use, where to find it and depth of the water we are fishing in, as well as the kind of bait the fish will go after. Once we understand everything we need for real fishing, then how do

we relate that to being fishers of men? One sure way is to support the upcoming *Archbishop's Call to Share* appeal. Your financial gift will help provide the equipment needed for those "fishing for men", but also those serving the fishermen. Thank you, in advance for your support.



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.

Youth Group Bierock Sale!

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Youth Group's
bierock sale will be Saturday, January 30th.**

Sales will begin at 11 a.m. and sold until 12:30 p.m.

or until sold out by drive-through only!

**Any remaining bierocks will be sold after
Masses in the Parish Hall until sold out.**



The drive in front of Sacred Heart School will be open for sales. Please travel eastbound on 2nd Ave. and turn right (or south) onto Cottonwood St. in front of the school. Payments will be collected at 1st & Cottonwood [as you exit the drive-thru]. Signage will be posted to help direct traffic.

Fresh bierocks sold at \$4 per bierock or \$30 for 10. No pre-orders will be accepted.



This week we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart School. I often share the benefits of a Catholic School and how it is so much more than just an academic journey. I mention the moral development of

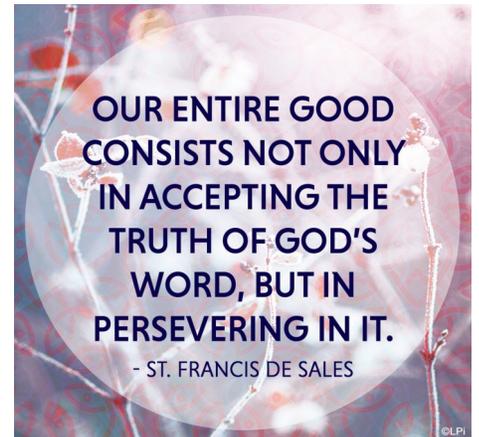
the students, the value of being able to express and question your faith. The understanding that faith is more than an institution and that there are undeniable truths that come from God. I have been thinking about this more and more the last few weeks. The events at the Nation's Capitol and the subsequent conversations that have surrounded them make it clear that we need these truths in our lives now more than ever. We need to be reminded of what all of our kindergarteners can tell you, "we are all made by God and for God."

At Sacred Heart, we start every morning with prayer. We used to gather together, but with new protocols due to the pandemic, we now gather virtually. These prayers vary from day to day, but typically focus on a message of love, forgiveness, trust, or unity. Messages that are central to our faith and what we believe. These messages are reinforced every day in all that we do.

Recently, I had a group of third grade students ask if they could make bracelets and other items to sell in order to raise money for children with cancer. I had a kindergartener tell me that she was upset with another student in her class, but that she forgave them because she knew that was what God wanted her to do. A first grader explained to me that they were concerned about someone they really loved, but that they trusted God would help them through it.

These are examples of God at work in our school. It is evidence of a foundation being laid that will permeate for the rest of these kid's lives. A foundation that will help them to love others, even if they don't agree. To put God first, and to trust when He calls. To avoid hate, violence, and divisiveness in favor of love, unity, and truth. Our country would benefit from more kids receiving a firm foundation through Catholic education. It is why, when I share the benefits of Sacred Heart Catholic School, I am not just rattling off talking points. We make a difference. Catholic Schools make a difference. We need more of that difference in our world right now.

Darby O'Neill, SHS Principal



**DURING THE YEAR
OF THE HOLY
FAMILY**

Join our Parish
Legacy Society and
Create a Lasting
Legacy for Your
Family

Meet our AMAZING Sacred Heart School Teachers & Staff!



Sara Vore
2nd Grade Teacher

I was born in Kansas City and raised in SE Kansas. I am married to Alex, a US Marine. My sister Elizabeth lives with us along with her dog Harper and our two cats Ruby and Jasper. What I enjoy most about Sacred Heart School is the community and the support everyone gives to each other.

I earned my degree from Benedictine College. I've been an educator for 3 years and have spent those years teaching 2nd grade here at Sacred Heart School.

My favorite prayer is the Anima Christi. My favorite saint is St. Cosmas, because he spent his life helping others and living his life for Jesus. I enjoy baking and cooking and trying new recipes. My favorite book is "The Hero and the Crown." My favorite movie could be any of the Harry Potter movies. Something my friends would consider "so me" is spilling my coffee.

You might be interested in knowing that I speak French, can do a backbend, and like cactus and succulents. My favorite way to relax is by going to the gym, cook dinner, and watch some TV.



Tammi Garriott
Kindergarten Teacher

I was born and raised in Harford, KS. I have been married to my husband Shane for 24 years. We have two children: Ashlyn, 15 and Cody, 14 - both SHS alumns. My family makes me proud because we always work as a team.

I have a Bachelors in Elementary Ed with an emphasis in Early Childhood from ESU. I have been an educator for 24 years: the first 8 at Neosho Rapids teaching middle school and elementary, 2 years at Village teaching English as a Second language, and the last 15 here at SHS teaching grades 3-6 and Kindergarten.

When I am not working I enjoy spending time with family, reading, camping, cooking and crafting. My favorite book is "Where the Red Fern Grows." I am currently reading "Do It Afraid" by Joyce Meyer. I enjoy playing cards and board games with Checkers being my favorite game. When I was a kid I dreamed of being a nurse or a teacher. My first job was babysitting. The worst job I ever had was waiting tables. The best vacation I ever had was to southern Texas where my kids experienced the beach for the first time. I am most grateful for life.



Jolene Hosack
1st Grade Teacher

I was raised in Virgil, KS. Small town girl through-n-through (56 people strong in my tiny little town!). I am very blessed to be surrounded by my wonderful family. They are very important to me. I love getting to know the families/staff here at Sacred Heart. One of the best things about working here is that I get to teach and share my faith with my kiddos. I love sharing the good news of Jesus!

I earned my teaching degree and Graphic Arts Technology degree from Emporia State University. I've been an educator for 4 years. This is my first year at Sacred Heart. I teach first grade and also 3rd grade CYF. I previously spent two years teaching 2nd grade at Sacred Heart School, Ottawa and one year teaching 2nd grade at Olpe Elementary.

My favorite prayer is the Lord's Prayer or a simply prayer I learned from my VBS days...a simple whisper chant to remind me who is in control of my day..."J.E.S.U.S. Jesus is the very best!" My favorite saint is St. Gianna Beretta Molla. She was a strong woman who believed in the sanctity of life. She is the patron of the unborn. My hobbies include scrapbooking and arts and crafts projects.

You might enjoy knowing that after college I was a cast member at Walt Disney World's Hollywood Studios in Orlando, FL and my family raises pugs and owns a small kennel named Pugs in the Country. You might think I'm weird because I like to wear wigs for fun and I sing or turn things into songs all the time. I love being weird!! I think it's my best quality!



Michelle Blaufuss
3rd/4th Grade Teacher

I was born in Wichita but grew up in multiple towns in Kansas. I've been married to my husband Jerome for 26 1/2 years. Our children are AJ and his wife Jordan; Max, 18 years old; Tate, deceased; and Yadi our 3 year old golden retriever. This past year we were excited to welcome our first grandchild, Beckham Tate. What I enjoy most about teaching at Sacred Heart is the students and staff (even though this year we don't get to see each other very often).

I have been an educator for 20 years earning my degree from Independence Community College and Emporia State University. I've taught at Sacred Heart for 7 years. I previously taught at St. Joseph School in Olpe for 12 years and St. Andrew's in Independence for 1 year. During my teaching career, I've taught pre-K through 4th grade.

My favorite prayer is the Anima Christi. Every time I say it I can still see Fr. Kevin and hear his Irish brogue. My hobbies are walking and reading. You might be interested in knowing that I was once a cosmetologist and I'm named after a nun. The one thing my friends would consider "so me" is how much I love Mickey Mouse. The one thing I'm most proud of are my boys. I consider them my best accomplishment.

Meet our AMAZING Sacred Heart School Teachers & Staff!



Mary Topper
Preschool Teacher

I was born and raised in Emporia. I've been married to Robert 'Bobby' Jr. for 8 years. We have two sons: Robert Joseph, age 6 and a 1st grader at SHS and Luke, age 3. I currently teach preschool at the Childcare Center. I have taught preschool for 10 years. I also teach 4th grade CYF. What I enjoy most about teaching is sharing our Catholic faith with the children.

My hobbies include baking, traveling, and sewing. My favorite book is "Story of a Soul." The best book series I've read is "Anne of Green Gables." The book that impacted me the most was the journal that my father wrote for us before he died. You might be interested in knowing that I was baptized, confirmed and married at Sacred Heart Church, my husband and I's proposal was on National Television, and my birthday is on Kansas Day. My family inspires me to be better and my children are the greatest thing that I've created. I enjoy relaxing with my family, a cup of coffee, and a good card game.



Kellie Vajgrt
Preschool & PE
Teacher

I was born and raised in Holdrege, Nebraska. I have been married to Blake for 6 1/2 years. Blake and I are godparents to Cooper, Claire and Miriam and also have a 5 year old dog, Brie. I have been an educator for 4 years. What I enjoy most about working at SHS is the kids! I love the joy they have for most everything.

My hobbies include crafting! I am most proud of a recent item I created...I took someone's mom's recipe - written in her own handwriting - and etched it into the back of a Pyrex dish. It turned out great! The book that impacted me the most was St. Lucia's diary. I'm currently reading the Harry Potter series. You might be interested in knowing that I only like my coffee cold; I am terrified of snakes; and someday I want to skydive. Each year I choose a new saint to learn about and this year I chose St. Dorothea of Montau. I love her beauty and devotion. My favorite way to relax on a cold day is reading a book by the fire. On warm days, I enjoy relaxing with a long walk with Blake and Brie.



Monica Barnett
Childcare Center
Director

I was born and raised in Emporia. I've been married to Mike for 35 years. Our children are Drew, age 33; Dack, age 32 and wife Sarah; Riley, age 18; and Breckin, age 16. Dack and Sarah have blessed us with grandchildren Nora, age 6; Whit, age 2; Remi, age 1; and another due in April. My children inspire me to be a better person.

I have worked at SHS since August 2009. What I enjoy most about working at SHS is everyone feels like family. My favorite prayer is the Hail Mary. My hobbies include reading. The best book series I've read is The Chronicles of Narnia. My favorite movie is the Wizard of Oz.



Mandy Vehige
Kitchen Manager

I was born in Oklahoma and raised in Chase County. I have been married to Dan for almost 10 years. Our children are: Tom, age 33; Jay, age 30; Erik, age 23; and Elizabeth, age 8 and a 3rd grader at SHS. Our grandson Augustine is 7 months old.

I have worked at SHS for 4 years. What I enjoy most about working here are the students and staff. My favorite prayer is Te Deum. My favorite saints are the mystic saints because of their example on how to live and what God revealed to them. The best book series I've read is Hank the Cowdog. The book that impacted me the most is "The Imitation of Christ" (the movie is called The 13th Day). My favorite move is It's a Wonderful Life and movies about the saints.



**Kindergarten Round-Up at Sacred Heart School
is Tuesday, March 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

*** Please note this date was printed incorrectly in last week's publication. ***



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

O Joseph, make me so blameless and irreproachable that I should not care though friends saw into my heart as perfectly as Jesus and Mary saw into yours. Gain me the grace of holy simplicity and affection, so that I might love you, Mary, and above all Jesus, as you did love Jesus and Mary. Amen.

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Week of January 16 - 17, 2021

Envelopes	\$3869.00
Collection Plate.....	\$2025.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$26.35
Online/Kiosk.....	\$686.00
Total.....	\$6606.35

Building Fund.....	\$135.00
Initial Offering.....	\$35.00
Latin America.....	\$10.00
Mary, Mother of God Solemnity....	\$20.00
Sacred Heart School.....	\$330.00
The Leaven.....	\$10.00

Thank you!

To reach the online giving page through your Smartphone, scan the QR code to the right to sign up & start giving! It's never been so easy & convenient to play your part in your parish's financial life!



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.

This Week

Sunday, January 24

Catholic Schools Week Begins at SHS
10:00 am Livestream Mass
11:00 am CYF grades K-8
4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru

Monday, January 25

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

Tuesday, January 26

6:05 pm Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, January 28

6:30 pm RCIA, PHall

Saturday, January 30

11:00 am Youth Group Bierock Sales
Drive-Thru until 12:30p or sold out

Sunday, January 31

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

Looking Ahead

January 24-30: Catholic Schools Week

January 30: Youth Group Bierock Sales

February 2: Discipleship Presentation

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

February 10: Adoration & Benediction

February 17: Ash Wednesday

March 9: SHS Kindergarten RoundUp

March 10: Adoration & Benediction

April 4: Easter Sunday

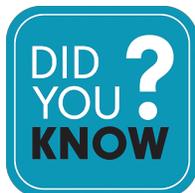
April 14: Adoration & Benediction

April 25: Discipleship Presentation



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

Readings of the Week OLPI

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
No Mass

Tuesday, January 26

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
5:30 pm † Francis & Mary Wellnitz

Wednesday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder
5:30 pm † Jean Schoenberger

Thursday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15 am † Anton Tan Van Nguyen
(SHS Mass, Livestream only)

5:30 pm Deceased Members of the John Haag Family

Friday, January 29

Third Friday in Ordinary Time
8:15 am † Annette Matheson

Saturday, January 30

Third Saturday in Ordinary Time
5:30 pm † Susan Schultze

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 am † Rosemary Senn
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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Masks are required to attend public Mass. Please bring your own face covering. A limited supply of disposable masks is available if you forget to bring your own. Thank you for your cooperation.



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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!
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