

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Church & School

The Memo

January 04 - 05, 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)*



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated
themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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

Preliminary planning is underway for the John & Frances Ice Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry. Sacred Heart will host a weekly soup kitchen and food pantry on Sunday afternoons beginning in early 2020.

We will need **many** volunteers to make this weekly venture a success!

Volunteers needed for the food pantry will include: greeters, stocking shelves, carrying items to vehicles.

Volunteers for the soup kitchen will include: food prep, serving line, tables servers, clean-up.

If you are interested in this project **text CHARITY to 84576** to be added to the Social Justice Flocknote group and receive updates via email and text. Or call/email Marcie in the church office.

Beginning January 1, 2020, all food donations made to Sacred Heart will be retained by Sacred Heart for the food pantry.

The Salvation Army would like to thank Sacred Heart parishioners for all of the past food donations and wish us well in this endeavor.

All those who desire to volunteer with the food pantry and/or the soup kitchen MUST be Virtus trained.

If you are not Virtus trained, please make plans to attend the upcoming training on Sunday, January 19 at 11 a.m.

If you have taken the training in the past, you do not need to retake. However, you may need to update your background check and documents. The church office will contact you if this is the case.

There is no cost to register. Please pre-register and complete the required forms and background check online at www.virtusonline.org. Please allow at least 30 minutes to complete the online registration process. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

chi·em·EATs

Join Sacred Heart School for their next dining night
Tuesday, January 14 from 5 - 9 p.m.
at chi-em-Eats (11 E. 6th Ave.).

This parishioner owned restaurant will donate a percentage of your sale back to SHS if you let them know you're there for Sacred Heart School. Thank you for supporting SHS!

**Knights of Columbus free will offering breakfast
next Sunday, January 12 from 8 to 11 a.m.**

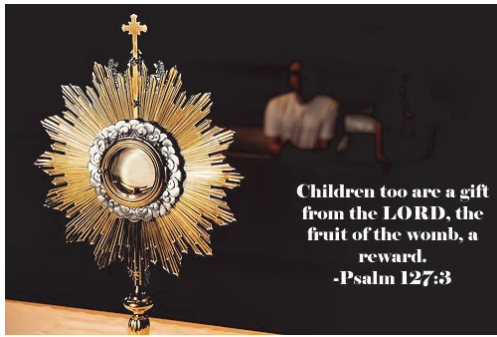


The next **Coffee with Seniors** is **Thursday, January 16**
All seniors are invited to coffee and conversation
in the Parish Office at 9 a.m.



Sacred Heart Catholic School invites those in need of food to their
Boxed with Love
Catholic Schools Week Service Project event
Monday, January 27, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Hall
Boxed food items will be available on a first come first served basis.
One box per household.

Bulletin Announcements are due by Noon, Monday to appear in next week's bulletin. Thank you!



Children too are a gift
from the LORD, the
fruit of the womb, a
reward.
-Psalm 127:3

**Sacred Heart will host a
Holy Hour for the Unborn
with Exposition and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.
with Benediction at 6 p.m. on
January 26 in the church.**

The next Pro-Life Committee Meeting is Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room. All those interested in the right to life are invited to attend. Please join us and bring any ideas of ways to promote the right to life!



Mark your calendar for the next Pitch Tournament hosted by Sacred Heart's Youth Group!

Please join us for our next tournament on **Saturday, January 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Church Basement.** Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places plus door prizes.
\$10/person or \$15/couple.

Other tournament dates include: March 7 & April 4

The church basement construction is complete!

**Childcare in the church basement will resume
at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 12.**



**Come celebrate World Marriage Day
and renew the commitment you made to one another on your wedding day!**

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann on
Sunday, February 9, 2020, 11:45 a.m.,
at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W. 127th Street, Overland Park, KS. Mass will include a
"Renewal of Commitment and Blessing" for the married couples.

Mass will be followed by a reception. Families are welcome!

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

For more information call 913-647-0329.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sacred Heart of Jesus Youth Group's

BIEROCK SALE

Saturday, February 1.

No pre-orders. First Come. First Served.

This is the Youth Group's biggest fundraiser.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Parents & Grandparents of students in grades 7-12!

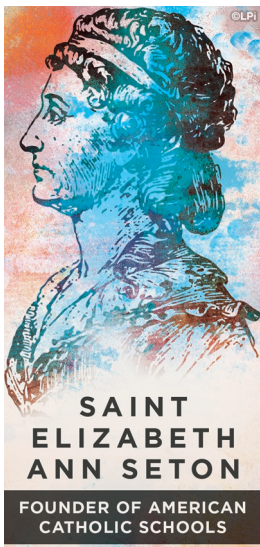
The youth group needs your help with its annual bierock sale. If you are interested and available to help, please call Blake Vajgrt at the parish office or email blakev@shemporia.org.



Are you interested in learning a method of Natural Family Planning?
Tom & Megan Mahoney offer courses on this method of NFP. For more information please
contact Megan at meganohayes@gmail.com or 314-610-3603.

The cost is \$120 for the course plus 1 year of personal follow up and charting support.

A discount is available for enrolled college students.



Celebrate the first American-born saint! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City in the late 1700s and raised Episcopalian. She married William Seton. Together they had five children. He fell ill, and the family moved to Italy for his health. While there, Elizabeth discovered Catholicism. Her husband eventually passed away, but God had more plans for the Seton family. Elizabeth felt a further stirring in her heart. She opened a school for girls in 1808. The calling grew. Within a year, Elizabeth had founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community for religious women established in the United States. Their work established the first Catholic school system in the country. On her feast day this January 4, pray for all Catholic School teachers and students, especially those at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Save the date...



**EAT, DRINK,
AND BE GIVING!**

April 25, 2020

JOIN US AT THE KC REGIONAL KANSANS FOR LIFE

Valentine Banquet



Tuesday, February 11

5 PM Social Time/Silent Auction

7 PM Dinner & Program

\$100 per person

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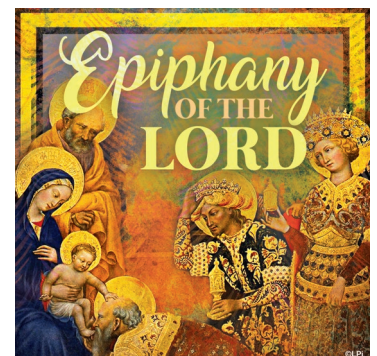
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We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

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On the feast of St. Nicholas I took my girls to a local store to pick names off the Salvation Army tree and to shop, with care, as if they were St. Nicholas himself. We felt such joy at the end of our evening. A week later, I found an opportunity to contribute to the needs of families adopted by the Altar Society for Christmas. The third week of Advent, a friend of mine spread the word that she knew someone in need of extra Christmas cheer. After school on the last day before Christmas break, I gathered with a group of SHS families and we went caroling together at her friend's home. The kids sang with great joy and enthusiasm, and the person we visited told us we had no idea how much this meant to her. Finally, at my Mom's Christmas gathering, my brother and I slipped away to the cemetery in Pilsen and sang Christmas carols for our grandmas. This was his idea, something new because he knew they would have loved it if they were still alive. It was amazingly meaningful to go back home to them, too, at Christmas.

All of these experiences are in the true spirit of Christmas and fulfill a longing I get at Christmas for the season to mean more than filling my kids' wish lists or surprising them with the "perfect" gift. These opportunities were works of mercy, the greatest form of love. Each one brought me together with other people to give the gift of love rather than leaving being hidden away by myself to wrap material gifts. I believe this is the spirit of Christmas that Jesus' birth is meant to inspire, and I will admit I have been disappointed many times when I cannot figure out how to give of myself, not just of my pocketbook.

As we come to Epiphany, we are nearing the liturgical end of Christmas. What can we do now to keep this true spirit of Christmas with us all year? The answer came to me when I was wrapping gifts. The new food pantry and soup kitchen will need me and my family! The timing of this effort is perfect for us as we move into Ordinary time. Everyone at Sacred Heart can share in this new gift we've all been given by John and Frances Ice when they left their estate to the poor. As was their intention, those who experience a financial poverty will be cared for. But those who experience a spiritual hunger will be fed also! Unknown to Frances, she is taking care of me too! (Thank you Frances!) I hope you and your family see this opportunity and will embrace this with the same enthusiasm as the gift giving you have just shared in at Christmas. Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Joan Dold,
Director of Catholic Youth Formation

THE BREAD
which you
DO NOT USE
is the bread
OF THE HUNGRY

THE GARMENT
hanging in
YOUR WARDROBE
IS THE GARMENT
of him who
IS NAKED

THE SHOES
that you
DO NOT WEAR
ARE THE SHOES
of the one who
IS BAREFOOT

THE MONEY
that you keep
LOCKED AWAY
is the money
OF THE POOR.

— St. Basil the Great
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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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Catholic Schools Week
January 26 through
February 1, 2020

Organizations

Altar Society

Linda DeDonder ~ 620-412-6065

Building & Grounds

Steve Henry ~ 620-340-9586

Cemetery

Dave Stout ~ 620-340-2663

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Finance Council

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Knights of Columbus

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Marriage Encounter

Thomas & Megan Mahoney
308-641-6584

Natural Family Planning

Richard & Janet Haag ~ 620-341-9079

Parish Endowments

James Kessler ~ 620-344-4323

Prayer Chain

Louise Wright ~ 620-342-8624

Pro-Life

Kellie Vajgrt ~ 308-991-6981

Sacred Heart School PTO

Annette Legako ~ 620-794-2499

Scouts (open to boys and girls)

Marc Fusaro ~ 479-280-8525

Secular Franciscans

Fran Hudson ~ 620-342-5039

Stewardship

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 Staff

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Marie Guion ~ 620-341-0683

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Sarah McKernan ~ 620-794-2000

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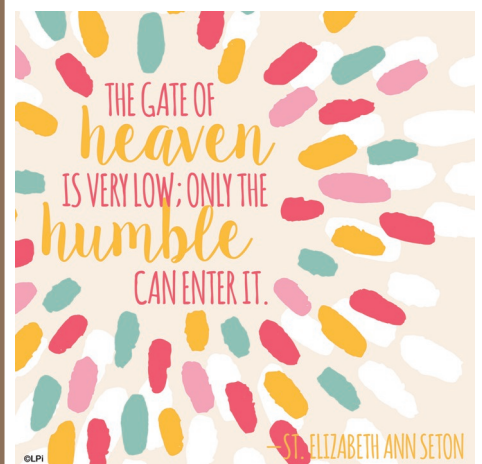
December 21 - 22, 2019

Envelopes	\$9059.00
Collection Plate.....	\$2009.71
Electronic Withdraw.....	\$7488.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$56.56
Online/Kiosk.....	\$250.00
Total.....	\$18863.27

SHS Advent Appeal.....	\$350.00
Building Fund.....	\$260.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$270.00
Christmas.....	\$70.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$38.00
Giving Tuesday.....	\$50.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$215.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$5.00
Initial Offering.....	\$90.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$26.00
Sacred Space.....	\$27.00
SHS Advent Appeal.....	\$350.00

Thank you!

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



This Week

Sunday, January 5

10:45 am CYF class grades K-8, school
4:00 pm Vespers & Virtue Ball
6:00 pm Lectio Divina, POoffice

Monday, January 6

5:30 pm Abundant Harvest
5:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group, chapel
6:15 pm Cub Scouts, School
6:30 pm Renewal Prayer Group, POoffice
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Church Basement

Wednesday, January 8

6:30 pm CYF class grades 6-8, school
7:00 pm Youth Group, Church Basement

Thursday, January 9

9:30 am Widows Support Group
10:00 am "The Lord" book study, POoffice
6:30 pm RCIA, POoffice
7:00 pm Pro-Life Meeting, POoffice

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am KofC Breakfast til 11a, PHall
10:45 am CYF class grades K-8, school
11:00 am Childcare at Mass resumes,
Church Basement
4:00 pm Vespers & Virtue Ball
6:00 pm Lectio Divina, POoffice

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with a 

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Relive, reminisce and retell!
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Looking Ahead

January 14: Chi-em-Eats (parishioner
owned restaurant) SHS Dining Night

January 16: Coffee with Seniors

January 19: Virtus Training, 11am-2pm

January 25: Pitch Tournament, church
basement

January 26-February 1: Catholic Schools
Week

January 26: Catholic Schools Week begins
with SHS all school Mass, 9:30a

January 26: Holy Hour for the Unborn, 5p

January 27: Boxed with Love Food Pantry
hosted by SHS

January 29: CSW Exposition &
Benediction, 10am

February 1: Youth Group Bierock Sales

February 2: Discipleship Presentation, 4p

February 4: Goodcents SHS Dining Night

February 8: Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet

February 9: KofC Breakfast

February 20: Coffee with Seniors

February 26: Ash Wednesday

March 1: CYF Mass grades K-5, 9:30a

March 7: Pitch Tournament

March 8: KofC Breakfast

March 19: Coffee with Seniors

March 22: SHS All School Mass, 11a

March 24: Freddy's SHS Dining Night

March 28: Mass at 8:15a for Confirmation
Retreat

March 29: CYF Mass grades 6-8, 9:30a

April 4/5: Altar Society Lenten Sale

April 5: KofC SUPER Breakfast

April 12: Easter Sunday

April 19: Easter Octave Egg Hunt!

April 19: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 25: SHS Bid 'n Bite Auction

April 30: Discipleship Presentation, 6p

May 10: First Communion

May 13: Confirmation, 7p

May 16: SHS All School Mass & 5th Grade
Recognition, 5:30

June 7: Discipleship Presentation, 4p

June 19: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Childcare in the church
basement will resume at
the 11 a.m. Mass
on January 12.



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6

St. André Bessette, Religious
No Mass

Tuesday, January 7

St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
5:30 pm Karsten Whitmore

Wednesday, January 8

Christmas Weekday
5:30 pm † Howard & Mary Alice Goodwin

Thursday, January 9

Christmas Weekday
8:15 am † Anton Tan Van Nguyen

Friday, January 10

Christmas Weekday
8:15 am † Howard & Mary Alice Goodwin

Saturday, January 11

Christmas Weekday
5:30 pm † Joel Gutierrez

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am † Geri Scheller
9:30 am Sacred Heart Parishioners
11:00 am † Howard & Mary Alice Goodwin

Confessions

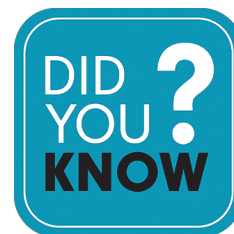
Wednesdays 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
or by appointment



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homily can be found on our
website shemporia.org/homilies

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