



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Catholic Church & School

### The Memo

November 09 - 10, 2019

*"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)*

# Celebrating the Saints!

Sacred Heart School students spent All Saints Day celebrating the Saints!  
The day was filled with fun saint activities, Holy Mass, and a Saint parade!



ALL SAINTS DAY



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](http://www.shemporia.org)



# Make plans to join us for this special presentation...

## Women in Scripture Thursday, November 14 beginning at 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Hall

The Bible gives us great heroes, but scripture is incomplete without its heroines and examples of faith. The Secular Franciscans at Sacred Heart invite you to **Women in Scripture**, a walk-through of feminine witness to the Truth. **Emily Lopez, Consultant for Evangelization for the Archdiocese** will share some key figures from scripture and comparing and contrasting them with what contemporary culture has to say about the roles of women in the world.

## Gifts of Retirement Assets



Stocks, IRA,  
401(k), or 403(b)



Parish or School

## "Giving Transforms You" Seminar

Learn ways to minimize the effect of taxes, maximize your legacy and be transformed.  
**Wednesday, November 20, 11 a.m. to - 1 p.m., Parish Hall**

All parishioners are welcome.

Keynote Speaker: Bill Eckert, C.A.P.® and others. Lunch will be served. Working? Make it a "lunch and learn" and come for as much as you can. For agenda, details, and to register visit [www.archkck.org/EmporiaSeminar](http://www.archkck.org/EmporiaSeminar) or call 913-647-0365

Due to the flooding and sewer back-up in the church basement during the month of May, access to the church basement is prohibited until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.



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

Please join us for our next tournament on **Saturday, November 16 from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places plus door prizes.  
\$10/person or \$15/couple.

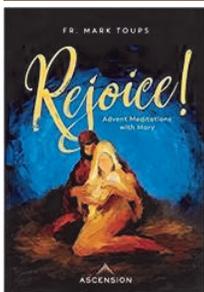
Other tournament dates include: January 25, March 7 & April 4



The 42nd Annual Christmas parade will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019 (Inclement weather date, Thursday, December 5). The theme this year is **A Super Hero's Christmas. We know the best Super Hero of them all is JESUS.**

**ALL Sacred Heart parishioners are welcome to join the Christmas float!** Our float will be parked at the corner of Commercial and 4th. Judging begins at 5:45 p.m. We would like as many parishioners present as possible! Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids are welcome to ride on the float as long as a permission slip is signed and returned. Parents of children riding on the float are required to walk with the float. Younger children and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and above will be walking in groups before or after the float. All are welcome to wear a super hero or saint costume. For more detailed information please feel free to email Kari Roberts, [KarisOutHorsing@yahoo.com](mailto:KarisOutHorsing@yahoo.com)

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



## You don't change your life for an idea. You change your life for a person.

This Advent, don't get caught up in the business. Don't get lost in the anxiety of preparing for a day. Joyfully anticipate the coming of the person of Jesus through an encounter with his Most Blessed Mother. Imagine having an Advent that is more peaceful, more joyful, more meaningful than ever before.

The **Rejoice! Advent Meditation with Mary, Journal** not only lets you walk beside Mary during the first Advent, but also lets you get to know her in a way you haven't before. *Rejoice!* Offers more than insights and information about Mary's life. It offers an opportunity for you to encounter Mary in the quiet of your heart. Each day, in a few short pages, Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer: A word, a reflection, a psalm, a reading and a prompt.

There will be a choice of two times offered: Tuesday evenings from 7-8 pm or Friday mornings 9:15-10:15am beginning on November 12 and 15. Both studies will be facilitated by Deb Williams and held in the parish office. It is anticipated that this will be a five week experience. If you want to participate, please secure a copy of the book. You can do an internet search for the title and author, **Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary, Journal by Fr. Mark Toups** or search by the identification number ISBN-10: 1945179600. The cost of the book is approximately \$10 (plus shipping, if applicable).

# #GIVINGTUESDAY

## DECEMBER 3, 2019





Friends, I could not have been more pleased by our Fall Festival. The food was excellent, yes, but what impressed me most was the investment of so many of our parishioners in this project. The Festival creates financial support for our parish, which is ultimately support of Christ's mission entrusted to us: *Go into the whole world and make disciples of all nations*. The financial component is obviously one dimension, but it is a fruit of the labors of believers. Their—your—involvement in such work is a participation in the proclamation of the Gospel—the potent Word which transforms the world through the gradual transformation of human lives bound together by the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. The Fall Festival is no insignificant undertaking at multiple levels!



The previous Sunday we also experienced another impressive undertaking. Our Garden Club, and many additional volunteers, beautified our new parking lot by planting over 60 plants, shrubs and trees! We immediately discovered that the fresh top soil that looked so soft had deceived us. But with no small amount of effort and persistence, we fulfilled the command given to Adam by God to *till the ground and keep it*. We didn't opt to run water to the various "green spaces" amidst the concrete (I'm not sure if that was even a possibility...). Instead, we went with a "greener" option, and planted draught-resistant plants, which come springtime, will have rock like our other plant beds spread through them. We also opted for a transition barrier (required by city code) of



interesting evergreens instead of a boring (and expensive) fence. If we can baby our plants through the first year or so, we should be good to go. Thank you to all who labored for our Lord in this opportunistic way!

God has blessed us all with unique gifts. Not everyone will be drawn to adult classes offered here, because they likely have been blessed with more active virtues. Not everyone is a Thomas Aquinas (patron of scholars), nor is everyone an Isidore of Madrid (patron of farmers). But all have been *given a gift for the benefit of all*, as St. Paul wrote. And as we noticed last weekend, it seems that the path to joy runs through the reception of Jesus and the virtuous investment of our self and that which we have.

In closing, may I share with you additional "opportunities for joy" that are in the works?

As I mentioned when reporting the parish finances a few weeks ago, upon their deaths, John & Frances Ice left over \$100,000 to be utilized by Sacred Heart in the service to the poor. In some circles here at the parish we had already begun to speak about the possibility of a food pantry and/or a soup kitchen, since the need is quite apparent in the Emporia community. It's true, there are other food pantries in town, but there is a qualitative difference between collecting food and having it picked up, with serving those in need ourselves—from CYF and SHS children and parents, to adult groups, to integrating this work into sacramental formation programs already established (RCIA, Confirmation, Baptismal & Marriage prep, etc.). Additionally, I also understand that a warm meal is not available to the poor on Sunday evenings. What if we created something like the **John & Frances Ice Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry?**

Friendship with Jesus is bound up with service to the poor, *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.* (Mt 25:35) There is an interplay between love of God and love of neighbor. Pope Benedict XVI put it this way: *If I have no contact whatsoever with God in my life, then I cannot see in the other anything more than the other, and I am incapable of seeing in him the image of God. But if in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be "devout" and to perform my "religious duties", then my relationship with God will also grow arid. It becomes merely "proper", but loveless. Only my readiness to encounter my neighbor and to show him love makes me sensitive to God as well. Only if I serve my neighbor can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me.* (Deus Caritas Est)

These two initiatives could dovetail nicely with the Family Promise program in the works here in Emporia which seeks to help homeless people get on their feet through hosting them for a week at a time in a facility on the campuses of faith communities. The faith communities would commit to 3-4 weeks a year, providing around 50 volunteers each week. The homeless families would spend the nights in our parish hall, with volunteers staying along with them. Then, during the day, the families would be off to school, work, etc. When they return in the evening, we would prepare a meal and visit with them.

These initiatives could be very good all-the-way-round, but I would like to sample your interest and willingness to invest a few hours a month in these worthy causes. Just text the word **Charity** (capital "C") to **84576**. This will add your name to a specific group that has been set up in our Flocknote communication service, which we already use to keep you in the loop. If you'd prefer, you may email Marcie: [marciel@shemporia.org](mailto:marciel@shemporia.org).

So much good work; so much for which to be thankful... Fr. Farrar



# World Day of the Poor, November 17

**November 17, 2019 marks the third annual World Day of the Poor.**

In this year's World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 9:19, "The hope of the poor will not perish forever." He considers the suffering of millions of people who experience poverty, noting that they maintain hope in the Lord in a very real way because he assures them of his faithfulness. Pope Francis challenges us to be authentic witnesses of Christian hope and to accompany the poor through a personal and constant commitment over time.

**Let's take the opportunity of World Day of the Poor to help those less fortunate and fill the Salvation Army food pantry shelves!**

The food pantry can **ALWAYS** use peanut butter and boxed cereals. They do not need Raman Noodles and canned green beans/corn. They **could use** the following items: boxed meals (Hamburger/Tuna Helper), salad dressings, pancake syrup, jellies (no glass jars, please), boxed crackers (saltines, Ritz), canned fruit, cooking oils, canned vegetables (other than green beans/corn), sugars (white granulated, brown, sugar substitutes).



Sacred Heart's Youth Group spent Halloween Eve carving Sacred Pumpkins! All of their carving was accomplished free-handed!

Are you in 9th - 12th grade and curious about Sacred Heart's Youth Group? New high school students are always welcome!! Come pray, make new friends and enjoy fellowship with other Catholic teens! Contact Blake for more info.



Ms. Megan's preschool class (left) and Ms. Kellie's preschool class (right) celebrated Halloween with a costume parade!



# Thank you Sacred Heart!

Thank you to the many volunteers - especially Vickie Dinkel, Joan Klopppenberg, and Mindy Sadowski who coordinated this year's Fall Festival! Thank you to all who baked turkeys, donated food & desserts, raffle prizes, money or contributed in any way. Thank you to all who came to enjoy the meal!



If you haven't yet signed a petition card to encourage Kansas legislatures to vote in favor of a Kansas Constitution Amendment favoring reasonable abortion limitations, there is still time! Petitions cards are available at all church entrances and in the church office. Simply complete and drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the church office. #RespectLife



Sacred Heart School is looking for **substitute teachers** to add to their sub list for kindergarten through 5th grade. Anyone interested must have a Kansas teaching license, substitute teaching or emergency substitute certificate or be able and willing to acquire one. Further, all applicants must be Virtus trained or willing to complete the training. If you are interested, please contact Darby O'Neill [doneill@shemporia.org](mailto:doneill@shemporia.org) or call the school office at 620-343-7394.

Freddy's dining night to benefit Sacred Heart School Tuesday, November 19 from 5 - 9 p.m. Mention SHS when you order and they will donate 15% of the sale back to SHS. Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to Natalie Brooke Agha daughter of Jaffar & Carlie Agha  
Congratulations to Ziyah Elunigh Granado daughter of Eluterio Granado & Natalie Duron  
who were baptized at Sacred Heart November 2, 2019.

# Organizations

## Altar Society

Kimberly Coleman ~ 620-255-1222

## Building & Grounds

Steve Henry ~ 620-340-9586

## Cemetery

Dave Stout ~ 620-340-2663

## Eucharistic Adoration

Brenda Mears ~ 620-344-2517  
shadoration@gmail.com

## Finance Council

Ken Martell ~ 620-342-6039

## Funeral Dinner Coordinators

Cindy Lore ~ 620-366-2374  
Staci Hamman ~ 620-366-1031

## Knights of Columbus

Matthew Coleman ~ 785-475-7324

## 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.

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**Marketing Committee**

Nikki Metz ~ 620-481-1346

**Operations Committee**

Cindy Lore ~ 620-366-2374



**Week of  
November 02 - 03, 2019**

Envelopes .....	\$10100.65
Electronic Withdraw.....	\$140.00
Collection Plate.....	\$2625.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$39.25
Online/Kiosk.....	\$75.28
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$12980.18</b>

All Saints.....	\$1771.56
Building Fund.....	\$285.00
Fall Festival.....	\$25.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$367.50
Human Development.....	\$24.00
Mission.....	\$46.00
SH-Sacred Space.....	\$50.00
Uganda.....	\$50.00

**Thank you!**

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