

# Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Church & School

The Memo

December 28 - 29, 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)*



*Sacred Heart of Jesus  
gladly welcomes back  
Fr. Emmanuel Tamale  
from our sister parish,  
Our Lady of Fatima, Uganda!*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus also welcomes back  
Deacon Travis Meacum  
for a special Christmas concert  
immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass  
THIS Saturday, December 28 in the Parish Hall.*

*A reception hosted by the Altar Society for  
Fr. Emmanuel and Deacon Travis  
will follow! All are invited!*

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)



# The John & Frances Ice Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen

Preliminary planning is underway for the John & Frances Ice Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen. Sacred Heart will host a weekly food pantry and soup kitchen 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](http://www.virtusonline.org). Please allow at least 30 minutes to complete the online registration process. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

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"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you." 725 kilometers. That's the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn't have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod." Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today's Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life. ©LPI



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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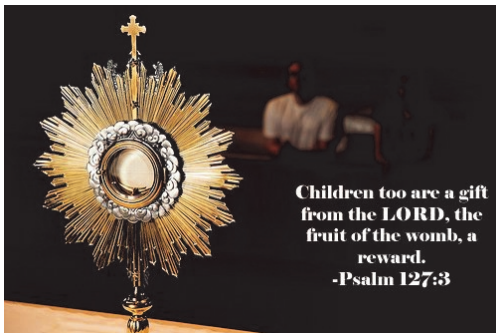
**Bulletin Announcements are due by Noon, Monday to appear in next week's bulletin. Thank you!**

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the...



**Did you remember to check Sacred Heart School off your Christmas list?**

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!



**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.**

**Fr. Emmanuel enjoys meeting and visiting with Sacred Heart parishioners. If you would like to host Fr. Emmanuel in your home for lunch or dinner or take him out for a meal, please email Marcie in the church office.**

**Fr. Emmanuel will not have transportation while in Emporia. Those who wish to entertain him will have to provide him with a ride.**



**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.

**The church basement construction is complete!**

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

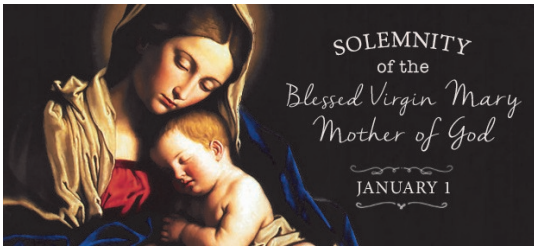


**Mark your calendar for the next Pitch Tournament hosted by Sacred Heart's Youth Group!**

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





**December 31**  
Vigil of Holy Mary, Mother of God, 6 p.m.

**January 1**  
Holy Mary, Mother of God (*Holy Day of Obligation*), 10 a.m.



Sacred Heart's Cub Scout Pack 158 is pictured with the hats, gloves, and scarves they donated to Catholic Charities as their December service project.



Under the direction of Mauvy Rangel, Sacred Heart students performed a prayer service to include a ritual dance for Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

Thank you to our photo contributors: Sherri Fusaro, Yazmin Gonzalez, Dalia Wade & Marvin Tajchman.







I enjoy watching our altar servers at Mass. They are so well trained and serve with such piety. It is beautiful to see and should inspire our devotion as well.

When I was about 9 or 10, I was a devoted altar server. I served on Sundays and also had the opportunity to serve at daily Mass on Wednesdays on occasion. I still remember the excitement to be called up as a young server for Easter Sunday only to find that someone else had already filled the vacancy, leaving me with teary eyes through the beginning of Mass at the disappointment of the stolen opportunity.

One of my most prominent memories from serving at Mass comes from an "old Church lady" telling me that if you look hard enough you can see the Holy Spirit actually change the host into Jesus' body. I decided one Wednesday evening Mass to give all my energy into focusing to see this miracle. At the words of consecration, there I was giving full attention to father saying these powerful words. I concentrated so hard that I forgot to do my one job at that moment...ring the consecration bells!

We've probably been at a Mass where the server forgot to ring the bells. The absence of ringing is so noticeable that it doesn't slip anyone's attention, even the hard of hearing "old Church ladies." After Mass, I had a million questions from everyone as to why I had forgotten to ring the bells. I told them the truth and my efforts to see the miracle of transubstantiation which was met with a smile from every person. It also caused a lot of replies, 'you are going to make a great priest one day' from the old Church ladies.

I love telling this story with our children, teens, and young adults at our parish. It is relatable and comical but also speaks to a deep reality present to us at the Mass. I'm only able to tell it because I had the opportunity to attend daily Mass with my family. At the time, I didn't recognize the blessings that would flow from our Mass attendance.

Often my family would rush into Mass, coming from our various after school activities and practices. Following Mass was always the best part of the evening for my young self...eating out. Growing up we didn't eat out often but when we did it was always after Wednesday night Mass. The weekly routine has obviously been formative in my faith, but I still cherish the lessons and grace I learned from it.

Families of Sacred Heart, it has been my earnest desire to see more families at daily Masses. It may be difficult with your schedules and a challenge at times. I promise you that if you desire to see your child grow up and remain actively Catholic, attending daily Mass together can only help. Make it a treat at first like my parents. The treat will turn into true devotion in time. If you are in the business of raising up saints, I challenge you to carve out a time to attend a daily Mass together on a Tuesday or Wednesday night in this new year. God will meet your family with abundant grace!

Blake Vajgrt,  
Director of Evangelization

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# Valentine Banquet



**Tuesday, February 11**

**5 PM** Social Time/Silent Auction

**7 PM** Dinner & Program

**\$100 per person**

\$50 tax deductible.

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**Overland Park Convention Center**

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**#GIVINGTUESDAY**

**It's not too late to donate...**

Donations may be made now through the kiosk in the church vestibule, or online at [www.shemporia.org/donate](http://www.shemporia.org/donate) and click on "DONATE."

If you prefer to donate by cash or check, please designate your payment as "Giving Tuesday."

# Organizations

## Altar Society

Kimberly Coleman ~ 620-255-1222

## Building & Grounds

Steve Henry ~ 620-340-9586

## Cemetery

Dave Stout ~ 620-340-2663

## Eucharistic Adoration

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## 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.

# Parish Staff

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### Development Committee

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### Marketing Committee

Nikki Metz ~ 620-481-1346

### Operations Committee

Cindy Lore ~ 620-366-2374



## Week of

December 14 - 15, 2019

Envelopes .....	\$5437.00
Collection Plate.....	\$3119.02
Children's Envelopes.....	\$31.69
Online/Kiosk.....	\$210.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8797.71</b>

Advent Appeal.....	\$25.00
Building Fund.....	\$70.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$15.00
Christmas.....	\$70.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$150.00
Giving Tuesday.....	\$225.00
Guardian Angel.....	\$355.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$117.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$125.00
Sacred Space.....	\$50.00

## 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!



**The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed for Adoration December 31 & January 1. All Holy Hours are canceled for these dates.**

**Thank you.**



**Catholic Schools Week  
January 26 - February 1, 2020**

## This Week

### Sunday, December 29

No CYF class K-8  
No Vespers & Virtue Ball  
No Lectio Divina

### Monday, December 30

Parish Office Closed  
5:30 pm Rosary Prayer Group, chapel

### Tuesday, December 31

Parish Office Closed  
Adoration Chapel Closed  
6:00 pm Holy Day Mass

### Wednesday, January 1

Parish Office Closed  
Adoration Chapel Closed  
10:00 am Holy Day Mass

### Thursday, January 2

6:30 pm RCIA, POoffice

### Saturday, January 4

10:00 am Baptisms

### Sunday, January 5

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

## Looking Ahead

**January 9:** Pro-Life Committee Meeting

**January 12:** KofC Breakfast

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

**January 16:** Coffee with Seniors

**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 27:** Boxed with Love Food Pantry hosted by SHS

**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 26:** Ash Wednesday

**March 7:** Pitch Tournament

**March 8:** KofC Breakfast

**March 19:** Coffee with Seniors

**March 24:** Freddy's SHS Dining Night

**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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 30

*Monday after the Nativity*  
No Mass

### Tuesday, December 31

*Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*  
6:00 pm † Howard & Mary Alice Goodwin

### Wednesday, January 1

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*  
10:00 am † Jack Hennessey

### Thursday, January 2

*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*  
8:15 am † Howard & Mary Alice Goodwin

### Friday, January 3

*Holy Name of Jesus*  
8:15 am † Ward & Eileen Gasche

### Saturday, January 4

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*  
5:30 pm † Antonia Gonzales

### Sunday, January 5

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

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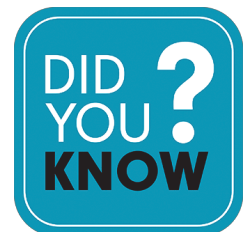
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### Confessions

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

Saturdays 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

or by appointment



Recordings of each Sunday's  
homily can be found on our  
website [shemporia.org/homilies](http://shemporia.org/homilies)

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Login to the MSP web terminal, access the parish website or  
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