

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We the parish family of Sacred Heart, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit seek to bring all to a fuller understanding of God's love by teaching, praying, witnessing for Christ and service to one another. Through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures, we shall build up the body of Christ in our local parish, deanery, archdiocese and the world.

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am;
(Friday 8:00 am-Communion Service)

Holy Day: Day 8:00 am, 12:00 noon &
7:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment.

Baptism

Held on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each
month following the 11:00 am Mass.

Baptism is an introduction to the Catholic
way of life, attendance at Sunday Mass is
an obligation which is not taken lightly.
Baptism preparation will be held on the 1st
Monday of each month. Call Fr. Mathew
for Baptism preparation and Baptisms
(+636-937-4662).

Marriage

Preparation class must begin at least six
months in advance of date of marriage.
Make an appointment with the priest .

Communion Calls

If you are unable to come to Mass for sev-
eral weeks due to illness, contact the Parish
Office for a visit.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Open twenty four hours a day in the Con-
vent Chapel. If interested contact the Parish
Office (636) 937-4662.

PSR Classes

Held at school every Wednesday evening
during school year from 6:45-8:00 pm.

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be turned in to
Parish Office by Sunday evening.
Email.....shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net



Greetings from the Pastor

Thanksgiving, or **Thanksgiving Day**, originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, after Congress requested a proclamation by George Washington. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Together with Christmas and the New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader fall/winter holiday season in the U.S.

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

Everyday should be Thanksgiving Day. How many reasons to thank God? United States of America, I consider, is the 'promised land' of the west—border security, untapped natural resources, economic prosperity, freedom unlimited... The country has/had the entire ambiance to make herself great, while most countries of the world have to struggle against hostile situations.

Have you ever seen or heard of people eating cake, baked with soil? Haven't you seen the picture of that Sudanian boy with his mouth to the anus of a camel waiting to eat its discharge? Here we go with affluence of food and drink, to the point of wasting food. There is an entire village in India from which people relocated because there is no water nearby, even to drink; people waited more than six years for rain to cultivate the land. The village is desolate now.

If you have the freedom to practice your faith, you are blessed; people are hunted down for their faith and belief in various parts of the world—Syria, China, Iran, Eritrea, Sudan, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan ... If you eat 3 or more times a day, you are blessed; 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. If you can drink unlimited, clean drinking water, you are blessed; 2.1 billion people lack safe drinking water at homes, more than twice as many lack safe sanitation. If you know how to read and write, you are blessed; there are 775 million illiterate people in the world, with another 152 million children set to follow in their footsteps because they aren't attending school. If you have \$100 bank balance, you are rich and blessed; some 1.7 billion haven't even heard of a bank account.

If you are alive to read this, you are blessed; 105 people die per minute in the world.

One million reasons to thank the Lord. When you celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your family, remember there are people who long to celebrate a Mass without fear. And, never waste food because there would be hundreds and thousands who would go hungry that day. Keep in mind the faces of people searching for food particles at trashcans and behind bars and restaurants. If each of you could pause at the dinner table to count at least one blessing before you sit down to eat.... Make this year's Thanksgiving intentional. Happy Thanksgiving.

With love,

Fr. Mathew

There will be a Christmas Concert on December 5 in the Church at 3:00pm. The Festival Choir will be performing. A dinner will be served in the Gym following the concert. Sign up sheets for the dinner will be at the East Foyer of the Church. Come join us for some Christmas cheer.



Changes to Mass

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

Your Gift of Treasure

Week of November 14, 2021

Envelopes Mailed.....	581
Envelope Gifts.....	\$5,110.00
Number of Envelopes.....	127
Online Gifts.....	\$2,105.00
Number of Online Donations.....	52
Loose.....	\$83.00

Script Program November 14, 2021

Number of orders.....	11
Amount of Orders.....	\$1,620.00
Amount earned this week.....	\$63.72
E-Script Revenue.....	\$0
Amount earned YTD.....	\$756.80

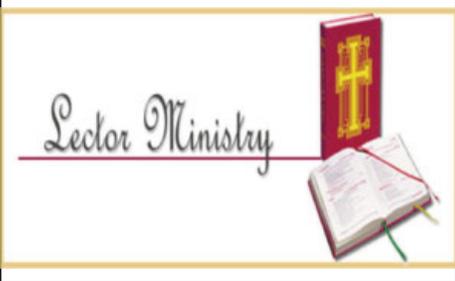


Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Youth Lectors

We would like to welcome any youths who would like to lector at the Masses. Preferably age 7 or older. If your child is interested in this ministry, please contact the office at 937-4662.



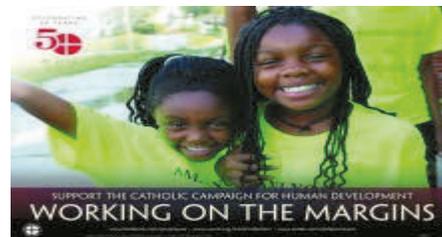
We will be having our Food & Birthright Collection next weekend. Please remember our brothers and sisters in need.



PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART PARISH IN YOUR WILL.



We will be having Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm on Friday, November 26th in the church. All are welcome to join us as we walk the path that Jesus did for us.



Our Family Empowerment Program offers services for families of children birth-age 12. The program is FREE and voluntary for families of Jefferson County. We will offer in home support for your family during a crisis, ongoing parent *education* and support, community referrals and resources, and assistance with items needed to care for family (basic needs—as available). For more information on our services please visit us at: Saint Louis Crisis Nursery Jefferson County Outreach Center Jessica Harris 1400 Highway 61 South Festus, MO 63028 (located inside Mercy Jefferson Hospital) 314-374-1700 Please call for an appointment.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The office will be closed temporarily on Fridays until further notice.

Office Assistant Position

Our Parish Office is searching for a part-time Office Assistant. The position will be Monday and Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm; possibly an additional day could be added as the work load designates. Qualifications for this position include experience with Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, and Publisher). The candidate must be able to multi-task, have organizational skills, positive disposition, a high degree of judgement, initiative, and discretion. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills, have a willingness to learn new software programs, be self-motivated and a team player. Send resume and cover letter to sh324cc@sbcglobal.net or mail to: Sacred Heart Parish, 555 Bailey Road, Crystal City MO 63019.

Looking for Christmas Gifts-Buy Scrip!

It's not too early to start getting gift certificates for your loved ones for Christmas. They also make great stocking stuffers. Check out the website

www.shopwithscrip.com to see what is offered or stop by the certificate desk in the west sacristy before or after Mass.



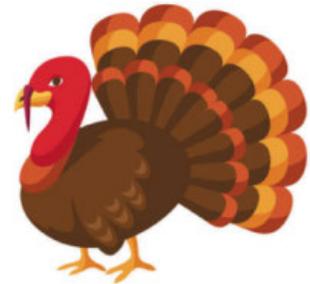
ATTENTION USHERS

We will be putting up the crib on Saturday November 27th at 9:00 am. Please meet at the garage if you can help out with this.



URGENT JOB OPENING

There is an Immediate opening for a Part Time Housekeeping position at the beautiful Marianist Retreat & Conference Center in Eureka. Schedule will include afternoons and weekend. If you are interested, please email Jen Duncan at: jennifer@marianistretreat.com



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.



Adoration of the Lord Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel is **OPEN and volunteers are needed.**

“One need not say much to pray well, we know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle; let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His Sacred Presence. That is the best prayer.”

We have **SEVERAL OPENINGS.** Please call **Terri Wolk at 314-620-7527** for more information.

Openings for the following hours are needed to be filled ASAP. This is a great way to give your time and talent to your Parish and The Lord!

- Monday: 5:00am**
- Tuesday: 8:00am**
- Thursday: 11:00pm**
- Friday: 12:00am**
- Saturday: 7:00pm
8:00pm
9:00pm
10:00pm**
- Sunday: 4:00am**

Food Drive

Once again we will be collecting food for the Ozark food Pantry **the weekends of November 13 & 14 and 20 & 21, also on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.** Everyone is asked to bring some non-perishable food item for the needy in our area. If you are attending Thanksgiving Mass you are asked to bring it at that time and bring it up at Offertory and place in the baskets in front of the altar.



Christmas Toy Drive

We will have our Annual Toy drive the weekends of November 27 -28 and December 4-5. Toys are needed for children (0-16 years of age). Toys collected will be distributed through the Jefferson County Toys & More Program. Please remember to make this year's Christmas very special for those less fortunate.



Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Imitating Christ

It is not optional to serve our neighbor. It is not optional to perform corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. It is by these that we will be saved or condemned. Heaven and hell are at stake here.

While we are on earth, let us put our faith into practice by being active in charity. Let us love one another as if each person we encounter is Jesus Christ Himself.

There are many people in the world today suffering from hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, imprisonment, estrangement, and sickness. What are we doing to bring Christ's healing and love? Let us serve the Lord and our neighbor in holiness. “In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life” (CCC 1039).

Angel Tree Drive

The Sacred Heart Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again have their "Angel Tree" to collect underwear and socks for children in need for Christmas. Take an Angel ornament from the tree with the size of clothing requested and bring the unwrapped socks or underwear back to church and place in the baskets under the tree. The clothing will be given to children at the Jefferson County Toys & More distribution. The collection will be held the weekends of November 28, December 5 and 12. Thanks again for your generous support.



Ministry Schedules

MINISTRY

November 27th and November 28th

Altar Servers

5:00pm Carolyn Argana
7:30am Samantha Helbrueck
9:00am Zander Street
11:00am Percy Pfohl

Eucharistic Ministers

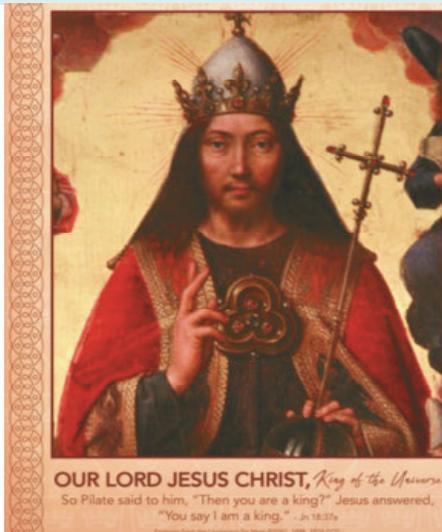
5:00pm Donna Litton
7:30am Pat DeClue
9:00am Lisa Roth
11:00am Barb Case

Lectors

5:00pm Gene DeClue
Sue Cresswell
7:30am Cathy Johns
Teri Gansner
9:00am Marian Branson
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11:00am Joe Govro
Christian Hadley

Scrip

5:00pm Cheryl Haylin
7:30am Art & Jackie Baumgartner
9:00am Dorothy Grohs
11:00am Denise Jones



As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 25th, we encourage you to begin your day by attending 8:00 am Mass. Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving day. The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. There will be a Prayer Service on Friday at 8:00 am also.



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 22
8:00am Ramon Augusto

Tuesday, November 23
8:00am Jerrie Ranee Davis

Wednesday, November 24
8:00am Oliver & Agnes Moser

Thursday, November 25
8:00am William Watters & Valle Family

Friday, November 26
8:00am Prayer Service

Saturday, November 27
5:00pm Leon Wulfers

Sunday, November 28
7:30am Baby Girl Henry
9:00am Robert Peery
11:00am People of the Parish

Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Observances for the week of November 21, 2021

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
Friday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Tuesday, November 23
8:45am Legion of Mary RMR
3:30pm RCIA RMR

Wednesday, November 24
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way RMR

Thursday, November 25
8:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass
Office Closed-Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26
3:00pm Stations of the Cross CH
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way SC
Office Closed

Sunday, November 28
First Sunday of Advent
9:00am Rite of Enrollment RCIA CH
6:30pm Festival Choir Practice CH

**Food and Birthright Collection
at all Masses next weekend.**

Christmas Flowers

We are once again inviting you to donate towards decorating our Church for Christmas. Christmas flower envelopes are available at the exits of Church. Make a flower donation in any amount in the memory of a loved one. Names of those being remembered will be published in the bulletin. Help make the Church bloom for Christmas.



Pray For Our Sick: Your prayers are requested for the sick of the Parish. Please remember the many people who are suffering with cancer and various other illnesses in the hospitals, the Nursing Homes, as well as at home and **also remember** all those of the parish who are pregnant that they will have a safe delivery and a healthy baby. **Prayer Requests:**

Gina Allen
Amber Alford
 Martin Ames
 Agnes Baker
 Matt Bequette
 Mary Breitbarth
 Carolyn Bridges
 Lucy Brindley
 Marian Charleville
 Clare Coleman
 Galena Coleman
 Francis Coleman
 Wendell Coleman
 Jacintha Davis
 Diana DeClue
 Karen Dettmer
 Angie Dill
 Mylissa Dornself
 Chris Dorskocil
 Joe Douglas
 Leanne Doza
 Glen Elsworth

Joe Elsworth
 Marilyn Emily
 Kristine Fears
 Tim Fears
 Sergeant Robert Paul Figge
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 David Friesner
 Lori Hassel
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 Traci Hendrix
 Shari, Bert & Andrea Horn
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 Joanne Johnston
 Carol Kaltenbronn
Donna Keathley
 Carol Kestermont
 Don Linderer
 Joshua Lucas
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 Holly Martin

Nadine McConnell
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 Joshua Miller
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 Cerita Munshaw
 Ruth Nichols
 John & James Norris
 Jax Okenfuss
 Jeff Osia
 Ashley & Jimmy Perrot
 Tim Perry
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 Miranda Pfaff
 Carolyn Pool
 Kathleen Portell
 Prosser Family
 Coletta Reece
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 Donna Riedy
 Millie Ritcher
 Kathy Robertson

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 Linda Schmitt
 Jeanette Smock
 Joe Sonnenshein
 Pat Spillers
 Janene Spresterbach
 Louise Spresterbach
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 Patricia Swader
 Juanita Swyers
 Larry Turley
 Wayne Turley
 Merrily Varone
 Leah Broyles Vogt
 Al Walker
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 Rose Weeks
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