

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

Sacred Heart

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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

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light
has shone” (Isaiah 9:1).

Lord, you came as light to lead us from darkness to
light, from falsehood to truth and from death to immortality,
but we continue to prefer darkness, and to dwell in darkness.

Though we have seen Christ the light, we like to walk away
from the brilliant rays of the Lord. How much did the people of the Old Tes-
tament long to see your face, but did not see the glory! How many of them
prepared a manger for your birth in palaces and hovels alike and waited for
your day! Why O, Lord, we fail to embrace your glorious light? Well, dark-
ness is bliss for most of us! “For everyone who does wicked things hates the
light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be ex-
posed” (John 3:20).

We not only like to dwell in darkness, but we also like to perpetuate
it! We vehemently fight against what used to be good and noble; we are
busy abolishing and undoing values of old as if they were all wrong. De-
struction of Christianity and Christian values seem to be the set agenda of
the majority Abolition of man, annihilation of culture. It looks like no
more your kingdom, but our kingdom, not your will, but our whims and fan-
cies. Lord, do you regret that you were born a human being with the hope of
recreating us?

But, though small a group, we know that you are the light of the
world; you are the salvation of humanity. The thought of your birth glows
our hearts. Our children are excited for you. We need you to be born again
and again, and again, not in some mangers elsewhere in the world, in bitter
cold of the night, in some clay model, but right here in the breast of Krakow
and the bosom of Clover Bottom as that comely child Jesus, in the cold night
of December 2018, in the warmth of our hearts. This year, we promise, we
will have a place ready for you. Your parents will no longer have to wander
around looking for a safe place. We will put our hearts together and make a
large palace for you this year. We will prepare the way for you, and make
straight your paths. We will fill up the valleys of our life and dig low the
mountains for you. The winding roads we shall make straight, and the rough
ways make smooth for you. We are already on our way to the manger sing-
ing your praises. Come Lord Jesus, come.

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 din-
ner will be at the East Foyer of the
Church.
Come join us for some Christmas
cheer.**



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

Youth Lectors

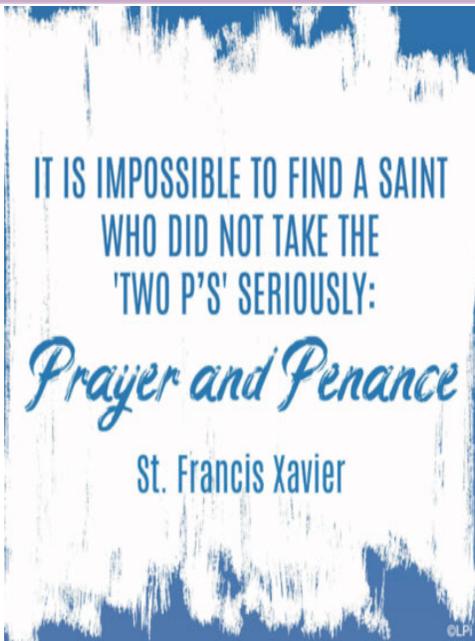
We would like to welcome any youths who would like to lector at the Masses. Preferably age 7 or older. If your child is interested in this ministry, please contact the office at 937-4662.

Lector Ministry



FOR WORLD PEACE

Redemptorist priest will have Mass and Confessions for the First Saturday Devotions of Fatima Sacred Heart Church, Crystal City on Saturday, December 4, at 8:30 A.M. and a taped program with meditations on the Rosary, for information 314-420-7917



Patriotic Rosary

You are invited to gather with members of Sacred Heart to pray the Rosary with patriotic songs sung and prayers/quotes from our founding fathers. The prayers last about 45 minutes. Please join us on Thursday, December 2, at 6:30pm in the church.



Wedding Feast & Epiphany

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

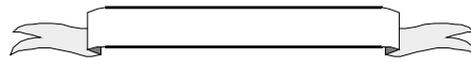
Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

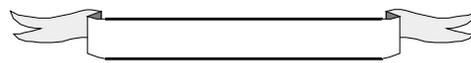
Your Gift of Treasure

Week of November 21, 2021

Due to early submission of this bulletin the Gifts will be in the following bulletin. Thank you.



We will be having a guest speaker at Masses the weekend of December 5-6. The purpose is to help promote the Christmas Collection for the Seminarians.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

We will be having an Advent Penance Service on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00am-11:00am. There will be multiple priests available for confessions. Please consider this opportunity to prepare the way for our Lord.



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.

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National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center
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Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD.

Tuesdays, Dec 7 & 14, 10 am – 12 Noon

The story of Christmas in our time is filled with joy and wonderment about the birth of Jesus.

Mary and Joseph are visited by angels; the birth of the Child is announced to shepherds by the heavenly choirs; astrologers from the East come to worship Jesus because they have seen his star; his life is threatened by the treachery of King Herod. Yet in their original context the Christmas stories are risky, even dangerous tales of treason against the Roman Empire, and the beginning of the restoration of God's sovereignty in Israel. In this two-part series we will explore the dramatic stories of Jesus' birth as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Cost: \$20 for series; \$10 per session,

For more information, call 618-394-6281.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?



**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**

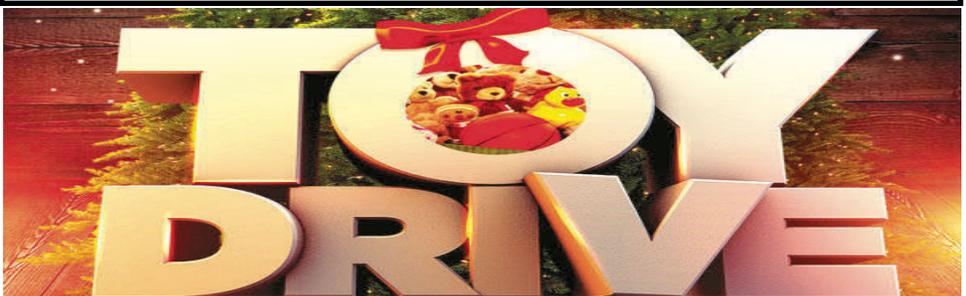
The following parishioners will receive a special blessing today during the 11am Mass on Sunday, November 28th. They are preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion, or Confirmation during the Easter season in 2022. Please remember them in your prayers in the coming months.

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| Halley, Kylie | Beffa, Addison |
| Herzog, Taylor | Chamberlin, Brandon |
| Schwartz, Lacey | DeClue, Nathaniel |
| Walker, Hannah | Drown, Sedric |
| Yount, Kylah | Helbrueck, Alyson |
| Zinn, Isabella | Johnson, Ryleigh |
| Colton Krauss | Krauss, Ethan |
| Riley Stafford | Loukas, Dylan |
| Leah Stafford | Pridemore, Dylan |
| Tawnya Hadley | |
| Schaumburg, Cale | |



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! --The Gift of the Present

Our Lord once again reminds us of the necessity of being alert and watchful and serving Him even when He seems to be absent. We all experience those times of dryness and desolation in life. We experience the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows, the victories and defeats. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta wisely taught us that God does not ask us to be successful but just to be faithful to God. When we are grateful for the present moment and the gift here and now that the Lord has given us, our whole outlook on life can change. We can encounter the Lord anew in different places and in different ways. It is not always easy, but we must live in the present moment and cherish the gift of life that is before us. “Would that you might meet us doing right, that we might be mindful of you in our ways!” (Isaiah 64:4).

archstl.org/dynamic

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.

Happy birthday to our parishioners celebrating these milestones in December:

- Janet Brod-80
 - Billie Huck-80
 - Raymond Kassen-80
 - Janet Martin-80
 - Peggy Voelker-90
- If you see them, please wish them a happy birthday!

If you do not wish to have your name in the bulletin please call the office.



Ministry Schedules



December 4th and December 5th

Altar Servers

5:00pm	Server Needed
7:30am	Carroll McCoy
9:00am	Kate Eisenbeis
11:00am	Robert Peskar

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm	Christian Hadley
7:30am	Julia Hagan
9:00am	Gary Sullivan
11:00am	Deacon Jerry

Lectors

5:00pm	Francie Wagner Shirley Perry
7:30am	Clara Nielsen Clara Nielsen
9:00am	Joe Berkgigler Matt Olinger
11:00am	Diane Stoverink Mary Lou Darnell

Scrip

5:00pm	Sue Boyer
7:30am	Sue Duncan
9:00am	Carol Eisenbeis
11:00am	Mary Lou Darnell



St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter.

According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and singers. He is also the patron saint to several countries and cities including: Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Patras and his feast day is celebrated on November 30.



Monday, November 29

8:00am Carl Portell

Tuesday, November 30

8:00am Charles Peterein

Wednesday, December 1

8:00am Derrick DeWilde,
Alan Fortney, Matthew Coker

Thursday, December 2

8:00am Gary Williams

Friday, December 3

8:00am Bernice Hardin

Saturday, December 4

5:00pm Kevin Blechle

Sunday, December 5

7:30am Carl Portell
9:00am Millie McClanahan
11:00am People of the Parish

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

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
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent
Monday:	1st Monday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday:	1st Wednesday of Advent
Thursday:	1st Thursday of Advent
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 8:45am	November 30 Legion of Mary	RMR
Wednesday, 6:45pm	December 1 PSR Class PSR Confessions Grades 3-8	SC CH
7:00pm	Neocatechumenal Way	RMR
Thursday, 8:45am 6:30pm 6:30pm	December 2 Quilters Quilters Patriotic Rosary	ANN ANN CH
Friday, 8:00am	December 3 First Friday Devotions to The Sacred Heart of Jesus	CH
Saturday, 8:00am	December 4 First Saturday Devotions to The Sacred Heart of Jesus	CH
Sunday, 3:00pm	December 5 Christmas Concert	CH

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
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 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
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 Joe Douglas
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Joe Elsworth
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 Traci Hendrix
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Donna Keathley
 Carol Kestermont
 Joshua Lucas
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 Holly Martin
 Nadine McConnell

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 Joshua Miller
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 Cerita Munshaw
 Ruth Nichols
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 Jax Okenfuss
 Jeff Osia
 Ashley & Jimmy Perrot
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 Susan Peterein
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 Kathleen Portell
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 Coletta Reece
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 Donna Riedy
 Millie Ritcher
 Kathy Robertson
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 Joe Sonnenshein
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 Louise Spresterbach
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