

SACRED HEART CHURCH

PRAY † TEACH † SERVE

October 31st, 2021

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mission Statement

We are a Eucharistic Community which recognizes and values the dignity of each person by responding to the Gospel.

We are called to
Pray, Teach and Serve.



Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:00 am

Daily Mass

Monday 7:00 am
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 am
Friday 7:00 am
Saturday 8:30 am

Communion Service

Thursday 7:00 am

Confession

Monday 7:30 am
Tuesday 7:30 am
Saturday 9:00 am
4:30-5:15 pm

Adoration

Friday 7:30 am Exposition
8:30 am Benediction

Baptism

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for baptism at least 2 months in advance.

Matrimony

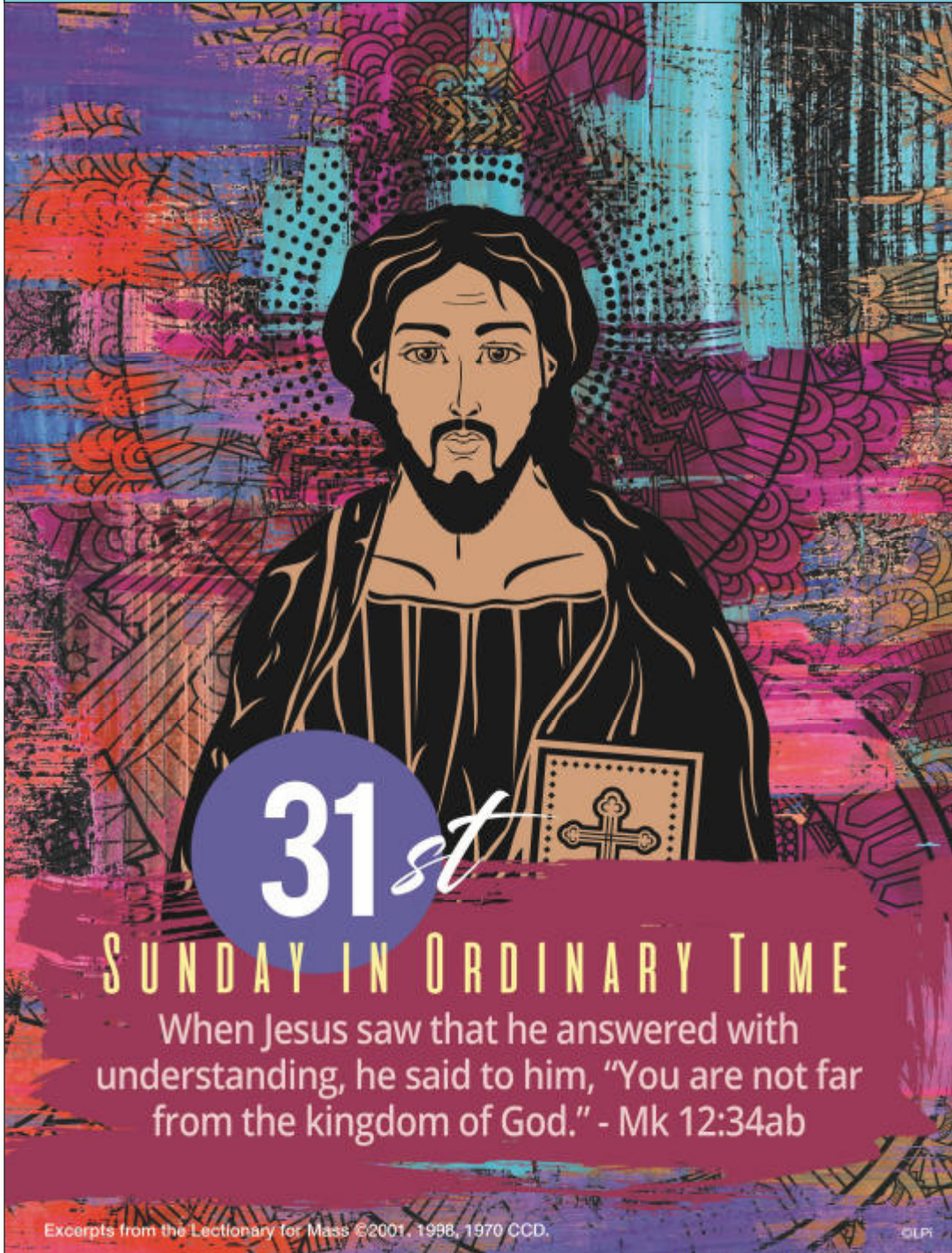
Please call the parish office to make arrangements for marriage at least 6 months in advance.

Pastor

Reverend Bruce Ludeke

Permanent Deacon

Ken Funk



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When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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Pray

Mass Intentions

Mon. 11/1 7:00 am † Jule Johnson
Tues. 11/2 7:00 am † Gary & Catherine Hodge
† Carley Harrielle
Wed. 11/3 7:00 am † Aldona Miloch
Thurs. 11/4 7:00 am **Communion Service**
Fri. 11/5 7:00 am † Al, Mary & Kathleen Dieterle
† Adrian Box
† Gerald Marco
Sacred Heart Parishioners
Liv. Members of the Purgatorial Society
Sat. 11/6 8:30 am † J. Mark Beaty
5:30 pm Liv. & Dec. Members of the Barta,
Reisner & Balk Families
Sun. 11/7 8:30 am † John Ordean, Sr.
10:00 am Sacred Heart Parishioners
Sanctuary Lamp In memory of Frances Clark

Prayer before Communion

Dear Lord, may I receive you in this communion with open arms and a loving, contrite heart, so that I may be filled with your grace, for my good and Your glory! Amen.



Thanksgiving After Holy Communion

I thank you, Eternal Father, for giving me as the food of my soul, the Body and Blood of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May this Divine Food preserve and increase the union of my soul with you. May it purify me by repressing every evil inclination. Grant that it may be to me a pledge of a glorious resurrection on the last day. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love you with all my heart. I am sorry for ever having offended you, and I desire never to offend you again. Amen.

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Job opening at Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart has a job opening for a Director/Coordinator of Music & Liturgy. This position will be part time and salary is commensurate with experience. We would like to have this person start ASAP. Applications and a detailed position description can be found online at www.sacredheartparish.net. Contact Julie in the parish office for more details: 815-625-1134.

Teach

Saint Joseph teaches us the reality of demonic attacks

See, many people have the wrong ideas about demonic attack. We think it's all apparitions and nightmares, people frothing at the mouth and levitating while solemn priests chant Latin phrases and flick holy water around. Those things happen, obviously, but they are rare. True demonic attacks happen every single day, to every single person, in incredibly personal and subtle ways. The ancient tempter has had millennia to practice his craft on us, and he knows that it's actually counterproductive to go after us with the showy stuff when his gentle way is so much more effective. He's not going to go after your physical body with his diabolic manifestations when he can saunter casually into your mind through the doors of temptation. The devil is going to tell you to be spiteful and angry at someone who has hurt you because they deserve it. He'll tell you that if someone else has sinned, they deserve as much punishment as you can throw at them. He'll tell you to be proud when people give you honors, and hold yourself above your neighbors because you're more special and important than they are. He's going to tell you to be unchaste, especially in ways that "don't hurt anyone," like using pornography. He'll tell you to be lazy at your work because it doesn't matter much anyway. Or he might flip around and tell you that you have to be perfect at your work, and if you're not, people will talk, and they'll hate you, and you'll ruin everything if you don't do everything perfectly. Most of all, he'll tell you that you deserve to know everything. He's been feeding us that lie since the garden when he tempted our first parents to eat the fruit because it would give them the knowledge and power that they deserved. All these tricks of Satan are meant to deceive us into following him. All these tricks are beaten by Saint Joseph.

Vatican Lecture Series

Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 PM here in the church
Please join Fr. Bruce Ludeke who will be speaking on "**Why we should be Thankful**".

St. Mary's School Fruit Sale

The fruit sale is going on now thru November 3rd. All orders will be placed online this year at smsfundraising.net/



Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Volunteers are needed to assist with the funeral luncheons. If you can volunteer any of your time of 2-6 hours it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the parish office at 815-625-1134.

Thank You to our Church Cleaners!

A big thank you to Doris Hageman & Sue Nestor who were our church cleaners for the month of October. We really appreciate your service to this ministry! The November church cleaner is Sue Kirkland.

Thank You for doing the Church Linens

A big thank you to Susanna Riley who cleaned the church linens for the month of October.

Serve

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2021-22

Goal: \$34,212
Donated to date: \$21,675.00
Amount at this date last year: \$22,478.75



Can you help us reach our Goal!
Thank you to those who have donated to the 2021-22 Diocesan Appeal



Exciting News!!!

Sacred Heart Church High School Youth Group

When: Revised date-November 21, December 19, January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24
Where: Sacred Heart Church basement, 2224 Ave J, Sterling, IL
Time: 11 AM-12:15 PM
 Contact Melinda Hutchinson for more information.
Bring your friends and come check it out!!!

Sacred Heart Church Middle School Youth Group



When: November 14, December 12, January 16, February 13, March 20, April 10
Where: Sacred Heart Church basement, 2224 Ave J, Sterling, IL
Time: 11:00 AM-12:15 PM
 Contact Melinda Hutchinson for more information.
Bring your friends and come check it out!!!

Amazon Smile

Earn Money for Sacred Heart Church! For all of our parishioners, families, and friends that shop on Amazon, you can earn money for Sacred Heart Church. Go to Amazon Smile and search for Sacred Heart Church in Sterling, IL. You will be giving a percentage of your purchase directly to Sacred Heart Church! Shop at smile. Amazon.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

◆ Let the colors of fall remind you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage.
 ◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter has all the tools you need for a great marriage.
 There are virtual experiences on Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 4-5.
 ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



Happy Birthday from Fr. Bruce and the Sacred Heart Staff!

Oct 30th

Tracy Ahlers
 Thomas Ausman
 Margie Karwath
 Nancy Olson
 Timothy Papoccia
 Gonzo Reyes

Nov 1st

Shayne Allen
 Tammy Moran
 Nora Murphy
 Henry Waldschmidt
 Steven Yde

Nov 4th

Carol Blackburn
 Sue McGinn
 Ulysses Rivera
Nov 5th
 Justin Anderson
 John Johnson

Oct 31st

Janell Hughes
 Ryan Murphy
 Cornine Smith

Nov 2nd

Ashley Nares
 Ainsley Reed

Nov 3rd

Henry Merdian
 James Reed
 Gail Terveer
 Claire Von Holten
 Patrick Warkins

Nov 6th

Reese Grummert
 Brian Wahl

Nov 7th

Leticia Guerrero
 Lisa Vos

Parishioner Envelope Numbers

For those who use offertory envelopes, you may notice on your next batch that your family number has changed. This is not an error. It will be your new number going forward that is used solely for our database not the diocesan database. Any questions, please call Julie at the parish office.

Perennial Flower Bulbs

If anyone wants perennial bulbs out of the two islands in the church south parking lot. Please help yourself before November 7th.



Military Prayer List

2nd Lt. Ryan Arndt,
2nd Lt. Connor Brown,
Dominic Burke, Jacob Burke,
PFC John M. Clark,
A1C Adam Hodge, Captain Zach Passini,



Joshua Sweeney, Eric Thom, Andrew Valentino
 Almighty God, We stand before you in supplication, asking Your Divine mercy and protection, to envelop with Your invincible armor, our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
ALL SAINTS DAY
 IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR AND **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**



Commemoration of

All Souls Day, November 2nd

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Parish Office

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Prayer Chain for Special Intentions

Call.....815-625-1134
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Weekly Collection

Your Gift to God last weekend was:

Amount Required Weekly	\$5,711.54
Envelope & Loose Collection	\$2,506.00
Online Giving	\$3,058.00
Weekly Total (10/24/2021)	\$5,564.00
YTD Required	\$97,096.18
YTD Collected (Week 17)	\$87,594.51
Total Envelope Holders	522
Envelopes Used	87
% Contributed	17%
Tithing 5%	\$267 Bishop Lane Retreat Ctr

Raffle Winner Bob Brown \$100.00

Schedule of Ministers

Saturday, Nov 6th & Sunday, Nov 7th

Lectors:

5:30 pm Ainsley Reed
 8:30 am Tom Ausman
 10:00 am Religious Ed Kids



Ushers:

5:30 pm Gary & Denise Mosher
 8:30 am Greg & Margaret Nickrent
 10:00 am Tim Nelson & **1 Volunteer Needed**

Servers:

5:30 pm Jax & Anna Hutchison
 10:00 am Aiden Mackay & Raul Reyes, Jr.

Please contact Lupe Larson at 815-625-1134 or sheartoffice@gmail.com if you can help out in these roles!

Fall Calvary Cemetery Clean-up

The Fall Calvary Cemetery clean-up is **November 22th-26th**. All arrangements and items must be removed by November 21st and any items still remaining will be discarded.



Rock River Valley Self Help Enterprises

Self Help is asking for donations for their Santa's Secret Workshop. The items that they are requesting will be on the bulletin insert. Items can be dropped off to the parish office. For questions call Emily at (815) 626-3115.

Blessed Candles

There will be assorted scented blessed candles available the weekend of October 30th-31st to purchase in the narthex. The suggested donation is \$10 each and the proceeds will go to the youth group ministry. There will be a limited supply of candles to purchase.



Saturday, November 20th in Dekalb, IL

- Energize and deepen your faith.
 - Be inspired by others to live courageously for Christ.
- Great speakers, Live music, Mass, Adoration Chapel and much more. More information can be found on the table in the narthex. Register online at www.thetalk.org.

Forget your envelope?

Use Online Giving to keep up on offertory. Go to **www.sacredheartparish.net** and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support during times away from the parish helps to sustain us. Thank you!



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 7th
Turn your clocks back!



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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 38(37):22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong
salvation!

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and
sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my
words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most
grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all
the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to
pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you,
and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to
observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more,
in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers,
to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.
"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!
Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.
Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47,51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many
because they were prevented by death from remaining in office,
but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that
does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those
who approach God through him,
since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting
that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled,
separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need,
as did the high priests,
to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for
those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered
himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high
priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law,
appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Gospel

Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the
first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this:
*Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your
mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love
your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment
greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.
You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'
And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding,
with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is
worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when
Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to
ask him any more questions.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus
Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him
all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came
down from heaven, (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man (*rise*). For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who
has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life
of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Ps16(15):11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your
presence, O Lord.

Prayer for the Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph

Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph O Glorious Patriarch and
Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of
God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the
presence of Jesus and Mary, we, the clergy, religious, and lay
faithful of the Archdiocese of New York, choose you this day to be
our father, guardian, and protector. O great Saint Joseph, whom
God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept us, we
beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be members of your
"Holy House." Present us to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her
also to adopt us as her children. With her, pray that we may
constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of our
lives. O Terror of Demons, increase in us virtue, protect us from
the evil one, and help us not to offend God in any way. O Spiritual
Father, we hereby consecrate the Archdiocese of New York to
you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, we place all our
concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and
Mary, we consecrate our bodies and souls, with all their faculties,
our spiritual growth, our homes, and all our affairs and
undertakings. Forsake us not, but adopt us as servants and
children of the Holy Family. Watch over us at all times, but
especially at the hour of our deaths. Console and strengthen us
with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, we may
praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.

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