

# *Our Faith Community*

*September 11 & 12, 2021*



*Sacred Heart, Melcher*



*St. Anthony, Knoxville*



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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# SACRED HEART

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## Word & Sacrament

**Weekend Mass:** Sat. 6 p.m., Sun 8:30 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass:** Monday & Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
**Reconciliation:** By appointment  
**Baptism:** Pre-baptism classes are required. Please contact the office.  
**Marriage:** Please contact the office to schedule your wedding nine months before anticipated date.

## Publication Deadlines

**Bulletin:** Submit by Monday at 1:00 p.m.  
**Newsletter:** Published quarterly

## Upcoming Events for Sacred Heart Church

<b>Sunday, September 12</b>	8:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Mass Bocce Ball at Bauer Potluck Dinner at Bauer
<b>Monday, September 13</b>	8:30 a.m. 4-7 p.m.	Mass Office hours for Fr. Kevin
<b>Wednesday, September 15</b>	8:30 a.m.	Mass
<b>Saturday, September 18</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mass
<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	8:30 a.m.	Mass

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, September 11</b>	† Pro Populo
<b>Sunday, September 12</b>	† For Vocations
<b>Monday, September 13</b>	† Madonna Milburn
<b>Wednesday, September 15</b>	† Leonard Bishop
<b>Saturday, September 18</b>	† For Vocations
<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	† Laurie Kennedy

## Sacred Heart Parish Support for September 4/5: Unavailable



## Sacred Heart Lectors for September:



<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Sunday:</b>
September 11th – Katie Konrad	September 12th – Dave Knipper
September 18th – Martha Reed	September 19th – Jane Schneider
September 25th – Martha Reed	September 26th – Lauren Ernst

## SUNDAY'S READINGS:

### First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,  
 my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
 my face I did not shield  
 from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

### Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)  
 Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,  
 if someone says he has faith but does not have works?  
 Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

### Gospel:

And he asked them,  
 "But who do you say that I am?"  
 Peter said to him in reply,  
 "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)



## SUNDAY FUNDAY: Everyone is welcome! Sunday, September 12th



2 p.m. — Bocce ball and socializing  
 5:30 p.m. — Potluck dinner. Meat will be provided by the KC's. Bring a lawn chair and side dish to share.

**Faith Formation** registration forms are on the back table of the church. Please complete the forms and bring back within the 2 weeks. The cost is \$15 per child.

**Faith Formation Kick-off** will be Sunday, September 26th from 9:30a.m. — Noon. Fun for everyone!



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Carol Putz, Angie Gass, Judy Schneider,  
 Gerald Hoch, Clifford Hoch, and Ellen Hoover.



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**Weekend Mass:** Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.  
**Reconciliation:** By appointment  
**Baptism:** Pre-baptism classes are required. Please contact the office.

**Marriage:** Please contact the office to schedule your wedding nine months before anticipated date.

## Upcoming Events for St. Anthony Church

<b>Sunday, September 12</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass
<b>Tuesday, September 14</b>	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Building & Grounds Meeting
<b>Thursday, September 16</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Mass Staff Meeting
<b>Saturday, September 18</b>	4:00 p.m.	Mass
<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass

### Mass Intentions

- Saturday, September 11** † David Flattery
- Sunday, September 12** † Sandy Welsh
- Tuesday, September 14** † Kathy Bosak
- Thursday, September 16** † William Vaske
- Saturday, September 18** † Irene Popson
- Sunday, September 19** † Pro Popoulo

**St. Anthony Parish Support for the weeks of Aug. 30-Sept. 5:**

Weekly Giving: Unavailable  
Vanco Online Giving: Unavailable  
Weekly Budget: \$ 3938.90



The St. Anthony Altar & Rosary Society decided at their September 1st meeting that they would **NOT** plan on having the Annual Fall Turkey Dinner because of the uncertainty of Covid-19. Please be watching for alternative fundraising projects. Thank you!

Marilee Richardson, President  
Altar & Rosary Society



**SEPTEMBER**  
Month of the *Seven Sorrows of Mary*

*The Prophecy of Simeon.  
The Flight into Egypt.*

*The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem.  
Mary's meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa (not found in the New Testament)*

*The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary.  
Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross.  
The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea.*



**September 18-19 for relief efforts for Afghan refugees, Haitian earthquake and Hurricane Ida victims.** There will be a special bishop's letter appearing in *The Catholic Messenger* on Sept. 16 with an accompanying voluntary special collection for the weekend of September 18. At the request of Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, donations on that weekend will go to the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the USCCB for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church. Donations collected on that day can be made payable to the Diocese of Davenport, supporting the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Karen Lewin, Rod Collins, Elamie Ball, Lorraine Daugherty, Pat Alessandra, Fr. Innocent Patrick, Alyssa Scheve, Zayleigh Sparks, Judy Garrett, Easley Mae Grier, Marlene Ver Steeg, Charlie Reddick, Richard Brees, Joe Sweet, Garyn Key, Barb Sedlock, Merrill Williams, Delaney Digman, Ann Lewitke, Mike O'Brien, June Sharar, Tim Terrell, Shirley Fisk, Mary Lane, Brenda Brown, Belinda Anstey, Tim Lukavsky, Baby Girl Swan, Darlene Schumacher, James Murphy



### St. Anthony Lectors for September:

- Saturday, September 11th – Donna Jean Flattery
- Sunday, September 12th – T. Waldmann -Williams
- Saturday, September 18th – Mary Hanna
- Sunday, September 19th – Kathie Croghan
- Saturday, September 25th – Mary Hanna
- Sunday, September 26th – Patty Schwanebeck



## Mary's Music Corner



### **"Amazing Grace"**

In scripture, the word "grace" has various meanings and messages, depending on how it is used. The hymn "Amazing Grace" was written by John Newton in the 1700's. During his early years, John was a master captain of a slave ship that sailed to Africa and back to America. One stormy night at sea, he became extremely ill and prayed to God for help. God heard his prayer and John turned his life around, he later became a minister. On Feb. 15, 1779, John Newton and William Cowper published a hymnal entitled "Olney Hymnal" named after a poor town in England. This was the first of its kind, as it contained hymns put together for common people. The song "Amazing Grace" was in this hymnal.

***Amazing Grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.***

The 5th Verse: "When we've been there ten thousand years..." was actually written by someone else. John had also written two concluding verses, but they were later taken out. My personal theory on this is that those verses were not in context with the rest of the song. They spoke of the end of the earth melting like snow. It was a deeper, darker conclusion to a beautiful hymn beloved all over the world.

God Bless! *Mary Burke, Music Minister*

***Happy Birthday, Father Kevin!  
Father's birthday is Sept. 16.  
Feel free to send a card since we  
are not able to have large  
gatherings at this time.***

*Happy  
Birthday!*



"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus poses this question to His disciples, and He poses it to us as well. Like Peter, we should be able to give a correct response — the Messiah, my Savior, the Son of God — any

of these would be theologically accurate responses. But do we actually allow Jesus to be those things? Do we recognize His divinity and step in place to follow and learn from Him? Or do we sometimes grow a bit smug in our knowledge and step in front of Him? In today's Gospel, Peter oversteps a boundary and rebukes Jesus for accepting the suffering that is ahead of Him. In turn, Jesus reminds Him to fall back in place — to watch and to follow. Peter is beginning to understand, but he still has much to learn and accept about the reality of his Messiah. This is likely true of us in our discipleship as well. Like Peter, we might get ahead of ourselves. Suffering and "unanswered prayers" can usually draw us back to our knees in surrender to God and His will for our lives. Jesus reminds us that our lives are not our own, and that whoever dedicates his life to Jesus and the Gospel will have everlasting life.





Lord God almighty,  
bless our grandparents  
with long life,  
happiness, and health.  
May they remain



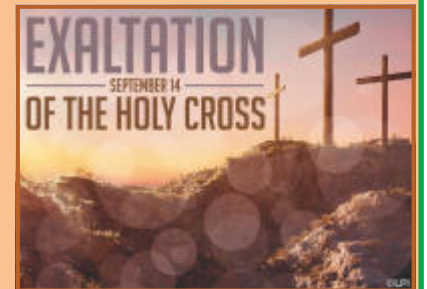
constant in your love and be living  
signs of your presence to their  
children and grandchildren.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### **The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's



dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Read more at: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/exaltation-of-the-holy-cross>

### **Thank you for your survey feedback**

Thank you to everyone who filled out a planning study survey for the Diocese of Davenport! Over the next couple of weeks, the Steier Group will prepare recommendations for Bishop Thomas Zinkula and diocesan leaders on whether the diocese should proceed with a capital campaign and its fundraising potential. Once the bishop and his team determine whether and how to proceed, the diocese will communicate the results to all parishioners.





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