



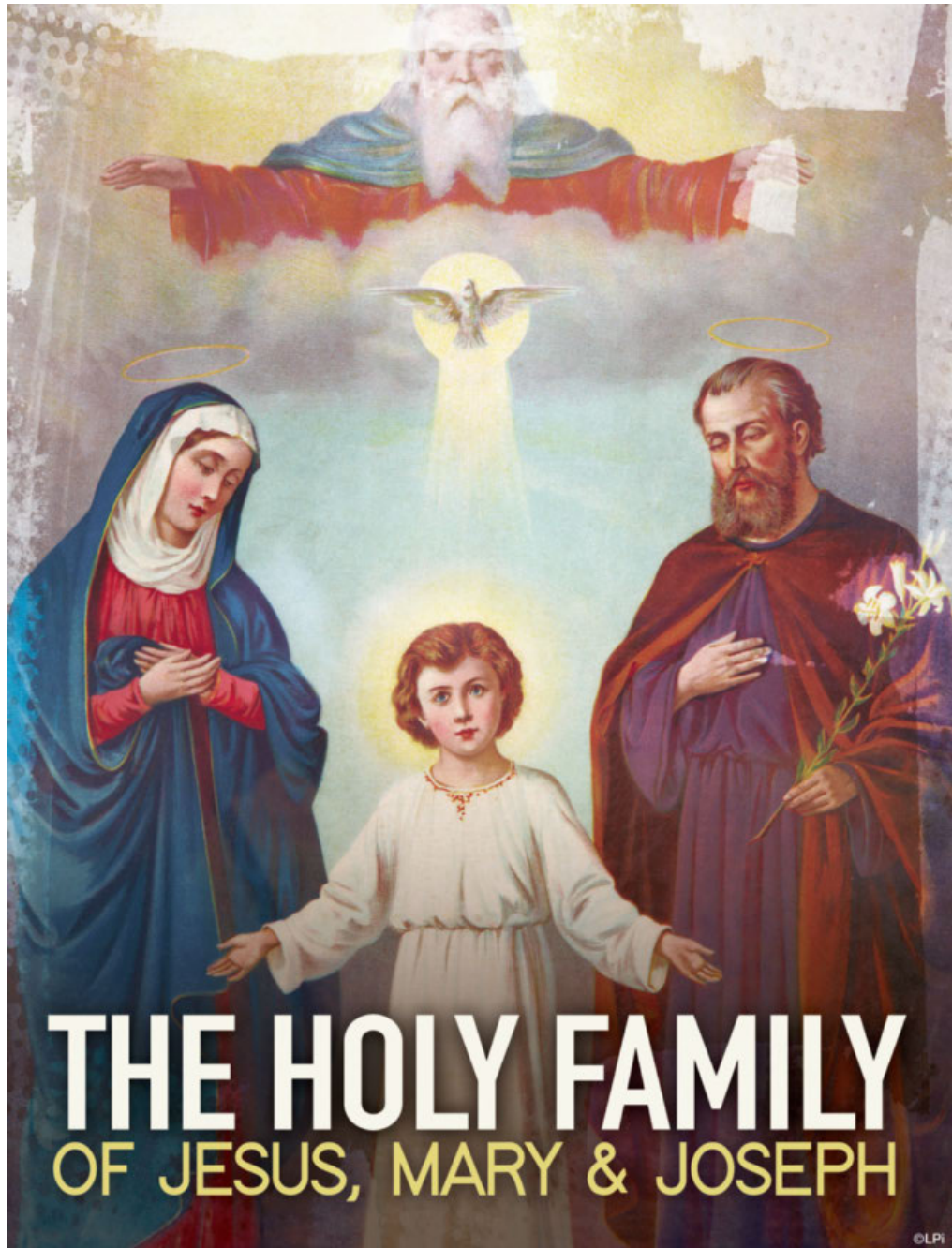
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Church & School

The Memo

December 25 - 26, 2021

*"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)*



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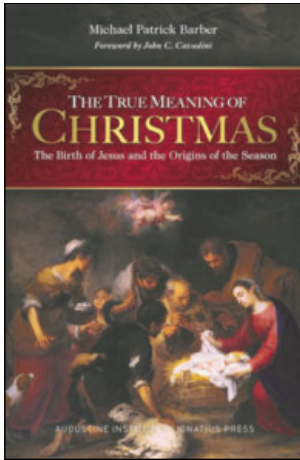


Solemnity of

Mary, Mother of God

*(Not a Holy Day of Obligation
this year)*

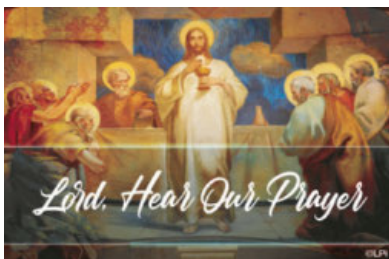
Saturday, January 1, 10 a.m.



*The True Meaning of Christmas:
The Birth of Jesus & the Origins of
the Season by Michael Patrick Barber*

In *The True Meaning of Christmas*, biblical scholar Michael Patrick Barber offers an inspiring look at the biblical accounts of Jesus' birth and the development of the Christmas season.

Sacred Heart of Jesus is giving away copies of this book (one per household) on a first-come basis. You can claim a copy of this book by coming by the church office during regular business hours.



For family members who are alienated or estranged: that the unending power of the mercy of Jesus will reunite and reconcile loved ones, we pray to the Lord...



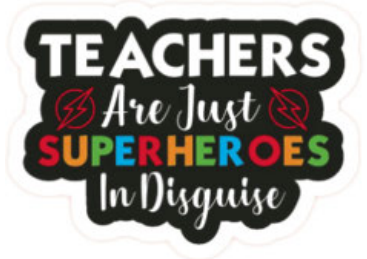
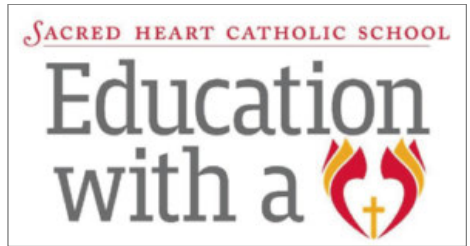
**ADORATION
of the
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SACRAMENT**

Are you looking for spiritual fulfillment? Have you considered giving an hour of your time to the Lord each week in prayer with a commitment to Eucharistic Adoration?

**The following hour is in need
of a prayer partner:**

Wednesday 4 a.m. to 5 a.m.

If interested, please contact Brenda Mears (shadoration@gmail.com) or call the parish office.



Do you enjoy helping young children grow? If your answer was YES, then Sacred Heart Child Care Center may have a position for you! We are seeking a **full-time teacher assistant** for our early childhood program. The ideal candidate will embody a love for children and a desire to help them grow in their faith. If interested, please contact Monica Barnett at 620-343-7395 or email mbarnett@shemporia.org for an application.



**Together We Stand
for the Unborn!**

Abortion is the most significant human rights abuse of our time. Will you take a stand? Join us this year for March for Life in Washington, D.C., January 19 - 23, 2022.

We will depart on January 19, after Mass with Archbishop then join him in Washington, D.C. for the Vigil at the Basilica and the March & Rally at the Mall. Cost is \$415.00 and includes hotel and transportation. More details will follow registration.

Please contact Shawn in the church office to sign up.



Sacred Heart School seeks a licensed PE Teacher for 2021-2022 school year. Days and times are flexible, but could be as much as 10 hours per week. Interested applicants should complete the application at <https://archkck.org/catholicschools/employment/> or email/call principal Darby O'Neill doneill@shemporia.org 620-343-7394.



Pre-packaged food pantry bags are available for pick-up every Sunday from 4 -5 p.m. There is a limit of one bag per household per weekend. To-go meals are served every Sunday beginning at 4 p.m. while supplies last.

**Sunday, December 12th
40 meals served
20 pantry bags**

**Thank you for your continued donations!
Our greatest need...**

Oatmeal, canned fruit, meal kits, and canned chili.

The Ice Box always accepts food donations for the following...



- Gluten free pasta
- Gluten free snacks
- Rice
- Beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups

- Canned Ravioli
- Applesauce
- Shelf-stable or Powdered Milk
- Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Pasta sauce
- Canned Stews/Chili
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Whole-Grain Cereal
- Pasta



The Incarnation is the Reason for the Season

On a short commute this past week, I noticed a banner in a neighbor's yard stating, **"Jesus is the Reason for the Season"** My mind was then drawn to another popular saying, **"Keep Christ in Christmas"**. I don't know when these phrases originated, but I first recall them being used in the mid nineties when it seemed retailers were shy to wish their shoppers Merry Christmas. If I recall correctly, many gave witness to their objections with the use of these phrases or a simple wish of a Merry Christmas at the end of their transaction. From those objections, I guess, people place banners on their property to give witness to the true meaning of Christmas.

Today, these phrases remind me that the true meaning is about the Incarnation. Our Catechism in paragraph 461 states, "Taking up St. John's expression, "The Word became flesh", the Church calls "Incarnation" the fact that the Son of God assumed human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it". Simply put, the Incarnation is when the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, while retaining His Divine Nature, took on a human nature; that of body and soul like ours in order to save us. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, being True God, became True Man to save us.

Pope Emeritus Benedict delivering Catechesis at Christmas time once said, "In that child, the Son of God whom we contemplate at Christmastime", is recognized as the "true face of the human being, and only in opening ourselves to the action of His grace and seeking every day to follow Him do we carry out God's plan for us."

Benedict also said, the exchange of gifts with loved ones should always express a sign of love and esteem. Our liturgy reminds us too of the original Christmas gift, the Pope says, when, "On that holy night, God, becoming man, wanted to make himself a gift for humanity ... he took on our humanity in order to give us His divinity. This is the great gift. ... In this we find the model of our giving because our relationships, especially those which are most important, are guided by generosity and love."

So that simple sign in a yard, stating, Jesus is the Reason for the Season is a gift that helps us recall the true meaning of Christmas, who is our best gift, Jesus, who is True God and True Man. During this Christmas season, let's remind each other to stay focused, seek his grace so that we may carry out His plan for us... which is the universal call to holiness. Let's keep working to get better!

And don't be afraid to say, Mary Christmass!

Shawn Gerleman, Evangelization Director





Happy Anniversary to these couples celebrating in January!

- Al & Antonina Bauman
- Carl & Carlene Bedner
- Larry & Rachel Guerrero
- Dirk & Joy Haegert
- Darrell & Diana Hirt
- Edward & Mary Juresic
- Steve & Marilyn Laird
- Michael & Dianne Starr
- Terrance & Teresa Weaver

Blessing Boxes

for the *John & Frances Ice Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry*

Members of our parish donated over

270 items to make this special holiday surprise for patrons of the Ice Box.



Sacred Heart School 5th graders packed over 20 items into each of the Blessing Boxes which were given out on December 19.

The Youth Group wrapped each of the boxes and attached a prayer card and drawing which were colored by the students of SHS.



The next SHS Dining Night is **Tuesday, January 11** from 4 - 8 p.m. at Billy Sims.

Let them know you're dining to benefit Sacred Heart School and they'll donate a percentage of the sale to our school.

Thank you for supporting SHS!



Thank you Sacred Heart parishioners for supporting the Youth Group 's recent cinnamon roll fundraiser. The youth group appreciated your generous support of \$1,401.00 and this will help them for their trip to the March for Life in Washington D.C..



Sacred Heart Parish will provide meals for Family Promise December 26th - January 1st. Currently we have 5 families, 15 people in total who are being housed by Family Promise. If you would like to provide breakfast, lunch, or supper for any of those days, please contact Joan Kloppenberg at 620-342-9331 or email sacredheartfamilypromise@gmail.com Thank you.

The next Knights of Columbus free will offering breakfast is Sunday, January 9 from 8 - 10 a.m. All are invited!

Sacred Heart Cub Scout Pack 158's KINDNESS Fundraiser!
Our Scout pack is raising money for Scout adventures and activities.



Our Scouts are delivering acts of kindness: visiting nursing homes, baking cookies for police officers, painting kindness rocks, helping a neighbor... If you would like to support our acts of kindness, please donate at <https://www.raiseoraze.com/A7G5QU6/> thru December 31. Do you have an act of kindness that you would like delivered by one of our Scouts? Contact Sherri Fusaro at sfusaro@shemporia.org. Thank you for supporting Scouts!

Living the Liturgy

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi



Sacred Heart's Cub Scout Pack 158 Recently visited residents at Sunflower Care Home as an act of kindness. They played games, did crafts, told jokes, and played instruments to the delight of the residents.



Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi

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Week of December 6-12, 2021

Envelopes	\$5305.26
Collection Plate.....	\$1686.00
Online/Kiosk.....	\$1106.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$70.26
Total.....	\$8167.52

Building Fund.....	\$312.00
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Uganda	\$260.00

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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 Sunday of each month at the 10:00 am. or immediately following. Must be registered parishioner for at least six months.

Need Help With Prayer? Spiritual direction is available on request with Fr. Carter, 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.

This Week

Sunday, December 26

4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru

Monday, December 27

Church office closed

6:15 pm Cub Scouts

6:30 pm Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 28

Church office closed

No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:15 pm Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 29

Church office closed

No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, December 30

Church office closed

6:30 RCIA

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Friday, December 31

Church office closed

Saturday, January 1

10:00 am Solemnity Mary, Mother of God Mass

Sunday, January 2

4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru



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Looking Ahead

January 10: KofC Breakfast

January 11: SHS Dining Night at Billy Sims from 4-8pm

January 14: Soup & Social sponsored by the Altar Society beginning at 12:15p

January 18-22: Fr. Carter Gone

January 19-22: Youth Group to March for Life

January 30-February 5: Catholic Schools Week

February 13: KofC Breakfast

February 26: Youth Group Bierock Sales

March 6: KofC Breakfast

March 7-18: Fr. Carter gone

March 27: KofC SUPER Breakfast

April 17: Easter Sunday

June 24: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 25-26: Blest Art

Readings Week of the

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1



Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are located in the north church entrance and near the principal's office at SHS.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

No Mass

Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

5:30 pm † Anton Tan Van Nguyen

Wednesday, December 29

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

5:30 pm † JA Stubenhofer

Thursday, December 30

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:15 am Karsten Whitmore

Friday, December 31

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:15 am † Lynn Burdick

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am Sacred Heart Parishioners

4:00 pm † Jim Kirby

Sunday, January 2

Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Sacred Heart Parishioners

10:00 am † Donna & Harvey Starks

Confessions are heard in the the confessional using the anonymous screen side only:

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
and
Saturdays 3:00 p.m.



Calling all Alumni

We're looking for Sacred Heart School alumni!

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