

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Church & School

The Memo

January 1-2, 2022

*"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)*



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." · Mt 2:6b*

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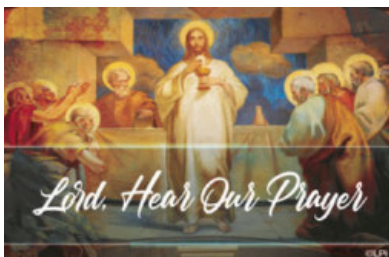


The next SHS Dining Night is **Tuesday, January 11 from 4 - 8 p.m.** at Billy Sims. Let them know you're dining to benefit Sacred Heart School and they'll donate a percentage of the sale to our school. Thank you for supporting SHS!



Altar Society Soup Lunch Social is on January 14th starting at 12:15.p.m. Come and join us for a time of visiting with others in our parish over a hot bowl of soup. You are invited to bring crackers, cheese, pickles or cookies to share. All are invited!!

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



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 BLESSED 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.



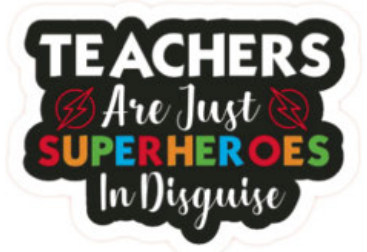
The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus & the Origins of the Season by Michael Patrick Barber

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.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Education with a



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.

P.E. TEACHER NEEDED!



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 19th
65 meals served
30 pantry bags**

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

Boxes of cereal (not giant boxes), canned fruit, crackers, 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



I like to use the Christmas season as a time to plan for the year. If the Advent season is a time to prepare ourselves for the gift of Christ, then it makes sense to me to look at the Christmas season as a time to plan for how I will use that gift. By coming down from Heaven, Christ gave us an example of how we are supposed to live our lives and he told us what we need to do. So rather than a New Years Resolution, I think about a Christmas Plan. How will I better structure my life to follow the example and teachings of Jesus.

This year, that plan is more challenging for me than it has been in the past, because I know that these coming months will be more difficult for me than they typically would be. A few weeks ago, I informed Father Carter that this school year would be my last at Sacred Heart. Through much prayer and conversation, Megan and I have decided to move to Kansas City to be closer to family. This was a very difficult decision for us as we have thoroughly enjoyed our time here at Sacred Heart and have made friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. I know that transitioning principals is always hard, but I have the utmost confidence that Father Carter will find the right person to lead the school moving forward.

I am particularly grateful for this parish community. Since we first arrived, we have received nothing but love and support from everyone we've encountered. This parish is very special and I can't begin to explain the impact that it has had on me personally, professionally, and especially spiritually. Which is where my Christmas Plan comes in. I have grown closer to God through so many of you, through the amazing staff at the parish and the school, and of course through all of the school families and the students. Your example and encouragement has helped me look for ways to strengthen my relationship with God.

While my plan will include more challenges this year, I am confident that your prayers and encouragement will help me. It will not be easy to say goodbye, which is why I am happy that I do not have to for a while yet. There is still plenty of work to be done between now and June. Change and transition always bring with it plenty of challenges, so I know that a plan to prioritize Christ will be necessary. I also know that part of that plan will include time to be sure to thank all of you who have helped me and my family over these last few years and to continue to pray for this entire community.

Darby O'Neill
Sacred Heart Principal



We thank you for your continued prayers for the Pro Life March and for all those who will be attending the march in Washington, D. C. Please pray especially for all the youth, the chaperones and Father Carter from Sacred Heart who will be attending the march.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)



SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

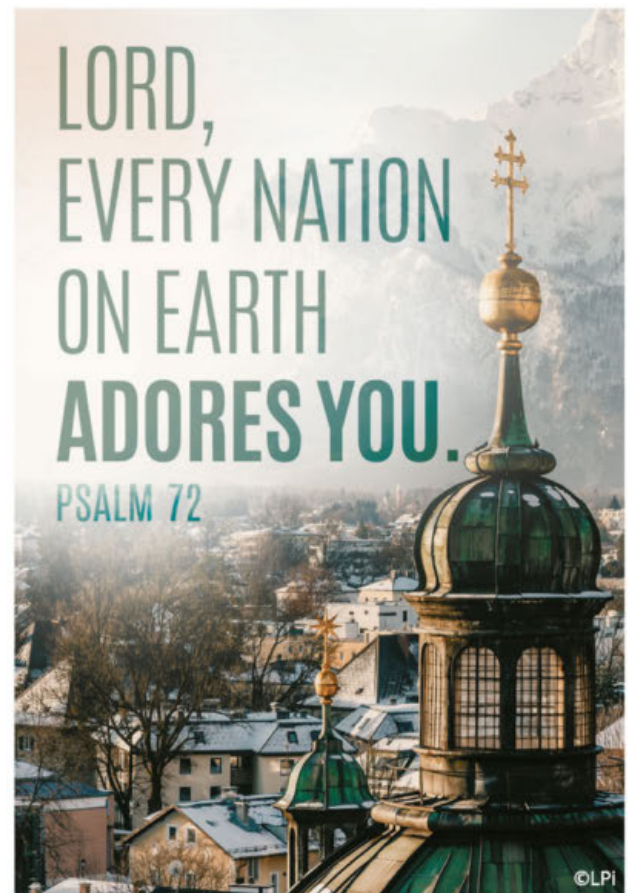
Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



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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, January 3rd
4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru
Monday, January 4th
6:15 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Prayer Group
Wednesday, January 5th
Youth Group 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 6th
6:30 RCIA
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
January 9th
4:00 pm Ice Box Drive-Thru

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 3rd
Holy Name of Jesus
No Mass
Tuesday, January 4th
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
5:30 pm † Steve Henry
Wednesday, January 5th
St. John Neumann, Bishop
5:30 pm † Anton Tan Van Nguyen
Thursday, January 6th
Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
8:15 am † Todd Bird
Friday, January 7th
Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest
8:15 am Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, January 8th
4:00 pm † Anthony Dold
Sunday, January 9th
Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am Sacred Heart Parishioners
10:00 am † Betty & Carol Youngblood



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Readings of the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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

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!

We want you to...

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Share stories and life experiences!
Relive, reminisce and retell!
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