

Dear Believers,

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In Luke 3:15-16, John the Baptist humbly baptizes his cousin, Jesus. John is aware that he is not worthy to loosen the thongs of Jesus' sandals. John has been waiting for this moment. In fact, in the beginning of Advent, John the Baptist called us all to repentance. The Christmas season ends with John and this incredible encounter in the Jordan River.

The mystery that is revealed in today's gospel is that John and Jesus are not alone in the Jordan. Jesus was praying and heaven opened. The Holy Spirit is revealed in the waters in the form of a dove. A voice echoes across the water from God the Father, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Trinity is revealed in Jesus' baptism. We too, are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are born again in God's name. The blessed water in which we were all baptized offers us union and communion with God. We too, belong to God. We are the beloved of God on earth today.

The Father's affirmation of Jesus is both human and divine. We all ache to belong in the world. We all ache to hear from the Father that our lives have meaning. We need to know in the world that our actions make a difference. Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his public ministry. Our baptism is the beginning of our commitment within the Church. The Father is pleased with each of us; we belong to God. We are the beloved on earth today. Our lives are infused with the Trinity. Jesus' baptism becomes a blueprint for our ministry, actions, and life in the world. We are not alone. We are all God's children.

Today, I invite you to reflect upon your own baptism. How do you belong in the Trinity? How is God calling you into a life of faithfulness and right action?

Response: Jesus, help us rise from the waters

When we are deep in our darkness... When we live with only regret... When our lips are tight with anger... When our fists are tense with revenge...

When our voices are horse from accusations...
When our hearts shrink with self-doubt...
When our lives are steeped in dread...
When we fear the future...

When we are bent down in self-doubt...
When we reek with cynicism...
When we feel alone and beg for mercy...
When we are on our knees in surrender...

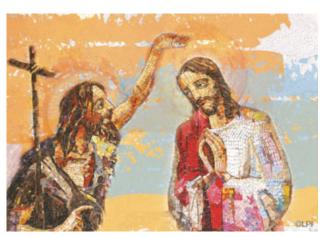
When we finally stop living other people's lives...
When we see our family in the light of love...
When we are comforted with the grins of our children...
When we enjoy the aging expressions of our grandparents...

When we see within our hearts the dignity of all people... When we remember to be kind and assuring... When we long for hope in song and prayer... When we finally see the road to heaven...

When we finally rise from the death of denial... When we finally rise from our self-absorption... When we finally rise to life in you... When we finally long to see your face...

Amen

God give you peace, Fr. Ron Raab, CSC, Pastor





Sacred Heart Parish is taking care of our planet! The parish has purchased sustainable cups to replace the styrene cups used dur-

ing coffee and donuts and other parish functions. The cups include a double insulation so we will not need cup sleeves. They are lined with a PLA lining that is a compostable plant based biopolymer. Our Facilities Manager Jimmy is trying to implement as many sustainable practices as he can at the parish, so the cups will not be the only change as we move forward. Thank you for the support as we move to a more sustainable parish.

Reflection

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)

This is the voice from heaven, spoken at the moment of Jesus' baptism. It becomes a moment of clarity for Jesus and His followers: God declares that Jesus is God's beloved Son. A second moment of clarity will come at the Transfiguration. Again, God's voice is heard from the heavens, "This is my chosen Son; Listen to Him." (Luke 9:35)

For the early Christians, and for us today, the sacrament of baptism becomes a moment of clarity in which God first tells each of us that we are also God's children. At our baptism, we are changed; we are transfigured into a new creation. Our former selves die in the waters of baptism and we are reborn again as beloved children of God.

For some of us, our baptism was quite likely celebrated even before we were aware of our own mother's love for us. Yet it remains a foundational moment, just as it was for the first followers of Jesus. Through our own baptism, we have been connected to God, the Creator of the universe and the source of all goodness. From this very first experience we have of God in our lives, we are told that we are *beloved*.

Some parishioners have told me that I often preach about how much God loves us. I couldn't imagine a greater affirmation of my job as a priest: to help people understand that God truly loves them, to help people believe at the depths of their being that they are important to the God who created them.

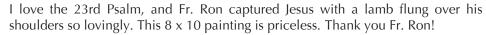
Baptism remains a lifelong challenge for us. We cross ourselves often with holy water as a constant reminder of who we are, of who we have become. And we challenge ourselves to share this love of God with others, and to treat each other as beloved children of God as well.

-Fr. Randy Rentner, CSC, Associate Pastor

Would you like to share what you have done with Fr. Ron's art that you purchased from the art sale? Send a picture (and even a short description of why you purchased that specific piece) to communications@sacredheartcos.org.

What are parishioners doing with Fr. Ron's art from the art sale??

I received a second chance (to purchase the art during the Second Chance Art for André sale), and I was able to donate to secure one of Fr. Ron's paintings titled "The Tender Shepherd." The definition of a shepherd is a person who herds, tends, and guards sheep. They may even anoint their head with oil so the flies don't drive them crazy.



-Kathleen Bianchi Standing, Sacred Heart Parishioner



Saint André House Update

Construction update through Jan. 3, 2022:

- Electrical & plumbing are 90% complete.
- Exterior staircase: concrete has been poured, and the steel will be arriving this week.
- The wastewater line for the building will be completed this week.
- Forms will be added this week for the curb and gutter on the south side of the parking lot.

Contribute to the Saint André House project on our website www.sacredheartcos.org or complete an "Intention to Give" form.

Capital Campaign	<u>GOAL</u>	
	\$1,200,000	
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	\$900,000	
	\$800,000	
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Parish News

All are invited to join us for **coffee, donuts and fellowship** in the Parish Center gym after the 7:30 & 9 am Masses.

Our *Laudato Si'* Discussion Group will continue to meet once a month in the new year. All are invited to join us on **Sunday**, **Feb. 20**, **March 20**, **April 10**, **& May 15 after the 9 am Mass** in Room 4 of the Parish Center (Adult Faith Formation is not meeting these dates). Visit our parish website www.sacredheartcos.org and click on the *Laudato Si'* tab at the top of the page to learn more.

Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Randy resumes this **Sunday, Jan. 9**, looking at the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth.

Children's Faith Formation resumes this **Sunday, Jan. 9**, 10:10 -11:25 am in the Parish Center.

Confirmation Classes (grades 7 & 8) and Youth Ministry resumes **Wednesday, Jan. 12**, 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The Caregiver Support Group has changed its meeting day to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is Jan. 11 at 2:30 pm in Room 4 of the Parish Center.

Vital Times: The holidays and Holy Days are upon us. Men and women are invited to join us on **Jan. 12 & 26 10 am- noon** in Room 4 of the Parish Center. We'll welcome the New Year and the new challenge to deepen our spiritual lives and relationships. RSVP to Helen McCabe, Catholic Chaplain and Sacred Heart Parishioner, at 719-600-8642 or just drop in to see what we're up to. All are welcome!

JOURNEY is a new ministry at Sacred Heart that meets on the 2nd Thursday every month. Our mission is to support and journey with other Catholics who love their LGBTQ+ family members, and who recognize that all are created in the image and likeness of God reflecting His infinite wisdom and goodness. All are welcome to attend our meeting on **Thursday**, **Jan. 13 at 7 pm** in Room 5 (upstairs) of the Parish Center. Questions? Call Gayle at 719-599-0692.

Our **Men's Group** offers early morning coffee with scripture study topics. Meets 2nd & 4th Friday of the month in the Parish Center gym. Next meeting is **Friday, Jan. 14 at 7 am**. To participate, contact Barry Schultz at 719-440-6933.

Baptism Class: The next Baptism Class is **Sunday, Jan. 16** at **1 pm** in the Parish Center. Those seeking baptism for their children should register BEFORE the class at formationdirector@sacredheartcos.org.

Meals of Compassion Ministry: We are happy to announce that we have resumed our Meals of Compassion Ministry that offers a meal after a funeral at our parish. Coordinators of the ministry are Dora Gonzales and Mary Cichello. If you would like to volunteer to set up, serve or clean up after a meal, email Grace at communications@sacredheartcos.org.



Holy Rosary News: Our next **Community Meeting** will be on **Saturday, Feb. 5** at **3 pm**.

OLPH News: Our next Community Meeting will be on **Sunday, Jan. 16** at **3:30 pm**.

Spiritual Growth: Do you feel like something is missing in your spiritual life? Do you want to grow into a deeper relationship with God? Then join us for an **initial spiritual growth discussion** on **Saturday, Jan. 15 from 9-10:30 am** in Room 5 (upstairs) of the Parish Center.

At Fr. Ron's request, parishioners Patty Degen and Brian Krutka will guide an effort to help deepen the most important relationship in our lives, the one with God. They previously led a seven year diocesan spiritual growth effort and have each led RCIA as well. Patty is also a certified spiritual director.

This initial meeting will focus on the question: **What do you want Jesus to do for you in your spiritual life?** This is a question Fr. Ron asked us to reflect on after a Sunday Gospel (see Mk 10:51). All are welcome. If you are interested but can't attend, please notify Brian at 719-238-6291, text or call.

Pastoral Care Ministry: We would like to resume our Pastoral Care Ministry, which brings communion to the homebound of our parish. Our Pastoral Care Ministers take communion to Catholic residents of 9 long term healthcare facilities, 1 rehabilitation center, and several parishioners' private homes. We need 15-20 new pastoral care ministers to cover the needs of our parish. If you can help, please contact Sue at 719-633-8711 x102 or sgerlach@sacredheartcos.org for attendance at these events: Training to become mandated as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) to care facilities and private homes in our diocese, Saturday, Jan. 15, 1-3:30 pm in Sacred Heart Church. Meeting for all new, returning and current Pastoral Care Ministers, Saturday, Jan. 29, 9:15-11 am in the Parish Center gym.

Additional requirements to protect high-risk members of our community include: background check, safe environment training (online course), COVID-19 vaccination and agreement to wear a mask when serving as a Pastoral Care Minister.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a program that teaches you how to work with the money and skills that God has brought into your life to best serve your family and further the Kingdom. It is not your typical "money class;" it is practical and fun! Join us for the next series of classes, **Friday evenings, Jan. 21– March 18, 6:30- 8:30 pm** in Room 5 (upstairs) of the Parish Center. Cost is \$129 for a one year membership at Ramsey Solutions. Contact John Krause at 719-593-9503 with questions or use this link to go straight to the sign-up page fpu.com/1143899

We would like to re-established the choir at Sacred Heart Church with all singing parts represented— soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Attendance at weekly choir rehearsal is mandatory. Ability to sight read music is a plus. Please contact Sue at the Parish Office for more information: sgerlach@sacredheartcos.org or 719-633-8711 x102. Our goal is to have the choir ready to serve weekly, beginning with the 9 am Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6.

Parish Life

Christmas 2021









Pictured Above: Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Church; Fr. Ron clutches a Teddy that Santa brought him during his homily; Fr. Ron gives away his Teddy to the youngest person at the Mass.

Pictured Right: OLPH Parishioners in front of the decorated grotto; The nativity scene outside of OLPH.



Contribution Statements: To request a 2021 contribution statement, please call the Parish Office at 633-8711. Your statement can be sent either by email or mail. Indicate which church you contribute to or any parish projects. Ex: OLPH Ramp Project. All mailed in contributions needed to be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2021 to be included in your 2021 Contribution Statement. Anything postmarked after Dec. 31, 2021 will be included in the 2022 Contribution Statement. All contributions given in the offertory basket must have been received by Dec. 31 to be included in your 2021 Contribution Statement. Backdated checks received after Dec. 31, 2021 will not be applied to your 2021 Contribution Statement.

If you participated in Online Giving or use the Giving App, you will need to log into your account to receive your 2021 Contribution Statement.

If you have questions or need help, call the Parish Office.

Please note that if you contribute by IRA or GoFundMe, it will not show up on your contribution statement. You should have received a letter thanking you for your contribution. If you have not received a thank you letter, please contact our Business Manager.

Thank you for supporting our parish!

Prayer Giving Tree Recipient Thank You

"Your community's gift arrived on Christmas. Thank you so much! It will help replace the funds used to house and transport 9 young trafficked men and women who were abandoned on the highway by their cartel driver. There are many challenges. Thank you so much for the help."

—Sister Nancy Crafton, El Centro de los Pobres

Presider Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 8

8:00 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Ron

†Kay Pask by Gene Pask

4:00 pm Holy Rosary Chapel– Presider: Fr. Randy

†Carol Sperry by Christy Guidry

5:30 pm Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Ron

Lynn Kemmetmueller by Jerry & Donna

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Sunday, Jan. 9

7:30 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Ron

tSam Orr by Sue McElhaney-Lew

9:00 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy

†Karen Donnelly by James & Vickie Medina

11:30 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy

†Br. James Blaszak, CSC by Sue Gerlach

5:00 pm OLPH– Presider: Fr. Randy

Kristine Schorer by Jamie Schorer

Monday, Jan. 10

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Randy

For all the homeless by Rita Fitzpatrick

Tuesday, Jan. 11

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Ron

+Ida Madrid by James & Vickie Medina

Wednesday, Jan. 12

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Ron

†Daniel Medved by Gary & Judy Huppert

Thursday, Jan. 13

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Ron

†Michael Telck by Katherine Cristelli

Friday, Jan. 14

8:00 am Sacred Heart– Presider: Fr. Ron

tJoseph Acocella by Andrew & Cynthia Darrigan

Saturday, Jan. 15

8:00 am Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Randy

†Carol Hein-O'Connor by Marie Puterbaugh

4:00 pm Holy Rosary Chapel–Presider: Fr. Randy

Claire Venn by Roxanne Venn

5:30 pm Sacred Heart Church– Presider: Fr. Ron

†Carol Sperry by Sue Gerlach

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

Please pray for our brothers & sisters...

Mike Bacsmai Eddie Johnson Chase Daniel Thomas Psalidas Marilvn Pillar Karen Whitworth Patricia Day Lea Pat Emenheiser John and Diane Antista Patrick M. Keller Bridget Gallegos Pat Thompson Carol Howard Shannon Barajas Peter C. Bob Roper

Steven Jeselnick Judy, Cindy & Jean **Emily Quintana** Carol Peterson Julie Bergen Tim Pugh Philip Brugeman Jennifer Doell Ron Sanchez Kerri Perea Richard Benz Gail Phipps Curtis Banks Ron Marriage Tena Jelinek Mary Ann Siehr Grace Windon Jerry Banks & Kay Stohr

Readings for the Week of Jan. 9, 2022

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 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Community News

Diocese: A Holy Hour for Marriage is being offered on **Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Diocese: The *Community of the Teresian Carmel and The Little Way* Discalced Carmelites Secular Order in Colorado Springs will be accepting aspirants during our Feb. 26 monthly meeting at Holy Apostles on the 4th Saturday. Aspirants will journey one year to discern whether they have a vocation in Carmelite spirituality. *The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Feb. 15.* If interested, please contact Mikell Humpert, OCDS President, at 719-651-3727 or email Mikell at mhumpert5@msn.com or email Mary Lou Posch, OCDS Formation Director, at mlcposch@aol.com or call Mary Lou at 719-510-6800 for more information.

Mission

Mass Times:

Sacred Heart Church in Colorado Springs, CO—Daily Mass: Monday—Saturday, 8 am; 7:40 am Rosary Weekend Masses: Saturday, 5:30 pm; Sunday, 7:30, 9 & 11:30 am in the church Confessions: Saturday, 9-10 am or by appointment, call the Parish Office at 719-633-8711 Adoration: Saturdays after the 8 am Daily Mass

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Holy Rosary Chapel in Cascade, CO-Saturday, 4 pm.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Manitou Springs, CO–Sunday, 5 pm.

Masks are recommended, but optional for those who have been vaccinated.

Pastoral Team

Fr. Ronald Raab, CSC, *Pastor* EXT. 110 / rraab@sacredheartcos.org

Fr. Randall Rentner, CSC, Associate Pastor Ext. 103 / AssocPastor@sacredheartcos.org

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Jimmy Gibson, Facilities Manager

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Kristin Gustafson, *Music Director for Holy Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help* hrolphchoir@gmail.com

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Cathy Kusman, Faith Formation Director Ext. 105/ formationdirector@sacredheartcos.org

KC Krumpak, Business Manager Ext. 106 / business@sacredheartcos.org

Mary Superata, *Parish Office 719-633-8711* Ext. 100 / office@sacredheartcos.org



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Our Mission Statement

As a prayerful Catholic community of service following Jesus Christ's message of hope and salvation, we make God known, loved, and served.

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The Parish Office is open Sunday, 8 am— noon, Monday — Thursday, 8:30 am— 3 pm. Closed 12–1 pm for lunch.

Email Address: office@sacredheartcos.org

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Sustaining Our Mission

Please remember... the parish depends on your financial contribution, even if you can't attend Mass in person.

Current Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022	SH	OLPH	HR
Offertory budget	\$ 750,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000
Offertory year-to-date	324,848	22,817	19,492
Nov. Offertory Totals:	\$ 74,797	\$ 4,536	\$ 4,320
Sunday collections	51,068	1,651	2,315
Online giving received	23,729	2,885	2,005
JULY- NOVEMBER 2021			
Revenue (see note below) General Revenue Restricted Gifts/programs	\$338,083 403	\$ 22,831 0	\$ 20,109 0
Expenses Operating Expenses Parish Support of Diocese	(293,357) (54,885)	(32,673) (3,864)	(40,963) (3,163)
Over (Under)	(\$9,756)	(\$13,706)	(\$24,017)

NOTE: Gifts restricted for capital improvements, insurance claims for capital repairs, and all capital expenditures are not included here and will be reported at the end of the fiscal year.

10% TITHE: 4% to parish tithing and 6% to diocesan charities. Our parish tithes are disbursed by the Pastor based on the recommendations of the Tithing Committee.



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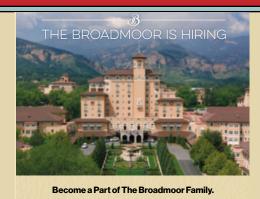


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