

# Sacred Heart Parish

September 22, 2024  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Served by  
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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 8:00am to 5:00pm

#### HORAS DE OFICINA

Dias de la Semana: 8:00am to 5:00pm



“Whoever receives one child such as this in name,  
receives me; and whoever receives me,  
receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Mark 9:37

## Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish

*“Being the living example of God’s love to others”*

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**THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH**

MONDAY September 23	TUESDAY September 24	WEDNESDAY September 25	THURSDAY September 26	FRIDAY September 27	SATURDAY September 28	SUNDAY September 29
<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Centering Prayer <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>10:00-11:00am</b> Confessions <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>1:00pm</b> Lectio Divina <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>6:30-8:30pm</b> Spanish Bible Study <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>5:00-6:00pm</b> MOC Training <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>6:30-8:00pm</b> Lector Training <i>Church</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>8:30am</b> School Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> St. Vincent de Paul <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>9:30am</b> Study of Mystics <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>5:00-6:00pm</b> Finance Council <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>6:00-7:00pm</b> Confessions <i>Church</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass 7:00am <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>11:00am</b> Spanish Legion of Mary <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>1:00pm</b> English Legion of Mary <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>2:00-3:00pm</b> Pastoral Council <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p> <p><b>3:30pm</b> English Legion of Mary 2 <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>3:00pm</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>6:30-9:00pm</b> Hispanic Catholics in Action <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>6:30-7:30pm</b> Quinceanera Class <i>Sacred Heart Room</i></p>	<p><b>7:00am</b> Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>7:30am</b> That Man is You <i>St. Anthony Claret Room</i></p> <p><b>3:00-4:30pm</b> Confessions <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>Rosary</b> 30 minutes Before Mass <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Vigil Mass <i>Church</i></p>	<p><b>MASSES</b> 7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm <i>Church</i></p> <p><b>Rosary</b> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Church</i></p>

**MASS INTENTIONS  
 INTENCIONES DE LA MISA  
 September 23 to September 29, 2024**

<b>Mon. September 23</b>	7:00am	Fr. Jerry Caffrey
<b>Tues. September 24</b>	7:00am	Matt Robb†
<b>Wed. September 25</b>	7:00am	Sharon Bookrath†
	8:30am	Bobby Goff†
<b>Thur. September 26</b>	7:00am	Fr. Gaspar Charles & Marge Goeser
<b>Fri. September 27</b>	7:00am	Fr. Ralph
<b>Sat. September 28</b>	7:00am	Bobby Bockrath†
	5:00pm	Richard Gravillo†
<b>Sun. September 29</b>	7:00am	Fr. Raj
	9:00am	Richard Pezen†
	11:00am	Marla Williams†
	1:00pm	Ryan Thomas
	5:00pm	Arnold & Dorothy Campbell†

†Denotes deceased

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
 September 22, 2024**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/ Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
<b>Monday:</b>	Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Lk 8:19-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/ Lk 9:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ecc 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9:7-9
<b>Friday:</b>	Ecc 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ecc 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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**MASS SCHEDULE  
HORARIO DE MISAS**

**CHURCH HOURS:**

Saturday and Sunday | 6:00am to 6:00pm  
Monday through Friday | 6:00am to 9:00pm



**SUNDAY MASSES IN ENGLISH**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm (Youth)



**MISA DOMINICAL EN ESPANOL**

Domingo 1:00pm



**DAILY MASS IN ENGLISH**

Monday through Saturday: 7:00am



**SCHOOL MASS**

Wednesday 8:30am  
*(when school is in session)*



**CONFESSION**

- ◆ Monday morning | 10:00 to 11:00am
- ◆ Wednesday evening | 6:00 to 7:00pm
- ◆ Saturday afternoon | 3:00 to 4:30pm

*All in the Church Confessionals*



**This week's Altar Flowers Dedication**

*"Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is LOVE."*

**In Loving Memory of Maryann Ouellette**  
From Daughter Dee Lockbaum



*For Altar Flower Dedications/Donations contact  
Alma at the Parish Office 928.445.3141*

**Arizona Catholic Bishops Statement  
Opposing Proposition 314**

As Catholic Bishops of Arizona, we express our frustration about the current situation at the US-Mexico border. The lack of a federal solution to challenges faced by both vulnerable asylum seekers and American communities is sorely needed and long overdue.

The states and local communities along the border shoulder much of the challenges created by the federal government's neglect. Its failure to address increased migration in a pragmatic and humane way has led to an ineffective response at the border and an unacceptable number of migrant deaths.

We do not question the good intentions of those seeking to address these challenges. Nonetheless, we believe that Proposition 314 will have unanticipated consequences, and that it is not the right solution.

Although proponents argue that Proposition 314 is about border security, the reality is that its passage will create real fear within Arizona communities that will have harmful consequences. In particular, by having state and local law enforcement responsible for enforcing what should be the role of federal immigration authorities, many crime victims and witnesses will be afraid to go to law enforcement and report crimes. As a result, dangerous criminals will not be apprehended, and public safety will be threatened.

Additionally, immigration by its nature is a national issue and the regulation of immigration extends beyond the purview of individual states, points consistently affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Rather than holding the federal government accountable, Proposition 314 will only create further disorder and confusion, placing unworkable and unrealistic expectations on state judicial officers and law enforcement personnel.

The federal government needs to do a much better job of managing our national border and providing comprehensive immigration reform. Proposition 314, however, is unlikely to survive legal challenges and is not the right solution to these problems.

**Most Rev. John P. Dolan**  
Bishop of Phoenix

**Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger**  
Bishop of Tucson

**Most Rev. James S. Wall**  
Bishop of Gallup

**Most Rev. Eduardo Nevares**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix



*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*  
Mark 11:24

**CATECHESIS**

**OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**

Lisa Baynes ..... 928-445-3141

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**OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL MINISTRY  
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**FUNERALS:**

Deacon Pete Balland ..... 928-925-1879

**YOUTH MINISTRY:**

TBD ..... 928-445-3141

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Deacon Ernie Gonzales .... 928-246-2926

**LECTORS:**

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Shirley King ..... 928-445-8912

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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Catalina Snowden ..... 928-710-6633

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Ken Godbold ..... 928-771-8350

**MUSIC MINISTRY:**

Doug McMurrin ..... 928-445-3141

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**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:**

Bud & Carol Bevenour ..... 928-777-9040

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD:**

Mike Daniel ..... 928-910-1506

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY:**

Diane Anderson ..... 928-350-8062

**WALKING WITH MOMS:**

Linda Wood ..... 520-403-1179

**LIFE CONNECTIONS**

**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER:**

Diane Duncan, Director .... 928-227-3130

**SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

Anthony Weber ..... 928-301-0801

**THAT MAN IS YOU/CURSILLO:**

Mike King ..... 928-925-3645

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE Faith & Friendship:**

Alma Helms ..... 928-445-3141

May Willimann	Erik Hoyer	Angelica Baeza	Jacob Smith	Blaine Rieger
Gene Murphy	Cindy Kanelos	Joanna Booher	Donna Groff	Leanne DeFere
DeeDee Quintero	Al Crook	Scott Booher	Lisa West	Rosanne Wartella
Cia Renzi	Jose Jaquez	Richard Karp	Joyce Zembek	David Cicon
Arthur Tabbot	Susan Thomas	Theresa C. Humphrey	Gloria Gilliam	Dan MacIndoe
Gloria Tabbot	Richard Thomas	Joe Yuzzi	Patricia Givan	Carolyn
Douglas Tabbot	Sherry Valdez	Jan Mendoza	Coralyn Mena	Kenneth Roger
Angie Noble	Barbara Frech	Anissa Charley	Sharon Bergeron	Morgan Sailor
Daniel Shaughnessy	M.A. Nesmith	Michael Gatson	Grace Cook	Deborah Portzer
Barbara Hillman	Marlina Perez	Edith Ellington	Colleen Cristea	Rose Forte
Jean Brennan	B. Clairra Denslow	Becki Conrad	Gabriel Perry	Austin & Grace Klise
Dave Scheid	Frances Apolinar	Art Pope	Patricia Ayers	Becky Rue
Frank Diamond	Avanna Ribtzki	Griffin Keighron	Cynthia Aurzada	Angela Harris
Regina Dougherty	Les Henderson	Tim Keighron	Denise Jackson	Jake M.
Francis X. Dougherty	Shirley Henderson	Timothy Reynolds	Tiffany Cambell Garcia	Patty Fields
John Wilhelmsen	Jim Granecki	Tom Steckhahn	Clemencia Bernardino	Bev Salgado
Dorene Durlay	Marlene Burnham	Jeffrey Crummy	Evangelina Laguatan	Carolyn Wallace
Julie Walker	Patricia Givan	Christina Helffrich	Urbano Laguatan	Elsbeth Coffin
Laura Walker	Barbara Davis	Alastair MacDonald	Yolanda Van Haren	Yvette Guzik
Melanie Monteno	Steve Sailor	James Vaca	Paula Tanzini	Christina Thompson
Jesse Martinez	Seth Permenter	John Eckert	Francine Sandoval	Edward D. Young
Audrey Smith	Jaime Corona	Rudy Nunez	Rose Anne Ditzig	Peggy Martinez
Leticia Valdez	Bob Goff	Candice Nunez	Brenda Saves	Douglas Myers
Ralph Valdez	Tammy Rowland	Laurea Brophy	Angel Baker	Kimberly Macias
Delia Valdez	Anthony Andrade	Steve Han	William R. Salazar Jr.	Thomas Pifer
Kristi Feeling	Linda Catalano	LaVonne Cooper	Remington Claudt	Dave Faulkner
Tim Kilbourne	Carl Minnick	Matt Brown	Joe & Carole Childs	Kaitlyn
Patrick Kilbourne	Beverly Thomas	Brian Walker	Janice Bartholomew	Shawn Martinez
Kurt Anderson	Ed Willimann	Elaine DeAugusta	Richard Petzoldt	Audrey Lanting
Michelle Lanting	Ewa Jones	Joseph DeAugusta	Willa Johnson	Ted Martens
Nanette McGrath	Gary Frank	Michelle Zumbahlen	Steve Stelter	Wally Raheb
Sunny Leong	Adena Opitz	Molina Lambert	Adam & Taylor Hansen	Julie Rusing Acklin
Misaki Cho Leong	Sarah Fernandez	Ian Lambert	Kathy Kirkpatrick	Susie Alvarez
Earl Wilkening	Pete Fernandez III	Audri Marehand	Yolanda Kersting	Kenneth Watson
Cathy Wilkening	Rita Meurrens	Annette Reddick	Ann Fountain	Julian Alcaide
Dan Hyra	Sheila Solomon	David Reddick	Julie Newman	Rocco Giordano
Kelley Ward	Malina Lambert	Christina Young Rehs	Heidi Tate	Shawn Nutt
Bill Muehl	Tony Charley	Doug Hamm	Cecilia Thornton	Joseph & Patsy Oliver
Mary White	Tara Todd	Joann Hamm	Rebecca Hamilton	Judy Chavez
Delia Parker	The People of Haiti	Paula Mathias	Michael Liversidge, Sr.	Denise Jackson
Dan Wegleitner	Edris Minnick	Sr. Anne Fitzsimons	Colleen Mellies	S & N Purdy
Carolyn Hasty	Liam McLoughlin	Elizabeth Jacobs	Steven Holcomb	Julie Newman
Tom Trask	Bob Lee	The Boyd Family	Kellene Monahan	Bill Newman
Frank Pew	Patricia Reardon	Linda Laguatan	Jerry Welna	Jane Thomas
Keggan Kenny	Gary Lightfoot	Tony Palumbo	Narancic Family	Colter Narancic
Camden Liu	Juan & Stella Mendez	Lori French	Barbara	Don Petroff
Steven Pedene	MJ Carey	Karin Marsala	Mary Ann Wagner	
Tim Wickers	Dawn Gillet	Cole Slaiding	Nancee Kilbourne	

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
**Lord's Bounty Supper**

**I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME A DRINK**

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,  
Thank you for your generous donations of delicious foods and assistance with the Sacred Heart Parish Lord's Bounty Second Sunday Suppers.  
A special thank you to Amanda from Rosa's Pizzeria for the fantastic pizzas.  
We are currently accepting gift cards to provide to individuals during the holiday season. Please drop off gift cards to the parish office or stop by a Second Sunday Supper event at 1:00pm in the Forum and give the gift card to Jeanine Canedo, Alyce Newton or other volunteers on site. Thank you.



**Precious Blood  
Adoration  
Chapel**

Call Timothy Rood, Coordinator  
(310) 596-0511

**HOURS NEEDED**

Monday 4am-5am  
Wednesday 12am-1am | Wednesday 11pm-12am  
Saturday 3pm-4pm  
Sunday 5-6am | Sunday 6-7pm



**Light of the World**  
EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES

*Mark Your Calendar and Save the Date*

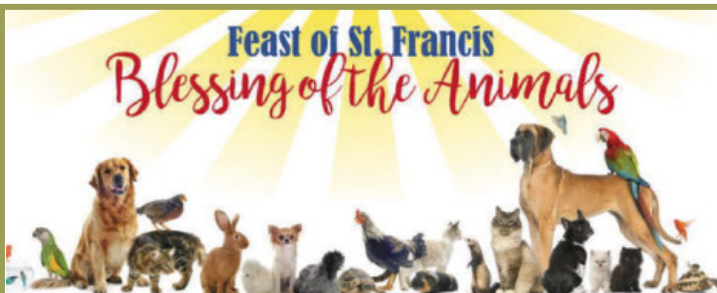
The next  
**LIGHT OF THE WORLD (LOTW) RETREAT**

at  
Sacred Heart will take place the weekend of  
**November 2-3, 2024.**

Call Mike Daniel at 928-910-1506  
or

Kelly Daniel at 928-848-9039  
for more information or to sign up.

There is no cost for attending the retreat this year  
the retreat is limited to 30 retreatants.



*St. Francis of Assisi is remembered for his compassion  
for the vulnerable, especially the poor,  
and for his love for animals and nature.*

**Join us for The Blessing of the Animals!**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4  
5:00PM**

**In Front of the Parish Office  
All animals must be leashed or in a crate.**



**St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel Jesus called the twelve and said to them, "if anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant to all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst and putting his arms around it, he said to him, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me".

Your gift will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them. Thank you for providing the support we so surely need to help the children and their families in our community.



*My soul finds rest in God alone;  
my salvation comes from him.*  
Psalm 62:1

**Anita D. Dudley**  
July 13, 2024

**Paula Jean Mathias**  
July 19, 2024

**Joseph Frank Maresh**  
July 22, 2024

**Ruby Alice Jaime**  
August 2, 2024

**Earl Friese**  
August 5, 2024

**Julie Walker**  
August 6, 2024



**YAVAPAI COLLEGE**

1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott  
Parking lots A & B

**COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

September 27th, 2024 | 11:00am to 2:00pm

**First come, first served until food runs out**

**Drive through only**

Sponsored by Yavapai College & St. Mary's Food Bank  
For more information: [www.yc.edu/foodpantry](http://www.yc.edu/foodpantry)



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FOOD PANTRY  
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**St. Mary's**  
Food Bank

**NEW LECTOR TRAINING**



Is the Lord calling you to proclaim scripture at Mass?  
Proclaiming the word of God is not only a service,  
but a gift that is meant to be shared.

**TRAINING CLASS**

**Tuesday, September 24, 6:30pm - 8:00pm.**

Sacred Heart Room  
Lector books will be provided.

**Commissioning Ceremony**

Sunday, September 29  
9:00 am Mass

For more information contact Deacon Ernie Gonzales  
[egonzales@sacredheartprescott.com](mailto:egonzales@sacredheartprescott.com)



*Are you called to be the  
Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ?*

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion outside of the Mass or more commonly referred as Ministers of Care (MOC) at Sacred Heart, are volunteers who present the Holy Eucharist to our Catholic community members who are unable to attend Mass.

These Catholic community members are in nursing facilities, assisted living residences, in the hospital or are just homebound in the Prescott area. These brothers and sister in Christ desire the Living Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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BLOOD DRIVE**

**There is a Critical Need for Blood**

**Saturday, October 5th, from 10:00am until 1:00pm**

we will have a blood drive at the church in the Forum-Lower-Level.

There will be a limited supply of Chic-fil-A gift cards for the first 50 donors, and a Halloween T-shirt (limited supply).

Please visit the website: [donors.vitalant.org](http://donors.vitalant.org) or call 1-877-258-4825 to schedule your appointment.

If you have any problems getting an appointment or questions, call or text Robert Forte, Coordinator at (909) 376-8154.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Finance Council Meeting**

Wednesday, September 25 at 5:00pm. | Sacred Heart Room

**PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

School Endowment	\$304,721.00
Parish Endowment	\$261,714.00

**Summary Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

**Revenue**

Annual Collection Plate Receipts	\$1,639,078.00
Church Ministry Fees	\$23,055.00
School and Preschool Tuition and Fees (CEA, scholarships)	\$784,411.00
Parish Fundraising	\$10,964.00
School and Preschool Fundraising	\$62,066.00
Other Income-Church (rentals, interest, bequests, donations, endowment)	\$363,806.00
Other Income-School and Preschool (unrestricted donations, grants, bequests, activity and program income, endowment)	\$178,975.00
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**TOTAL INCOME**

\$3,062,355.00

**Expenses**

Church Salaries and Benefits including Clergy	\$843,690.00
School and Preschool Salaries and Benefits	\$869,643.00
Church Operating Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance, hospitality, printing, advertising, automobile, phone, property)	\$335,176.00
School and Preschool Operating Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance, office, equipment)	\$107,688.00
Church Fundraising expense	\$3,751.00
School and Preschool Fundraising expense	\$14,221.00
Church Faith Formation (liturgy expense, Mass and teaching supplies, retreats, sacramental preparation, youth activities)	\$50,840.00
School and Preschool Education Expenses (instructional supplies, books, online fees)	\$20,446.00
Depreciation	\$254,259.00
Charitable Contributions	\$24,025.00
Diocesan Assessments	\$191,791.00
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**TOTAL EXPENSES**

\$2,715,530.00

**TOTAL NET ORDINARY INCOME**

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\$346,825.00



## Walking Through the Mass – Lamb of God | By Fr. Luke Spannagel

Continuing through the Communion Rite, we have prayed the Our Father and exchanged a holy and reverent Sign of Peace. What comes next? As *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explains, “The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name [Breaking of the Bread was a common name for Mass in the early Church], signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ, who for the salvation of the world died and rose again. The fraction or breaking of bread is begun after the sign of peace and is carried out with proper reverence, and should not be unnecessarily prolonged or accorded exaggerated importance . . . The priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious” (*GIRM*, 83).

### The Lamb of God in Scripture

You may be thinking, *Hold on, Father! What about the Lamb of God?* Well, as we will see, at this moment of the Mass a couple of actions will be overlapping. At this point in the Mass, we either sing or say the *Agnus Dei*: “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.” The *Roman Missal* instructs that the first phrases may be repeated if needed, but the final time always ends with “grant us peace.” As John the Baptist heralded, Jesus is the Lamb of God—the one true sacrifice offered out of love for us for the forgiveness of sins. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “The slaughtered lamb is of extreme importance throughout Sacred Scripture. The prophecy of Jeremiah is that the suffering Servant of the Lord would be like a ‘lamb led to the slaughter.’ The Book of Revelation states that enthroned on the Heavenly Altar is the Lamb of God showing the marks of being slain for our offenses. For the Jewish Passover, the lamb was the prescribed animal of sacrifice. The sacrifice of Jesus is the new Passover. In fact, as the Gospel of John details, Jesus is the Lamb of the new Passover” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 18).

### The Meaning of The Lamb of God

In greater depth, Charles Belmonte states, “The figure of the ‘Lamb of God’ is full of meaning and is helpful to enkindle our devotion before Communion. The Lamb foretold by Isaiah and announced by St. John the Baptist should wipe out our sins through his obedience to God’s will: ‘Innocent, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughterhouse, like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers’ (Isa 53:7) . . . This lamb was also foreshadowed by the paschal lamb the Jews sacrificed on the eve of their departure from their slavery in Egypt. The expression of John the Baptist reminds us of the lamb of which the Jews celebrated the Passover every year, the pledge of the reconciliation of man with God. St. John the Evangelist, who was at the foot of the cross, observed that Jesus’ legs were not broken as in the case of the two thieves. We find in this detail some similarity with the prescription of God for the Paschal lamb: ‘You must not break any bone of it’ (Ex 12:46) . . . Finally, the *Agnus Dei* [Lamb of God] is also a nuptial hymn to celebrate the wedding of the Lamb with his bride, the Church, in peace and unity, as is described in the Book of Revelation. There, on the altar, the Lamb lies alive, but as if slain. Twenty-four elders are around the Lamb. They are clothed in white robes and crowned with gold. Thousands of angels hymn the sacrifice and triumph of the Lamb. Certainly, each Mass is only a prelude and a token of the future adoration of the Lamb in eternity” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 180–81).

So, just like so many of the other Mass parts we have reviewed, the Lamb of God is filled with meaning and symbolism, all of which are pointing directly to Jesus Christ, truly present on the altar: his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Just before we are ready for Holy Communion, these words remind us of Who is present on the altar and that, in his great love, he offered himself in sacrifice to save us from our sins. Here is the One who fulfills the prophecies of old. Here is the One for whom hearts have been longing. Here is the One whose perfect sacrifice draws us together in love and opens a sharing in the beauty and perfection of heaven. What a great Savior! How blessed are we that he is truly present in our midst!



# SACRED HEART SCHOOL CORNER

## August Students of Month



### Upcoming Events

Jog-a-thon  
October 4th

8th-graders have been learning about immigration in the late 1800's and past immigration patterns in history.



Artist: Greer Ottmann, 8th grade

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Yo nací en el pueblo histórico de Bochnia, Polonia, en una familia Católica devota. La Fe era la Piedra angular de nuestra vida diaria, con mis padres inculcándome a mí y a mis dos hermanos los valores del amor, el respeto y el crecimiento espiritual. Después de terminar la preparatoria y mientras me preparaba para los estudios de la universidad, sentí un profundo llamado de Dios para dedicar mi vida al trabajo misionero. Respondiendo a este llamado divino, me uní a los misioneros del verbo divino, una orden religiosa en Polonia. Esta decisión marcó el comienzo de un viaje transformador que me llevaría a través de los continentes.

Después de algunos años de estudio y formación, me enviaron a Paraguay, en Sudamérica, para continuar mi formación y dedicar mi trabajo pastoral, sumergiéndome en la cultura y la comunidad locales. Tras este enriquecedor periodo, regrese a Polonia para continuar mis estudios teológicos en el seminario.

Tras diez años de rigurosos estudios y formación, fui ordenado sacerdote en 1998 y enviado a Colombia y Panamá. Allí participé activamente en el desarrollo de la labor pastoral en la parroquia, asumí funciones administrativas en la provincia y en busca de una maestría en sociología. Mi estancia en Colombia fue muy enriquecedora y permitiéndome crecer espiritual y profesionalmente.

En el 2008, tuve el honor de que el Superior General me pidiera desde Roma que abriera y coordinara una nueva misión en Venezuela. Fui nombrado Párroco en una de las parroquias más grandes de Maracaibo, la segunda ciudad más grande de Venezuela. Tras cuatro años de dedicado servicio en Venezuela. Fui trasladado a una parroquia multilingüe en los suburbios del norte en Chicago, EE.UU. Donde trabajé como Párroco asociado durante siete años.

Mas tarde, mi provincial me pidió que me mudara a New Jersey, y donde el obispo me asignó una nueva parroquia, St Ann's en Browns Mills, cerca de la base militar de Fort Dix. Durante mis seis años allí, servi como administrador y Párroco, atendiendo las necesidades pastorales del personal militar, veteranos, y de la comunidad de habla hispana.

A principios de este año, solicité un traslado a la Provincia Occidental del Verbo Divino, en la sede de Riverside, CA y fui asignado a La Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón en Prescott, AZ. Continuaré sirviendo con dedicación, aprovechando la oportunidad de ministrar a una nueva comunidad y promover mi misión de fe y servicio.



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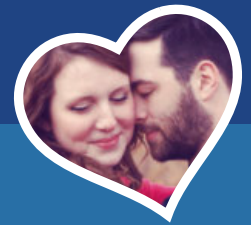
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