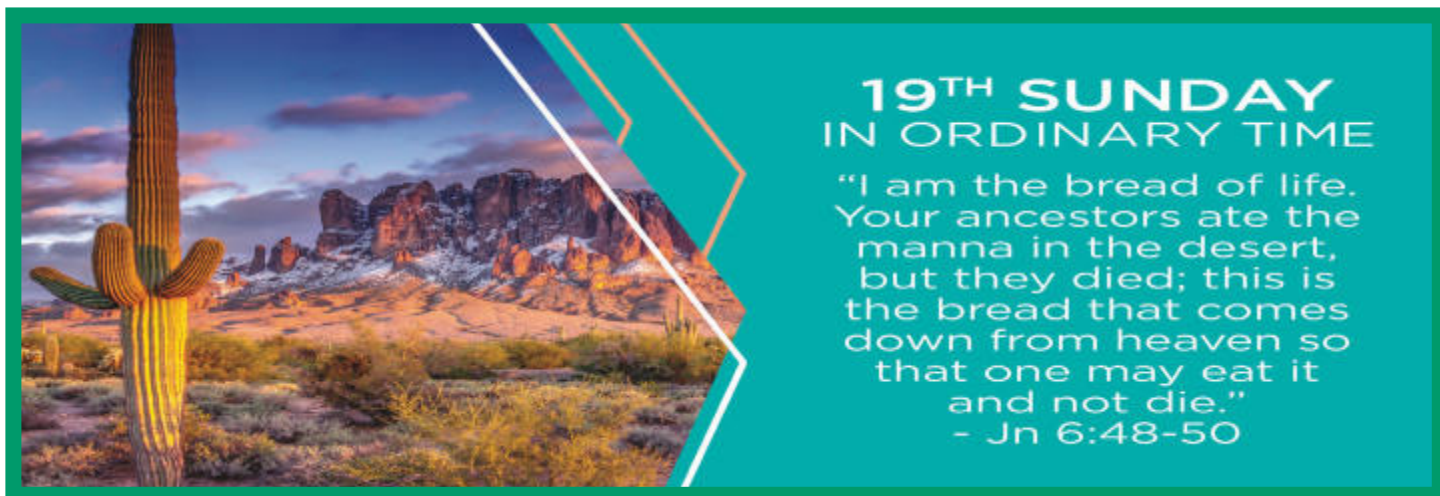


Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



AUGUST 8, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION: The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8a.m. Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

NOTICES

The Catholic Youth Group will kick off with a back to school bash, welcoming incoming freshmen & all other members, new & old on Aug 29th at 6pm.

Formed.org

A free and easy way to go online and learn about your Catholic faith. Use Sacred Heart Parish, Pratt, KS to sign in.

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/

1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer), Madison Hunt-continue prayers for health, Doug Will – health concerns; Michelle Jochems-anemia, Lyola Hatfield-health issues; Elton Bowman-health issues; Barbara Agnew - health issues; Geneva Theis - health issues; Connie Grizzell-health concerns, Dawnetta Park (Linda Johnson cousin)-health issues, Tom Wenrich, Ann Souza-health issues, Ethel Warren-health issues, Aquina Stonestreet-health concerns

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of July 25, 2021 Number of Envelopes - 50

Envelopes	\$3,890.00
Online Giving	450.00
Offertory	286.00
Mass stipends	190.00
Memorial Fund	25.00
Votive Lights	9.50
Total	\$4,850.50
Required Budget	\$7,200.00
Net Deficit	<\$2,399.50>

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$30,752.44
Required Budget	28,800.00
Net Surplus	\$1,952.44

Watch the liturgy ministers calendar for when you are up to serve.

Women of Sacred Heart Annual Meeting August 11 at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Refreshments are included.

Information for the **ACTS Retreat** are located in the back of church. All retreats are in Great Bend. Women's: 10/21-24 & 10/27-30. Men's: 11/18-21 & 1/26-29.

The Sacred Heart Parish Picnic will take place Sunday, August 22, 4:00 p.m. in Lemon Park at the west Shelter House. The Knights of Columbus will cook hamburgers and hot dogs and everyone is asked to bring a side dish, your own service and also your own chair if you can. Water and condiments will be furnished. There will be games for kids along with the playground; a time for fellowship and a warm welcome and get acquainted with Father Charles. We hope to see you all there.
Stewardship Commission

Homebound or in the Hospital?

If you are home bound, have someone in your family who is, or in the hospital, please inform the office. Fr. Charles would like to visit all those homebound or in the hospital or care facility that can't get to Mass. If you have an emergency need for a sacrament, Father's phone is on the front of the bulletin. Thank you.

"If today, you hear God's voice, harden not your heart." (Hebrew 3:15)

Have you ever wondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister or do you want to know more about consecrated life? The Dominican Sisters of Peace are offering a free weekend Come and See Discernment retreat, September 10-12, 2021 in Akron, Ohio for single Catholic women ages 18-45. You can join us in person or on-line. Go to <https://oppeace.org/> for more information and to register for this event.

For more information, contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP at call/text 570-336-3991 or june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org.

If you have any announcements for the weekend, please email or call Erin in the office. She is writing these up each week. They are due by noon on Friday.

Just a reminder that anything for the bulletin is due by noon on Monday for the following weekend.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Roses for Expectant Mothers: ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY or KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS EXPECTING.....and would like a rose placed in the vase on the wall next to Our Blessed Virgin Mary? As a parish, we would like to pray that you will have a healthy pregnancy and a safe and blessed delivery. After your baby is born, you will receive your rose from the vase and keep as a memento from our parish, the day your baby is baptized.

If you are expecting a baby and would like a rose placed in the vase so our congregation can pray for you, please call Marla Stucky, 620-672-6178 or email [sstucky@cox.net](mailto:ssstucky@cox.net).

- The red roses in our vase represent our current expecting families in our parish.
- The white rose reminds us to pray for life from conception to natural death.

Calendar of Events
August 2021

Mon. 9

Tues. 10

8:30am Mass in St. John

Wed. 11

5:30pm Mass in Pratt

6:30pm Women of Sacred Heart meeting in the school

Thurs. 12

8:00am Mass

9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle

6:30pm Finance Council

Fri. 13

8:00am Mass

7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 14

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 15 Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin

Mary

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10:45am Mass in St. John



- 10 Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don Dorgan
- 11 Rita Hitt by Betty Wood
- 12 Rita Hitt by John & Tina Heien
- 13 Bob & Mary Dickinson by Charlotte Bigler
- 14 Pro populo
- 15 Pratt – For all Mothers in our parish
St. John – Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don
Dorgan

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 2021

Week 3

SATURDAY, Aug. 14th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Luke Kumberg, Lynn Southard
Commentator: Volunteer
Cross Bearer: Volunteer
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Don & Gina Hommertzhaim
Diana Barnard, Linda Conkle
Gifts: Kim Evert & Family
Ushers: Marion Fiegel
Curtis Adelhardt
Sacristan: Linda Fletcher
Rosary Leader: Volunteer

SUNDAY, Aug. 15th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Gene Cannata
Commentator: Josie Conkle
Cross Bearer: Brenna Stegman
Servers: Sarah Lamatsch, Lena Hampton
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Mike & Amy Koler, Josie Conkle
Lorin & Julie Haas
Gifts: Fields Family
Ushers: Gerald Bowman
Harold Voss
Sacristan: Robin Langford
Rosary Leader: Betty Wood
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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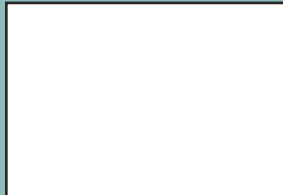
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