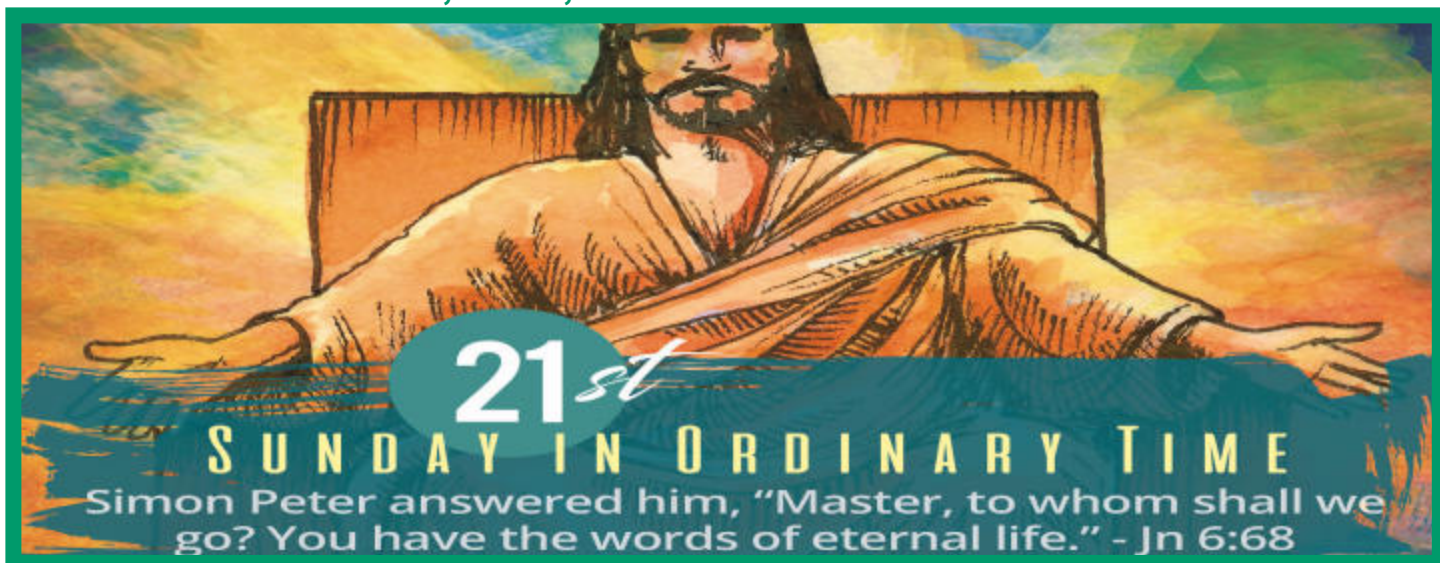


Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



AUGUST 22, 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION: "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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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 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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, Teri Simpson's twin granddaughters, Chandler and Chloe: in hospital with RSV.

Stewardship of Treasure for the

Weekend of Aug. 8, 2021

Number of Envelopes - 62

Envelopes	\$5,240.00
Online Giving	250.00
Offertory	215.00
Capital Improvement	50.00
Votive Lights	<u>28.00</u>
Total	\$5,783.00
Required Budget	<u>\$7,200.00</u>
Net Deficit	<\$1,417.00>

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$48,356.33
Required Budget	<u>43,200.00</u>
Net Surplus	\$5,156.33

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

Shoe Drive: Kiwanis is having another shoe drive! We will be collecting shoes for poor countries in South America & Africa from August 15th through October 15th. A large box will be placed in the south entry of the Church. Please check your closets and donate any gently used or new shoes you don't need. Kiwanis receives a small percentage for the shoes which is then used for youth programs in our community. Thank you for your past generosity! Call if you have questions: Stephanie Becker 388-1369

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.

Mass intention stipends are \$10/Mass. Please contact the office if you wish to have a Mass intention.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PSR Notes: If you have a 2nd grade child from the 2019-2020 PSR student that has not yet received their 1st Communion please contact the church office or Tonya Kiley.

Missionary Presentation: During the August 28,29 weekend Masses Sister Imelda Schmidt, a Dominican Sister of Peace from Great Bend, Kansas will be giving a short presentation as part of our diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan. The Dominicans have been in Nigeria since 1956. Sister will speak specifically about one of the ministries of the Dominican Sisters, Hope for the Village Child.

Calendar of Events
August 2021

Mon. 23

5-8pm Protecting God's Children session in St. John

Tues. 24

No Mass/Fr. on retreat

Wed. 25

No Mass/Fr. on retreat

Thurs. 26

No Mass/Fr. on retreat

9:30am Heping Hands Sew Circle

Fri. 27

No Mass/Fr. on retreat

7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 28

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 29

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10:45am Mass in St. John

Father Charles is on Retreat this week.



17 No Mass/Fr. on retreat

18 No Mass/Fr. on retreat

19 No Mass/Fr. on retreat

20 No Mass/Fr. on retreat

21 Rita Hitt by Harold Voss

22 Pratt – Bridget Ogwo by Ruth Menzer

St. John – Pro populo

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 5

SATURDAY, Aug. 28th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Dianna & Mike Fisher
Commentator: Volunteer
Cross Bearer: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteers
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Don & Gina Hommertzhaim
Gifts: Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteer
Sacristan: Jeanette Gaider
Rosary Leader: Volunteer

SUNDAY, Aug. 29th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Jeanette Siemens, Sarah Jackson
Commentator: Erin Sluss
Cross Bearer: Maisy Fields
Servers: Volunteer, Ryan Haas
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Josie Conkle
Christine & Lowell Brenner
Gifts: Volunteer
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Sacristan: Linda Conkle
Rosary Leader: Volunteer
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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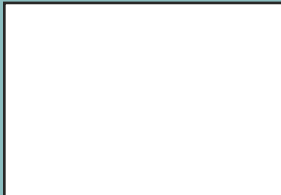
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