

Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."
- Mk 7:14-15

AUGUST 29, 2021

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: "Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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Open Monday - Fridays,
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Lunch taken: 12pm-1pm

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Church Website:

www.sacredheartpratt.com



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.

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.

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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-anaemia, 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, Jim Kiley-healing from surgery

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of Aug. 15, 2021 Number of Envelopes - 64

Envelopes	\$5,225.00
Online Giving	550.00
Offertory	238.75
Votive Lights	10.50
Total	\$6,024.25
Required Budget	\$7,200.00
Net Deficit	<\$1,175.75>

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$54,380.80
Required Budget	50,400.00
Net Surplus	\$3,980.80

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

Bulletin deadline for Sept. 12th bulletin in Friday Sept. 3rd due to Labor Day.

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.

Help needed: The parish is in need of rosary leaders, particularly before Sunday mass. We need one more sacristan for Saturday evening and more people willing to be a commentator. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

We are looking for one more adult to be a coordinator/mentor for the youth servers. You would help with server training and be a central person to contact about the servers. Please talk to Father or Erin if you can help.

August 29th at 6:30pm is the August 5th Sunday Day of Prayer located at the Front Porch. Dinner is at 6:30pm and prayer service is at 7pm. Join local pastors and leaders to pray for education.

We are in need of a 6th grade PSR catechist, the classes meet from 5-6pm on Wednesday. Please let Tonya Kiley know if you can help.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Adoration: Father Charles is beginning adoration again in the parish. He will offer 1st Friday adoration on Sept. 3rd from 6-7pm. Please come join us for this special time of prayer.

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.

Calendar of Events
August 2021

Mon. 30

Tues. 31

8:30am Mass in St. John

September 2021

Wed. 1

5:30pm Mass

7:15pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Thurs. 2

8:00am Mass

Fri. 3

8:00am Mass

6pm Adoration

7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 4

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 5

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10:45am Mass in St. John



31 Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don Dorgan

1 Rochelle Westerhaus by John & Marie
McGuire

2 Geri Henning by Paula Phillips

3 Walter McGuire by John & Marie McGuire

4 Pro populo

5 Pratt – Laurine McGuire by John & Marie
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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

September 2021

Week 1

SATURDAY, Sept. 4th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Rhonda Westerhaus
Commentator: Lynn Southard
Cross Bearer: Volunteer
Servers: Joseph & Justin Kiley
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Linda Fletcher, Barb Harris
Greeters: Curtis & Annette Adelhardt
Gifts: Curtis & Annette Adelhardt
Ushers: Curtis Adelhardt
Marion Fiegel
Sacristan: Kim Evert
Rosary Leader: Jeanette Gaider

SUNDAY, Sept. 5th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Susan & Bryan Pixler
Commentator: Arlene Garland
Cross Bearer: Quinn Thibault
Servers: Ryan Haas, Lena Hampton
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Christine & Lowell Brenner
Harold Voss, Robin Langford
Jeanette Siemens
Greeters: Harold & Norma Voss
Gifts: Goodheart Family
Ushers: Mike Egging, Rick Stegman
Sacristan: Susan Pixler
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EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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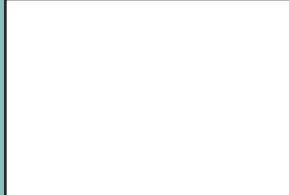
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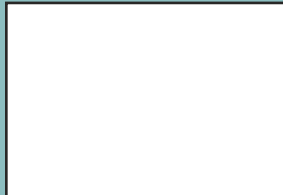
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