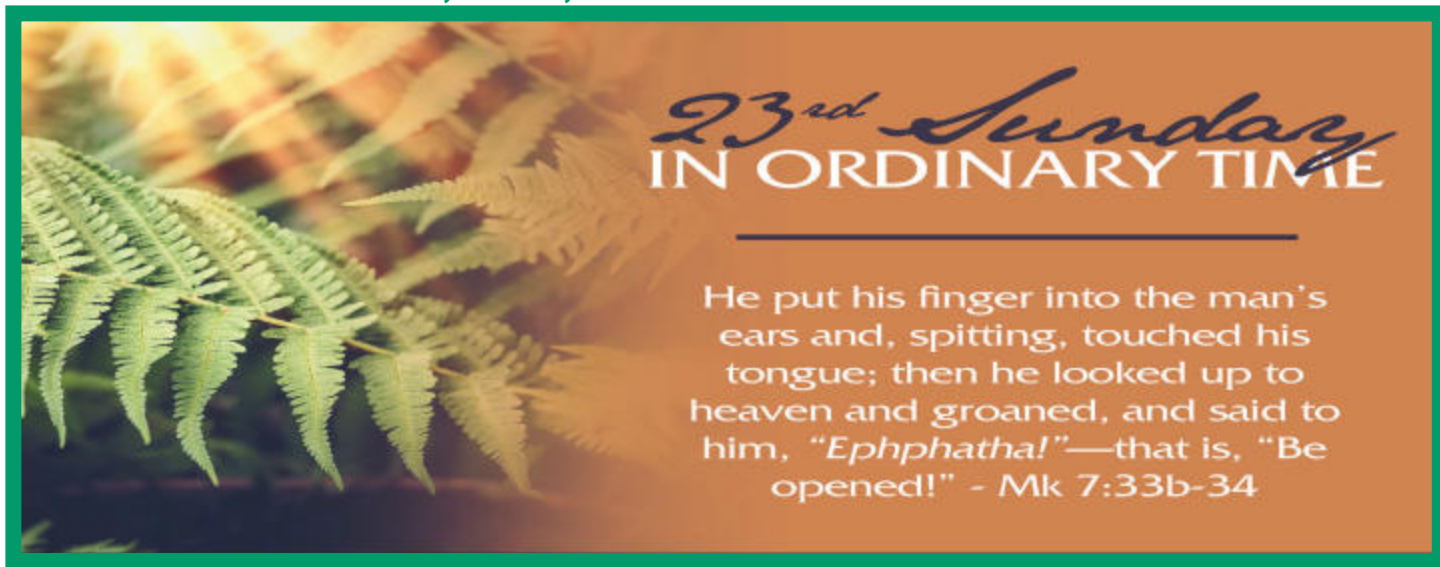


# Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:** From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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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.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

8 - PSR Begins, Confession & Practice for 4th grade students receiving on 9/11@ 6pm.

11 - 1st Communion for current 4th graders that didn't receive due to COVID @ 5:30 Mass

12 - Tour of New Atrium for CGS after Mass

15th, 22nd, & 29th - PSR Classes 2nd-HS class

Sept. 27-Oct 1st- Office closed/Erin on vacation

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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-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, Jim Kiley-healing from surgery

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

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

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

### **Stewardship of Treasure for the**

**Weekend of Aug. 22, 2021**

**Number of Envelopes - 56**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$7,391.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>196.00</b>
<b>Votive Lights</b>	<b>20.50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,857.50</b>
<b>Required Budget</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$657.50</b>

### **Year to Date**

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$62,438.30</b>
<b>Required Budget</b>	<b>57,600.00</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$4,838.30</b>

**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](mailto: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

**Newsletter Correction:** There is no confirmation practice on 9/19 @ 4pm.

### **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.

### **Help at Bread for Life Sept. 21st**

Volunteers Needed: Our turn to make and serve the next meal at the Bread for Life is September 21st. We need 6 volunteers to work from 4-6:30pm. Contact the office if you can help.

**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 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.

September 19th at 2pm is Server training in the church.

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

### **Choosing Deafness**

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **VALUE THEM BOTH**

The August 2022 Kansas primary ballot will contain an anti-abortion amendment to the Kansas constitution. Kansas legislators have proposed a measure that, if passed, would overturn a 2019 Kansas Supreme Court decision that found access to an abortion a "fundamental right." It would not be an abortion ban.

The Value Them Both Amendment would:

- Affirm there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion.
- Protect current Kansas law, which prevents babies from being aborted up to the moment of birth.
- Prevent taxpayer-funded abortion and extreme procedures such as partial-birth and live-dismemberment abortions.
- Preserve safeguards that require the abortion industry to protect women with important clinic health and safety standards.
- Reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion.

On Friday, September 17th at 7:00 pm, Father Bernie Gorges will be at the Pratt Knights of Columbus Hall explaining the importance of passing this constitutional amendment.

Please attend and invite your friends from all denominations to also participate.

**Calendar of Events**  
**September 2021**

Mon. 6

Labor Day Church office closed

Tues. 7

8:30am Mass in St. John

Wed. 8

5:30pm Mass

6-7pm 2nd-6th grade PSR/4th grade 1st Commu-  
nion practice and confession

7-8pm 7th-12th grade PSR

Thurs. 9

8:00am Mass

9:30am Helping Hands Sewing Circle

6:30pm Finance Council

Fri. 10

8:00am Mass

7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 11

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass/1st Communion for 4th graders

Sun. 12

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

After Mass CGS Atrium open house

10:45am Mass in St. John



7 Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don Dorgan

8 Irene Bonanni by Barb Harris

9 Rita Hitt by Larry & Linda Conkle

10 Charlyn Herboldsheimer by Dean & Anita  
Staab

11 Tonya Kiley by Barb Agnew

12 Pratt – Pro populo

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### September 2021

### Week 2

#### **SATURDAY, Sept. 11th, 5:30 p.m. MASS**

Lector: Ed Barrett, David Borho  
Commentator: Volunteer  
Cross Bearer: Daniel Ellis  
Servers: Michelle Jochems  
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer  
Cecilia Jarmer, Volunteer  
Greeters: Trevlyn & Lonnie Detmer  
Gifts: Trevlyn & Lonnie Detmer  
Ushers: Bryan & Diana Barnard  
Sacristan: Erin Sluss  
Rosary Leader: Mary Schmidtberger

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 12th, 8:30 a.m. MASS**

Lector: Joyce Temanson, Scott Stucky  
Commentator: Jeanette Siemens  
Cross Bearer: Ryan Haas  
Servers: Quinn & Levi Thibault  
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer  
Kim Lee, Bryan & Susan Pixler  
Kay Jean Bowman  
Gifts: Lamatsch Family  
Ushers: Jerry Siemens, Marcos Avila  
Sacristan: Linda Conkle  
Rosary Leader: Deb Roberts  
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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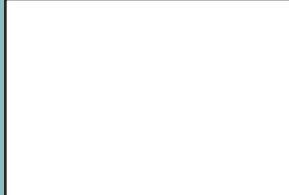


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