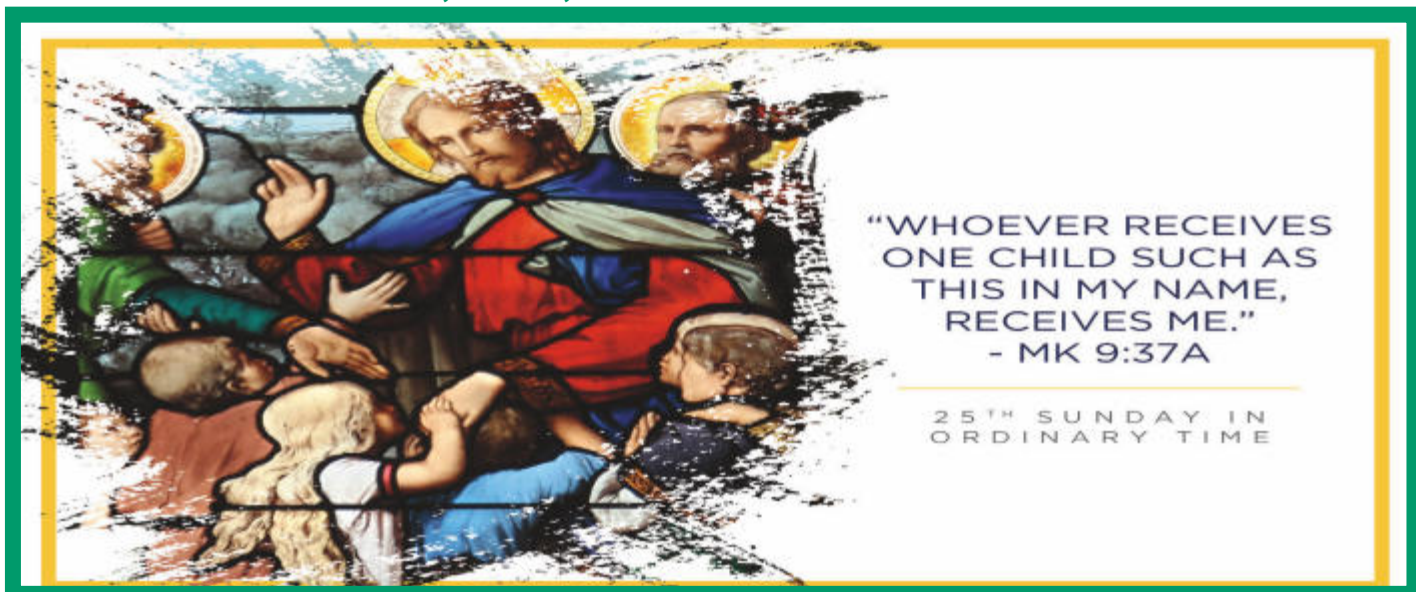


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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION : There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat care-free, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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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: 4:30pm on Saturday and 8:00am on Sunday

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

15th, 22nd, & 29th - PSR Classes 2nd-HS class
Sept. 27-Oct 1st- Office closed/Erin on vacation

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

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

[6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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, Teri Simpson's twin granddaughters, Chandler and Chloe: in hospital with RSV, Jim Kiley-healing from surgery, Becky Ellis-health issues.

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of Sept. 5, 2021

Number of Envelopes - 79

Auto Withdrawal Envelopes	\$1,130.00
Envelopes	7,808.00
Offertory	283.00
Votive Candles	11.50
Rental income	150.00
Mass stipends	529.49
WSH Dues	293.00
Online giving	300.00
Total	\$10,504.99
Required Budget	7,200.00
Net Surplus	\$3,304.99
	Year to Date
Total Receipts	\$78,873.69
Required Budget	72,000.00
Net Surplus	6,873.69

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

Deadline for Oct. 3rd bulletin is Friday, Sept. 24th at noon.

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.

- 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.

Thank you to Kim Evert, Ruth Menzer, Linda Fletcher, Susan Pixler, Julie Scott, and Jim Pecinovsky for helping with the September newsletter.

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, as well as cross bearers for Saturday. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

The church office will be closed 9/27 & 9/28. The office will be open limited hours on 9/29-10/1. Please call the office if you need something and leave a message for Father or call Tonya Kiley. Erin will be on vacation that week.

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

Many thanks to Dean Staab, Bryan Barnard, Robert Torres, and others who are helping with up keep on the grounds.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining. We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sympathy: Charles Frank Rinke, 88, passed away Friday, August 27, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, JoAnn Elizabeth (Ricke) Rinke; children, Teri (Larry) Crockett, Greg (Julie) Rinke, Linda (Mark) Kumberg, and Ann (Mark) Greathouse; grandchildren, great grandchildren; and many brothers and sisters in-law.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents; cherished parents in-law, Albert and Mary Ricke; long time guardians, grandmother Minnie Palmer and uncle David Palmer; special brother, Kenny Nichols.

Rosary was held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 8, 2021 with Mass of Christian Burial following at 10:00 a.m. both at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. Please keep the family in your prayers.

First Communion

On Sept. 11th at the Saturday night Mass, Fr. Charles celebrated First Communion for some of our older students. Congratulations to Rodrigo Garcia, Daniella Garcia, Harper Westerhaus, Clara Slater, and Kimberly Haddon.



Youth Core Ministries Pig Roast Fund-raiser

Sunday September 26, 2021 from 11am-1:30pm at the Municipal Building in Pratt. All donations go to Pratt Core Life. Free will donations.

Walk by Faith Women's Conference: Grow through What you go through. Offered on Saturday Oct. 16 from 9am-3pm, lunch provided at The Front Porch, 115 E. 4th St.

Enjoy worship led by Mindy Fox, captivating speakers Amy Clarkson and Allison Reed, and engaging workshops. Deepen your relationship with Christ as you learn to "walk by faith, and not by sight" - 2 Corinthians 2:7. Tickets for sale at <https://tinyurl.com/WBFWomenConference>

The Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass will not be held in Dodge City in October. Each parish is encouraged to honor parishioners celebrating significant anniversaries in their own parish. In an effort to do this if you are celebrating 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 50+ years of marriage, please notify the office so we can recognize you. Thank you.

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Calendar of Events September 2021

Mon. 20

Tues. 21

8:30am Mass in St. John
4-6:30pm Bread for Life meal

Wed. 22

5:30pm Mass
6-7pm 2nd-6th grade PSR
7-8pm 7th-12th grade PSR

Thurs. 23

8:00am Mass
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle

Fri. 24

8:00am Mass
7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 25

4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass

Sun. 26

8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
10:45am Mass in St. John



21 Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don Dorgan
22 Rita Hitt by Larry & Linda Conkle
23 Geraldine Henning by Betty Wood
24 Bonnie Rojas by Delores Rojas
25 Pro populo
26 Pratt – Rita Hitt by Barb Harris
St. John – Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don
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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 4

SATURDAY, Sept. 25th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Teresa Miller, Mary Harms
Commentator: Luke Kumberg
Cross Bearer: Justin Kiley
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Arlene Garland, Ken Beckman
Susan Wilczek
Gifts: VOLUNTEER
Ushers: Jim & Daniel Ellis
Sacristan: Jeanette Gaider
Rosary Leader: Fr. Charles

SUNDAY, Sept. 26th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Alan Pribil, Erin Sluss
Commentator: Stephanie Becker
Cross Bearer: Adelyn Fields
Servers: Brenna Stegman, Maisy Fields
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Kim Evert, Rick Stegman
Gifts: Gallagher Family
Ushers: Tim Renner, Steve Strecker
Sacristan: Jill Nech
Rosary Leader: Fr. Charles
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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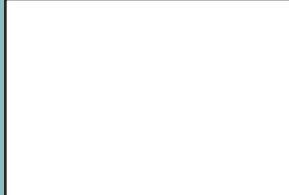
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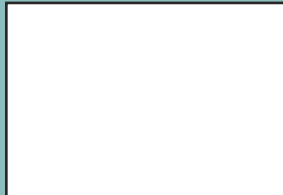
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