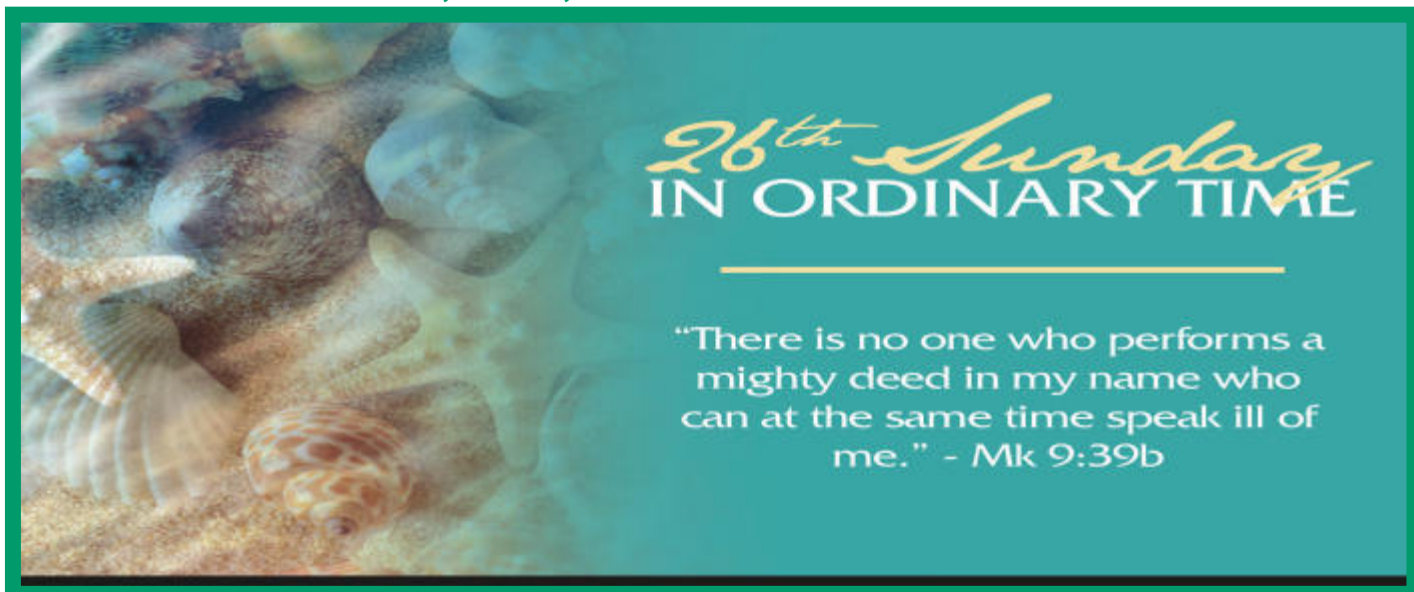


Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION : What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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Open Monday - Fridays,
9am-5pm

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
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - CGS - 10:00-Noon
Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 - CGS 4pm-6pm,
PSR (ages 2nd grade-6th grade) is 6-7pm,
PSR (ages 7th-12th grade) is 7-8pm.

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Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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-ane-mia, 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, Judy Barker (Pinki Liska's sister)-lung cancer

Stewardship of Treasure for the Weekend of Sept. 12, 2021 Number of Envelopes - 50

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| Envelopes | \$4,180.00 |
| Offertory | 246.00 |
| Mass stipends | 20.00 |
| WSH Dues | 66.00 |
| Online giving | <u>150.00</u> |
| Total | \$4,662.00 |
| Required Budget | <u>7,200.00</u> |
| Net Deficit | <\$2,538.00> |
| Year to Date | |
| Total Receipts | \$83,536.69 |
| Required Budget | <u>79,200.00</u> |
| Net Surplus | 4,336.69 |

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

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.

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 and servers 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 26th at 2pm is Server training in the church. This a second training. Please come if you missed the first but also if you were at the first training.

First Friday Adoration is October 1st at 6pm in the church. Come spend time with Christ.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sympathy: Linus D Gaider passed away peacefully Sept. 18, 2021 at South Wind Homes at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife Jeanette; daughter Janice (Steve) Cross; 2 grandchildren, Dianna (Scott) Allaman and Brent Cross; 2 great-grandchildren, Jillian and Barrett Allaman.

A private service was held Thursday Sept. 23rd at Livingston Mortuary in Kingman with Fr. Charles Atuah presiding. Burial will be at St. Peter’s Catholic Church cemetery at Willowdale at a later date.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

First Communion

On Sept. 19th Dawson Kalous received First Communion. Congratulations!

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/WBFWomensConference>

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 organized a recognition Mass. Thank you.

Pews marked off for social distancing: The back four pews in the church on both sides are marked off for those who wish to social distance and wear masks. Please leave the barrier up on the pews. Also feel free to not shake hands at the sign of peace during Mass if this makes you uncomfortable. Let us all use our common sense and treat each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Building Committee: We are in need of volunteers with expertise in building and generosity of heart to serve on a building committee because this is a big responsibility. It will make demands of your time. Please let the office know ASAP if you can help.



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Calendar of Events
September 2021

Mon. 27 Office closed

Tues. 28 Office closed
8:30am Mass in St. John

Wed. 29 Office open limited hours
5:30pm Mass
6-7pm 2nd-6th grade PSR
7-8pm 7th-12th grade PSR

Thurs. 30 Office open limited hours
8:00am Mass

October 2021

Fri. 1 Office open limited hours
8:00am Mass
6-7pm Adoration
7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 2
4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass

Sun. 3
8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
10am-12pm CGS (preK-1st)
10:45am Mass in St. John



- 28 Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don Dorgan
- 29 Rita Hitt by Linda & Larry Conkle
- 30 Bridget Ogwo by Ruth Menzer
- October
- 1 Geraldine Henning by Betty Wood
- 2 Janet Augustine by Bob & Donna Schmisser
- 3 Pratt – Pro populo
- St. John – Rita Hitt by Larry & Linda Conkle

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

October 2021
Week 1

SATURDAY, Oct. 2nd, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Luke Kumberg, Lynn Southard
Commentator: Lynn Southard
Cross Bearer: Volunteer
Servers: Joseph Kiley, 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, Oct. 3rd, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Joyce Temanson, Scott Stucky
Commentator: Volunteer
Cross Bearer: Maisy Fields
Servers: Lena Hampton, Levi Thibault
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
Rosary Leader: Joyce Temanson
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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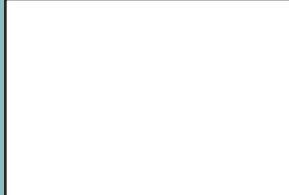
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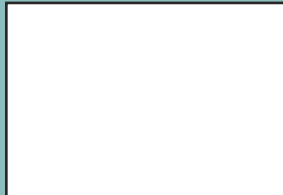
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