# Sacred Heart Church

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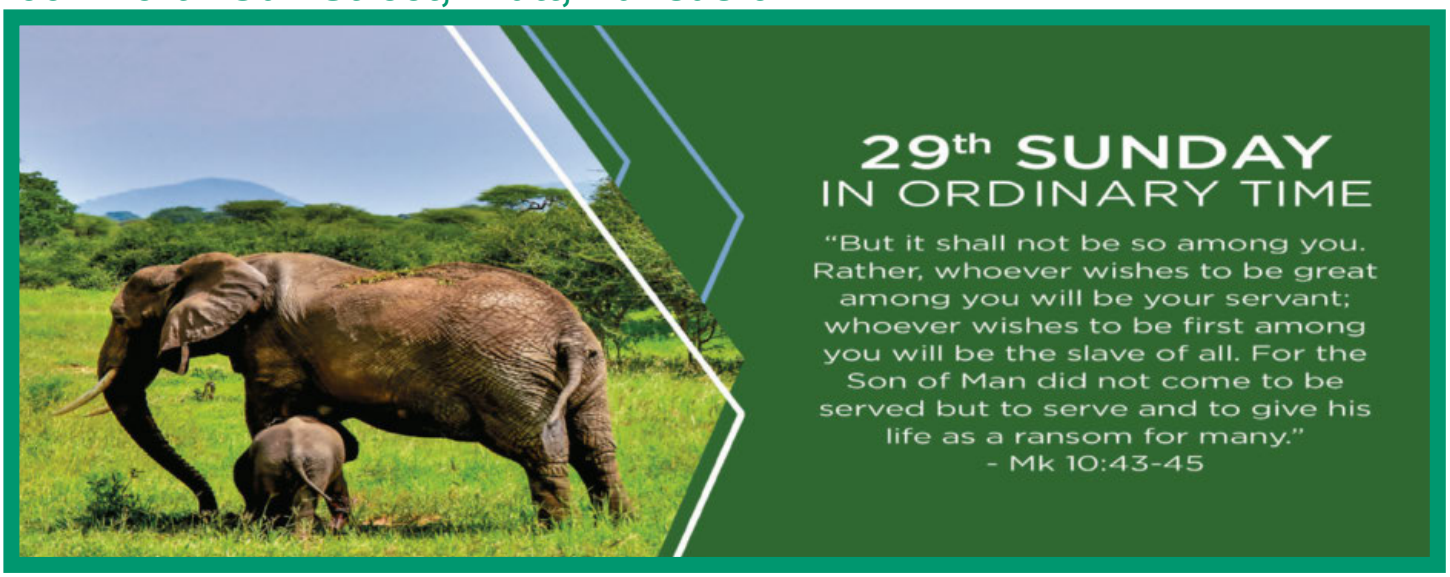


## OCTOBER 17, 2021 — 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

GOSPEL MEDITATION:"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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**Religious Education**: Tonya Kiley
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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.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 20th at 6pm Mass Liturgy meeting, all ministries
Oct. 17, 24, 31 - CGS - 10:00-Noon
Oct 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 October 17, 2021
Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

**Contact the office if you can volunteer to help with Snow removal this winter. We have the equipment.**

**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, 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 Oct. 3, 2021**
**Number of Envelopes -69**

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| **Envelopes** | **$6,019.00** |
| **Auto Withdrawal Envelopes** | **1,130.00** |
| **Offertory** | **368.50** |
| **Online Giving** | **300.00** |
| **Capital Improvement** | **380.00** |
| **WSH Dues/Raffle donations** | **1,175.00** |
| **Mass Stipends** | **305.00** |
| **Facility Rental** | **450.00** |
| **Memorial Fund** | **10.00** |
| **Votive Lights** | **25.75** |
| **Total** | **$10,163.25** |
| **Required Budget** | **$7,200.00** |
| **Net Surplus** | **$2,963.25** |
| **Year to Date** | |
| **Total Receipts** | **$104,452.94** |
| **Required Budget** | **100,800.00** |
| **Net Surplus** | **$3,652.94** |

We are accepting items for donation for the raffle for the Turkey dinner. Please bring donations to the parish office.

Mass intention stipends are $10/Mass. Please contact the office if you wish to have a Mass intention. **We are in need of Mass intentions soon.**

**Turkey Supper at St. Bernard's in Belpre**: Wed. Oct. 27 from 5pm till out of food. Take out only. $10 Adults, 5-12yrs-$5, under 5 is free.

**Bierocks are Coming:** The youth will be making bierocks the weekend of Nov. 6/7th. Orders are due to the office or via email to Erin by Oct. 27th. Cost is $25/dozen or $15/half-dozen. The proceeds will go to youth camp and youth activities. Please call the office, email Erin, or contact one of our youth to place your orders.

**Pie making supplies for WSH:** The Women of Sacred Heart are making pies for the Turkey dinner. They are requesting donation of supplies: vegetable shortening, flour, sugar, frozen fruit: apples, blueberries, cherries, peaches, or pecans or canned tart cherries. Pie making will happen on Sat., Oct. 23rd at 9am and Mon. Oct. 25th at 4pm in the school if needed. Come share social time.

**All Mass Ministries meeting is Oct. 20th** at 6pm in the church. Parents of servers are asked to attend, the servers should attend PSR as usual. This is a planning meeting for the up coming seasons. This includes anyone involved in our celebrate or setup for Mass.

**Annual Fall Soup Dinner** in St. John, Oct. 17th from 12-1:30pm. Cost is $8 for adults, K-8th is $5, and 5&under is free. Dine in or carry-out. Includes a raffle.

**Sympathy: Eileen Jackson** died September 26, 2021 at the age of 78 in Pratt, Kansas.She is preceded in death by her parents Bill and Fern Doherty, sister Sharon King and son Joe. Survivors include husband Bill Jackson, her son Bill and wife Mary, their two sons Christopher Jackson and Matthew Jackson and her son Mike and wife Sarah Jackson, their three daughters Erin Jackson, Bailey Jackson and Kate Jackson.
Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 a.m. Monday October 4, 2021 at the Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Manhattan, with Father Kerry Ninemire as the Celebrant and Father Ryan McCandless and Concelebrant.
Interment was at 1:30 p.m. Monday October 4, 2021 at the Maraidahl Cemetery in Olsburg, Kansas.
Please keep Mike and Sarah and their family in your prayers.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) INQUIRY SESSIONS**

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 26th at 6pm in the parish office building, a series of Inquiry session will start. Theseare very informal sessions for those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith. This includes un-baptized, those baptized in another denomination and those who were baptized in the Catholic church but received no further formation. If you or someone you may know are welcome to join us. For more information you may contact one of the following, Luke Kumberg 388-5392, Erin Sluss 672-6352.

## Calendar of Events
# October 2021

Mon. 18

Tues. 19
8:30am Mass in St. John

Wed. 20
5:30pm Mass
4-6pm preK-1st CGS
6-7pm 2nd-6th grade PSR
7-8pm 7th-12th grade PSR

Thurs.21
8:00am  Mass
6:30pm Pastoral Council

Fri. 22
8:00am Mass
7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

Sat. 23
9am WSH pie making in the school
4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass

Sun. 24
8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
10am-12pm preK-1st CGS
10:45am Mass in St. John

19  Charles Rinke by Cecila & Frank Jarmer
20  Elizabeth Atuah
21  Linus Gaider by Don & Gina Hommertzheim
22  Charles Rinke by Daniel Ellis
23  Jim Sluss by Erin Sluss
24  Pratt – Pro populo
St. John-Charles Rinke by Carol Ricke Family

**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 4

**SATURDAY, Oct. 23rd, 5:30 p.m. MASS**

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| Lector: | Jim Ellis, Rhonda Westerhaus |
| Commentator: | Luke Kumberg |
| Cross Bearer: | Justin Kiley |
| Servers: | 2 Volunteers |
| Euch. Ministers: | Only need 1 volunteer<br>Arlene Garland, Ken Beckman<br>Susan Wilczek |
| Gifts: | VOLUNTEER |
| Ushers: | Jim & Daniel Ellis |
| Sacristan: | Erin Sluss |
| Rosary Leader: | Janet Horton |

**SUNDAY, Oct. 24th, 8:30 a.m. MASS**

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| Lector: | Jeanette Siemens, Sarah Jackson |
| Commentator: | Stephanie Becker |
| Cross Bearer: | Volunteer |
| Servers: | Dawson Kalous, Colton Kalous |
| Euch. Ministers: | Only need 1 volunteer<br>Kim Evert, Rick Stegman |
| Gifts: | Gallagher Family |
| Ushers: | Tim Renner, Steve Strecker |
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| Rosary Leader: | Deb Roberts |
| EM to the Sick: | Not at this time |

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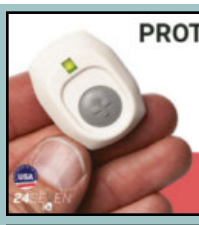

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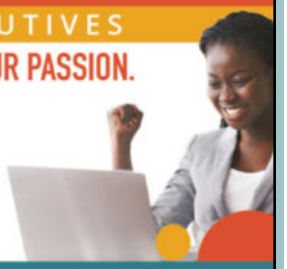

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