Sacred Heart
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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+ O Jesus, Meek and Humble of Heart + Make Our Hearts Like Unto Thine

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Office Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:30pm
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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish)
Sunday: 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation:
9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:
Tues, Wed, & Fri.: 9:00am
Thurs.: 5:30pm

Confession:
Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Tuesday 9:30-10:30am
Friday 6:00-7:00pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

Catechetical Corner

Registration forms are in the gathering area

Grades 1st—8th

First Communion & Confirmation

Prayers for the Sick:
Please pray for:
Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Judy Diskin, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko, Jolinda Contu.

Happy Birthday to:
Cindy Cavenah (21); LaJeana Neises (27)

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: August 21st - 27th, 2021

Saturday	Jimmy Ritchie Family/Ritchie & Sontag Families
Sunday 8:00	Garcia Family/Bill & Sue Johnston
Sunday 10:30	Dcn Vince/John & Karen Sontag
Tuesday	Nicholas Boyne/Terry & Laurie Boyne
Wednesday	Elizabeth Boyne/Terry & Laurie Boyne
Thursday	Special Intentions of Laurie Boyne
Friday	Special Intentions of Kevin Gibbs

Readings for the week of
August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34/Eph 5:21-32/ Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday	Lector	Ushers
Aug 21st	- D Hancock	D Cavenah/M Neises
Aug 28th	- M Tanner	D Hancock / M Hancock
Sept 4th	- K Sontag	J Sontag / D Young
Sept 11th	- J Everard	D Cavenah/M Neises

Sunday	Lector	Ushers
Aug 22nd	- M Chapman	C Lawson / B James
Aug 29th	- C Lawson	D Wise / K Lawson
Sept 5th	- S Ausmus	W Haney / R Mulvihill
Sept 12th	- C Gebetsberger	C Lawson / B James

Sacred Heart Church Collections

August 15th, 2021 Collection

Envelope ……..……$ 1,955.00
Loose ……..……..$ 818.00
Total Weekend Collection ……..$ 2,773.00

Holy Day - Assumption……..$ 165.00

August 8th, 2021 ……..……..$ 1,661.00

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

YOUTH!

While the World Changes,
the Cross Stands Firm.

– St. Bruno

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer: The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

Parish Staff

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.
Contact Grand Knight Rick Rumsey at 918-200-3201
Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.
Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30 - 12:00. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.
Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.
Grief Support Group: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

The Women's Bible Study Group is beginning a new study on Tuesday, September 14th on the book "Walking with Mary, A Biblical Journey from Nazareth to the Cross" by Edward Sri. The ladies meet every Tuesday for Mass at 9:00 am, followed by Holy Hour and fellowship. The discussion time is from 11:00 - noon. For additional information or to place a book order, please email Julie Pittman at jkpittman@sbcglobal.net

Registration forms for Religious Education Classes grades 1st - 8th; First Communion Class; Confirmation Class; and RCIA Class are located on the glass case in the gathering area. Classes will begin after Labor Day.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, August 29th.

A Mass for Healing will be celebrated by Fr. John O'Neill, Friday, September 10th at the Church of the Madalene in Tulsa following Holy Hour in the chapel from 6:00 to 7:00pm. The service will continue until 9:00 pm with ministry of praise, Mass, healing prayer, and a closing fellowship reception.

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