SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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Should we live as if all the Catholic Church is teaching is true?

What if everything the Catholic Church is teaching is true? Have you ever paused to consider that a possibility?

If everything that the Catholic Church is teaching is true, then your life is far more extraordinary than you could ever imagine.

And what if you lived as though it all were true? What if you prayed with the confidence that God hears you?

If everything that the Catholic Church is teaching is true, then it's not just about attending Mass on Sunday, and it's not about following a set of rules.

It's an incredible gift. An incomprehensible blessing. A striking alternative to the meaningless life that secularism offers. It's an invitation to live a life with meaning and purpose, rooted in the reality of God's incredible plan for you.

In a culture that is dehumanizing people in a thousand different ways, Catholicism seeks to restore the very best of our humanity, enabling us to live as Children of God.

Let's all try this. For a few months live as if everything the Catholic Church teaches is true. Stop thinking about it and start living it. Live as if it were true. This will change your life, and more importantly, it hopefully will transform you into a thoughtful, generous, wise, deeply compassionate, and loving person who is living with astounding intention.

Live as if it were all true and the fruits will speak for themselves.

So, what truths am I talking about, here they are:

1. That God does exist and created you out of love, for a purpose and with a mission that only you can fulfill.
2. That Jesus did come into the world, suffer, die, and rose again to save you.
3. That every Mass is a miraculous encounter with bread and wine that becomes the Body and Blood of Christ to nourish your soul and draw you closer to eternity with God.
4. That the dignity of every human person, the sanctity of marriage, and the importance of forgiveness are not just ideals but divine truths.
5. That the sacraments are not just ancient rituals but deeply personal encounters with God's grace that heals you, transforms you, and guides you through life.
6. That Heaven is real and you are destined for it.
7. That God has dreams and plans for your life that far exceed anything you could imagine for yourself.

If all of these are true, how you live your life matters. It means that you are called to something greater than pleasure, comfort, and worldly accomplishment. It means your faith is not just a part of your life but the very foundation of everything.

What if you lived as though all of the truths listed above were indeed true? And what if you prayed with the confidence that God hears you? What if you approached the Eucharist as the most important moment of your week? What if you loved others, forgave others, and served others believing anything you did for them, you did for Jesus in his most vulnerable moments?

If everything the Catholic Church teaches is true, then it's not just attending weekend Mass, and it's not about following a set of rules.

The Catholic Church offers an incomprehensible blessing, which is a striking alternative to the meaningless life that secularism offers. It's an invitation to live a life of meaning and purpose, rooted in the reality of God's incredible plan for you.

We all know that we were made for more and that all have much more to offer. We are all capable of so much more. We all have to awaken the God-given potential that has been sleeping in all of us. We have to establish new habits to accomplish our potential.

Here is a listing of my new habits that I will attempt to make as a part of my life in order to achieve my potential of being the best Catholic Man and best human being that I can be. I will call them "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality".

1. Confession: I will try and go to confession once a month, and even more if I commit a serious sin. I do realize that I am a sinner and my goal is to try and keep my soul as free from sin as possible.
2. Daily Prayer: I will pray every day as often as possible. This includes morning prayer, praying before meals, daily rosary, and evening prayers.
3. The Mass: I will continue to attend daily Mass. Before I go to daily Mass, I will review all the readings for that Mass by listening to Dr. Tim Gray on the Formed App and daily readings that are on the Amen App. On weekends I will read the Gospel for the weekend that is printed on the front page of our weekly parish bulletin and read the part that explains it on the backside. By doing this I feel I will be prepared for Mass and feel that is how I can get the most out of the Mass. Athletes prepare for their upcoming game or event and I feel that as Catholics we should prepare for the Mass with the same intensity. You only get out of the Mass what you put into it. If you put nothing into it, that is exactly what you will get out of it.

4. The Bible: At one point in my life, I never read the bible. My way of reading the Bible is to concentrate on the daily readings

for each Mass and the Gospels. I have always enjoyed the new-testament more than the old-testament, mainly because I found it easier to understand. The daily Mass readings are listed on the front page of the Parish bulletin for each week.

5. Fasting: As a Catholic, I will continue to adhere to the Church's rule of fasting on Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday. One of the prime purposes of fasting is to help us focus on God's presence in our lives and in the world around us.

6. Spiritual Reading: As mentioned earlier, I will continue to read all of the daily readings before I go to daily Mass. The daily Mass readings are listed on the bottom of the front page of the Parish bulletin for each week. I also subscribe to a publication entitled "Give Us This Day", which has all of the daily readings in it. I will continue to read many Catholic books and articles.

7. The Rosary: I will continue to say a daily rosary for the rest of my life.

I am open to listening to others on how you would like to increase your Catholic Spirituality, please feel free to contact me at 620-910-7083.

Adult Religious Formation Team Member – Kevin Simmons

Parts of this article were taken from "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" by Matthew Kelly.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join the 2026 Public Square Rosary Rally.

Our nation is in great need of public prayer and conversion. Please join us for the annual *America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary Rally* on **Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 12:00 noon**. We will gather in front of the Pawnee County Courthouse to pray for our nation, commemorate the 109th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, and invoke the powerful aid of Our Lady of Fatima. Please bring your family, your friends, your rosaries, and a lawn chair for your comfort. **In case of severe rain or storms, the rally will move indoors to the Holy Rosary Chapel in the Parish Center**. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow immediately after the prayers. For more information, please contact Sharon McGinness at 620-285-1227.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRESENTS

BIDS AND BLESSINGS

DINNER & AUCTION

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Happy Hour 6 PM – 7 PM with Dinner at 7 PM

Knights of Columbus

1216 M Road – Larned, KS

$35 = 1 Meal Ticket + Entry for $1,000 in Cash Giveaways

Great Food + Great Company + Live Auction

Building Faith and Supporting our Parish

Purchase your tickets from: Stephen Schartz, Steve Ehrlich, Ben Ramsey, Kristy Hagerman or at the Parish Office

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

- Oct. 1 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Oct. 4 ~ October Birthday & Anniversary, 11:30 AM
- Oct. 5 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 5:00 PM
- Oct. 6~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 6 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 7 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 7 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 7 ~ Evening Adoration/Holy Hour, 6:30 Pm – 7:30 PM (HRC)
- Oct. 8 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 9 ~ Pawnee County Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Oct. 10 ~ Rosary Rally, 12:00 Noon, Pawnee County Courthouse
- Oct. 12 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 5:00 PM
- Oct. 13 ~ Game Morning, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Oct. 13 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 14 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 14 ~ Endowment Board Meeting, 5:00 PM
- Oct. 14 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 17 ~ "Triumph of the Heart" with Pot-Luck, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 18 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- Oct. 18 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 8:45 AM
- Oct. 19 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 5:00 PM
- Oct. 19 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 20 ~ Lunch with Friends, 12:00 Noon
- Oct. 20 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 21 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 21 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 22 ~ Usher Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 26 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 5:00 PM
- Oct. 27 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 28 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 28 ~ St. Bernard, Belpre "Turkey Supper"
- Oct. 28 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

- Oct. 7 – CGS, Level 1 Atrium, 3:45 – 5:45 PM
- Oct. 7 – Regular PSR Classes (2nd – 8th Grade), 6:15 – 7:30 PM / Youth Group, 6:30 – 8:00 PM)
- Oct. 14 – CGS, Level 1 Atrium, 3:45 – 5:45 PM
- Oct. 14 – Regular PSR Classes (2nd – 8th Grade), 6:15 – 7:30 PM / Youth Group, 6:30 – 8:00 PM)
- Oct. 21 – No Religious Education Classes – **Please join us for "Fall Family Night", 6:00 – 8:00 PM**
- Oct. 28 – CGS, Level 1 Atrium, 3:45 – 5:45 PM
- Oct. 28 – Regular PSR Classes (2nd – 8th Grade), 6:15 – 7:30 PM / Youth Group, 6:30 – 8:00 PM)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



Sunday, October 4th – 11:30 AM

Parish Center

Hosted by: Adult Religious Formation Commission



"LUNCH WITH FRIENDS"

Tuesday, October 20th at 12:00 noon

Menu: Sloppy Joes / Salads / Chips / Desserts

RSVP to Pam at 620-285-2035 by October 16th

October Birthdays

(01) Jordy Dooley
Victoria Medina
(02) Bernadine Hammeke
Lucille Spain
(03) LeAnne Hammeke
Kathy Kazmaier
(04) Billie Dooley
Sally Dreiling
Allyson Sullivan
(06) Dan Ryan
(07) Karla Schartz
(11) David O'Gwin
Craig Schartz
(12) Connie Mauney
(13) Sophia Smith
(14) Lisa Burdett
Jackie Ehrlich
(15) Felicia Davis
Harleigh Ehrlich
Roger Myers
(16) Brad Collins
Jerry Goeckel
(17) Jim Damm
Mary Shelton
(18) Mason Hagerman
Kathy Stucker
(21) Ben Kelty
Erick Ramirez
(22) Jon Houser
Kim Liston
Karisa Stude
(26) Norman Dreiling
Zoe Fitzsimmons
Carie Perez
(27) Judy Damm
Gordon Schartz
Barbara Straub
(28) Cordell Hammeke
(30) Kip Smith



October Anniversaries

(02) Sam and Allyson Sullivan
(03) Denis and Lee Gilcris
(05) Gordon and Malia Schartz
(07) Oliver and Sonya Whetstone
(09) David and Rita O'Gwin
(10) Brian and Mary Ann Haynes
(12) Haydan and Jane Prescott
(18) Norman and Sally Dreiling
(24) Kevin and Leann Simmons
(27) Richard and Laurie Josefiak
(28) Steve and Jackie Ehrlich
(29) Gary and Betty Hulsey
(30) Tom and Sheryl Giessel
(31) Ralph and Lynn Streit



CONGRATULATIONS!
Gary & Betty Hulsey ~ Married 72 years
Denis & Lee Gilcris ~ Married 57 years
Gordon & Malia Schartz ~ Married 52 years
Tom & Sheryl Giessel ~ Married 50 years
Norman & Sally Dreiling ~ Married 40 years

UNITED IN MARRIAGE
Tyler Stuhlsatz & Elaina Hernandez
September 18, 2026

DIED IN CHRIST
Elmer Hogan ~ September 6, 2026

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

	AUGUST	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	16,004.00	43,045.03
Special Donations		760.00
Endowment	26,325.97	26,325.97
Interest	12.62	22.40
Farm		
PSR	16,817.00	21,567.00
Fundraisers	364.51	364.51
Miscellaneous	1,079.92	2,052.84
TOTAL	$60,604.02	$94,137.75
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,705.08	5,006.80
Salaries	12,318.69	30,018.38
Insurance	3,939.00	7,878.00
Utilities	2,462.75	4,820.78
Maintenance	393.61	1,471.04
Improvement		
Office	706.10	1,329.89
PSR	15,386.69	18,716.90
Farm		
Miscellaneous	342.16	1,061.23
TOTAL	$38,254.08	$70,303.02
	YTD:	**$23,834.73**

"TRIUMPH OF THE HEART"

The Sacred Heart Adult Religious Formation Team Commission is sponsoring the video viewing of **"Triumph of the Heart"** on **Saturday, October 17th** following the 5:00 PM Mass. "Triumph of the Heart"" (not recommended for young children) is a 2025 biographical historical drama film directed by Anthony D'Ambrosio that details the final days and ultimate sacrifice of St. Maximilian Kolbe in an Auschwitz starvation bunker. This will be held in the Parish Center along with a pot-luck dinner.

OCTOBER 2026 ~ MINISTRIES

Saturday, Oct. 3 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier

Eucharistic Ministers
Norman Dreiling (major) / Becky Martin (minor)

Servers – Camille Steffen / Volunteer

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Dennis & Joan Wilson

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, Oct. 4 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sr. Rebecca Otter / Karl Grover

Eucharistic Ministers
Clayton Kelty (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Maddy Mull / William Hammeke / Emerson Sullivan

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – Kathy, Cason, Levi Couchman

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Collection Counters: Kathy Couchman / Debbie Steinert

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

OCTOBER 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 10 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lector – Dennis Wilson
Eucharistic Ministers
Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Amy Froetschner (minor)
Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey
Ushers – Norman Dreiling / John Wasinger
Gifts – Paul & Susan Aistrup
Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister
Sacristan – Cindy Perez
Sanctuary Cleaning – Amy Froetschner

Saturday, Oct. 17 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lector – Cheryl Skalsky
Eucharistic Ministers
Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)
Servers – Camille Steffen / Volunteer
Ushers – Roger Myers / Volunteer
Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm
Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller
Sacristan – Jim & Judy Damm
Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, Oct. 24 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lector – Joan Wilson
Eucharistic Ministers
Tonya Sanders (major) / Volunteer (minor)
Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey
Ushers – Richard Wolf / Kraig Froetschner
Gifts – Kraig & Amy Froetschner
Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister
Sacristan – Tonya Sanders
Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Saturday, October 31 – All Saints
Lector – Ben Ramsey
Eucharistic Ministers
Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)
Servers – Camille Steffen / Volunteer
Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton
Gifts – Todd & Tami Keenan
Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller
Sacristan – Amy Froetschner
Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

OCTOBER 2026 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, Oct. 11 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover
Eucharistic Ministers
Kristy Hagerman (major) / Amy Simmons (minor)
Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons
Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz
Gifts – Cathy DeMond / Usher
Musicians – Choir
Sacristan – David O'Gwin
Collection Counters: Jenny Ramsey / Jack Molleker
Sanctuary Cleaning – Amy Froetschner

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectors – Amy Simmons / John Kelty
Eucharistic Ministers
Sharon McGinness (major) / Berny Unruh (minor)
Servers – Slade Sundahl / Darby Sundahl / Camille Bowman
Ushers – Shane Sundahl / Tony Lemuz
Gifts – Nolan Dreiling Family
Musicians – Choir
Sacristan – Kathy Couchman
Collection Counters: Ray Colglazier / Norman Dreiling
Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, Oct. 25 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Berny Unruh
Eucharistic Ministers
David O'Gwin (major) / Pam Hutfles (minor)
Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku
Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski
Gifts – Matt Fitzsimmons Family
Musicians – Choir
Sacristan – Kathy Hammeke
Collection Counters: Kayla Lang / Craig Schartz
Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Sunday, November 1– All Saints
Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman
Eucharistic Ministers
Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)
Servers – Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher
Ushers – Craig Schartz / Mike Tanner
Gifts – David & Kathy Hammeke
Musicians – Choir
Sacristan – Jane Kelty
Collection Counters: Kristy Hagerman / David O'Gwin
Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez