

Sacred Heart Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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Office hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Daily Mass Schedule
8:00 A.M. (Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday)

Holy Days:
8 a.m. 12:10 & 7p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.
or anytime by appointment.

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Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift

(Mt 10:8)

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 31 4:30 p.m.	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kenneth & Mary Wallace By Friends at Sacred Heart
Sunday, February 1 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time No intention People of the Parish
Monday, February 2 8:00 a.m.	The Presentation of the Lord Tom Ciccarillo
Tuesday, February 3 8:00 a.m.	St. Blaise and St. Ansgar No intention
Wednesday, February 4	Weekday No Morning Mass
Thursday, February 5 8:00 a.m.	St. Agatha No intention
Friday, February 6 8:00 a.m.	St. Paul Miki No intention
Saturday, February 7 4:30 p.m.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Carmine & Marie Vaccaro Larry & Mary Laureno
Sunday, February 8 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Elizabeth Brassil Spinella By Christine Wisniewski People of the Parish

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



Join us at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, February 3rd for Adoration and the Rosary. We will also have Adoration on Friday, February 6th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to 11 a.m.



CANDLEMAS

Monday,
February 2, 2026

This Monday, February 2nd we will celebrate Candlemas or otherwise known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the temple and marking 40 day after Christmas. We will begin Morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel* with the blessing of candles. We invite everyone to bring a candle with them or to take one that will be provided. These candles will then be used throughout the year, symbolizing the light of Christ in our lives. We will then process to the church for Mass. We hope you will join us.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wine and Chocolate!

Saturday, February 21st

7:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale next weekend! (\$15)

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Loving God, your Son Jesus said your Kingdom is like a banquet: a festive gathering for all people of every race and color—a table at which the lonely find company, the hungry savor rich foods and fine wine, and strangers enjoy warm family ties. Jesus calls us to build this Kingdome here on earth.

Teach us, Lord, the ways of hospitality. Give us the spirit of joyful welcome and the sensitivity to help people on the move to feel they belong. Grant that our tales at home may draw our new neighbors from other lands into a loving community and that the eucharistic tables in our parishes may prefigure that banquet in heaven where all are one with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

A Reflection to Ponder

Deacon Tony

In the gospel reading this weekend, Jesus has just started His public ministry. He had previously proclaimed his message in the synagogues and elsewhere; “Reform your lives! The kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” He had already selected some of his disciples and his fame has quickly spread. A large crowd now follows Him everywhere; observing this, He went up the mountainside and began to teach them.

In his teaching, He gives them and us, one of the most profound messages ever given – the Beatitudes.

Now, what the beatitudes offer us is a road map to happiness in this life and a pathway to Heaven in the after-life. The flip side however, is that it also may seem like a death sentence. For it requires us to make a choice between actions and achievements that seem to offer us self-fulfillment on the one hand and a process of transformation that entails self-annihilation on the other.

Take the first beatitude on poverty of spirit which inaugurates and undergirds all the rest. One might be inclined to assume that this first beatitude serves only to offer hope to those who are suffering and a duty to seek to alleviate them. In reality however, it also has to do with something much more basic; it is also a call for self-denial! (Recall that “unless a seed dies, it cannot produce fruit).

Saint Paul expounds on this in second reading when he tells us that, “God chose those who count for nothing to reduce to nothing those who were something.” That is why the weak and the foolish will confound the strong and the wise. St Paul also adds that God made Jesus “our wisdom and also our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption.” And so, for us, it is Christ and His revelation or nothing.

Consequently, my dear friends, if we are to heed this first beatitude, we must seek to destroy in ourselves, everything that counts for something. We must renounce everything so that “if we are to boast, we will boast in the Lord.”

Perhaps now we can see more clearly what Jesus means when He says: “Reform your lives! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” He seems to be inviting us to eradicate our own wisdom and self-absorption, so that we can find true strength in Him. Then we will no longer wish to seek glory in ourselves but will only seek always to glorify God. Amen.

TRIVIA

A sold out trivia night was held here at Sacred Heart last Saturday. We are grateful for all who attended and added to the fun special night. We especially would like to thank our DJ “onemanparty” Jesse Waithe. Congratulations to the Santos table (Rich, Renee, Kathy Chris, Barbara, Barbara Ann, Jenny and Fred) who won the night.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	\$ 2,540.00
On-Line:	\$ 682.00
Total Received:	\$ 4,501.00
Budgeted:	\$ 5,000.00

Thank
You

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Book Club will be on Wednesday, February 25th at 1:30 p.m. in room 3. This month's book is “The Elephant Whisperer” by Lawrence Anthony. *The Elephant Whisperer is a heartwarming, exciting, funny, and sometimes sad memoir of Anthony's experiences with these huge yet sympathetic creatures. Set against the background of life on an African game reserve, with unforgettable characters and exotic wildlife, Anthony's unrelenting efforts at animal protection and his remarkable connection with nature will inspire animal lovers and adventurous souls everywhere.*

Come join the group!



We need your help! DINNER MINISTRY!

On February 11th we are planning on serving 40 to 60 people a dinner of Chicken, potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert.

We need your help!

Please consider bringing a dish to server at least 10 people.
We need:

Chicken: Baked, roasted, or fried. (especially legs)

Potatoes: any type— mashed, scalloped, roasted, tater tots

Vegetables: Any type

Salad—Green salad

Dessert—Your specialty!



We need your help!

Please consider coming to serve the food to the residents.



*Warm meals need to arrive at the church
no later than 3:45
We start serving at 4:p.m.
at Bestor Lane Community room.*

Sign up at the entrance of the church.

Thank you!