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## Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 &  
11:00 am

## Weekday Mass:

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:15 am  
Saturday: 8:15 am

## Reconciliation:

Mon, Tues, Friday: 7 - 8 am  
Wednesday: 6-7 pm  
Saturday: 3-4 pm

## Pastor:

Fr. Jaime Zarse

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AUGUST 18TH

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## AT SHOJ

### RCIA REUNION

Tuesday,  
August 20th

### FEED HIS LAMBS

Friday,  
August 23rd

### KofC Amateur BBQ Contest

Saturday,  
September 14th



## Youth Formation

### Catechists Needed

We are looking for individuals to join our School of Religion catechist team! This important role involves guiding our youth and helping them grow in their faith. If you have a heart for the Catholic Church and a desire to serve His people, you are already equipped for this role. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Emily Warn at [emily.warn@shoj.org](mailto:emily.warn@shoj.org).

### Small Group Mentors

One of the main tasks of mentors is to lead discussion and activities during the Youth Ministry & Confirmation meetings with a partner. Session plans will be e-mailed in advance so leaders can review and prepare for each session. Small group mentors remain with the same small group throughout the entire year, which allows the mentor and teens the opportunity to develop a meaningful relationship. Contact Jen Zans, Youth Ministry Coordinator at [jen.zans@shoj.org](mailto:jen.zans@shoj.org) to sign up.

### RCIA Info Night

For those exploring the faith, seeking Confirmation, or seeking to become Catholic. Ask questions, learn more! Contact Char Mies for more info:

(913)-422-5700 ext. 241  
[charlene.mies@shoj.org](mailto:charlene.mies@shoj.org)

**August 27th, 7:00 p.m.**

### Catechist Openings

#### 4:30 Session

Kindergarten - 1 lead catechist and 1 assistant

3rd grade - 1 assistant

5th grade - 1 co-lead and 1 assistant

#### 6:30 Session

Kindergarten - 1 assistant

\*\*Classes are Wednesday evenings throughout the school year.

### Married Weekend Immersion

Are you a married couple who wants to go deeper with your spouse and God? Then join us at one of our August Weekend Immersion retreats: August 17-18 in Topeka or August 24-25 in Overland Park. Register at [evermoreinlove.org/events](http://evermoreinlove.org/events) using promo code ARCHKCK.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday 8/19

6:30 - Fr. Jaime Zarse  
8:15 - Forest Whalen +

### Tuesday 8/20

6:30 - Sue Collins  
8:15 - Tony Stephan +

### Wednesday 8/21

6:30 - April Johannigman  
8:15 - Rita Hoag +

### Thursday 8/22

6:30 - Sharon Wieseler +  
8:15 - Levita Rohlman Rupp +

### Friday 8/23

6:30 - Kindhart Family  
8:15 - Dennis Kaminski +

### Saturday 8/24

8:15 - Joseph Margala +  
4:30 - SHOJ Parishioners

### Sunday 8/25

8:00 - Jeff Guthrie +  
9:30 - Howard and Aquina Rajewski ++  
11:00 - Dennis Schieber +

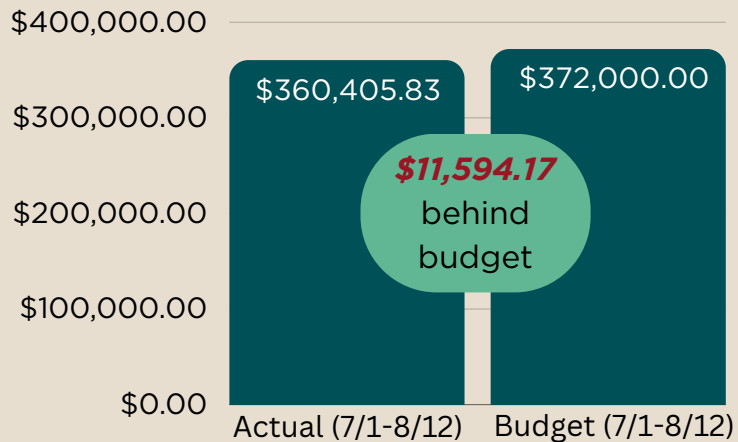
## Common Ground

A new Catholic club is starting at Mill Valley called "Common Ground" with the goal to:

- Create a sense of belonging to the faith in the school
- Develop leadership skills
- Build Christian community among students
- Engage in volunteer work for those in need
- Pray the Rosary once a month before school as a group

Contact Victoria Guess if interested.  
[guessvic000@usd232.org](mailto:guessvic000@usd232.org)

## Financials



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School

### Alumni Spotlight

2024-25 STRENGTH IN SURRENDER



SHOJ School staff loves nothing more than to see Forever Cardinals back in the building. These beautiful souls from the Class of 2022 returned to SHOJ as members of the Saint James Academy (SJA) chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Tri-M focuses on music, service, and faith by encouraging members to share their gift of music with the community. Genevieve, SJA Woodwinds Captain, and Peter, SJA Upper Brass Section Captain, are pictured here with Dr. Helen Harrelson, SJA Band Director. They spent time serving SHOJ's music department by organizing the Music classroom in anticipation of the new school year.

As they posed for this picture, Peter and Genevieve were laughing as they recollected lining up in this same spot for music class during their K-8 years at SHOJ. They reflected that SHOJ is a place of memories that spark a great deal of nostalgia for both of them. We love our Forever Cardinals!

# Adult Formation



*Nicole Mayfield*

## RCIA Testimony

### 1. What brought you to RCIA?

Our kids began attending Sacred Heart school in the Fall of 2022. They had not been baptized and by the end of the school year were asking if they could be baptized. My husband and I both supported this step for our kids, but for myself, being non-Catholic, I wanted to learn about the faith so I could fully support them in their faith journey. My own struggle with the various Christian churches and changing beliefs led me to enter RCIA simply as a 'learner' in this process. And, I would be remiss in not mentioning several beautiful Catholic families that planted seeds by their examples over the years.

### 2. What was your experience through this year's RCIA process?

I walked into the RCIA program without expectations other than wanting to learn more about the faith. I was truly surprised to find a place where all questions were on the table and answered with love and truth. There was no pressure by anyone to 'believe' anything, but rather the information was presented, discussions were had and at the end of the day, it was up to you to do with it what you will. The support was amazing, but not forceful in the least.

### 3. What was your biggest surprise/Aha moment about the Catholic Church?

There were so many moments where I was humbled by the truth and beauty of the Church. There were truths which I had struggled with putting words to, that the Church was able to provide beautiful answers to. And the Saints!!! What a gift. However, there was a point when I began to understand the importance of the Mass and specifically the Eucharist. I had thought that I would support my kids' faith as a non-Catholic, but when I understood what I was missing in each of the sacraments, that all changed.

### 4. What would you say to someone who is considering joining or returning to the Catholic faith through the RCIA process?

If someone is considering RCIA, even as a Catholic who is looking to understand their own faith more fully, contact Char and just show up! Showing up those first few times was the hardest, but you don't know if it's for you if you don't try! I promise it is 100% no-pressure!

## Bible Timeline Study

9/18/24-4/9/24

A study for both men and women, presenter Jeff Cavins takes you on a guided journey through salvation history! Starting Wednesday evenings, September 18! Questions? Contact Char Mies at 913-422-5700, ext. 241.

## Walking with Purpose

9/19/24-4/3/24

This study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith.  
**Registration Deadline: 9/5**



Scan the QR Code to sign up for a Bible Study!

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Come, eat of my food,  
and drink of the wine I have mixed!" (Prv 9:5)

### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,  
but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.

(Eph 5:17)

### Gospel:

"For my flesh is true food,  
and my blood is true drink." (Jn 6:55)

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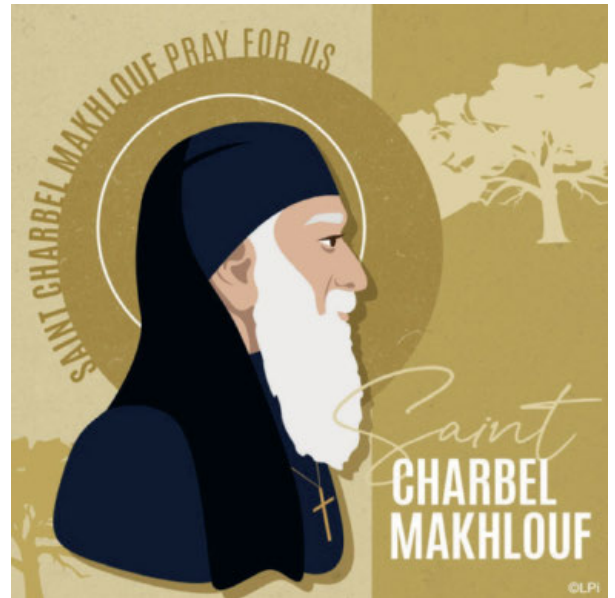
## Live The Liturgy

### Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, we do not have life within us. The Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian life, in every place and in every moment. Let us always remember that where there is no Eucharist, there is no life.

## Observances for the week of August 18, 2024

- Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. John Eudes, Priest
- Tuesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: St. Pius X, Pope
- Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Saturday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Charbel Maklout (1828–1898) was a Maronite monk and priest who lived much of his life as a hermit. He was renowned for healing, casting out demons, and levitating during prayer. Millions have visited his tomb and sought and received his intercession, even those of other faiths.

## Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,  
May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion.  
May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You.  
May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

### Sunday:

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

### Monday:

Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/  
Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Mt 22:1-14

### Friday:

Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Jn 1:45-51

### Next Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



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## Gospel Meditation


### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “eat my flesh and drink my blood” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other. This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir

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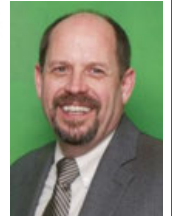
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