



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT | DECEMBER 21, 2025

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OUR PARISH MISSION: PUTTING HEARTS ON A COLLISION COURSE
WITH THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME
HIM EMMANUEL”**



WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM
Sun: 8:00, 9:30,
11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM
Thu: 6:00 PM
Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM
Wed: 6-7 PM
Thu: 5 PM
Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

SACRAMENTAL ASST.

Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

There will be no confessions or daily masses.

12/24/25:

Mass Times: 4 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM

12/25/25:

Mass time: 10:00 AM

12/31/25:

Mass time: 5:00 PM

1/1/26:

Mass time: 10:00 AM

The parish office will be closed 12/23/25 through 1/4/26 for Christmas break. The office will re-open on 1/5/26 at 8:00 AM.



VERSO L'ALTO MASS & DINNER



We'd love for all Sacred Heart Young Adults (ages 21-39) to be part of our first event of the new year!

Join us for 2nd Thursday Mass & Dinner on January 8! Confession will be available at 5:00 PM, Mass begins at 6:00 PM, and we'll head to a nearby restaurant afterward for dinner and fellowship.



FAMILY BINGO - SAVE THE DATE

You're invited on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM for a delightful evening of traditional family BINGO! We'll gather in the School MPC (Gym). We'll kick off the night with a delicious dinner and dessert, followed by several rounds of exciting BINGO with chances to win great prizes! Tickets are \$10 (13+) and \$5 (ages 4-12.) We hope you'll join us for a fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, and friendly competition!



NEWLYWED HAPPY HOUR

Calling All Newlyweds!

Were you married in 2024 or 2025? Whether you tied the knot at Sacred Heart or another parish, we want to celebrate YOU! Join us on Thursday, January 22 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Rectory for a chance to meet and connect with other newlyweds beginning this same beautiful season of life. Light refreshments and snacks provided. We can't wait to toast your newlywed year!



WE'RE HIRING!



Join Our Team as a Part-Time Music Coordinator!

Do you have a strong knowledge of sacred music and Catholic liturgy? Are you organized and enjoy planning, coordinating, scheduling, and collaborating with people? If so, we sing the same tune and have the perfect role for you! This position is non-playing and focuses on administration, scheduling, and volunteer support, but requires a strong knowledge of music and Catholic liturgy. Visit [employment opportunities](#) on our website to apply!

SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS



Prayer & Action: A 5-day mission trip helping homeowners with yardwork, painting, organizing and other projects. This year's trip will take place in Marysville, Kansas. Through Prayer & Action, you receive 30 hours of credit of service hours for the 2026-27 School year. You are also welcome to come if you just have a desire in your heart to serve! Open to all incoming 9th to graduating 12th grade Sacred Heart Parish & School students & friends.



STEUBENVILLE

Register for either trip by December 31st to get \$20 off using [promo code: EARLYREG](#)



PARISH MISSION FEATURING FR. LUKE DOYLE

Learn how to enter into Lent this coming year with our Parish Mission, featuring Fr. Luke Doyle, on Sunday, February 1 & Monday, February 2 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. There will be a talk, confession, and adoration. You won't want to miss it!



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Fr. Zarse answers your questions!

In our latest podcast episode, he answers questions sent in by you:

What superpower would he choose?
What's his go-to karaoke song?
And what does he think about adding more Mass times?
What was his soccer career like?

And many more questions!
Don't miss his answers-Tune-in!



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, December 22

6:30 - Emma Whitfill

8:05 - Mike Collins +

Tuesday, December 23

6:30 - Marybelle Farnsworth +

8:05 - Bill Swanson +

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 - Robert and Jeanne Ozburn +

7:00 - Richard and Marjorie Burns +

8:00 - Connor Oldham +

Thursday, December 25

10:00 - SHoJ Parishioners

Friday, December 26

8:05 - Marvin Cansler (+) Jacob Norman

Saturday, December 27

8:05 - Ernie Straub Jr. and Marie Grindinger +

4:30 - Andrew and Tara Duncan

Sunday, December 28

8:00 - Melba Mills +

9:30 - James & Annelise Schafer

11:00 - SHoJ Parishioners

LOVE MADE REAL AND VISIBLE

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

The theme of Advent's fourth Sunday is the LOVE that God has for mankind to become man and save us from death and sin. There is also the lighting of the candle of love otherwise known as the "angel candle." It is in this fourth week of Advent that we reflect on the ultimate gift of love - Jesus Christ. Jesus is our true example of love, and He came to teach us to love God and others.

BIBLE VERSES FOR REFLECTION

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given." (John 1:16)

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth." (Philippians 2:8-10)

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:4-7)

"When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals - one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots." (Luke 23:33-34)

"He told them, 'This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'" (Luke 24:46-49)

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

The readings help us focus on who Jesus is and why He came. We hear the name Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." This is the message we hold onto as we get ready to celebrate His birth. Each reading gives us something to think about. Isaiah speaks of a sign - a child born to a virgin.

Paul reminds the early Christians that Jesus was promised long ago. The psalm talks about who can come into God's presence. And in the Gospel, Joseph listens to God and chooses to stay with Mary.

CONCLUSION

These are not just stories from the past. They speak to us today. Like Joseph, we are asked to trust. Like Paul, we are called to share the good news. And like the people in Isaiah's time, we are told that God will not leave us alone.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School

2025-2026



We are grateful to share the wonderful news that Jared Herzet has accepted the role of the next Principal of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School beginning with the 26-27 school year. Jared brings a strong blend of leadership, faith, and real-world experience that will serve our school community well.

Jared began teaching at Cure of Ars before serving as Assistant Principal there. He currently serves as the Director of Athletics and Activities at St. James Academy. Jared holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Benedictine College, an Education and a Master of Science in Educational Administration degree from Emporia State University.

Jared and his wife, Sara, have been members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Parish for 14 years and are deeply invested in this community. Their two children, attend Sacred Heart, giving Jared a personal understanding of our parish and school mission of putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



LOVE BOX

Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

FINANCIALS



Gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh! In this time of gift-giving and potential tax strategizing, many SHOJ parishioners find it an ideal opportunity to make an impactful gift to Sacred Heart. Beyond cash or credit, appreciated stock gifts (deductible) and IRA distributions (non-deductible) can be valuable tools in maximizing generosity and tax savings. Contact Beth Bucklin at beth.bucklin@shoj.org or visit our giving page.

Thank you to all who have generously given to Sacred Heart this past year! You will be able to find your Annual Contribution Statement in your MyShoj Account by January 20th.

In Quarter 4 of 2025, we needed \$79,710.06 per week for our operating budget.

- We are at 84% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$65,656.15 per week in Quarter 4 2025.



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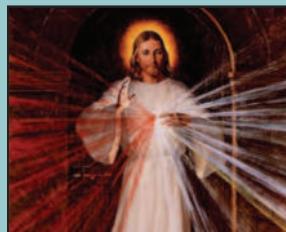
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