



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY | DECEMBER 28, 2025

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“OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON”



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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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

There will be no confessions or daily masses.

12/31/25:

Mass time: 5:00 PM

1/1/26:

Mass time: 10:00 AM

The parish offices are closed and 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 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.



CONFESION UPDATE

Saturday, 1/10/26, the 3 pm confession time will be dedicated to the 8th grader students participating in the Confirmation Retreat.



FAMILY BINGO



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!

Link: <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5481>



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!

Link: <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5482>



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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](#)

IGNITE FOR LIFE



Join the Archdiocese for a Kansas Mass & March for Life at the Topeka performing Arts Center January 28, 2026.



-MASS INTENTIONS-



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Fr. Zarse breaks down the true meaning of Christmas, uncovering its hidden significance and offering practical tips for celebrating well. He explains why attending Mass and prioritizing prayer during the season is so important, helping you enter more fully into the joy of Christ's birth. He also answers rapid-fire Christmas questions including:

- What's your favorite Christmas song?
- What's your best Christmas memory?
- What's the best gift you ever received for Christmas?
- And more!



[Listen Here!](#)



Monday, December 29

6:30 - James "Bub" Finley +

8:05 - Justin Owens +

Tuesday, December 30

6:30 - Gene & Helen Doyle +

8:05 - John and Virginia Hermes +

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 - John & Leann Fortino Family

Thursday, January 1

10:00 - SHoJ Parishioners

Friday, January 2

6:30 - Rose Steinbacher +,

John Marshall Marrou +, Mary Ellen Kirk +,

Continual growth in faith, hope & charity,

Souls in purgatory, especially those who have

no one to pray for them +

8:05 - Carol Rorick +, Troy and Laura Hinkel,
and Erin Mahoney

Saturday, January 3

8:05 - Fallen away parishioners and the
reparation of sinners

4:30 - Jack & Ruth Raidt +

Sunday, January 4

8:00 - Jacob Stirling

9:30 - Jeffrey Carreira & Diana Carreira

11:00 - Ronald Fry +

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. This will be an event for the whole family! You won't want to miss it!

A FAMILY LED BY FAITH

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

The Feast of the Holy Family Year A reminds us that Jesus lived in a real family. He had a mother and a father who cared for Him and protected Him. Mary and Joseph did not have easy lives, but they trusted God and followed His plan. Their home was simple, but it was full of love.

This feast helps us think about our own families. Every home has struggles. But like the Holy Family, we are called to listen to God and care for each other with patience. Love grows in quiet moments, hard choices, and daily kindness. The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family Year A show how God works through family life. They speak about honoring parents, caring for others, and choosing peace. These small acts shape a strong and faithful home.

LIFE WITHIN FAMILIES

This day is not only about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is about how we can live with love and trust in our families today. God is with us in family life, no matter how ordinary it may seem.

Honor and Respect in Families: The first reading emphasizes honoring parents, showing that respect within families brings blessings and strengthens relationships. Caring for parents, especially in their old age, is a way to live out God's commandment.

Love and Kindness at Home: The second reading from Colossians calls for compassion, kindness, and patience within families. These virtues build harmony and reflect Christ's love in daily life.

Forgiveness and Peace: Families are encouraged to forgive one another and live in peace. This echoes the call to let Christ's peace rule in hearts, fostering unity and understanding.

Obedience and Guidance: Joseph's obedience to God's guidance in the Gospel shows the importance of trusting God's plan for the family. His example of leadership and protection inspires responsible and loving parenthood.

Faith and Trust in God: The Holy Family's journey to Egypt demonstrates faith and trust in God's protection during hardships. Families are reminded to rely on God during difficult times.

Role of Parents and Children: The readings highlight the roles of parents as caregivers and teachers, and children as respectful and obedient. These roles support a nurturing and loving home environment.

The Feast of The Holy Family Year A invites reflection on the values that create strong and loving families. By looking to the Holy Family as a model, families can find guidance and inspiration to live in love, faith, and unity.

PRAYER

Lord, help us to follow the example of the Holy Family. Teach us to honor each other with love and respect. Grant us compassion and patience in our daily lives. Guide our families with your wisdom and peace. May we always trust in your plan. Amen.



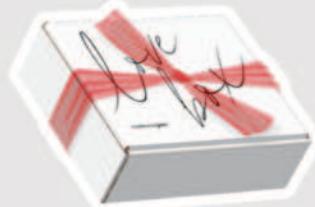
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School

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 on our website by January 20th.

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

- We are at 74% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$63,732.39 per week in Quarter 4 2025.



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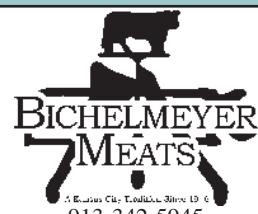
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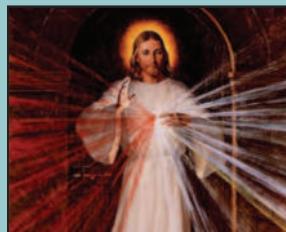
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