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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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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>

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 grade students participating in the Confirmation Retreat.



IGNITE FOR LIFE

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



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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. Please bring your entire family. You won't want to miss it!

SINGLES MURDER MYSTERY

Save the date! All single young adults (21-39) are invited to join us for a Murder Mystery Night February 6 at 7:00 PM in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2.



ENCOUNTER YOUTH RALLY



This isn't just another church event—it's a high-energy, four-hour rally designed for maximum spiritual impact event for Middle School and High School youth, and youth leaders. There will be a keynote speaker, Adoration, large group activities, lunch, and a chance to meet hundreds of other youth. The rally is February 21st, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

The cost is \$15 per person.

-MASS INTENTIONS-



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Once you meet Fr. Joseph, you understand why everyone loves him.

He joins the podcast this week to recap his first few months at Sacred Heart of Jesus, sharing his favorite memories, how this time has deepened his relationship with the Lord, the joy he's found in being here, and the love he has for all of you.



[Listen Here!](#)

Monday, January 5

6:30 - Nancy Healy +

8:05 - Johnnie Boor +

Tuesday, January 6

6:30 - Ruth LaPlante +

8:05 - John Brozenic +

Wednesday, January 7

6:30 - Eileen Jobin +

8:05 - Nick and Maria Guess

Thursday, January 8

6:30 - Crystal Dill +

8:05 - Trudy DeLaRosa +

6:00 - Veronica Morgan +

Friday, January 9

6:30 - Charlene and Leon Wittman

8:05 - Robert and Jeanne Ozburn +

Saturday, January 10

8:05 - Rebecca Heiman

4:30 - Mary McGinnis +

Sunday, January 11

8:00 - Darryl Foley +

9:30 - Jim & Cathy Camp +

11:00 - Gerald Culver +

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

The term “Epiphany,” based on the Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “revelation,” commemorates key events in the life of Christ: the visitation of the Three Wise Men, the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, and Christ’s first public miracle at Cana. Each reflects a moment of divine revelation.

The Feast of the Epiphany is rooted in the fourth century, instituted, in part, to emphasize the universal nature of Christ’s mission. It calls on us to reflect on the gifts given to Jesus: gold, symbolizing the Lord’s royalty; frankincense, used in the worship of God, signifies his divinity; and, myrrh, a burial ointment, points to Jesus’ redemptive Passion and death.

WHO WERE THE THREE WISE MEN (MAGI)?

Although little is known about the Three Wise Men, tradition provides us with their names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Epiphany celebrates the moment Christ, the ultimate gift, was made known to the Three Wise Men and thus the Gentiles. Their journey is central, highlighting the global acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah. Tradition venerates the Three Wise Men as saints, including because they not only recognized Christ but also revealed him to the world. Their visit symbolizes the Gentiles finding Jesus (Isa. 11:10; Matt. 2:18-20) and expressing, through their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, who he is: King, God, and Savior (Isa. 60:6; Matt. 2:11). In doing so, they show that Christ himself is the greatest gift to all humanity.

SEARCH OF THE NEWBORN MESSIAH

The Star of Bethlehem was likely not a miraculous light moving across the sky, but a real astronomical event, most likely involving the planet Jupiter. Ancient Babylonian astrologers, like the Magi, would have interpreted Jupiter’s rare movements as omens signaling the birth of a new king in the region of Judea. This interpretation fits both the Gospel account and known celestial events around 2 BC, offering a historically grounded explanation for why the Magi set out in search of the newborn Messiah.

CONCLUDING FACTS

Jesus as Light: Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. He guides all people to God.

Universal Mission: Jesus came for all nations and people. His salvation is not limited to one group.

Inclusiveness: Paul teaches that both Jews and Gentiles share in Jesus’ promises. The Epiphany shows that everyone is included in God’s plan.

Guidance of the Star: The star leads the Magi to Jesus. This shows God’s guidance to all who seek Him.



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



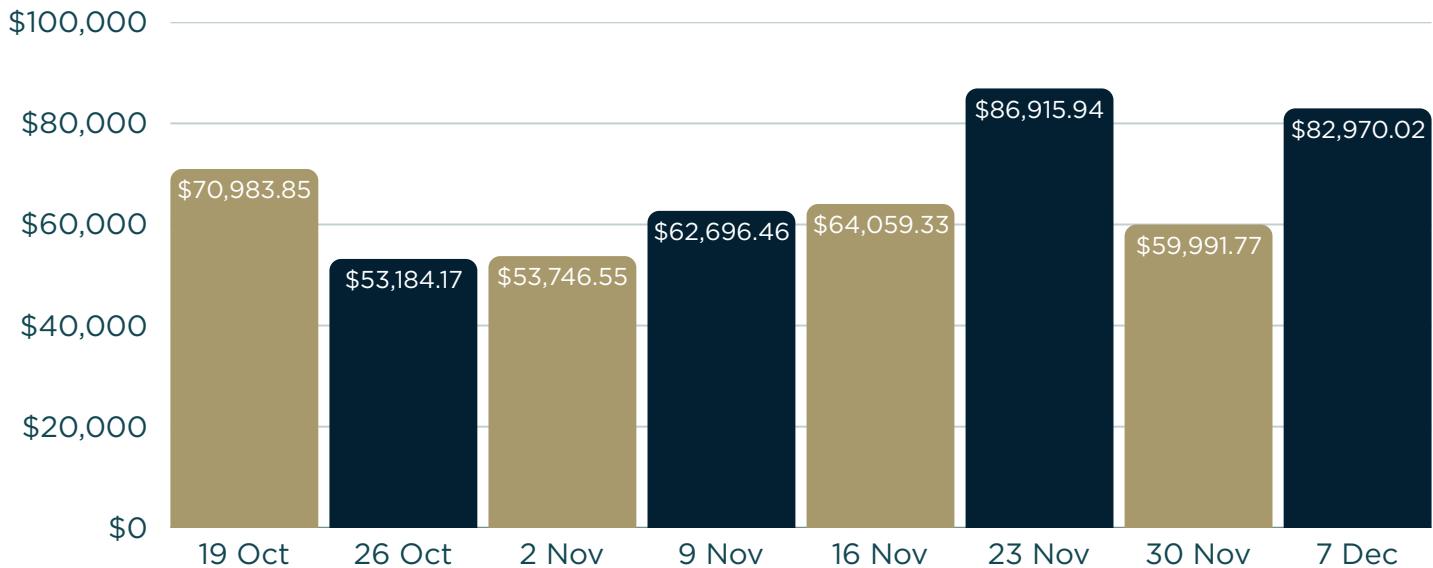
Gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh! In this time of gift-giving and potential tax strategizing, many SHOJ parishioners find it an ideal opportunity to make an impactful gift to Sacred Heart. Beyond cash or credit, appreciated stock gifts (deductible) and IRA distributions (non-deductible) can be valuable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

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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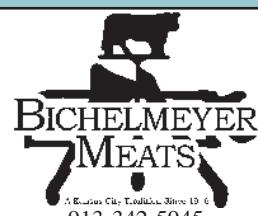
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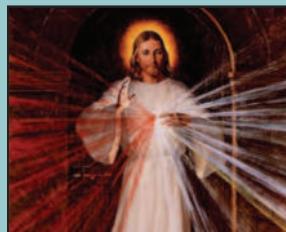
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