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

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

EVENTS OVERVIEW

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Registration for Vacation Bible School is open for preschoolers - 4th grade!



SASH MONARCHS GAME



Join SASH (55+) and cheer on our KC Monarchs on May 19. Your \$35 ticket will get you a fabulous seat in the suite, snacks, and a fun evening of entertainment with friends.

<https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5769>



PRO-LIFE COLLECTION



Eighty percent of unexpected mothers choose life once they see their baby on an ultrasound. Help our area pregnancy clinics keep this service free for

unexpected mothers by donating today.



MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, May 25, there will be no 6:30 am Mass and no 7:00 am confessions. ONLY the 8:05 am Daily Mass will take place. The parish offices will also be closed.



DASH FAMILY CAMP



Join DASH for a family camping trip at Clinton Lake, May 29-31. There will be meals, campfires, and Mass. Families are welcome to come for the day or both nights.

<https://bit.ly/4dswf7f>



FEED HIS LAMBS



Help provide food to the Bonner Springs / Edwardsville community! Please sign-up and bring your contribution to the narthex and deposit in the brightly colored and labeled buckets between 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. on designated Fridays.

<https://bit.ly/468Mn9Q>

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

2026-2027 Youth Ministry Registration (Middle School, High School, and Confirmation) is now open!

Middle School & Confirmation Small group requests will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, so register ASAP!



Middle School /
Confirmation



High School

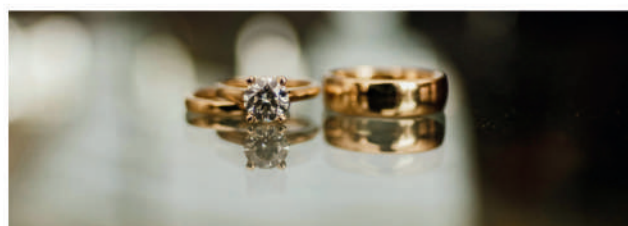
If you have any questions, please reach out to Jen at jen.zans@shoj.org.



MARRIAGE PROGRAM



Struggling in your marriage? Retrouvaille offers hope and healing for couples through a weekend experience on June 19-21—help is closer than you think.



CHARISM WORKSHOP



Ever wonder how God has uniquely gifted you? Join us for a half-day workshop as we explore the meaning, purpose, and discernment of the 24 charisms of the Holy Spirit—helping you recognize how God is already working in your life. The cost is \$30 and includes breakfast and workshop materials.

<https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5770>

SUMMER HOURS

Parish Office summer hours begin on Friday, May 22.
Hours will be: Monday through Friday: 8:00 am-4:00 pm
(Closed daily from Noon-1) Fridays: 8:00 am until Noon.



SACRED HEART COUNSELING



Sacred Heart now offers Catholic counseling on-site with David Walter, MA, LCPC, providing therapy from an authentically Catholic perspective for individuals, couples, and families. To learn more or schedule a free 15-minute consultation, please see the flyer at the information desk.



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Do You Have to Forgive AND Forget?
 What is Christian forgiveness, and does it require forgetting the hurt?
 In his latest podcast, Fr. Zarse explores the Church's teaching on forgiveness through the wisdom of the Catechism, asking some of the hardest questions many of us carry: Can you forgive and still feel hurt? Why is forgiveness so difficult? What happens when we refuse to forgive? The conversation reflects on how receiving God's mercy opens our own hearts to forgive, why unforgiveness often wounds us far more deeply than the person who hurt us, and how the Holy Spirit can begin to transform injury into compassion—and even intercession. Forgiveness does not mean pretending evil didn't happen. It does not mean the pain disappears overnight. But as the Church teaches, mercy cannot fully penetrate a heart that remains closed. Through prayer, surrender, and grace, true freedom becomes possible.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, May 18

6:30 - Thomas Gallagher +
8:05 - Doug Friedly +

Tuesday, May 19

6:30 - Tom Muessig
8:05 - Alice Graham

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 - Rene L Quirion +
8:05 - Diane Clement +

Thursday, May 21

6:30 - Francis Menghini
8:05 - Karen Ruesler +
6:00 - Domenic & Evelyn Moschetti +

Friday, May 22

6:30 - Bob Ekeler +
8:05 - George Droste +

Saturday, May 23

8:05 - Matthew Mahoney +
4:30 - SHOJ Parishioners

Sunday, May 24

8:00 - Erik & Katie Wilkinson
9:30 - In thanksgiving for the priesthood
of Fr. John Donart
11:00 - Eric & Kaley Coglianese



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year. Already baptized? You may begin right away. To learn more about the process pick up a flyer at the information desk.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Introduction:

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus is a description of his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him throughout the world by their lives and preaching. But the ascended Jesus is still with us through his indwelling Holy Spirit as he has promised, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." Today's feast is a celebration of Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death, and Resurrection, a glory in which we, too, hope to share.

The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus instructed his apostles to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit so that they might become his "witnesses to the ends of the earth" by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then a cloud took Jesus from the sight of the disciples and two Heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' "second coming" or return in glory. The Response for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 47) suggests that by his Ascension, the risen Lord "mounts his throne" in glory. In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly Glory, provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving his final blessing and missionary command to his disciples. The command was to "proclaim the Good News to the whole creation," "to be his witnesses," and "to make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:16-20, Mk 16:15-20, Lk 24:46-53, Acts 1:1-11).

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28).

- 1) We need to be people who proclaim what we believe and be evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.
- 2) We have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and preaching. We are to give to others as we have experienced our Lord and Savior.
- 3) The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches.

Brethren, the glorious resurrection, and ascension of Jesus into heaven are ways through which he manifested himself as Son of God, overcoming our limitations and prison. Jesus, the Son of God, "descended" from heaven, becoming part us, walking our streets, entering one of our tombs. But with his resurrection, he breaks this prison to which all humanity is bound and, returning to his heavenly homeland, takes all creatures with him.

CONCLUSION

Ascension did not end Jesus' connection with the disciples. He promised them the Advocate or the Holy Spirit, who will teach them the complete truth. The sanctifier will sanctify them in the truth. The journey had just begun. All of us have different roles to play in this new mission of Jesus Christ. Ascension isn't an ending for any of us. It's a beginning, the moment when Jesus entrusts His work to us all and promises that we will never be left alone. Let's not stand here gazing at the sky, wondering what might have been or waiting for life to finally begin. Instead, let's open our hearts to the Spirit, right here, right now. Together, let's ask God to enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so we can see the hope, the power, and the purpose He's already placed within us. And let's take a step forward, even if it feels uncertain trusting that Christ is with us, and that His Spirit is alive in our ordinary, imperfect lives.



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2025-2026

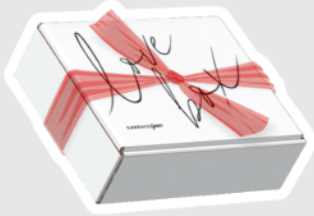


As we enter the month of May, we take time to give thanks for the many blessings within our parish school, especially the dedicated teachers and staff. Their commitment to education and their vocation to serve reflect the love of Christ in a profound way.

Our faculty is composed of 33 educators who bring both passion and experience to their ministry. Approximately 40% of our staff hold a Master's Degree, and the average teaching experience among our staff is 15 years.

In a special way, we honor Ms. Russell for her remarkable 38 years of faithful service to Sacred Heart. We are deeply grateful for the dedication, wisdom, and love she has shared with generations of students and families.

Please join us in thanking God for the gift of our devoted school staff.



LOVE BOX

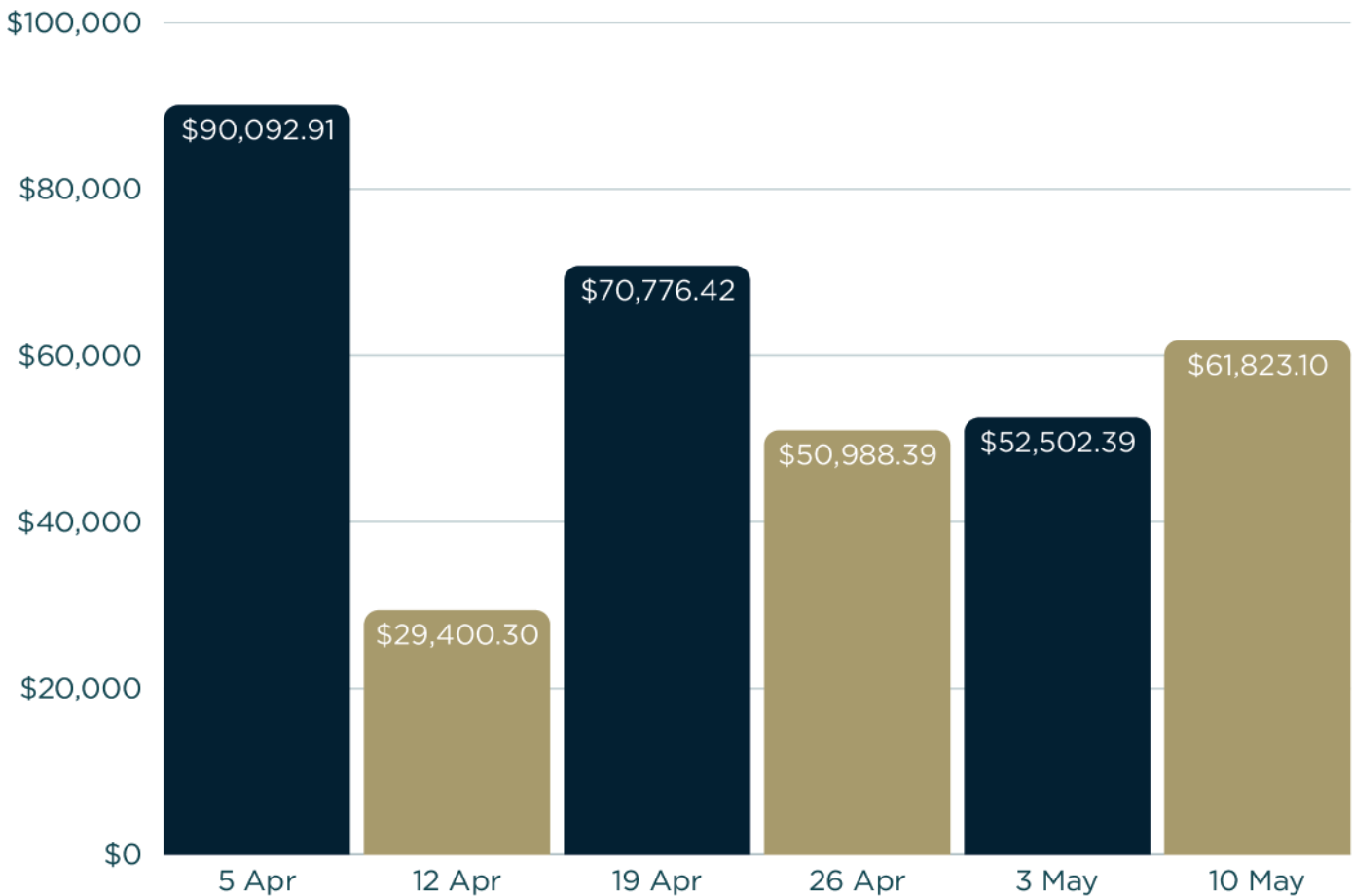
Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

FINANCIALS



This Easter season, as we rejoice in the gift of new life through Christ's Resurrection, we are reminded that all we have is a gift from God, meant to be shared in love. May your Easter giving be a reflection of gratitude, hope, and the abundant life we celebrate in Him.

- In Quarter 2 of 2026, we need \$67,182 per week for our operating budget.
- We are currently at 39% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$59,263.92 per week in Quarter 2 2026.



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