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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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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FOUNDATION STONES SURVEY



Fr. Zarse invites everyone to take our quarterly Foundation Stones Survey. Your feedback helps us grow together as a parish, stay rooted in our shared mission, and ensure our ministries and resources are truly supporting your spiritual life. The survey includes a few questions about Mass times as we continue to discern the best Mass times for our parish community. Please complete the survey by July 20. Thank you!



WALKING WITH MARY



Join us Wednesdays this summer for Youth Ministry! Find more details on our website.



CATECHISTS NEEDED

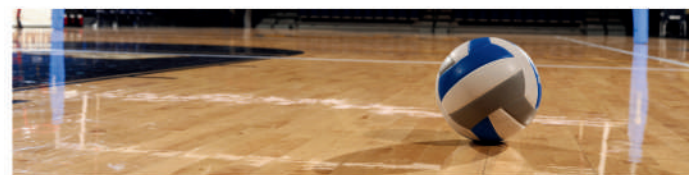
We are looking for Catechists for both our Wednesday night SOR classes and our Sunday evening Family Formation program. Please contact Emily Warn at emily.warn@shoj.org for more information or if you are interested.



PITCHING FOR PRIESTS TAILGATE



Join us on July 31, 2026, from 4:30–6:00pm for a parish tailgate before the State Line Showdown between both the priests from the Missouri Diocese and Kansas Archdiocese! We'll provide the main meal - just bring a side to share, drinks, lawn chairs, and yard games. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare! (Make sure to wear red!)



CALLED: WITNESS & VOLLEYBALL



All incoming 9th graders through graduated seniors are welcome to join Called: Witness and Volleyball Night on July 26th! Our two summer seminarians will share their personal faith stories and afterwards will challenge the teens to a volleyball tournament. The night will begin in the meeting rooms at 6:00 PM with dinner.



BACKPACK DRIVE



Help students in need start the school year with essential supplies! Visit the Angel Trees in the narthex, now decorated with paper backpacks. Each tag lists supplies needed for a child at New Chelsea Elementary. You can shop as a family to fill a backpack or contribute funds to support the drive. Return filled backpacks or donations with the tag by the weekend of July 25–26. Backpacks and donations may also be dropped off at the parish office through July 31. Questions? Contact Mallory Ronnebaum at mronne86@gmail.com.

ROSARY FOR IMMIGRANTS

Rosary for Immigrants is an initiative that invites the faithful to come together in prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters, asking God to help us recognize the dignity of every person created in His image and to foster justice, compassion, and unity within our communities. The monthly Rosary gatherings will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Washington Square Park, across from the Immigration Court, on the following dates, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 16.



SCHOOL OF FAITH TALK



Join our SASH-sponsored Holy Family School of Faith event on August 6th at 6:30 PM in the MPC for a talk by Nicholas Hinkel on "David and Gol-A.I-th: Living the Faith Well in the Age of Machines." All parishioners are welcome.

OCIA SPONSORS



Our new Year Round OCIA process is booming and sponsors are needed ASAP. As a sponsor, you'll share your faith through friendship, encouragement, and prayer. All you need is a heart willing to walk with someone. Contact Char Mies @ charlene.mies@shoj.org to sign up or to ask questions.



MISSION IMPACT



We have updated our 10-Year Target, 3-Year Picture, and 1-Year Plan, along with our Quarterly Leadership Initiatives. Scan the QR code to view the updated documents.

WE'RE HIRING!



Sacred Heart of Jesus School is hiring a Lunchroom Coordinator as well as a Kitchen Aide. Visit our employment page for more information. Come be a part of putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SMALL GROUP MENTORS

Adults are invited to serve as small group mentors for our Youth Ministry programs for the 2026-27 year! As mentors, they will help build relationships with students and lead discussions each week. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per week. No prior experience required. If you are interested, please contact Jen at jen.zans@shoj.org to schedule a meeting.





WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Could washing dishes help make you a saint?
Could your job increase your virtue?
In this week's episode of The War on Mediocrity, Fr. Zarse explores how pursuing excellence in the smallest parts of daily life can help us grow in holiness and answer the Catholic call to greatness.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, July 20

6:30 - Vincent Ronnebaum

8:05 - Cydney Barber Muldoon

Tuesday, July 21

6:30 - Ada Keating +

8:05 - Jim Dieren +

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 - Irene Clark

8:05 - Rita Hoag +

Thursday, July 23

6:30 - Sylvia Reischman +

8:05 - Alex & April Johannigman

6:00 - Cathy Baker +

Friday, July 24

6:30 - Patrick & Cydney Muldoon

8:05 - Gery Hochanadel & Family

Saturday, July 25

8:05 - Hudson Manning +

4:30 - Theresa Springer

Sunday, July 26

8:00 - Donald Bates +

9:30 - Mary Welter +

11:00 - Zachary & Abigail Alvarado

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Find all updates about construction on our website including our May Update.
<https://shoj.org/capital-campaign>



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.

PATIENCE, GROWTH AND TRUST IN GOD'S TIMING

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

Often, people expect God to act in big and obvious ways. They want clear signs or instant changes. But God often works in small, hidden ways that take time to develop. His grace moves quietly in people's hearts, just as a tiny seed takes time to become a strong tree. Our readings today encourage patience and trust. Even when we do not see results right away, God is still working. A simple act of kindness, a small moment of prayer, or a quiet decision to follow Him can lead to something much greater over time. We reminded to trust in God's way of working. His kingdom is growing, even when we do not notice. We are invited to be part of that growth by living our faith in small but meaningful ways.

EXPLANATION OF THE BIBLE READINGS OF THE DAY

The First Reading (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19) says there is only one God who cares for all, exercising justice, and demonstrating might. God teaches us that power is accompanied by kindness and provides hope through the possibility of repentance. The book of Wisdom speaks of God as the true ruler who governs with both strength and gentleness. In this passage, we see that real authority is not harsh but caring. God's justice is never separated from mercy. His power gives hope because it allows room for repentance. Here we learn that God is not like earthly rulers who use fear. Instead, He teaches us that kindness is part of strength. This fits the larger theme of the Book of Wisdom, where God's ways are higher than human ways and guide us toward salvation.

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 86) states that God is good, forgiving, and kind to those who call upon Him. All nations will worship Him for His wondrous deeds. He is merciful, patient, faithful, and gives strength to His servants. Psalm 86 reflects on God's goodness and compassion. The psalmist calls out to the Lord, trusting that He is patient and faithful. This psalm reminds us that prayer is always answered by a God who listens. It also celebrates that His mercy is not limited to one people but extends to all nations. Here, the focus is on God's character: forgiving, merciful, and protective of His servants.

The Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27) The Spirit assists us when we are unsure how to pray, speaking on our behalf in line with God's will. In Romans, Paul explains that the Spirit strengthens believers in their weakness. On the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, this message highlights that prayer does not depend on our own words alone. Even when we cannot find the right words, the Spirit speaks within us, aligning our prayers with God's will. Saint Paul's emphasis is on faith and the gift of salvation. The Spirit is central to life in Christ, guiding us toward holiness and unity with God. It shows that God's plan for redemption includes helping us every step of the way.

In the Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43) Jesus tells a parable about a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field, but an enemy also sowed weeds among them. When the weeds grew, the farmer chose to let them coexist with the wheat until harvest. He also shares parables of the mustard seed and yeast, illustrating the small beginnings and power of God's kingdom. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches through parables about God's kingdom. We hear how good seed grows alongside weeds until the harvest. The mustard seed and yeast also show how something small can grow into something great. These images reveal the hidden but powerful work of God's kingdom. Matthew often focuses on discipleship and the call to live according to God's kingdom. These parables fit into the teaching about patience, trust, and hope. Even when evil appears present, God's plan is unfolding. The growth of the kingdom begins small but brings life to the world.

CONCLUSION

We all have moments of kindness and moments of selfishness. At times, we choose love and mercy, but other times, we fall into anger, impatience, or sin. Let us be encouraged to focus on growing the wheat within us which is the goodness that God has planted in our hearts. Instead of worrying too much about the weeds, we should focus on strengthening what is good. God gives us time to grow and change. He does not rush to judge but allows us the chance to choose Him repeatedly. We should not become discouraged by our struggles but trust that He is helping us to become more like Him. Through prayer, repentance, and small daily choices, we can nurture the wheat in our lives. Please focus on growth, trust in God's patience, and seek His help in becoming the people He calls us to be.

GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School



2025-2026

Our Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School students have provided faith-filled service to others this past year through several projects. Our Cereal Bowl collected over 2,200 cereal boxes to support Catholic Charities, helping provide food to those in need in our community. Students also spent time making treats and cards for St. Mary's Food Kitchen, bringing a smile to those they serve. In addition, our students continue to serve our school by assisting younger classmates in the classroom, building leadership skills and spreading kindness.

We are grateful for your support as we encourage our students to grow through service and compassion.

Please reach out to our principal, Mr. Jared Herzet, for more information or scan the QR code below to schedule a tour.



(913) 422-5520 / www.school.shoj.org



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.



CYO SPORTS



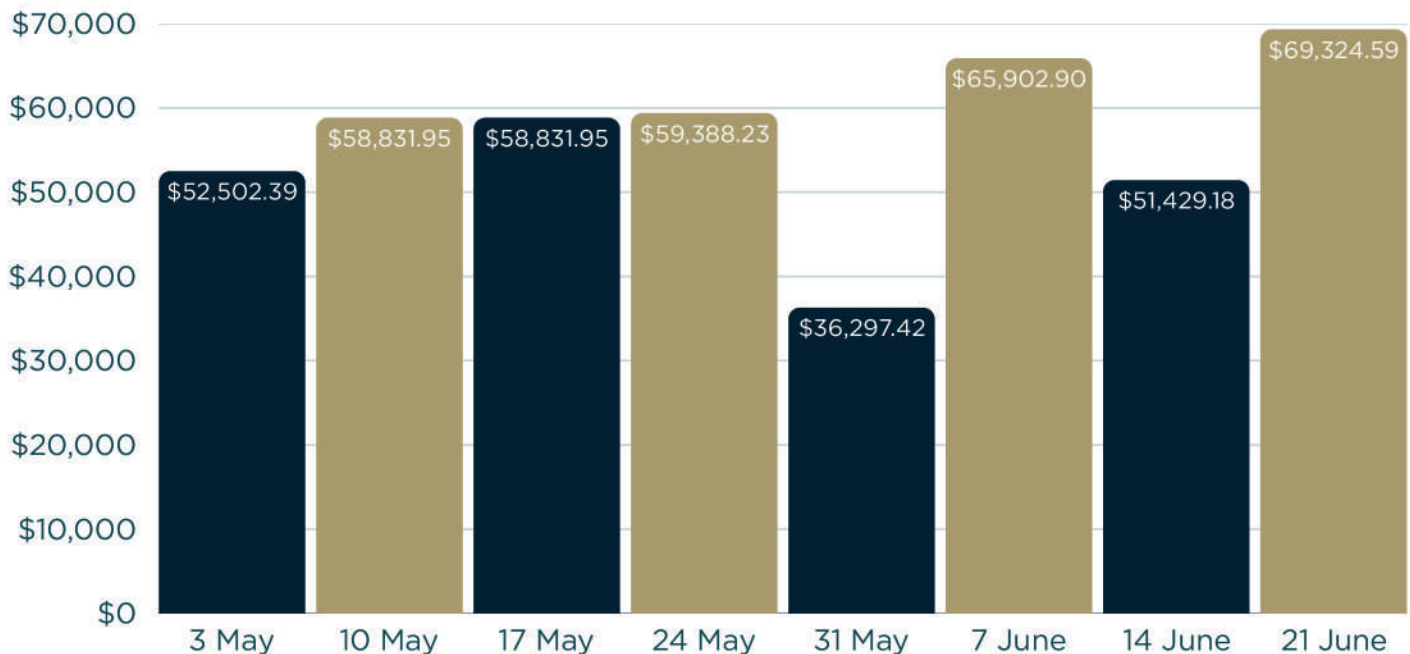
Registration is open for Fall CYO Sports for 2nd-8th graders. Fal Sports includes Cross Country, Flag Football, Tackle Football, and Volleyball. Registration is open until August 14th (Tackle Football August 3d.) Register at <https://cyojwa.org/current-programs>

FINANCIALS



As we enter the summer season, a time often filled with rest, travel, and renewed family rhythms, we are reminded that God continues to work in every season of our lives. Even in these quieter months, the mission of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School moves forward through your faithful generosity.

Your continued support helps sustain our ministries, form our students, and care for our parish community all year long. If you are able, we invite you to prayerfully consider making or increasing your gift during the summer months as an expression of gratitude for God's ongoing blessings. Thank you for being part of this mission. May your summer be filled with peace, rest, and the abundant grace of Christ.



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