



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 16, 2026

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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

EVENTS OVERVIEW

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MUSIC ON THE LAWN.....PG 3



RECLAIMING THE SABBATH

Reclaiming the Sabbath is a renewed vision for Sundays at Sacred Heart.

Fr. Zarse shares the dream that has taken shape through prayer for what Sunday can become in our parish, along with the new weekend Mass schedule that will help bring that vision to life beginning September 12-13.

We believe Sundays can draw our parish family more deeply into life with Christ, strengthen families, build authentic community, and reach those within our parish boundaries who are not currently coming to Mass.

There is so much to look forward to. We cannot wait to see the life, community, and spiritual fruit that will grow as we begin Reclaiming the Sabbath together.



[Listen Here!](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

With the adjustment to our Sunday Mass schedule, please note that Mass intentions will also be adjusted to reflect the new Mass times. The 8:00 a.m. Mass intention will move to 8:30 a.m., the 9:30 a.m. intention will move to 10:30 a.m., and the 11:00 a.m. intention will move to 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns regarding a scheduled Mass intention, please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Owens the parish office. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we make this adjustment.



FOOD TRUCK DRIVE

Please show some LOVE for those in need during our Catholic Charities food drive on August 29-30. This month's most needed items are: canned fruit, pasta pasta sauce (no glass), canned meat, and diced tomatoes.



NEW PARISHIONER HAPPY HOUR



Are you new to Sacred Heart—or were unable to attend our most recent new parishioner gathering - join us on September 10 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. Come hear Fr. Zarse share his vision and hopes for our parish, learn how to get involved, and connect with fellow parishioners with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This event is for adults only.



FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH



Join us for Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church starting September 16th. The bible study will be every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Space is limited so [register soon!](#)



MARRIAGE PREP FACILITATOR



Have you ever considered mentoring the engaged? Evermore in Love is training new mentors this fall in virtual sessions from September 2 - October 14. Cost is \$100 per couple. For more info contact Libby at libby@evermoreinlove.org.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

On August 17 the parish office resumes normal hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am until 4:30 pm and Friday: 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. We will be closed daily for lunch from Noon-1:00 pm.

MUSIC ON THE LAWN



You're invited to our 2nd annual Music on the Lawn event on September 18, 2026 from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM! Gather your friends and family for a summer celebration! Enjoy food trucks, face painting, balloon art for the kids, and live music by the Mikey Needleman Band. Don't miss out!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Join us Thursday at 6:45 PM for a Women's Bible Study: Passionate Discipleship through Walking with Purpose ministries. The bible study will begin September 24th. [Register here.](#)



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: August 26, September 23,, October 21, November 18, and December 16.



FORMED



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LABOR DAY

There will be no Confessions or 6:30 AM Mass on Labor Day, September 7th, and the parish offices will be closed.



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Do Catholics have to abstain from meat every Friday?

There is a lot of conversation and confusion about what the Church actually asks of Catholics on Fridays. In his latest podcast, Fr. Zarse explains the significance of Friday penance, whether meatless Fridays outside of lent are still required, and why every Friday should remain a day of prayer, sacrifice, and remembrance of Christ's Passion.

Fr. Zarse also shares how to fast without becoming miserable, why fasting without prayer is little more than dieting, and meaningful ways to fast beyond simply giving up food.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Find all updates about construction on our website including our May Update.

<https://shoj.org/capital-campaign>



-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, August 17

6:30 - Bob Ekeler +

8:05 - Maurice Mitchell +

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 - The mothers & grandmothers of our parish

8:05 - Jerry Freitag +

Wednesday, August 19

6:30 - Bill Hestwood +

8:05 - Isabelle "Izzy" Ford +

Thursday, August 20

6:30 - Greg Flaherty +

8:05 - Sue Collins

6:00 - Justin Landwehr +

Friday, August 21

6:30 - Charlie Cathers +

8:05 - Theresa and Terry Ehrhardt +

Saturday, August 22

8:05 - Patricia Stallbaumer +

4:30 - - Richard Strecker +

Sunday, August 23

8:00 - Greg Flaherty +

9:30 - Michael Ronnebaum

11:00 - Rita Wagner +

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.

O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's readings emphasize God's inclusive love and mercy, a reality that faith and trust unite people from every nation. The first reading from Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 portrays God's house as a place of prayer for all nations, while the second reading from Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 reminds us that God's gifts and call endure for everyone. The Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28, recounts the story of the Canaanite woman whose faith leads to her daughter's healing, illustrating persistence, compassion, and the universality of God's mercy.

EXPLANATION OF THE READINGS

In the First Reading (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7) The LORD calls for righteousness and justice. Anyone who loves and serves God, keeps the covenant and observes the Sabbath, will find acceptance in His house, a house of prayer for all nations.

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 67) opens God's compassion and blessings. The Psalmist says they shine upon God's people, revealing His ways to all nations. His ways lead to salvation. Let all praise Him, rejoice in His just rule and guidance.

In the Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32) Paul says, "Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and call of God are irrevocable." Mercy awaits all people.

In the Gospel Reading (Matthew 15:21-28) a Canaanite woman pleads for Jesus' help, seeking healing for her possessed daughter. Though initially hesitant, Jesus praises her great faith. Her daughter got healed instantly.

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

God welcomes all people: Isaiah speaks of foreigners being accepted if they follow God's ways. Jesus helps a Gentile woman, showing that God's love is for everyone.

Faith moves Jesus: The Canaanite woman does not give up. Her strong faith leads Jesus to heal her daughter.

God's mercy is for all: Paul explains that God's mercy is not just for one group. He shows kindness to everyone, even when they fail.

Persistence in prayer is very important: The woman keeps asking Jesus for help. Her persistence shows the power of not giving up in prayer.

Obedience to God matters a lot: Isaiah says those who keep God's covenant will be accepted. Following God's ways leads to blessings.

God's promises will never change: Paul says God's gifts and call last forever. His love and plan stay the same.

CONCLUSION

God's mercy is not meant to stop at the borders we create. The Canaanite woman keeps asking Jesus to help her daughter. Though she is an outsider, her faith is strong, and she trusts that God's goodness is wide enough to reach her. We are challenged to notice who we are tempted to ignore, exclude, or dismiss. Human communities need boundaries, but compassion should not disappear because someone is different. Migrants, the poor, wounded Catholics, and others at the margins still deserve dignity and care. The woman's persistence reminds us that faith can appear in unexpected places and that God's mercy is greater than our categories.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School

2025-2026



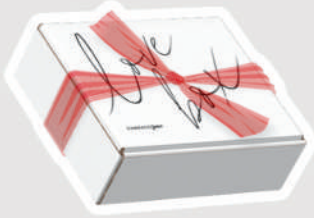
Our Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School students have provided faith-filled service to others this past year through several projects. Our Cereal Bowl collected over 2,200 cereal boxes to support Catholic Charities, helping provide food to those in need in our community. Students also spent time making 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.



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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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER



Catholic Charities' warehouse team at Hope Distribution Center is seeking support During community food drives, Catholic Charities positions trucks at multiple collection sites. A support volunteer follows the CCNEK driver to each site, ensures the truck is parked safely, and transports the driver back to the Hope Distribution Center (HDC) so they can stage the next drop-off. To get started or to learn more about this opportunity here & fill out the volunteer core application!

FINANCIALS

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for the many sacrifices you make to support the mission of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and School. Every gift entrusted to our parish is an investment in lives being transformed by Christ, making possible marriage enrichment, family engagement, faith formation, sacramental preparation, Catholic education, outreach to those in need, and the celebration of the liturgy. Together, your generosity creates opportunities for people of every age to encounter Jesus more deeply as we continue putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Beginning this fiscal year, we will be reporting our parish and school financial progress on a quarterly rather than weekly basis. While weekly updates have served us well in the past, quarterly reporting provides a more accurate picture of our financial health by minimizing the normal week-to-week fluctuations that occur due to the timing of online gifts, stock transfers, recurring contributions, and other donations being processed. It also allows us to better measure our progress against our parish and school goals throughout the year.

Our commitment to transparency remains unchanged. We will continue to share meaningful financial updates so that, together, we can celebrate God's blessings, remain good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, and ensure we are faithfully advancing our mission of putting hearts on a collision course with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and partnership in His mission.



Your continued support helps sustain our ministries, form our students, and care for our parish community all year long. Please prayerfully consider what you can give as an expression of gratitude for God's ongoing blessings. Thank you for being part of this mission!



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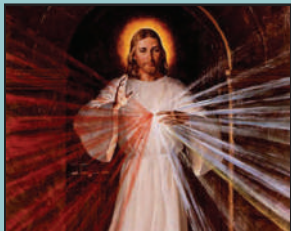
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