



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM

Sun: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM,
4:30 PM

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

Sun: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Asante

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PARENT NIGHT



Sacred Heart Counseling is coming to Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School and Parish for a special presentation designed to help families. On September 17th at 7:00 PM in the MPC there will be a presentation for parents only. This specific presentation is only for parents. There will be separate presentations for the students at a later date.



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!

ASSISTANCE TO MASS

Are you having trouble getting to mass? We have volunteers ready to assist you with rides. Please contact the office 913-422-5700 and speak to Erin to arrange assistance.



YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF



A new Youth Ministry year is just around the corner! Join us on Sunday, September 20th at 4:30 PM starting with Mass in the Church and then a celebration and dinner afterwards in the MPC. All incoming 9th-12th grade students are welcome! Please RSVP so we can plan for dinner and activities. We can't wait to see you there!



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.](#)



RETRouvaille



At a time when many marriages and families face increasing pressures, Retrouvaille offers hope and a path toward renewed connection for marriages. The next Kansas City Weekend is September 25-27. If your marriage is facing significant challenges or simply needs renewal, Retrouvaille offers a welcoming place to begin again.



ROOM NAMING OPPORTUNITY



The parish is inviting YOU to help name the new and reverted spaces! Participate in this exciting opportunity to be a part of a legacy. Entries are accepted through September 25th.

GOLF CLASSIC



Join us for our 25th Annual Golf Tournament on October 12 at Falcon Lakes Golf Club. The entry fee is \$125 per person, or \$500 for a four person team. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, dinner, 2 drink tickets, prizes, and fellowship! Proceeds will be going towards funding a new playground for the school.

Interested in sponsoring (families and businesses welcome)? Contact Tara Green at tara.green@shoj.org



Interested in giving towards the playground?

Scan the QR code and select "Playground donation" on the drop down menu.



PURIFIED EVENT



Join Jason Evert for Purified, an engaging evening exploring love, chastity, gender, and the theology of the body, on October 7 at 6:00 - 9:15 PM at St Michael's in Leewood. The evening includes two powerful talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, and an opportunity for Confession. The night is \$25 per person and is for 13+.



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive to support People with Intellectual Disabilities after all Masses the weekends of October 10-11 and October 17-18. Don't forget to bring your cash or spare change to help support this important cause!

WOMEN'S RETREAT



All women 18+ are invited to Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat on October 16 - 18 at Prairie Star Ranch. This retreat brings women into the life-giving, Christ-centered, and naturally beautiful experience of Camp Tekakwitha.





WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Sloth may be one of the most misunderstood and overlooked of the seven deadly sins. It is far more than simply being lazy, and it can take root even in someone who is constantly busy, productive, and on the move.

This week, Fr. Zarse looks at sloth through the lens of Christopher Nolan's *The Odyssey*. The film gives us a hero who is constantly moving, fighting, leading, and striving to get home. So how could anyone possibly call Odysseus slothful?

Discover the deeper meaning of sloth, its connection to acedia, and how we can learn to recognize and fight it in our own spiritual lives.



[Listen Here!](#)

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Find all updates about construction on our website.

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



-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, September 14

6:30 - Ada Keating +

8:05 - Liz Bessette +

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 - Erin Casey Lee

8:05 - Emmett Bolin

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 - Derek & Shannon Bruemmer

8:05 - John & Virginia Hermes +

Thursday, September 17

6:30 - Wallace Roshau +

8:05 - Rita Hoag +

6:00 - Thomas Clements

Friday, September 18

6:30 - Bob Ekeler +

8:05 - Patrick Farley +

Saturday, September 19

8:05 - Susan Fry

4:30 - Charlie Slaughter +

Sunday, September 20

8:00 - Hudson Manning +

9:30 - Doug Friedly +

11:00 - Dylan & Katie Watson

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.

HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE?

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday encourages personal reflection on grudges, anger, and reconciliation. Forgiveness is presented not merely as a feeling but as a conscious decision to release others from their debts, fostering personal growth and alignment with God's grace. Forgiveness is at the center of our faith. We should embrace forgiveness, practice mercy, and live in the awareness that all belong to God. For us gathered here today must be a day of spiritual renewal and reflection on God's compassionate love.

EXPLANATION OF THE READINGS

In the First Reading (Sirach 27:30–28:7) warns against wrath and anger, encouraging people to forgive others and remember the brevity of life. Sirach often gives practical wisdom for daily life, calling people to live justly before God. In this passage, anger and resentment are rejected. Instead, we are reminded of our human limits and the need to follow God's law. The book often urges humility and right living, and forgiveness is part of that path. Remembering death encourages people to live in a way that honors God and others. Forgiveness is shown as an act of wisdom and obedience. Just as Sirach calls us to balance fear of the Lord with mercy toward others, this reading reminds us that true justice involves setting aside hatred. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103) praises God's kindness and mercy, forgiveness, healing, and compassion. It reminds us that God is slow to anger and rich in kindness. This matches the call to forgive, since God does not hold our sins against us. Instead, he heals, redeems, and draws us back into his care.

The Second Reading (Romans 14:7–9) reminds that whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, and our actions should reflect His love and mercy. Whether alive or dead, we are his. This helps us place daily struggles in the bigger picture of belonging to God.

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:21–35) features the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. God forgives immense debts and expects us to extend mercy to others. The contrast between the master's mercy and the servant's hardness of heart reveals that disciples must forgive fully, as they have been forgiven.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO - PRACTICE

Forgiveness: We are called to forgive others as God forgives us. We must release anger and resentment to experience spiritual freedom.

God's Mercy: The parable demonstrates God's immense patience and compassion, urging us to mirror this mercy in daily life.

Hypocrisy in Unforgiveness: Refusing to forgive others can hinder receiving God's mercy. Let us develop forgiving hearts.

Belonging to God: Life and death are under God's care, and our choices should reflect His love and mercy.

CONCLUSION

The readings remind people that anger and grudges only bring harm, while forgiveness brings freedom. God forgives generously and expects His people to do the same. The Gospel parable warns that refusing to forgive can lead to serious consequences. These reflections explore how to let go of anger, share mercy, and make forgiveness a daily practice. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting or pretending nothing happened. It means choosing to let go of resentment and entrusting justice to God. When people hold onto grudges, they carry a heavy burden that affects their hearts and relationships. Releasing that burden allows us to live with greater peace.



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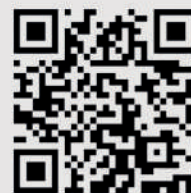
2025-2026



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.



SASH CHRISTMAS TRIP



The Sacred Heart of Jesus 55+ Community is hitting the rails for Hermann, Missouri! Join us December 11-12 for a memorable adventure. Sign up to receive information and links to purchase your train tickets and reserve your hotel accommodations. It's the perfect chance to enjoy some time together!



NAVIGATING US RETREAT



Join Richard and Elizabeth Albertson for "Navigating Us" Marriage Retreat on November 6-8 in the MPC. Navigating Us is an opportunity to intentionally invest in the relationship that matters most with practical tools on how to navigate marriage together. Registration is \$50 per couple.



FEED THE BODY, NOURISH THE SOUL



We're expanding our Food Ministry Team to help nourish both the bodies and souls of our students. We'll cover the cost of all ingredients. Responsibilities include cooking, serving, and cleaning the tables. Not a fan of cooking but still want to help? You can also donate a catered meal! Reach out to Jen for any questions: jen.zans@shoj.org.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Parishioner Lois Ann Stephan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FINANCIALS



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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