



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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OUR PARISH MISSION: PUTTING HEARTS ON A
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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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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.



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 toward 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+.



COFFEE & DONUTS



Help us keep the coffee brewing and fellowship going after our 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses! Volunteers help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Come serve, meet some fellow parishioners, and enjoy a donut or two!



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.



PRAYER LINE



Do you have an intention you would like others to pray for? Sacred Heart has a "Prayer Line" over 250 prayer warriors are committed to praying for your intention daily. Submit a prayer request today!



COUPLES BOOK STUDY HOSTS

This January, Sacred Heart is inviting married couples go through a five-week small group experience based on "The 21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage." We're looking for couples who would be willing to open their home and host a small group – with flexibility on dates, time, and how many couples you would host. You don't need to be a marriage expert—just willing to create a welcoming space. Contact Emily Dumler at emily.dumler@shoj.org if you are interested in hosting?

DAILY MASS AND RECONCILIATION UPDATES

Due to the Priest Convocation, Daily Mass and Reconciliation will be cancelled September 28 - October 2nd. The parish offices will be closed October 2nd.



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. Responsibility 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.



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Recently, Fr. Joseph celebrated one year at Sacred Heart!

To mark the occasion, he joined this week's podcast to reflect on his first year at the parish, the moments that have made Sacred Heart feel like home, what the Lord has taught him, and how much he loves SHoJ.

He looks back on the whole year including the World Cup, discovering KC barbecue, and even learning to swim from YouTube.

Listen to the full episode and celebrate one year with Fr. Joseph!



[Listen Here!](#)

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Find all updates about construction on our website.

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



-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, September 21

6:30 - Marvin Cansler +

8:05 - Gery Hochanadel & Family

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 - Frank Kulish +

8:05 - Linda Davis +

Wednesday, September 23

6:30 - Gregg Risinger +

8:05 - Jerry Freitag +

Thursday, September 24

6:30 - Ty Roshau

8:05 - Charles & Patricia Schaefer +

6:00 - Fr. James G. Betzen, C.P.P.S +

Friday, September 25

6:30 - Kay Clark

8:05 - Bernice Malott +

Saturday, September 26

8:05 - John & Sandy Simmons

4:30 - Carol Rorick +

Sunday, September 27

8:30 - Odella Myers

10:30 - SHoJ Parishioners

4:30 - Dean & Kim Barber

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.

"THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST"

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's readings invite us to let go of envy and comparison and to trust that God's goodness is always near. We are therefore encouraged to rejoice when others receive something gracious from God. We should also remember that God's ways are not our ways. **"Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15)** We are called to embrace God's abundant grace, live in alignment with His ways, and trust His justice and mercy above our own expectations. A reminder to all of us that God's mercy and generosity go far beyond what we expect. He invites everyone to turn to Him, no matter how late they come. His ways are not like ours. Where people see limits, God offers grace without measure.

EXPLANATION OF THE READINGS

In the First Reading (Isaiah 55:6 - 9) the prophet Isaiah calls God's people to seek the Lord while He is near, to abandon wickedness, and to trust that His ways and thoughts are far beyond their ways.

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145:2 - 3, 8 - 9, 17 - 18) praises God as gracious, merciful, just, and near to all who call upon Him. The psalm praises Him as kind and slow to anger.

In the Second Reading (Philippians 1:20c - 24, 27a) St. Paul expresses his longing for Christ while affirming his commitment to live in a way worthy of the Gospel. Paul teaches us to live in a way that honors Christ, whether in life or death.

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 20:1 - 16a) is about the Parable of the workers or laborers in the vineyard. The parable teaches that God's (Landowner's) generosity is equal for all, regardless of how long they have served. The landowner pays them all the same, regardless of the hour they got engaged in the vineyard. It may seem unfair, but Jesus shows that God's love does not follow human rules.

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW – PRACTICE

God's Mercy is Generous: God forgives and welcomes sinners who turn to Him. His mercy is greater than human expectations.

God's Ways are Higher: People expect fairness based on effort, but God's justice is different. He gives according to His wisdom, not human standards.

Living for Christ: Paul shows that life is about serving Christ. Whether in life or death, we belong to Him.

The Call to Seek God: Isaiah urges people to turn to God while there is time. God is near to those who seek Him with sincerity.

God's Justice is Different: The landowner pays all workers the same wage, showing God's generosity. He gives freely, not based on human ideas of fairness.

Humility Before God: People should not question God's decisions. His ways are beyond human understanding.

CONCLUSION

Everything is a gift. Let us not fall into the temptation of entitlement. Of course, feeling entitled is widespread. Jesus disrupts this by stating that the last might be first (Matthew 20:16). He reveals our skewed values. To break this cycle, we need an encounter with undeserved love and mercy so that we can erase calculations. Entitlement breeds resentment. Please acknowledge life's gifts with a constant "Thank you." In grace, everything is unearned. Embracing mercy over entitlement aligns with Jesus' message and transforms our perspective.

PRAYER

Lord, your ways are higher than mine. Help me to seek you with a humble heart. Teach me to trust in your wisdom and rejoice in your mercy. Let me serve you without seeking rewards. May I welcome others with kindness, just as you welcome me. I make this prayer through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



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CYO sports have officially kicked off, and our student athletes are ready to represent our parish!

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Please pray for our student athletes. Cheer for them loudly. And remind them - the greatest trophy is the one that never rusts!

CYO Sports are open to all students in our parish! Check out www.cyojwa.org for more information.

For information about our parish school, please visit www.school.shoj.org or contact our principal, Mr. Jared Herzet: jared.herzet@shoj.org / (913) 422-5520



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.



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.

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!



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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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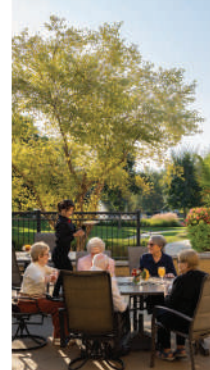
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