

Father Stuart M Smeltzer

September 17, 2023

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

First Friday 8:00 a.m.

followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,
and Fridays

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Please notify the parish office with prayer requests and they will be forwarded to our prayer chain members.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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Sacraments

Baptism: Contact parish office

Sacrament of Penance: 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Contact parish office or rectory

Matrimony: Contact parish office one year before wedding date

Diaper Heaven

First and Third Wednesdays

9 am to 5 pm

Sacred Heart Outreach

Tuesdays: 2 to 5 pm

Wednesdays: 9 am to 1 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Mon. 10:00 a.m.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	09/16	5:30 pm	Eck Family
Sun.	09/17	8:30 am	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	+Hayes Puckett
Tues.	09/19	5:30 pm	+Travis Alexander
Wed.	09/20	5:30 pm	Mass at St. Ignatius Parish
Thurs.	09/21	8:00 am	+Camron Huser
Fri.	09/22	8:00 am	Mass at St. Ignatius Parish

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	09/23	5:30 pm	+Kevin O'Neill
Sun.	09/24	8:30 am	Mass at St. Ignatius Parish
		10:30 am	People of the Parish

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

2023-24 PSR

Instructors:

(left to right)

Regina Jimenez

Nina Alexander

Stephanie Huser

Jamie Camacho

Meredith Odell



Catechetical Sunday

Question: Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

Around the Diocese

UNBOUND EVENING EVENTS UNBOUND

Ministry hosts evening events from 7:00pm - 9:00pm three Thursdays out of each month: First Thursday Prayer Sessions, Second Thursday Ministry Formation, and Third Thursday Reflection Evenings. Check our website, www.slcwichita.org or call 316-744-0167 for more information or to inquire about upcoming dates.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

October 13, 6:00pm - 15, 4:00pm | Scott Weeman

Catholic in Recovery Retreat, a spiritual experience focused on healing from addictions and unhealthy attachments through the grace of God, will return to the SLC this year! This retreat is open to anyone struggling with any kind of addiction or unhealthy attachment. Friends or family members of those struggling with addictions are also welcome to attend. Find hope and healing through Christ on this retreat! Retreat costs apply.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAMS; ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUESTED

For more information and to register,
please visit

www.slcwichita.org or
call (316) 744-0167

THE FRUIT OF SILENCE IS PRAYER - BLESSED MOTHER TERESA'S WAY TO HOLINESS

Sep 29, 7:00pm - Oct 1, 1:00pm | Fr. John Lanzrath

During this special silent retreat weekend, retreatants will be enveloped in silence to allow God to speak—and allow us to listen. This retreat experience is inspired by Blessed Mother Teresa herself, who spoke often of the need for silence and discernment in one's life. Retreat Master Fr. John Lanzrath, through his intimate familiarity with Mother Teresa's spirituality, in having worked with and known her personally while serving the Missionaries of Charity, will be an authentic and profound guide to you on your retreat journey. Retreat costs apply.



Prayer Requests:

Larry Marshall	Finley Merrick
Mike Schneider	Sophia Gonzales
Carol Arnold Family	Lucinda Jewell
Harold Goodner	Kathy Goodner
John Eck	Sandy Borrer
Pauline Florez	Madeleine Hartnett
All Priests	Our Country

Parish Prayer List

Please notify the office of any prayer requests you would like forwarded to the Parish Prayer Chain.

Mother of Perpetual Help

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen.

Psychics and Mediums

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

Liturgical Ministers

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Date	Sacristan	Usher	Lector	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
09/16	Joyce Bracken	Spoons	Deb Jacobsen	Hoag Family	
Sunday 09/17	Judy Puckett	Jack Fulghum	Jamie Camacho	Garcia Family	Elliot Huser Abigail Alexander
09/23	Terri Settle	Kathy Beal	Deb Jacobsen	Johnson Family	
Sunday 09/24	Judy Stockton	McVeys	Madeline Woolsey	Clinton Huser Family	Sid McKenney Millie McKenney
09/30	Connie O'Neill	Suann Bolton	Meredith Odell	Bracken Family	
Sunday 10/01	Lenita Staton	Clinton Huser	Stephanie Huser	McKenney Family	Vada Huser Alfael Jimenez

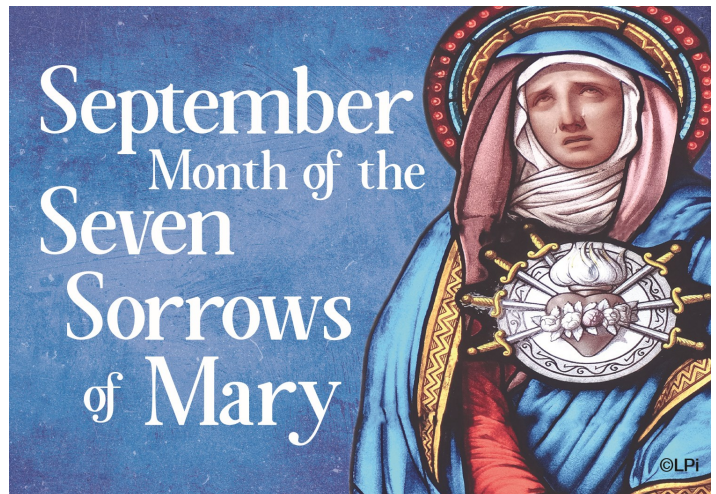
If you cannot meet your scheduled time, please find a replacement.

**Sacred Heart
September Collection
\$13,300.00**

Bulletin Update:

The Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin will be published in the parish office beginning in October.

The bulletin deadline will be Thursdays at 10 a.m., beginning in October. We will also be selling ads for publication on the back cover. Contact parish office for more information.



Directory Updates

Have you moved? Did you drop your land line? Have your adult children moved out on their own? Please let the office know so that our directory is accurate.