



August:
Month of the
Immaculate
Heart of Mary

Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. - Luke 2:19



What's happening at Sacred Heart Parish?

Congratulations to **Brad and Mary Endres**, local recipients of this year's **Light of Christ Parish Stewardship** award. This award is presented annually to lay individuals throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth who exemplify the light of Christ through lives of Christian Stewardship. Selected by Fr. Joe Keating, Brad and Mary were honored at an awards ceremony in Fort Worth on June 24. Since moving back to Muenster in 2021, Brad and Mary have selflessly given their time supporting our parish. Mary is part of a support and spiritual growth group for young mothers, and Brad started a young men's Bible study and heads the parish's capital campaign. Last year, **Chris and Dana Fuhrmann** were honored with this award. We are thankful for these families who devote their time and talents to unify and strengthen the Catholic faith in our community.



After 5pm Mass on Saturday, July 15, Sacred Heart parishioners got together outside church for the first-ever **Summertime Parish Potluck**. Hotdogs, sausage, sides and desserts were enjoyed by all. Entertainment for the evening was in full summer swing with cornhole for the adults along with games and a giant waterslide for kids. Join us this fall for the next Parish Potluck; details will be coming soon and we'd love to see you there!



Congregation Announcements!

Congrats and blessings to our Sacred Heart parishioners who recently received Holy Sacraments for the first time! Also, a big welcome to our new families who recently joined Sacred Heart Catholic Church!

Holy Matrimony

James Cochran & Olivia Johnson
Evan Millender & Megan Rohmer

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Dylan Serna

New Parishioners

William 'Bucky' & Lacey Nail
Children: Miles & Marti

Jacob & Erin Luke:
Children: Clayton & Dylan



A Note from Father Joe

families, Assumption marks the end of the summer break.

Of course, back-to-school also means back-to-football-season, and I'm confident that this year will be filled with victories, memories, and excellence on the field for both Muenster School and Sacred Heart School. I'm sure by now, everyone has heard about the new bleachers going up at Tiger Field. The bleachers are the first of seven projects we are undertaking for our parish capital campaign entitled "Our Time, Our Community, Our Future." The foundation slabs have already been poured and very soon our contractor will deliver and assemble the home bleachers, visitors' bleachers, and brand new press box.

The new press box will be partitioned into three rooms. The two side rooms will enable staff from each team to call plays down to their coaches on the field. The center room will be for media, timekeepers and announcers, and there will be a roof hatch for a film crew to access the top of the structure.

The timeline for the project has been something of a hot topic around town, so I'd like to share what we know as of this writing. The completion date on the contract is September 1, which is the date of the Tigers' first regular season varsity game. There is a chance that the bleachers will not be 100% completed by then. This is due to the fact that some minor design changes had to be made on the press box because of the location of our water well. Each change order took time for approval, and despite our best efforts to keep the project on schedule, it will mean that our first varsity game will have to be played away instead of at home. The relocation of this game will also give our staff more time to make sure our scoreboard and new sound system are working perfectly.

I think football fans are really going to enjoy the new seating and sound at Tiger Field. Once construction is completed, I hope you'll come and cheer the boys on to victory!

Yours in Christ Jesus – Fr. Joe

Dear neighbor, August is upon us—that time of year when parents and children will start gearing up for another school year. For us Catholics, it also means a major holiday is coming up on August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Remember, it's a Holy Day of Obligation!)

Sacred Heart School will commence classes the following day, so for Tiger

A Peek into the Past



Muenster's first Mass was celebrated on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8, 1889) at the Flusche brothers land-office. Later, church services were held on the second floor of the Frank Hesse Hardware Store.



Muenster's Saint Mary's Church, built in 1890, was the town's first schoolhouse and temporary place of worship. In late 1891, colonists began the erection of a frame church, which was destroyed by a winter storm before completion.



Muenster's second church, Saint Mary's, was completed in April 1892, but destroyed by a tornado in July 1893. Thus, they built a new school building, which served as the church, school and nuns' residence until 1898.

Sacred Heart Youth Corner



Steubenville Lonestar Youth Conference

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry took 31 high school students on a weekend getaway to the Steubenville Lonestar Youth Conference in Irving on June 25-27. This year's theme was "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) The conference gave teens the opportunity to unplug and experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. Altogether, there were over 4,000 in attendance including 50 priests, deacons and religious sisters. The conference offered a variety of faith building activities for teens including worship concerts, inspirational speakers, Mass and more, with 2,288 confessions made over the weekend. Regardless of what life brings, teens learned that they always have a place in the Church. The conference also emphasized to attendees that in this ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security and love.

Parish Youth Ministry kicks faith, fellowship and fun out of the park all summer long!

Parish teens in middle and high school had a summer full of faith-based fun. They enjoyed Mass & meals and ice cream socials along with family movie nights, praise & worship nights, kickball and more!



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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:20)

**CELEBRATE
MASS**



Sacred Heart Mass Schedule:

- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
- Sunday: 8am & 10:30am
- Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8am
- Wednesday: 6pm

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Proverbs 28:13)



CONFESSIONS

Confessions Schedule:

- Wednesday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
 - Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- *Or by appointment.

*Blessings to all of our
Sacred Heart
Parish Youth
for a Successful
2023-24 School Year!*



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*September 30, 2023
PARISH BLOCK PARTY!*

*Hosted by the Sacred Heart
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Capital Campaign*



Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially... (Special Intention).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.