



SEPTEMBER
*Month dedicated to
our Lady of Sorrows*

“Let us bind ourselves tightly to the sorrowful heart of our Heavenly Mother.” - St. Padre Pio



What's happening at Sacred Heart Parish?

Over twenty high school boys from SH Parish attended the **2023 Quo Vadis Vocation Discernment Retreat** at the Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Dallas, where they learned what it means to grow into a Catholic Man in today's world. Our young men enjoyed talking with seminarians and priests, Mass and Adoration and a luncheon followed by afternoon sports.

So long summer! SH Youth Ministry celebrated the end of their summer fellowship program with an exciting trip to Frisco on August 4th to watch a **RoughRiders** baseball game.



Join us in welcoming our new Sacred Heart Parish Office Receptionist, **Catherine (Bartush) Elliott**. Catherine began working at the parish office mid-summer as our longtime receptionist Linda Vogel retired. We appreciate the wonderful services Linda provided to our parishioners and are excited that Catherine has joined our staff! She brings a bubbly personality and friendly face to the front desk along with many years of customer service experience. Catherine is a Muenster native, 2003 Sacred Heart alum and 2008 UNT grad. She is married to Derek Elliott and they have three children: Jerry John (JJ) -9, Jack -7 and Jake -10 months old. Their two oldest sons attend Sacred Heart Catholic School, with JJ in 4th grade and Jack in 3rd. You can reach Catherine at the parish office at 940-759-2500 or by email at: celliott@shcmuenster.com.



Our Community

What makes a community? Most simply, a community is a set of people who share something in common. That something-in-common is typically a physical place, but since the advent of the Internet, increasingly the word “community” has been used to describe a set of people who hold a certain idea in common. Now it seems that a mere idea can become the glue that holds a community together, sometimes across a wide diaspora of physical places.

But I think that an idea-centered community is not actually a new concept. For don't we often speak in terms of “building community” even with the people who already live here? Indeed,

A Note from Father Joe

since the human person is a body-soul composite, and a community is made up of persons, then there must be both a physical and a spiritual (or ideal) component to community. In other words, it's not enough just to inhabit a house next to my neighbors—I need to share something spiritual with them if we're going to call it a real community.

Sacred Heart's capital campaign is entitled “*Our Time, Our Community, Our Future.*” We chose to repeat that word, “Our” three times in order to emphasize the “unity” part of the community. What unites us as citizens of Muenster? For most, it's German ancestry. For many, it's the Catholic Christian Faith. But for all, it must be love of neighbor. For without love of neighbor, our community would have no soul—no spirit that unites us.

Sacred Heart Parish is a community too. We are united in spirit by our mission and our worship of the one, true God. Our Parish exists to build the Kingdom of God, and that means making saints—followers of Jesus Christ, destined for eternal life in Heaven. That's our mission, given to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 28:19-20*) We also exist as a Parish to offer authentic worship to God by offering the one, perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ to God the Father in atonement for our sins. Worship is what we owe to God out of justice, and we do so by lifting up Jesus' sacrifice in thanksgiving for God's innumerable blessings.

The two themes of mission and worship are the driving forces behind this capital campaign. By taking on several construction and repair projects for our buildings, we will enhance our worship and sustain the mission of educating saints for generations to come. We may not have been here to build the church and school, but now it's our time to love our neighbors through good stewardship of our spiritual home. Who knows, our neighbors could be even those who haven't arrived yet.

The capital campaign will shore up the foundations that our predecessors and ancestors built here many generations ago. They wanted to see a community with a soul—one that loved God and loved neighbor. They wanted love to be the glue of this community.

To foster that love and to build up the soul of our community, I hope that you'll join Sacred Heart Parish for our first-ever Block Party on September 30 from 11am to 4pm. It will be on 7th Street between Sacred Heart School and Muenster School. There will be Catholic speakers, a chili competition, biergarten, hot dogs and burgers, games for kids and adults, ice cream, kettle corn and, best of all, your neighbors! The event is free of charge, and we hope that you'll show your gratitude by supporting the capital campaign.

Come on out, love God, love your neighbors, and build the soul of our community. It wouldn't be the same without you!

Yours in Christ Jesus – Fr. Joe



Congregation Announcements!

Congrats and blessings to our Sacred Heart parishioners who recently received Holy Sacraments for the first time!

Holy Matrimony

Collin Clark & Elizabeth Sifford

Baptism

Rudy Joseph Bartush
Parents: Bob & Rebekah Bartush

Neal Edward Flusche II
Parents: Micah & Samantha Flusche

Kora Louise Sidwell
Parents: Clint & Kassie Sidwell

New Parishioners

Steven & Lavina Suaris
Children: Stephanie & Joshua

On 7th St. between Oak & Pecan – Muenster, TX

September 30

11AM – 4PM

PARISH BLOCK PARTY

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
& FREE OF CHARGE!**

**Complimentary Biergarten, Chili Cook-Off Tastings, Speakers,
Burgers, Hotdogs, Ice Cream, Kettlecorn, Kids Games,
Inflatable Slide, Cornhole, Music & More! Bring your lawn chairs.**

Inspirational Talks by Catholic Speakers:



Karlo Broussard



Fr. Ray McDaniel



Jeff Schiefelbein



**OUR TIME
OUR COMMUNITY
OUR FUTURE**

A Campaign of the Advancement Foundation



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REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 25**

***Donations & Pledges will be graciously accepted
and go to fund the Sacred Heart Parish Capital Campaign.**

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

CELEBRATE MASS

Saturday (Vigil): 5pm

Sunday: 8am & 10:30am

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8am

Wednesday: 6pm



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 25

LOCATION: SH PRACTICE FIELD, MUENSTER

TIME: SETUP (9-10AM), SERVING (11-1PM), AWARDS (1PM)

QUESTIONS: CONTACT MARK FLUSCHE @ (940) 284-4873

*NO REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!



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