



For this is My blood, the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. -Mt. 26:28



What's happening at Sacred Heart Parish?

The dawn of summer brought beautiful displays of community and celebration to Sacred Heart Catholic Parish as we commemorated two feast days during the month of June. On June 11, we honored **Corpus Christi Sunday**, the miracle of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The feast day included the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for 16 parish second graders during 10:30am Mass. At the conclusion of Mass, Father Joe Keating and Deacon Gary Endres led a traditional Eucharistic procession through the streets of town making a special stop at the cemetery for a rededication of the new crucifix.

The following week, parish youth gathered at the Community Center for **Vacation Bible School**, diving into scripture and traveling through space as they learned how to shine Jesus' light. At the conclusion of VBS on June 16, the children performed worship songs, then joined parishioners outside for a hot dog cookout hosted by Knights of Columbus in commemoration of our parish's feast day—the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The community also enjoyed architectural tours of the church after 8am Mass.

While nothing quite says summer like a roadtrip, a group of parishioners caravanned on a pilgrimage to visit the brand new **Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine** in OKC on June 9. See inside for more good news happening at Sacred Heart Parish this July, the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Congregation Announcements!

Congratulations and blessings to our Sacred Heart parishioners who received Holy Sacraments for the first time this June!

Baptisms:

Max Anthony Fuhrmann

Parents: Chris & Dana Fuhrmann

Finley Rose Sandmann

Parents: Brian & Megan Sandmann

First Holy Communion:



First Holy Communicants pictured above from left, front - Emma Rose Hennigan, Jase Julian Schilling, Jack Charles Elliott, Isaac John Miller, Walker Wayne Sutton, Joseph Clint Taylor, Tressa Anne Creed, Bennett Mark Neu, Martin Joseph Fitts, Jane Philomena Rozell; middle - Maximilian Joseph McCoy, Braylan Jessie Hess, Maddie Renee Johnson, Daphne Shae Pembroke, Julia Rose Fisher, Louis Patrick Kelly, Blaise Arthur Walterscheid and Cooper Rylan Jones; back - celebrants Deacon Gary Endres and Father Joe Keating.



A Note from Father Joe

Vacations and Vocations

Dear neighbors, it's midsummer, and that means many of us will take some time away from our busy lives to enjoy a vacation. Some will venture out on a proper adventure, while others will prefer a more restful (and cheaper) "stay-cation."

Vacation time can be a great opportunity for some much-needed

peace and quiet. Silence is really a precious and rare treat for parents with young children, but even for the elderly, it's beneficial to spend some time each day without the diversions provided by TV or the Internet. Silence allows the imagination to flourish and gives rise to creativity. Even more importantly, silence makes us available to hear the voice of God in our hearts.

One of the great benefits of going on retreat—a sort of "religious vacation," if I may—is that we intentionally enter into silence so that we can encounter God. With our hearts in a state of tranquility, we can detect the whispers of the angels. For God calls out to each of us and inspires us by his Holy Spirit to pray, work, build, and do acts of charity. Since we are all unique, unrepeatable persons, God calls each of us to exercise charity in particular ways. When we discern the manner in which God is asking us to love and serve our neighbor, we call that a vocation.

Usually, when Catholics talk about a vocation, we mean a call to the consecrated religious life—i.e. to be a monk, nun, or priest. And the Church certainly needs more young men and women to answer this call. I, for one, believe God is calling men and women from our parish to serve as his priests, nuns, and monks. After all, this town was once a powerhouse of religious vocations! Did God stop calling, or are we just too busy to hear him?

Work is a good and holy thing, and raising a family is a blessed and worthy vocation itself. To answer a religious vocation is to forsake neither work nor a family—it is to embrace the greater work that is the salvation of souls, and to belong to a family so much larger than one's household. If you or someone you know is a prayerful, unmarried young man or woman, then perhaps God is calling him or her to a religious vocation.

A visit to the Quo Vadis retreat this month will help in discerning God's call. (See information below.) Otherwise, I'm always happy to help answer questions and give pointers on discernment. Father Brett Metzler, our vocations director, would also be happy to hear from you. Email him at vocations@fwdioc.org

I hope you'll join me this summer vacation in praying for more religious vocations. Let's all take some time for silence, that we may hear God's call.

Yours in Christ Jesus – Fr. Joe

HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S RETREAT

QUO VADIS: WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THE RETREAT?:

- LEARNING PRAYER AND ROUTINE
- UNDERSTANDING SACRIFICE, SUFFERING, AND COURAGE
- GROWTH IN VIRTUE AND DISCIPLINE

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

8:30AM-4PM



MONTSERRAT JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE
600 SHADY SHORES RD.
LAKE DALLAS, TX 75065

FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEN GRADES 9-12

SPECIAL ONE DAY EVENT
WITH LUNCH PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

CONTACT US: 817-945-9321
OR: VOCATIONS@FWDIOC.ORG

2023 Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School



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Keep in touch with us via text with mass times, ministry updates & more delivered to your phone! Text SHM1889 to 84576.

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.



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Happy Independence Day!

God Bless the USA!

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Sacred Heart Outreach & Food Pantry Needs You!

Sacred Heart Outreach & Food Pantry accepts any non-perishable items & help with extended services for those in need living within the 76252 zip code. All services and donations to Outreach are greatly appreciated!

Location: 120 Mesquite St., Muenster TX
Phone: 940-759-3074 (Leave message with name, phone number & address)
Text: 940-276-1316

Open: First Wednesday of month from 5:30pm - 7:30pm & Third Saturday of month from 9am - 11am

Collection Sites: SH Church, SH Church Office & Fischer's Meat Market



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Save the Date!

SATURDAY, JULY 15



*Summertime Parish Potluck
Fun, Food & Fellowship!*

Details: Hotdogs, sausage on a bun, chips & complimentary drinks will be provided. Plus, enjoy games for kids & cornhole! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Time: 6pm - 9pm (*After 5pm Mass)

Location: Outside between Sacred Heart Church & Community Center

