



November

Month dedicated to the Holy Souls of Purgatory

“He who saves a soul saves his own and satisfies for a multitude of sins.” – St. James the Apostle

As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of November to the Souls in Purgatory, along with **All Souls’ Day**, which falls on November 2nd. It is our privilege to be able to pray for and honor the memory of the faithful departed, that they may be purified of their sins and join the eternal heavenly kingdom. **All Saints’ Day**, a Holy Day of Obligation is also celebrated annually on November 1 and honors the saints in Heaven, those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well as those who have not been canonized.

What’s happening at Sacred Heart Parish?



The Sacred Heart Parish Capital Campaign hosted a Parish Block Party and Chili Cook-Off on September 30. The community enjoyed a fun, complimentary afternoon of food, fellowship, kids’ games and Catholic speakers. Congrats to the Chili Cook-Off Champs: Wolf Brand Chili— Mrs. Laine Wolf and SHCS 5th Graders. (See inside for more event photos.)

On October 14, twenty-seven high school parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The ceremony was celebrated by Fr. Jonathan Wallis and Fr. Joe Keating.



Sacred Heart youth joined with St. Peter’s youth in a day of classic games! The group took a trip down to the Free Play arcade in Denton on October 8, to wind down after volunteering at the Parish Block Party. They enjoyed fellowship, fun and relaxed with a scoop of Beth Marie’s Ice Cream!



A Note from Father Joe

Cultural Catholicism

Who's your NFL team? Is it the Cowboys? Probably, unless you moved here as an adult or you have a good reason for rooting for another team. But if you are a Cowboys fan, have you ever thought about why? Now, I don't mean, "Why do I keep rooting for this team when they keep breaking my heart?" Rather, the reason why most of us are Cowboys fans is for the simple reason that we're from here, and Dallas is the closest city with an NFL team. So, they're pretty much our home team by default.

Different question: what's your religion? Here in Muenster, most of us are Christians, and most Muenster Christians are Catholics. So, if you are a Catholic Christian, have you ever thought about why? Truth is, many of us pick our religion sort of like we pick our favorite NFL team. We're from here, so Catholic is just the "team" we identify with. To be Catholic simply by default is what we churchy people call "Cultural Catholicism." It's more typical in the Northeastern U.S., but it's also right here in Muenster. To be Catholic in Muenster is not always an intentional discipleship; it's just the default.

Most folks reading this newsletter were baptized as infants, right here at Sacred Heart. And that makes you Catholic—permanently! But so many of those kiddos grow up to stop practicing the Faith. It's like growing up watching the Cowboys, but then giving up on them for one reason or another.

Everybody who has given up on Sacred Heart Church has their reasons. Some are angry at some pastor from years ago (or maybe even the current one). Some are afraid of being judged by others. Some lost the habit of religion when Covid struck and then never came back. Some like the music better at another church. I've heard all these and many more. (A little forgiveness and grace would be the solution to most of these issues.)

I often think that if we were all intentional disciples, not default Catholics, then we'd be less likely to walk away when we're offended, afraid, or sad. We would forgive one another and live a life of communion on Earth as it is in Heaven.

A better answer to the question, "Why are you Catholic?" is, "Because Catholicism offers me truth, beauty and goodness. It is to love and be loved by the one, true God, and to serve him with all that I am." Because being an intentional disciple of Jesus in his Catholic Church is so much richer and more vivifying than being a Catholic by default.

So, if you happen to be a baptized Catholic who's been away for a while, then here's your sign: It's time to come home. Let's heal the wounds of the past and live the life of grace together.

And if you're not Catholic, then come on in! We've been following Jesus Christ for nearly 2,000 years, and we've almost got the hang of it. ;D

Yours in Christ Jesus – Fr. Joe



Thank you to all the business sponsors and volunteers that helped make the Parish Block Party a success! Your support is appreciated!

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Parish Block Party & Chili Cook-Off Fun!



Congregation Announcements!

Congratulations to our Sacred Heart parishioners who recently received Holy Sacraments for the first time!

BAPTISM:

Sosie Melissa Herndon
Parents: Kevin & Brandy Herndon

Nathan Gary Johnston
Parents: Jacob & Victoria Johnston

Asher Michael Kemna
Parents: Jacob & Leah Kemna

Tate Aaron Walterscheid
Parents: Cole & Shelbi Walterscheid

HOLY MATRIMONY:

James Dangelmayr & Blayke Rogers

CONFIRMATION:

Addison Catherine Aldriedge

Katie Kateri Bayer

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John Thomas Dill

Luke Michael Felderhoff

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Mikayla Bridget Hesse

Barrett Michael Johnson

Carter Andrews Klement

Kameron Christopher Knabe

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Zachary Christopher Smith

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SAVE THE DATE

Everyone's invited to the Parish Breakfast & Fellowship event coming up on November 5. Also, don't miss the annual Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Picnic on November 19. Check out the church website for more information about these events: <https://shchurchmuenster.com>

PARISH BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
AFTER 8AM MASS IN SH CAFETERIA



Serving Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Donuts, Muffins, Bite Size German Sausage, Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Juice

Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Picnic



Live Auction Turkey Meal Sweet Shop
Kid's Zone Cake Walk Silent Auction

Sunday, November 19th

Starts at 11am at Heritage Park!