



Christmas December 25, 2022



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate Christmas, I pray that each of you has been able to spend time preparing during these past four weeks of Advent. Not for the worldly traditions of gifts, parties, food, and sparkly decorations, but preparing for HIM. For Jesus. For the one and only Son of God who came to us, wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger. Is your heart ready to accept Him? Are you ready to make Him the Lord of your life? And to renew your faith in Him? I truly hope so.

Jesus came for the lonely, the broken, the sad, and the sick. He came for the sinners. He came for you, and for me. He came humbly and lovingly for each one of us. Even though He was (and is) worthy of glory beyond human measure, He came to live in our broken world, giving us His mercy, His grace, and His abundant love. That is the story and meaning of Christmas.

As you gather with family and friends this Christmas season, make sure to first gather with Jesus and with your heavenly Father. Keep that at the center of your holiday and celebrate the joy that comes through faith in God. Spend time with Jesus on His birthday, and every day. Accept into your heart the ultimate gift of love and forgiveness the gift of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you as you rejoice in this very special gift.

We wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas! Fr. Michal & Fr. Zach Sacred Heart Church Staff: Billi, Andrea, Darlene, Mark, Terry, & Joan

Weekend of December 31/January 1 Masses

Saturday, December 31, @ 4:00pm; Sunday, January 1, @ 8:30am & 10:30am; 7:00pm Spanish

Can I visit you? It is the Catholic tradition of pastoral visits to parishioners' homes, taking place after Christmas. During a visit, a priest prays with the family, blesses the house, and talks to the family.



I want to visit all of you every year, if you allow me. So, please call our parish office or talk to me after Mass and schedule a date for a "Koleda". God bless

Fr. Michal

Sacred Heart Church Calendar

Tuesday, December 27

9:15am: Small Group Fellowship @ Church Narthex 12:00pm: Young Hearts Potluck @ S.H. Parish Center Parish Office is closed on

Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2

A free copy of the January "the Word Among us" is available in the church narthex. It includes Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations. There are many great articles, reflections, and prayers.

A note from Mrs. Sheehan . . .

December has been a busy month at SHS as we celebrated Advent and finished the second guarter. Our kindergarten class led morning prayer each day and presented their 'living Advent wreath' with students standing in place to represent the candles and the wreath. It's a special tradition here at Sacred Heart. Our Christmas program and band concert were a beautiful testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, but more importantly, to the love of Jesus and the light He brings to our lives. This past week, our junior high students went Christmas caroling to several nursing homes and parishioners' homes. It was wonderful seeing the parishioners' smiles and the sparkle in their eyes as they enjoyed seeing the kids and hearing such heartfelt songs. Special thanks to our PTA and all the parents and grandparents who planned and worked at the Christmas Store. It was a big hit for the students and they loved shopping for their families. We hope you enjoy the gifts they chose!

Our Sacred Heart family is such a special blessing and we are so proud of each and every one of our students. Thank you to all of our school parents and grandparents for all that you do. We appreciate you.

From all of us at Sacred Heart School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



A Note from Fr. Michal . . .

You are invited to join me on a Pilgrimage to Poland from May 21, 2023 to June 2, 2023. A complete



itinerary is included in a special brochure and reservation agreement in the church office. It includes a complete breakdown for each day along with pricing information. Please talk to me if you are interested in joining me on this special trip! Reserve your spot now!



Sacred Heart Church calendars, courtesy of Roy Schmidt Honda and Jansen's Heating & Air, are available in the church narthex. Each family is invited to take one home.

Rest in Peace

Our sympathy to the family and friends of †Mary Ann Brooks, †Rita Yocum





~ Prayer List ~

Barbara Hoefft, Wendy Althoff Donoghue, Britney (Walters) Chester, Mike Nolan, Bonnie Nuxoll Kinney, Tom Hewing

Banns of Marriage

(I) Marranda Steffen & Dakota Kincaid



Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, December 26

8:30am: †Sarah Traub Taylor, †Brian A. Niebrugge

Tuesday, December 27 8:30am: †Karla Niebrugge Wednesday, December 28

8:30am: †Donald L. Brown

Thursday, December 29 8:30am: †Mary K. Wiedman

Friday, December 30 4:00pm: †Carol Rohr

Saturday, December 31

4:00pm: †Earl & †Jerry Vonderheide Family

Sunday, January 1

8:30am: For Our Parishioners **10:30am:** †Patricia Fuesting



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by family

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The Council of Catholic Women from St. Mary's Church in Shumway invites Sacred Heart CCW to a 6:30pm prayer service followed by a casserole and dessert dinner on Tuesday, January 10. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Al Allen and the meal will follow in their hall. Ladies, mark your calendar to go and enjoy the evening.

Kate Weber's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 12, at St Anthony Parish Center. They will be studying "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John." The morning session will start at 9:15am and the evening session will start at 6:30pm. To register, call 217.347.7129. Any questions, contact Kate Weber at 217.821.3003 or kateweber51@gmail.com.

The next Natural Family Planning class will be on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 1:30-3:00pm, on WebEx. To register, call Kate Pruemer at 217.821.1840 or email kpruemer@gmail.com.

The Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be Sunday, Jan. 15, from 7:00am until noon, at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Enjoy a whole hog sausage & egg breakfast for a free-will donation. Dine in or carry out is being offered.





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The age for mandatory IRA distributions is age 72. When you choose to make your distribution to Sacred Heart Parish from your IRA, the contribution counts towards your required minimum distribution and is NOT included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This could qualify you for tax breaks tied to your AGI and reduce or eliminate taxes on your Social Security benefits.



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