



SACRED HEART

Catholic Parish



**Second Sunday
of Advent
December 10, 2023**



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Notes from Father Michal:

Please join me for a candlelight Mass each Monday during Advent at 6:30am. It's a wonderful way to begin your week! Each Monday we also have Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00am - 8:00pm and Confession from 7:00pm - 8:00pm.

Monday, December 18 will be our special parish Reconciliation Night. Several area priests will be joining me so please come at 7:00pm for Confession.

Our new altar cloths and Advent wreath look great! Special thanks to Bierman Welding for welding a new stand which displays the wreath beautifully in front of the altar. Our new altar cloths are courtesy of an anonymous donor. The purple design is a beautiful addition to our church for the Advent season.

Our Tuesday study group will be doing a video and discussion on *Walking with Mary in Advent* by Ed Sri, on December 12 and 19 at 9:15am and 6:30pm in the narthex. Everyone is welcome!

Reminder that envelopes for Christmas flowers & decorations are due by Friday, December 15. Please note on the back of the envelope if the donation is made in memory or in honor of a loved one. A special memorial page will be included in the Christmas bulletin.

Volunteers Needed! Our church will be decorated for Christmas in two phases. The dates and times are below. We need many hands to accomplish this task. Please make plans to join us for a few hours.
Saturday, December 23 at 9:00am
Sunday, December 24 at 11:30am

Pilgrimage to
Ireland

You are invited to join me on a Pilgrimage to Ireland from April 18-28, 2024. An itinerary brochure with pricing information is available in the church office. Reserve your spot today—only 25 spots left!



Welcome to Sacred Heart - we're glad that you're here!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, December 11

Boys' BB at Newton St. Thomas 6:15pm

Tuesday, December 12

Meyer Twins Art 3:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday, December 13

Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal in gym 1:00pm

Thursday, December 14

Christmas Program & Band Concert in gym 6:15pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday, December 23: 4:00pm

Sunday, December 24: 8:30am & 10:30am



Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24:

4:00pm* & 9:30pm*

Monday, December 25:

12:00am & 9:30am

*The Christmas Eve evening Masses do not fulfill the Sunday obligation for Sunday, December 24.

Holy Family Sunday:

Saturday, December 30: 4:00pm

Sunday, December 31: 8:30am & 10:30am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Monday, January 1: 8:30am & 6:30pm

SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10

RCIA 11:30am;

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 5:30pm, followed by Virgin of Guadalupe Play in school gym

Monday, December 11

Rorate Mass 6:30am (*no 8:30am Mass*)

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00am-8:00pm

Confession 7:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, December 12

Study Group in church narthex 9:15am & 6:30pm;

Spanish Mass 5:30pm;

Spanish Celebration in parish center 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 13

Finance Council meeting 5:30pm;

Choir Practice 5:30pm;

PSR Class in Sacred Heart School 6:30pm

Thursday, December 14

Men's Prayer Group in church narthex 7:00pm

Friday, December 15

Pray the Rosary in the church 9:00am

Saturday, December 16

Young Women's Study Group in narthex 7:30am

~ Prayer List ~

Pat Prichard, Britney (Walters) Chester, Barb Hoeffft, Carolyn Ordner, Tom Hewing, Bill Foreman, Jackson Gaitros, Avery Gardewine Braunecker, Holly Althoff Newburn, Dawson Althoff, Bill Frese, Linda Frese, Mindy Reardon, Sister Pat Thies

The Hispanic community invites you to the celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe:



- Sunday December 10
- 5:30pm Mass

After the Mass, we will have a play about the apparitions of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the SHS gym. On Tuesday, December 12, we will celebrate Mass at 5:30pm and then have hot coco with Mexican bread in the parish center. We hope you can make it.

La comunidad Hispana los invita a las celebraciones Guadalupanas:

- DOMINGO 10 de diciembre
- 5:30pm Misa

Después de la Misa, tendremos una obra de teatro sobre las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el gimnasio de la escuela. El día MARTES 12 de diciembre, celebraremos la Misa a las 5:30pm y después tomaremos chocolate con pan en el salón parroquial. Los esperamos.

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, December 11

6:30am: †Eileen Neumann

Tuesday, December 12

8:30am: †Connie Wendt

Wednesday, December 13

8:30am: †Fred & †Jan Schaefer

Thursday, December 14

8:30am: †Marilyn Lane

Friday, December 15

8:30am: †Carol Anne Utz

Saturday, December 16

4:00pm: †Kevin Wentz

Sunday, December 17

8:30am: For Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women Sick, Homebound, and Ladies over 80

10:30am: For Our Parishioners



The K of C Adult Christmas Party (no children under 18 please) is Sunday, December 17, with doors opening at noon and lunch at 1:00pm. To spread a little Christmas Spirit,

guests are asked to bring a wrapped gift for our friends and loved ones in nursing homes. Gift ideas include socks, small blankets, coloring books, wordsearch books, puzzles and other clothing or activity items. Please wrap the gift with a note on the outside what it is. The Knights of Columbus is also asking for some volunteers to visit the nursing homes and help deliver the gifts on Monday.

Please invite or bring a prospective Knight and his lady to the Adult Christmas Party, or him and his family to the Kids Christmas Party. It gives them the opportunity to meet other members and their families, and discover some of the charitable things the Knights of Columbus does for the church, local parishes, and the community.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Island Grove will be commemorating 150 years as a Faith Community in 2024. Orders for spiral reprints of prior centennial books are now being accepted. Samples of the centennial books are available in the Sacred Heart Parish office. The 1974/1999 combination reprint is \$25 and the 1924 reprint is \$15. Contact Sandy Meinhart: 217-273-1758/ sameinhart@gmail.com or St. Isidore Parish Office: 217-925-5788/office@stisidore.dio.org with inquiries.

Our parish finance council will meet on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30pm in the church office. We will be discussing and planning for a tuition increase for the 2024/2025 school year.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 11,625.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 1,060.91
Total:	\$ 12,685.91

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1Peter 4:10)*

Thank you for sharing your "Treasure" with Sacred Heart Parish



SHS students are raising money for their trip to Space Camp in the Spring of 2025.

- Count Down to Christmas Calendar Raffle** – Purchase a calendar for \$25 for your chance to win up to 25 times as we count down to Christmas. Prizes include gift certificates, cash, and even a White Elephant gift! Drawing will be held daily until December 25!
- Pecans** – Students are harvesting pecans from the trees located at Sacred Heart. The pecans will be sold at the back of church on the honor system. Students will be selling items in the Narthex following weekend Masses from now until December 17.




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