

Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



AUGUST 19, 2018

THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin -- even wiping away venial sins -- unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!

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Church Website:
www.sacredheartpratt.com

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday: 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: On the Fourth Thursday of every month at the Ministry of Praise Mass or by appointment.



NOTICES

ADULT EDUCATION

Formed.org parish code: VFMVGH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists Wanted: I will be looking for catechists for the PSR year again. We will have a meeting for catechists on August 29th at 7pm in the main office building. We will have a Protecting God's Children session for new catechists, new adults (those just turned 18), or anyone who will ever work or want to work with students in later August, watch the bulletin for details or let me know you are interested and I can put you on a list.

Readings for the Week of August 19, 2018

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Jerry Keene, Doug Melcher (father of Tracie Brady), Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer), Jack Gardner (father of Linda Johnson), Cliff Dipman (brother of Norma Voss), Kari Eastes - cancer

Madison Hunt, (a young student)—another tumor found—not able to operate for some time.

Charlotte Theis - Cancer surgery on Aug. 17th

Stewardship of Treasure for the weekend of August 5, 2018 Number of Envelopes – 90

Envelopes	\$6,214.00
Aug. Auto Withdrawal Envelopes	670.00
Loose Collection	306.00
Capital Improvement Fund	536.00
Memorial – Bldg Fund	1,640.00
St. John Pastor Reimbursement	750.00
Total Receipts	\$10,116.00
Required Budget	7,000.00
Net Surplus	\$3,116.00

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$43,252.97
Required Budget	42,000.00
Net Surplus	\$1,252.97

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments.

All submissions must be emailed to:
sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

VISION STATEMENT

As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

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Bulletin Announcement:

COOLING FANS NEEDED!!!

With the extreme heat, the Pratt Hope Center would appreciate fans for their clients in need. New or good used working fans would be welcomed. You may drop them off at the church office or take them directly to the Hope Center, 314 S. Main St., Pratt. A reasonably priced fan can be purchased at Dollar General or Walmart. Think how much you enjoy you're A/C unit at home!
Another way for stewardship as Pope Francis urges.

PARISH PICNIC NOTE:

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 19 in the area of the West Shelter House in Lemon Park. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Water and table-service will be provided. There is playground equipment in the area and games will be available. Gathering will begin around 4:00 p.m. with the meal at 6:00. If we have inclement weather the picnic will be moved to the school cafeteria.

Volunteer Needed: We need a volunteer to wash and iron purificators. This is a job which can be done once or twice per month. If you are interested, please call Chris Himmelwright (672-8100)

Stewardship Conference: The Annual Stewardship Conference for the Diocese will be held Saturday, August 25th from 9:30-3:30pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Check out our Facebook page to register or call the Parish office.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The Jewish sage of Proverbs uses domestic images to invite believers to participate in divine wisdom. What do you find attractive about obtaining wisdom?

Second Reading: Paul defines wisdom to the Ephesians as understanding "what is the will of the Lord." What do you understand as the will of the Lord?

Gospel Reading: The Bread of Life Discourse reaches its zenith in Jesus saying, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." How is this assertion central to our Catholic belief in the Eucharist?

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This year's stewardship theme provides an awesome invitation into a radically different way of life. "Fully alive as missionary disciples" does not leave much room for our worldly attachments. Instead, we are encouraged to live intentionally for Jesus Christ ALL THE TIME. We are nudged to use our lives to serve others and draw them to Jesus...ALL THE TIME. In essence, it suggests that we might need to do a little "internal house-keeping" in order to make room for what really matters. Today's first and second readings tie right into our theme, suggesting that we live our lives with "wisdom" and "prudence," and that we avoid "foolishness." The Gospel of John then tells us that once we clear out the foolishness, we have plenty of room for Jesus Christ, "...the living bread that came down from heaven..." When we reflect on this in light of our own baptism into discipleship, there is really no question about it. Why would we want to live a life that was full of "foolishness" rather than a life filled with the bread of life?? We must work to keep this in mind each day as we go about our business and make decisions, big and small. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts and guide us toward that which allows us to live life abundantly!

PSR Enrollment information: I have enrollment forms on the website and in the office for PSR. We are switching the K-6th grade curriculum this year to a program recommended by the Diocese. The curriculum will be through RCL Benzinger. Our PSR Welcome night will be September 5th. I invite all families/parish members to the 5:30pm Mass and then to a Potluck afterwards in the cafeteria. I will have enrollment forms available then and you can pay for your PSR fees as well. Erin Crouch

NCYC interest: Attention all 8th-11th grade students if you are interested in attending NCYC please let me know. I will start the list of those going and you can help with Bierocks in November to help with fund raising. Erin Crouch

Calendar of Events

August 2018

20 Church Office Closed

21 5:15pm Mass in St. John

**22 4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration
5:30pm Mass**

**23 8:30am Ministry of Praise Mass with
Anointing and Refreshments
9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle**

24 8:00am Mass

**25 9:00am Stewardship Conference at
OLOG in Dodge
4:30pm Confession
5:30pm Mass**

**26 8:00am Confession
8:30am Mass
10:45am Mass in St. John**



21 Vocations

22 Marvin Pfeifer

23 Marcella Blasi by Allan & Loreise Schnit-
tker

24 Return of those who've left the Church

25 (Sat. eve.)

Spec. intention Bev Klag

26 (Sunday)

Pratt – Mary Lou Jarmer by Jarmer Family

St. John – Pro popolo

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August, 2018
Week 4

SATURDAY, Aug. 25th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Rita Hitt, Rhonda Westerhaus
Commentator: Luke Kumberg
Cross Bearer: VOLUNTEER
Servers: Brayden Buck, Camryn Buck
Euch. Ministers: VOLUNTEER
Tom & Arlene Garland
Susan Wilczek, Glenna Borho
Gifts: VOLUNTEERS
Ushers: Marion Fiegel, Kaden Evert
Sacristan: Mary Harms
Rosary Leader: Janet Horton

SUNDAY, Aug. 26th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Jeanette Siemens, Sarah Jackson
Commentator: Stephanie Becker
Cross Bearer: Brenna Stegman
Servers: Zach and Sara Lamatsch
Euch. Ministers: Kim Evert
Ken Beckman, VOLUNTEER
Jan Merz, Rita Hitt
Gifts: Lamatsch Family
Ushers: Jerry Siemens, Cole Monaghan
Sacristan: Robin Langford
Rosary Leader: Leola Hageman
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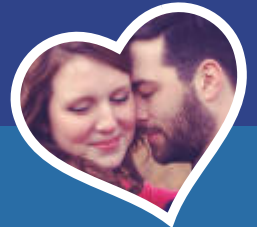
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