

Sacred Heart Church

332 North Oak Street, Pratt, Kansas 67124



AUGUST 26, 2018

THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“This saying is hard; who can accept it?” The words of Jesus’ disciples in today’s Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus’ words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus’ teaching, he confirms its truth. “The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” For some, Jesus’ reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. “Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

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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: We need catechists for 3, 6, 7, and High School.

There will be a Protecting God's Children session for adults on August 26th from 5-8pm in the Parish office basement. If you ever want to work with children then please plan to attend.

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

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

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

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 12, 2018

Number of envelopes – 70

Envelopes	\$4,898.00
Loose Collection	268.17
Capital Improvement Fund	60.00
Votive Lights	98.30
Parish Rental Fees	300.00
NCYC Fundraiser	<u>600.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$6,224.47
Required Budget	<u>7,000.00</u>
Net Deficit	<\$775.53>

Year to Date

Total Receipts	\$48,877.44
Required Budget	<u>49,000.00</u>
Net Deficit	<\$122.56>

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:

Saint John the Evangelist is having a pilgrimage.

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico December 8 – 13, 2018 to be there for the beautiful Mass of Roses on the feast day December 12th. \$2,394.00 per person including air from Wichita. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass everyday. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Circles of Hope is starting a new class. Circles of Hope, Pratt County will begin a new class in September. If you have some questions, please call Jeanette Siemens 620 770 0233. The program is to help people out of poverty of all kinds. There is no commitment. Just an opportunity to learn about the program. Jeanette Siemens

SYMPATHY

Parishioner, **John Douglas “Doug” Melcher**, age 76, died Sunday, August 5, 2018 at his home in Pratt. He is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Bob & Arin Melcher, Curtis & Martha Malone; daughters Tracie & David Brady, Sherryl Malone; sisters Jalayn & Jim Bowden, Jeannie & Jess Penner; brother, Larry Melcher; 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Doug is preceded in death by his parents, Irvin L. and Marcella Constance Melcher; a son, Shane Melcher; sisters Margaret Melcher and Janet Branscom. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, August 9th, at Sacred Heart Church. Burial with Navy honors was held in Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Parishioner, **Jerry Winston Keene, Jr.**, age 75, died Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at Via Christi St. Francis In Wichita. Survivors include his wife Sharon; son, Shawn & Lajeane Keene; daughters, Deidre Hurley, Heather & David Herren, and Crystal & Mike Marzolf; 6 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jerry Winston Sr. and Pearl Keene. A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, August 11th at Sacred Heart Church. Cremation has taken place. Graveside service is scheduled for a later date.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life lived fully for Jesus Christ is a challenging one. It means constantly saying “no” to the distractions from the world, even those that might seem fairly harmless. For this reason, many people choose to walk away from discipleship. We see this in today’s Gospel reading. In John 6: 66-67, we hear that “many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” At this, Jesus asked the Twelve if they would also like to leave. Herein lies the lesson: discipleship is a free choice. We worship a God who loves freely and wants us to do so in return ...freely. Our stewardship is a gift of self and is not meant to be offered out of obligation. Obligatory giving does not bring about joy...rather, it creates resentment. In just a few weeks, we will begin the Stewardship Renewal process. This weekend allows the opportunity to begin thinking and praying about ways we can give back to God freely and share in the joy that comes from serving Him and His people.

School Building closed August 25-29th: The school building will be closed August 25-29th for striping and waxing of the floor in the cafeteria, kitchen, and bathroom.

Thank You: A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing hot dogs and hamburgers at our annual parish picnic. Also, thanks to all who attended and shared in the good food and fellowship.
The stewardship Council

Opening PSR Potluck

All are invited to the Family PSR potluck after the 5:30pm Mass on September 5th in the cafeteria. Bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share.

Calendar of Events

August 2018

27 Church Office Closed

28 5:15pm Mass in St. John

29 4:00pm-5:15pm Adoration

5:30pm Mass

6:00pm Religious Formation

Commission meeting

7:00pm Catechist meeting

30 8:00am Mass

9:30am Helping Hands Sew Circle

31 8:00am Mass

September 2018

1 4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

2 8:00am Confessions

8:30am Mass

10:45am Mass in St. John



28 Marcella Blasi by John & Tina Heien

29 Patt Hitt by Leanne Irsak

30 Mary Lou Jarmer by Jarmer Family

31 Conversion of sinners

1 (Sat. eve.)

Pro populo

2 (Sunday)

Pratt – Mike & Patrice Egging by Cotter Family

St. John – Reverence for Eucharist

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

September, 2018 Week

SATURDAY, Sept. 1st, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Ed Barrett, David Borho
Commentator: Lynn Southard
Cross Bearer: VOLUNTEER
Servers: Monika Castillo, David Barraza
Euch. Ministers: Linda Fletcher,
Barb Harris
Chris Himmelwright, VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEER
Gifts: Curtis & Annette Adelhardt
Ushers: Curtis Adelhardt &
Dalton Hodgkinson
Sacristan: Chris Himmelwright
Rosary Leader: Jeanette Gaider

SUNDAY, Sept. 2nd, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Alan Pribil, Erin Crouch
Commentator: Arlene Garland
Cross Bearer: Quinn Thibault
Servers: Gabby Cannata, Quinn Thibault
Euch. Ministers: Harold Voss
Christine & Lowell Brenner
Robin Langford, Jeanette Siemens
Greeters: Harold & Norma Voss
Gift: Scott & Carrie Goodheart & Family
Ushers: Gerald Bowman & Harold Voss
Sacristan: Bill Hlavachick
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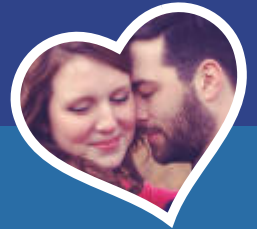
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