

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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They were overjoyed  
at seeing the star.  
- Mt 2:10

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### MASS SCHEDULE



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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mondays:** No Daily Mass  
**Tuesdays:** 6:00 PM Mass  
**Wednesdays:** 8:00 AM Mass/  
*Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
follows Mass*  
**Thursdays:** 6:00 AM Mass  
**Fridays:** 8:00 AM Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturdays:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass  
**Sundays:** 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM

#### ROSARY TIMES

**Tuesdays:** 5:20 PM *(Before Mass)*  
**Saturdays:** 3:30 PM *(Before Mass)*

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## Vocations Chalice Program



Join our Sacred Heart Parish prayer efforts for an increase in holy vocations in our diocese.

Every Sunday a family will be presented with Father Josh's ordination chalice to take home and pray the entire week for an increase in vocations.

*If your family would like to take Father Josh's chalice home, contact the receptionist at the parish office to be put on the schedule: 225-387-6671*

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mondays–Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: 8:30 AM – NOON

*Parish Office Closed every Wednesday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM*

*(Closed Daily for Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 PM)*

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Mondays–Sundays: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

*(The Chapel is in the Church Sacristy and can be accessed from the ramp in the rear of the Church. Call Parish Office for code to enter.)*

### CONFESSIONS

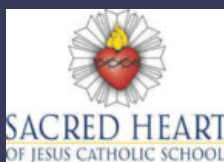
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM

Thursdays: 6:30 AM

Fridays: 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



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Monday–Friday 7:15 AM – 3:05 PM,

*(Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)*

### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**EVERY 1ST FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER - JUNE ONLY**

**CONFESSIONS: 11 AM**  
**MASS: 12 noon**  
**NOVENA: 12:30 PM**

*Please call or e-mail your prayer requests to the Parish Office Receptionist at 387-6671 or [Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org](mailto:Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org)*



## Episode 4: Holy Habits of Community



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Welcome, Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R.!



Fr. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R. is a Redemptorist missionary visiting Sacred Heart of Jesus to share about the vital work being done by Redemptorist missionary priests and brothers serving in their overseas missions in Brazil and Nigeria. He is from Grand Rapids, MI and ordained a priest in 2016.

Fr. Aaron's first assignment was at St. Alphonsus Parish in Minneapolis (2015-2019) and youngest Redemptorist elected to serve on the Extraordinary Provincial Council. He is currently serving as the Provincial Vicar of the Redemptorists in Chicago, IL. Below are some pictures he shared with Sacred Heart from some of the overseas missions that the Redemptorists facilitate.

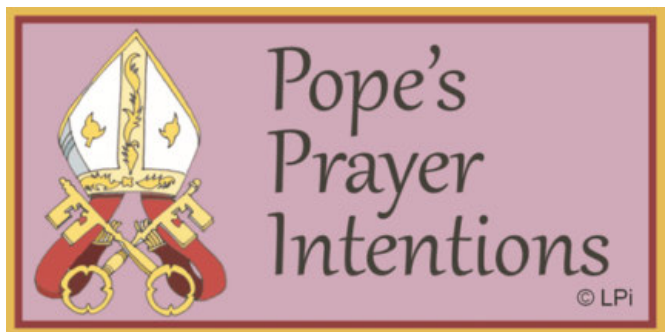


**Baptism**  
SEMINAR

TUESDAY, January 7, 2023

6:00 PM

Parish Activity Center, Fr. Dugas Room  
Call the Parish Office at 387-6671 to register.



**HOLY FATHER'S  
PRAYER  
INTENTION**  
*for January 2025*

**For the right to an education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



## *From the Archives*

# The Gifts of the Shepherds

We are all familiar with the story of the Three Magi and the costly gifts that they brought the Christ Child: gold symbolizing His kingship, frankincense symbolizing His priesthood, and myrrh which prefigured His death on the cross. But have you ever noticed that—in Sacred Heart’s creche—the shepherds also bring gifts? Their more humble gifts foreshadow the sacrifice that Christ would make when He died on the cross to redeem us.

The oldest shepherd, Dominic\*, brings a basket with two turtle doves. In Jewish Law, turtle doves were sacrificed as an atonement for sin. Mary and Joseph would also offer two turtle doves in the Temple after the birth of Jesus in accordance with the Law.



The standing shepherd, Jerome, brings a lamb. In the Jewish Passover meal, an unblemished lamb is sacrificed, prefiguring the sinless Christ—the Lamb of God—sacrificed for our sins.



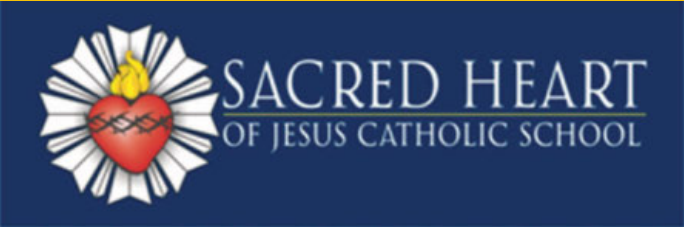
The third shepherd, Paul, offers a loaf of unleavened bread, representing the bread of the Eucharist, instituted by Christ at the Passover meal of the Last Supper when He proclaimed “This is my body which will be given up for you.”



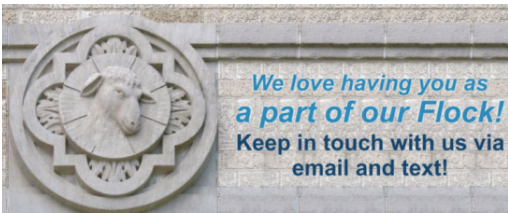
*\*In Sacred Heart’s creche, the shepherds are named after 3 of our early pastors: Dominic Blasco, Paul Gauci, and Jerome Dugas.*








In the summer of 2023, Sacred Heart of Jesus parish was chosen to receive the statue “Christ the Beggar” as a gift from the Canadian Sculptor, Timothy Paul Schmalz. This statue of Jesus was installed over the 2024 Thanksgiving break and it is an important reminder to all of us that Christ is present in the poorest of the poor! Before the Christmas break, students from Mrs. Johns’ religion classes had the privilege of visiting the statue and some even brought coins to place in the dish as a small, yet meaningful, act of charity!



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◆ ◆ Sacraments ◆ ◆

**MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date and must complete the Marriage Preparation Program.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Visits made regularly to hospitalized and homebound. Contact the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion.

**BAPTISM**

Seminar required. Please visit the website or call the Parish Office for information.

**FUNERAL PLANNING**

Please call the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

◆◆ Readings ◆◆

<p><b>Sunday, January 5</b> Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 7</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 9</b> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a</p>	<p><b>Saturday, January 11</b> 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 6</b> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, January 8</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52</p>	<p><b>Friday, January 10</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16</p>	<p><b>Sunday, January 12</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22</p>

◆◆ Calendar ◆◆

<b>MON 6</b>	<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> <b>SHS Teacher In-Service</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>, 7 AM-9 PM, Chapel <b>Knights of Columbus Rosary/Mtg.</b>, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall</p>
<b>TUE 7</b>	<p><b>Rosary, 5:20 PM   Confessions, 5:30PM   Daily Mass, 6PM</b> <b>SHS Students Return</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>, 7 AM-9 PM, Chapel <b>Baptism Seminar</b>, 6 PM, AC-Fr. Dugas Rm.</p>
<b>WED 8</b>	<p><b>Daily Mass/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 8 AM   Confessions, 8:30 AM (Note: Confessions follow Mass)</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>, 7 AM-9 PM, Chapel <b>Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed, 10:30-12:30</b> <b>Becoming Catholic</b>, 6:00 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm. <b>SVdP Meeting</b>, 6:30 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.</p>
<b>THU 9</b>	<p><b>Daily Mass, 6 AM, Church   Confessions, 6:30 AM (Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.)</b> <b>Men's Lectio Divina</b>, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>, 7 AM-9 PM, Chapel</p>
<b>FRI 10</b>	<p><b>Confessions, 7:30 AM   Daily Mass w/ SHS, 8 AM</b> <b>SHS Spirit Shirt Day</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>, 7 AM-9 PM, Chapel</p>
<b>SAT 11</b>	<p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>, 7 AM-9 PM, Chapel <b>Confessions, 3 PM   Rosary, 3:20 PM</b> <b>Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for SH School, 4 PM</b></p>
<b>SUN 12</b>	<p><b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>, 7 AM-9 PM, Chapel <b>Masses/2nd Collection for SH School, 9 &amp; 11 AM/School Mass at 11 AM Mass</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> following both Masses <b>PSR 1st Eucharist Class</b>, 10 AM, AC-Fr. Smith Rm. <b>Confirmation Mass w/ Bishop Duca, at 11 AM Mass</b> <b>Confirmation Reception</b>, following 11 AM Mass, Parish Hall <b>Christmas Decorations in Church REMOVED</b>, 12 PM, volunteers welcome!</p>

◆◆ Mass Intentions ◆◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 1-07-25	6 PM	Bill Chenevert
Wednesday 1-08-25	8 AM	Becky Starring
Thursday 1-09-25	6 AM	Pat Sullivan & Michael Nelson
Friday 1-10-25	8 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Saturday 1-11-25	4 PM	Mary & Mike Bourgeois; Shirlene Cooper; John H. Horne, Sr.
Sunday 1-12-25	9 AM	David & Bradley Smith; Bill Chenevert; Marion Key; Cecilia & Shelley Tramonte
	11 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart




◆◆ Minister Assignments ◆◆



January 4-5: The Epiphany of the Lord		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
<b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Jacquelyn Dawson (1) Jared Hromadka (2)	Natalie Overall
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Pamela Bennett (1) Risa Mueller (2)	Natalie Overall
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>	Jackie Culotta (1) Holly Coleman (2)	Natalie Overall

January 11-12: The Baptism of the Lord		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
<b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Philip O'Neill (1) Phyllis Territo (2)	Denise Williston
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Bill Bryan (1) Tamekia Jones (2)	Denise Williston
<b>Sunday 11:00 AM</b>	SHS Student 1 (1) SHS Student 2 (2)	Denise Williston



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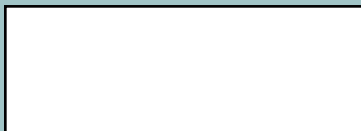
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*Matthew 7:7*



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