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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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: 3:20 PM (*Before Mass*)

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AED located in the back, west stairwell of the Church.

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 participate, call the parish office: 225-387-6671

DOROTHY DAY CAFÉ

Monday through Friday
7:30–9:30 a.m.
in the Underground Hub



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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays–Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED

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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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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



Christmas Season

Mass Schedule

Wednesday
December 24, 2025
4:00 p.m.
MASS OF
CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday
December 25, 2025
12:00 a.m.
MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS
10:00 a.m.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 27, 2025
4:00 p.m.
VIGIL MASS FOR
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 28, 2025
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
4:00 p.m.
VIGIL MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY
OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 1, 2026
10:00 a.m.
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026
12:00 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY MASS &
NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026
8:00 a.m.
FIRST SATURDAY MASS
4:00 p.m.
VIGIL MASS OF
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We know that many of you like to make year-end donations for tax purposes.



We welcome all donations and appreciate your support. In order to credit your account for 2025 and do our year-end bookkeeping procedures, we must receive all donations by [December 31st](#).

Donations may be dropped in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the Parish Office.



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OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:00 PM
(CONCERT STARTS AT 3:25)**

CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:00 AM



*It's not too late to join us on Hallow for
"Be Still" Advent Pray 25 Challenge!*

**Advent
Hallow**



click on our community tab on the Hallow app

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

We are beginning to schedule Mass Intentions for 2026. For more information or to request Mass Intentions, visit the Parish website and click on "Mass Intentions" under the "Quicklinks" box.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Chapel Hours | 7AM - 9PM Daily



The Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp
for the month of December is lit in memory of
Patti Ragusa

The Sacred Heart
Adoration Chapel Lamp
for the month of December is lit in memory of
Bill Chenevert



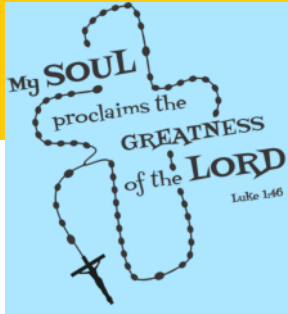
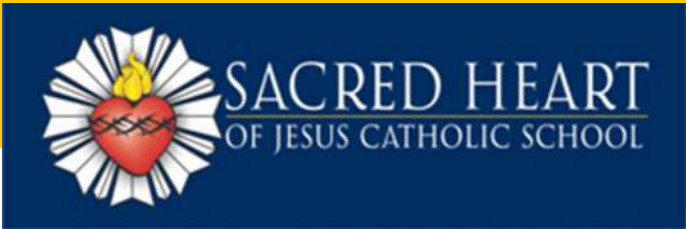
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High School Girls Ministry
Kick Off

Beloved

Sunday, January 4th 5pm - 6:30pm
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*"Become who God created you to be
and you will set the world on fire."*



Middle School Advent Retreat

The Sacred Heart Middle School students kicked off the Advent Season with a retreat reflecting on the season. The retreat began with School Mass and was followed by speakers, reflections, Adoration, praise & worship, and more! A special thank you to the high school students, staff, Knights of Columbus, and volunteers who made this retreat possible!



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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.

◆ ◆ *Calendar* ◆ ◆

MON 22	No Daily Mass School Office Closed—Christmas Holiday Men's ACTS Team Mtg , 6 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.
TUE 23	Rosary, 5:20 PM Confessions, 5:30PM Daily Mass, 6PM School Office Closed—Christmas Holiday
WED 24	Mass of Christmas Eve, 4 PM Parish and School Offices Closed—Christmas Holiday
THU 25	The Nativity of the Lord, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Christmas Midnight Mass, 12 AM Christmas Day Mass, 10 AM Parish and School Offices Closed—Christmas Holiday
FRI 26	NO Confessions, NO Mass Communion Service, 8 AM Parish and School Offices Closed—Christmas Holiday
SAT 27	Confessions, 3 PM Rosary, 3:20 PM Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for Adult Formation, 4 PM
SUN 28	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Masses/2nd Collection for Adult Formation, 9 & 11 AM Coffee & Doughnuts following both Masses PSR 1st Eucharist Class , 10 AM, AC-Fr. Smith Rm. Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting , 5 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.

◆ ◆ *Mass Intentions* ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 12-23-24	6 PM	Michael Gabriel Fontenelle
Wednesday 12-24-24	4 PM	CHRISTMAS VIGIL Cecilia & Shelley Tramonte; Martha B. Haase; Ryan Spencer Leggio; Michael DiVincenti III; Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Warren DeCuir Sr; Warren Joseph DeCuir; Marion & Charline Hollier
Thursday 12-25-24	12 AM	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS Mary & Mike Bourgeois; Peter & Nelda Polozola; Rainey, Rosemary, & Terri Brown
	10 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Friday 12-26-24	8 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday 12-27-24	4 PM	Vic Weston; Anna Ericson
Sunday 12-28-24	9 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
	11 AM	Ryan Spencer Leggio; David & Bradley Smith

◆ ◆ *Readings* ◆ ◆

Sunday, December 21 Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24	Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day (cont.) <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday, December 22 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56	Friday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday, December 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66	Saturday, December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday, December 24 <i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Lk 1:67-79	Sunday, December 28 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day <i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	

◆ ◆ *Minister Assignments* ◆ ◆

December 20– 21: 4th Sunday of Advent		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Joell Keller (1) Deanna Wilson (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 9:00 AM	Jeanne Garcia (1) Caesar Garcia (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 11:00 AM	Franny Comeaux (1) Gene Todaro (2)	Denise Williston
December 24– 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Wed Christmas Vigil 4:00 PM	Veronique Le Melle (1) Tamekia Jones (2)	Denise Williston
Thurs Midnight Mass 12:00 AM	Gene Todaro (1) Mark LeBlanc (2)	Alana Buckley
Thurs Christmas Day 10:00 AM	Pamela Davis (1) Veronique Le Melle (2)	Melissa Simien
December 27– 28: The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph		
Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Phyllis Territo (1) Clare Coulon (2)	Davis Hotard
Sunday 9:00 AM	Bill Bryan (1) Ghedy Matus (2)	Davis Hotard
Sunday 11:00 AM	Sid Bowden, Sr. (1) Jared Hromadka (2)	Davis Hotard

Chant Mass Parts

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison Kyrie eleison

Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et
terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Mysterium Fidei

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine,
et tuam resurrectionem confitemur,
donec venias.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.



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