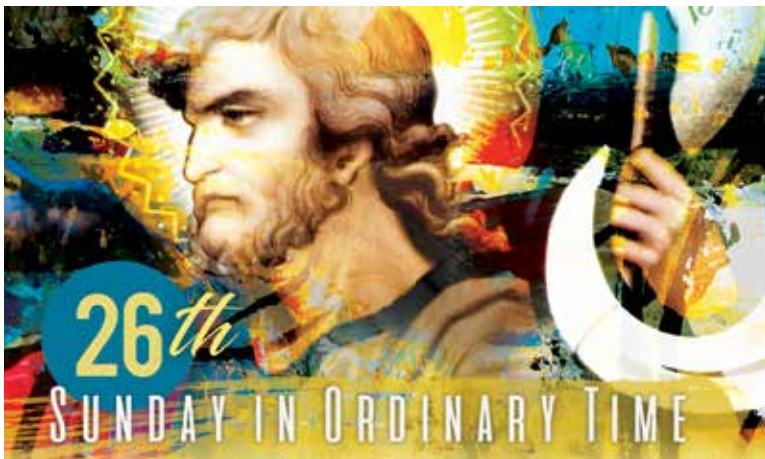


# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, September 27, 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Join us for

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, October 2

9:30am

Benediction 12 Noon



RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

2020-2021

## NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

ADAPTING TO THE PANDEMIC AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

### Sacramentally Based - Living Our Relationship with Our Loving God

- Studies have shown that faith based on relationships last much longer than faith based on obligation and rules
- Our objective is for the children to truly understand that the Lord has made them special, each and everyone of them. The Lord, just like in the story of the Prodigal son or with the Apostles on the road to Emmaus, yearns to be with his beloved creation. He constantly provides us with his special Gifts of Grace, in the Sacraments, to help us build and invites us into a relationship with the Trinity.
- First and Second graders will concentrate on the fact that we are loved by our caring and merciful God. That God made us all very good and he constantly wants to be involved in our life. That Jesus provides this gift of himself at every Mass in the Eucharist and in his Word.
- Third, Fourth and Fifth graders will focus on the mercy, forgiveness and redemptive acts of Jesus. Even though God made us very good and loves us very much, we make choices to ignore God's love and reject this relationship.

Our selfishness rather than love drives our choices and separation from God. But God still is searching for us just like Adam and Eve in the Garden. He died for us because he loves us so much and wants us to allow him to re-establish the relationship. We do this through the Act of Reconciliation.

- Sixth, Seventh and Eighth graders will study when they were Baptized they were chosen for a mission. This mission is to spread the Gospel, the good news of God's love and sacrifice to redeem us so we can live with him forever. To do this mission, they, just like all of us, require the gifts of the Spirit. We can't do it by ourselves, but Jesus tells us with the grace of God we can do things greater than he did. Just like the Apostles at Pentecost they will receive this same gift at Confirmation

### Online and Zoom Supported

*(Convenience and Safety Considerations)*

- Parents will watch, teach, participate with their children as they proceed through the material in the security and safety at their home
- There will be no more rushing, or skipping meals or juggling schools activities with Religious Education

### Focused on Parents Sharing Their Faith with Their Children with Supplemental and Catechetical Assistance from Teachers

- Catechists (teachers) will have minimally monthly Zoom Meeting with parents to:
  - Answer questions
  - Provide supplemental material
  - Access Progress
  - Provide assistance
- Provides Opportunities for parents to review and understand more fully the faith they are passing

### Special Topics for Today's Culture

- At Home Parents will watch with children, once a month, an online 30-35 minute video from the program titled "SEARCH"
- Topics include: Is There a God? Who is Jesus? Why do we Need Church?
- Once a month Zoom meeting with the Catechist, Parents and children to discuss the content of the online video
- Goal is to address many of the issues are culture attack our faith with.

### Service Projects

- Minimal Contact and Safety are top priorities
- Objective is to put into Action the Faith that we are Blessed with.
- Today's younger generation want to belong before they believe. When they part of something doing good, then they look into the why or what is behind it.

For more information contact our Director of Education, Michael Merlo at 248-852-4170 x12



# Saint OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 28 | SAINT WENCESLAUS

The feast day of St. Wenceslaus is September 28. St. Wenceslaus, duke of Bohemia, was born about the year 907 at Prague, Bohemia (now the Czech Republic). His father was killed in battle when he was young, leaving the kingdom to be ruled by his pagan mother. Wenceslaus was educated by his grandmother, Ludmilla, also a saint. She taught him to be a Christian and to be a good king. She was killed by pagan nobles before she saw him king, but she left him with a deep commitment to the Christian faith.

Throughout his life he preserved his virginity unblemished. As duke he was a father to his subjects, generous toward orphans, widows, and the poor. On his own shoulders he frequently carried wood to the houses of the needy. He often attended the funerals of the poor, ransomed captives, and visited those suffering in prison. He was filled with a deep reverence toward the clergy; with his own hands he sowed the wheat for making altar breads and pressed the grapes for the wine used in the Mass. During winter he would visit the churches barefoot through snow and ice, frequently leaving behind bloody footprints.

Wenceslaus was eighteen years old when he succeeded his father to the throne. Without regard for the opposition, he worked in close cooperation with the Church to convert his pagan country. He ended the persecution of Christians, built churches and brought back exiled priests. As king he gave an example of a devout life and of great Christian charity, with his people calling him "Good King" of Bohemia.

His brother Boleslaus, however, turned to paganism. One day he invited Wenceslaus to his house for a banquet. The next morning, on September 28, 929, as Wenceslaus was on the way to Mass, Boleslaus struck him down at the door of the church. Before he died, Wenceslaus forgave his brother and asked God's mercy for his soul. Although he was killed for political reasons, he is listed as a martyr since the dispute arose over his faith. This king, martyred at the age of twenty-two, is the national hero and patron of the Czech Republic. He is the first Slav to be canonized. He is the patron saint of Bohemia, brewers, and the Czech Republic.



## HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart

Where Faith is Known, Lived, & Shared

*I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. (Luke 12:49)*

### LISTEN to the Archbishop: PROPOSITION ON PARISHES—Action Steps 2.2 Parish Functions:

To equip, empower, support and send forth individuals and families on mission (e.g., evangelization, social and economic transformation, and spiritual and corporal works of mercy).

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL, pg 54

**PRAY:** *Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week*

*Come, Holy Spirit, to your people at Sacred Heart Church. Create in our hearts and minds the desire and the will to recognize our call to mission for Christ. Lead us into seeking ways to accomplish that—"to equip, empower, support, and send forth" our people. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love so as to become a parish whose function is to send its members on mission. Amen!*

**ACT:** What is this letter saying to **you**? Have you ever thought of yourself as a missionary? Most of us think of a missionary as going to a foreign place. But think of someone near you—family, friend, co-worker—who needs to know how much Jesus loves him or her. Pray for this person this week, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into ways you could serve a "missionary" for Christ to them. Pray for this intention all week (you DO clip this out and pray with it, right?).

To read the entire letter, "Unleash the Gospel" go to [unleashthegospel.org](http://unleashthegospel.org)



## Calling All Golfers!

SIGN-UP NOW FOR  
**Sacred Heart's  
Knights of Columbus  
Council #8659**

## 14th Annual Golf Outing!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD  
THE FOUNTAINS GOLF & BANQUET

- Helps support our parish & local charities -
- Great new location - Fountains Golf & Banquet in Clarkston -
- Scramble format, four person teams - \$100 per person -
- Men and women welcome -
- Shotgun start @ 9:00 a.m. on October 3rd -
- Contests, handicapped skins, & prize raffle -
- Hot dogs at the turn & a delicious lunch included -

To sign up your foursome, Contact Jerry Rowland @ 248-830-6416  
To see our sponsors and get a brochure, go to our website: [KofC8659.com](http://KofC8659.com)

# Reflect

## First Reading

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

## Second Reading

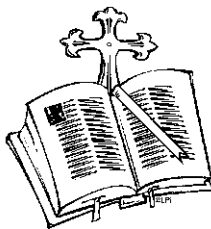
Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

## Gospel Reading

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy. ©LPi

## SACRED HEART FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sacred Heart Church - Thursday, August 18, 2020

### Members/Attendance

Fr. Richard Cavellier	
Mike Maslyn	Jim Cavellier
Ron Iwaszkiewicz	Joe Ziembo
Pete Keating	JoAnn Eaton

*Fr. Cavellier opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with a prayer.*

*All members were present.*

*The minutes from the June 16, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.*

### FINANCIAL REPORT

- The council reviewed the parish financial reports with Fr. Cavellier and the parish is currently running about \$2,000.00/week less than usual. Under the circumstances with the pandemic restrictions, this is not yet causing any major concerns as the parish is experiencing expenses slightly more than income.
- Our CSA goal in terms of pledges has been reached.
- Our debt is now paid up to mid-2021 and the interest on our debt is now \$550.00/month.

### OLD BUSINESS

- MSP for Unleash the Gospel on temporary hold as the archdiocese rolls out the "Family of Parishes" initiative; we are not sure that Sacred Heart will be in the first wave and an announcement is expected in October or November.
- The Adams Road A/C-Heater replacement is now complete; total cost was \$31,500.00 and our balance due is \$15,000.00
- The ESL fire panel in the church needs to be connected to the new A/C-Heater system and there is a need to replace some parts in the fire panel.
- More efficient lighting fixtures have been installed in the offices, classrooms, and halls.

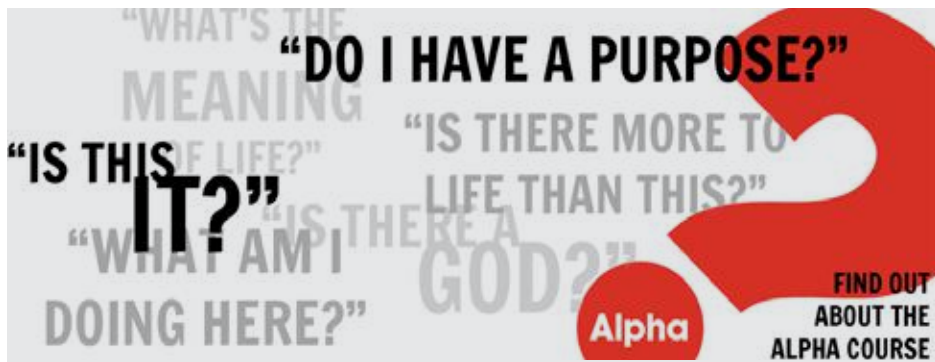
### NEW BUSINESS

- All requirements for the PPP loan and schedule are fine; the ending period is at the end of July/august and we have to provide proof of the use of the funds.
- Sacred Heart will migrate to the "Sage Intact" software which is now up and running with the archdiocese. The archdiocese has agreed to replace the checks that had been ordered for the previous software.
- The deck/porch off the living room of the rectory is not safe and options for taking care of this situation will be investigated; it is clear the deck must be torn down. There is no plan to totally replace the deck at this time.
- The doors on the outside of the A/C-Heating rooms (6 doors in total) need to be replaced; estimates at this time are \$1200-\$1500 for each door (Total \$9/10,000.00).
- Solutions to the ongoing issues with the rectory garage on currently on hold.
- The statue of the angel on the paved area near the main entrance is in need of very expensive maintenance or removal; there were no drains installed when the water fountain was built in the first place and over time the pooling of water and snow melt have caused extensive damage to the base, the fountain and the statue. The council recommended contacting Bloomfield Construction (Jeff Petrucci) to assess the situation and advise us of options.
- Tuesday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the council agreed we should have one Mass at 12 noon on that day.

*The next meeting TBD for some time in 2020.*

*The meeting closed with a prayer and adjourned at 2:00PM*





## ALPHA ONLINE Fall 2020

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Run over 11 weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is a safe, non-judgmental, friendly, and welcoming space to explore life's big questions together.

Join us for an engaging talk and small group conversation. This version of Alpha is being offered online due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is sponsored by Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and will include the involvement of some seminarians as small group discussion animators.

**Registration is free. To find out more please visit [shms.edu/alpha](https://shms.edu/alpha).**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion



happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect. ©LPi



## BOLD BEGINNINGS

### Free Virtual Marriage Preparation Retreat

**“Love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.”**

ROMANS 12:10

#### Topics Include:

- Developing a Christ-centered marriage and couple spirituality
- Practical wisdom for joyfully and fruitfully living out your marriage vows
- Successfully navigating the expected and unexpected challenges of early years of marriage
- What is your mission as the “domestic church” and the call to holiness

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
8:30AM – 12:30PM**

#### REGISTER AT:

<https://boldbeginnings1010.eventbrite.com>

*Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit,  
Office for Marriage Support*



## Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour  
before daily Mass

### Saturday, September 26, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Marilyn Johnson

### Sunday, September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family

† Margaret Warczak by Choir

† Margaret Zacharski

### Monday, September 28, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Patricia Johnson

### Tuesday, September 29, 2020

NO MASS

### Wednesday, September 30, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Marilyn Johnson

### Thursday, October 1, 2020

NO MASS

### Friday, October 2, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Joan Desmond

### Saturday, October 3, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Joanne Beckman

### Sunday, October 4, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Ed Lesperance

† Thomas Reckling

† Fred Samrah by Family

## PRAY FOR . . .

Names will be published for 3 weeks.  
If a name has been removed that you wish  
to have re-established, please call the  
Parish Office at 248-852-4170

Jim Carnacchi	Orleta Cairo	Doreen Valente
Samantha Graves	Jackson Hensley	Sue Augustyn
Becky Dalman	Deacon Jack Parent	Andy Serocki
Zenaida Cardenas	Marguerite Fishbaugh	Mary Bourbeau
Kathleen Stachurski	Joe Kroetsch	Peter Henrici
John Latella	Joan Martus	Ron Pedersen
Elizabeth Jeri	Laurie Graves	Lori Crowl
David Sargent	Ruth Caspary	Bill Reilly
Tommie Miller	JoAnn Eaton	Dennis Spensley
Margaret O'Donnell	Dora Murray	Rolf Maier
Gabrielle Roth-Haver	Diane Hurd	Stella Lentz
Don Boudreaux	Richard Booms	Tom Guibord

### Scripture Readings for the Week



#### Sunday, September 27:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

#### Monday, September 28:

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/  
Lk 9:46-50

#### Tuesday, September 29:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn  
1:47-51

#### Wednesday, September 30:

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11,  
12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

#### Thursday, October 1:

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc,  
13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

#### Friday, October 2:

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2,  
3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5,  
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#### Saturday, October 3:

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71,  
75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

#### Sunday, October 4:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-  
16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt  
21:33-43

### OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

2nd Lt Carrigan Berard, Army NG  
CPL Christopher Berard, US Marine Corp  
Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard  
Lt Christopher Burns, Navy  
Lt Molly Hamilton Burns, Navy  
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard  
Sra Jake Coll, Air Force  
Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force  
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy  
Joseph Destefano, serving in Iraq  
Capt Brent Drabek, Air Force  
Lt Linda Erickson, Army  
Petty Officer Anthony Giacobelli, Navy  
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force  
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army  
LCPT Dawson Innis, Marines  
Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines  
Capt Kaitlyn Tullock Lloyd, Marines  
Capt Sean McQuade, Army  
Capt Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines  
Sergeant Daniel Pendell  
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army  
1Lt Billy Romine, Army  
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuhler, Marines  
Capt Todd Sullivan, Army  
Senior Airman Scott Socia, Air Force  
Tom Yombor, Army Ranger 1175  
Ian Zdral, Army


LET US LOVE GOD,  
my brothers, let  
us love God. But  
let it be with the  
strength of our  
arms and the  
sweat of our brow.

—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Liturgy Schedule		
September 26–27, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lead E.M.	Lector
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA
October 3–4, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lead E.M.	Lector
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA

**Parish Mission Statement**

*Sacred Heart parish is a loving and giving Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.*

Sacred Heart Parish		
<p><b>SACRED HEART OFFICE</b> 3400 S. Adams, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 <b>248-852-4170</b>   FAX: 248-852-5745 sacredheartauburnhills@gmail.com <b>www.esacredheart.org</b></p> <p>Follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter @sacredheart7009</p>  <p><b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> Mon. &amp; Tues.: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thurs &amp; Fri.: By Appointment Wed, Sat &amp; Sun: Closed</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP AND STAFF</b> <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Fr. Richard Cavellier .....x22 <b>Pastoral Associate &amp; Director of Religious Education:</b> Michael Merlo ...x12 <b>Deacon:</b> Rev. Mr. Jack Parent <b>Office Assistant:</b> Carol Bissa .....x10 <b>Music Minister:</b> John Welch</p>	<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m. Tues., Thur.: NO MASS Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS</b> <b>Christian Service Member</b> Colleen Sylvester ..... 248-853-5717 <b>Education Member</b> JoAnn Eaton ..... 248-361-2854 <b>Finance Member</b> Ron Iwaszkiewicz ..... 248-852-1303 <b>Worship Member</b> JoAnn Eaton ..... 248-361-2854 <b>Member at Large</b> Mary Alice Merlo ..... 248-375-5378</p> <p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> <b>Sacred Heart Council 8659</b>   <b>kofc8659.com</b> Dan Heath (GK) ..... 248-343-9622 Sam Crowl (MD) ..... 248-980-4636 samcrowl@comcast.net</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENTS &amp; INFORMATION</b> <b>RECONCILIATION</b> Saturday, 3:00 p.m. <b>BAPTISMS</b> Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child. <b>MARRIAGES</b> Arrangements to be made with priest. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding. <b>RCIA</b> RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information. <b>EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL</b> Come and pray anytime. <b>NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION</b> Please stop by or call the Parish Office <b>BULLETIN</b> Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin Editor Email: <a href="mailto:bulletin@esacredheart.org">bulletin@esacredheart.org</a></p>

### 3 EASY STEPS

#### TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



#### DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



#### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

### SACRED HEART CHURCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Sacred Heart has joined social media!

Make sure to like and follow us to stay up to date on all events!



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