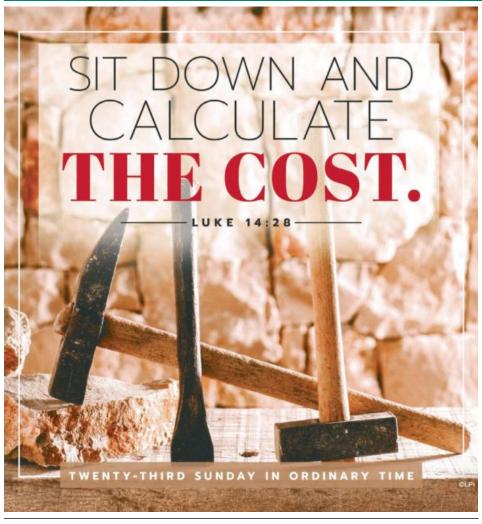
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





TH	IS WEEK AT THE HEART	•
Saturday, September 6	Digging Deeper: Men's Scripture Study	8:00am
	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	8:00am
	Confessions	3:00pm
Sunday, September 7	AA Meeting (Men)	8:00pm
Tuesday, September 9	The Chosen	9:45am
	SVDP Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday, September 10 Rosary for the Unborn		1:30pm
Thursday, September 11	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	12 Noon
	Senior Potluck Lunch	12 Noon
Saturday, September 13	Digging Deeper: Men's Scripture Study	8:00am
	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	8:00am
	Confessions	3:00pm
Sunday, September 14	Parish Picnic	12 Noon - 4:00pm
	AA Meeting (Men)	8:00pm





Adoration & **Benediction**

Join us for Adoration and Benediction on the

3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the church, beginning Wednesday, September 17.

All are invited to spend a Holy Hour in prayer, reflection, and quiet time with the Lord.



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The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

John 6:51

A EUCHARISTIC LIFE: Another meaning of "ONE" is unity with others. When Christ gave himself at the Last Supper, he did so without reservation. His gift emptied him, and it was a promise that he would "go to the end" to be with us—all the way through Calvary and the Resurrection. In the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus concealed the treasure of his entire self, sharing both his humanity and divinity. THAT is living a Eucharistic life—a life in which we are loved, filled through prayer, and truly poured out for others. For the other—ONE.

(National Eucharistic Congress)

WALK THE WAY OF THE EUCHARIST YOURSELF: as YOU walk with your ONE: TAKE, BLESS, BREAK, GIVE.

STEP 1

TAKE in Jesus—in prayer, Adoration, in His Word, and especially in the Eucharist.

STEP 2

Seek God's BLESSing in communion with the Holy Spirit, for your ONE and YOU.

STEP 3

BREAK open opportunities, and let God BREAK through to YOU and your ONE.

STEP 4

GIVE of yourself to your ONE—your time, a listening ear, an invitation, attention.

Get started at www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one

"The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist, is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman"

Sacramentum Caritatis

Apostolic Exhortation on the "Sacrament of Charity", the Holy Eucharist, by Pope Benedict XVI

LISTEN to POPE BENEDICT XVI: Ars Celebrandi: There is a need to avoid any antithesis between the ars celebrandi, the art of proper celebration, and the full, active and fruitful participation of all the faithful. The primary way to foster the participation of the People of God in the sacred rite is the proper celebration of the rite itself. The ars celebrandi is the best way to ensure their actual participation, It is the fruit of faithful adherence to the liturgical norms in all their richness, indeed, for two thousand years this way of celebrating has sustained the faith life of all believers, called to take part in the celebration as the People of God, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

Sacramentum Caritatis 38

PRAY: Throughout the week... LORD pour out your heavenly Grace to show us the proper way of celebration in the Mass so that we, the faithful, will bear the "full, active, and fruitful participation" of the rite. "Sustain our faith life "as we celebrate properly as the People of God, your holy nation. Amen!

ASK & ACT: What are these words saying to **me**? Have I considered what is the "art of proper celebration" of the rite at Mass? And how would doing so lead me to a more "full, active, and fruitful participation?" Do I just go "through the motions," without giving much thought to what I am doing or saying, and why? Why is it important that we celebrate "properly?" Have I considered that this proper celebration has sustained the faithful for two thousand years? I will pray that the Holy Spirit will open my mind and heart to see that how I celebrate the rites of the Mass determine my level of participation in it, and the fruitfulness it bears in my life of faith. LORD I believe! Forgive my unbelief! J

Nancy Piotrowski

The Problem of Evil

by John Hannigan

The murder of school children and the wounding of many others at Mass last week makes no sense. This cowardly crime against innocents and sacrilege against the Church cries out for explanation, apparently in vain. Families mourn while politicians and "experts" blame weak laws, poor mental health care, and corrupt society. There are many causal, mitigating and exacerbating factors, and millions own guns, are mentally ill, and endure troubled childhoods without killing people. The unavoidable, painful and mysterious question is "why did the perpetrator choose to commit this evil?" For understanding, we look to the wisdom of centuries distilled in The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

"Why does evil exist? ... no quick answer will suffice. Only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer: ... the patient love of God ... redemptive Incarnation of his Son ... the Church ... sacraments, and the call to a blessed life to which free creatures are invited ... but from which, by a terrible mystery, they can turn away ... There is not a single aspect of the Christian message that is not in part an answer to the guestion of evil" (¶309). "We must approach the question of evil by fixing the eyes of faith on him who alone is its conqueror" (¶385).

Without divine Revelation "we cannot recognize sin clearly and are tempted to explain it as merely a developmental flaw, a psychological weakness, a mistake, or the consequence of inadequate social structure, etc. Only in the knowledge of God's plan can we grasp that sin is an abuse of the freedom that God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving him and one another" (¶387).

Some despair of "thoughts and prayers," but it is to God and his Church we turn for consolation. Unleash the Gospel reminds us it is spiritual opposition we face: 'Our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with principalities and powers, the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits' (Eph 6:12). We need not be afraid, since we know who has already won the victory." We resist the evil one, "exercising the authority we have in Christ" using the weapons of prayer ... and the Sacraments. 'Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you' (James 4:7-8)."

Questions or Comments? UnleashSTM@gmail.com

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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Do you know someone searching for deeper meaning in life, someone who keeps asking the "BIG QUESTIONS"?

Why am I here?
Why is there something rather than nothing?

Who is God, and what does He want with me?

Or maybe you are the one asking these questions and seeking more. Are you considering becoming Catholic, or just curious to learn what the Catholic Church believes?

The *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (OCIA), formerly called RCIA, is a journey of discovery. It is designed for people who are searching for faith, truth, and purpose, and for those who want to explore a relationship with Jesus Christ.

OCIA is not just a class or program, but a process of conversion, prayer, and discernment. It helps seekers encounter God in His Word, in the sacraments, and in the life of the Church.

While there is no set timetable, preparation often takes about nine months, there is no rigid timetable. For many, the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are celebrated at the



Easter Vigil the most joyful liturgy of the Church year.

If you are already Catholic, chances are you know someone who has never received this invitation. Please consider sharing it

with them. You may be the bridge God uses to help a loved one, friend, or neighbor discover the peace, joy, and truth they have been seeking. Extending a kind invitation to OCIA is a powerful way of witnessing to your faith and sharing the Gospel.

Who is OCIA for?

People who have never been baptized in any Christian faith.

Baptized Catholics who never completed their sacraments.

Baptized Christians of another faith tradition who wish to become Catholic.

Anyone seeking to enter fully into the Catholic Church.

This year, OCIA will be run jointly at St. Thomas More and Sacred Heart parishes. For details, see the parish bulletins or contact **Deacon Michael** at Sacred Heart: 248-852-4170 or by email at dcnmichael123@gmail.com





Dear Sacred Heart Families,

As summer winds down, it's time to start thinking ahead to another wonderful year of Faith Formation! We invite families with children in **Grades 1–8** to join our Monday evening **Religious Education Program for the 2025–26 school year.**

I will be available after all Sunday Liturgies to distribute registration forms—please stop by and pick one up before leaving church. A Medical Treatment Release Form is required for each registered child, so please be sure to complete that as well.

Classes for Grades 1–8 will begin Monday, September 22, 2025, from 6:00–7:15 PM.

We are also excited to offer **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, a Montessori-based program for **children ages 3–5**, which will meet on **Mondays from 1:00–2:00 PM**, beginning the same day.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming your family to a year of faith, learning, and community! If you'd like to reach me directly, please leave a message at the **Religious Education Office at 248-852-4170, ext. 15.**

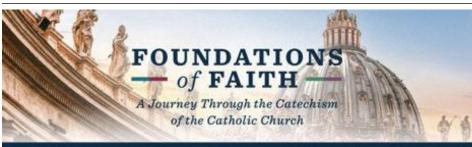
Let's make this a truly blessed year of growing in faith together!

Mrs. Barbara Yugovich

248-996-4183

Scan the QR Code to register for 2025-26 Faith Formation Classes





Women's Bible Study invites you to participate with Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

This engaging, 20-session series was filmed across 40 locations, spanning 4 continents and 10 countries, showing you the universal beauty of the Church.

Women participants will meet Tuesday weekly to view the dynamic video presentations followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Our Tuesday Women's bible study has been going strong since 2008.

Learn from some of the most renowned Catholic educators of our time, including Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Fr. Mike Schmitz. Foundations of Faith offers a comprehensive exploration of the Catechism, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life. Strengthen your connection to the truth, beauty, goodness, and fullness of the Catholic Faith! We hope you will join us.

Openings are for women in "Foundations of Faith" at St. Mary of the Hills beginning Tuesday, October 7 in the Chapel after the 9 am Mass from 9:45 am till Noon. Rosary is offered at 8:30 am.

For more info, schedule and to Register for the study, by **Sept 15th** go to **https://smoth.org/womensbiblestudy**.

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CCSM CENTER FOR WORKS OF MERCY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

During the month of September we at Sacred Heart have an opportunity to help Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan — Center for Works of Mercy. Throughout the year they collect hygiene Items for those people who are on the streets. We will be collecting SAMPLE SIZE hygiene products to help support this ministry. There will be a box in the back of the Church to collect the items throughout September. Here is a list of items they would like to collect:

Deodorant • Bath Soap Wash Cloths • Shampoo/Conditioner **Razors** • Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes **Shaving Cream • Combs/Brushes**

As always thank you for being charitable to those in need. God Bless You, Deacon Dave











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THE PROCESS BEGINS: SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 2025 10:00 AM - 12 NOON FR. KREFT HALL

OUR STEPS TO DISCERNMENT:

Step 1: The Workshop—learn more about each Charism—3 Saturdays, OCT 4, 11, 18; 10:00 AM -12:00 PM; Fr. Kreft Hall Conference Room

Step 2: Take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory between sessions 1 & 2—this is just a beginning, not the end!

Step 3: Gifts Interview—1 hour with a trained interviewer to further discern & reflect on your potential charisms— Scheduled BETWEEN OCT 20 & OCT 30.

Step 4: Discernment in Depth Groups—share plans to explore & experiment, and offer feedback to help each other further discern with what gifts and in what way God might be calling each of you-Saturdays, NOV 1 & NOV 15, 10:00 AM - 12:00PM.

TO REGISTER:

COST: \$50 Cash or Check (made out to Sacred Heart Church) Includes Complete Resource Book and access to videos online for forever.

REGISTRATION:

1. Table after all Masses on Sept 20/21 & 27/28: Register, pay, get book **OR 2.** At the Church Office during regular weekly office hours: Register, pay, get books at first class.

DEADLINE: Sunday 10/28/25

NAME:	
PHONE: (cell preferred)	
EMAIL:	
PAYMENT: \$50 CASH	CHECK#

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Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

Saturday, September 6 4:00 pm

- † Marguerite Rouleau
- † Carol Rosco by Meyer Family
- † Marge & Jerry Meyer by Meyer Family

For all who volunteer service for Sacred Heart

Sunday, September 7 9:00 am

† John Dzienisowicz Pro Populo (For the People of Sacred Heart)

11:00 am

† Wally Patterson by Audrey Valerian Savage, Happy Birthday

Monday, September 8 9:00 am

† Joan Sauvé by Dick & Sally Bradley and Family

Tuesday, September 9 9:00 am

† Alfred L. Walker by Marsha

Wednesday, September 10 **NO MASS**

Thursday, September 11 **NO MASS**

Friday, September 12 9:00 am

Ceil Brown - Special Intention

Saturday, September 13 4:00 pm

† Francis Dascenza by Rosemarie

Sunday, September 14 9:00 am

† Timothy Michalak

11:00 am

† David Cornelius

Pro Populo (For the People of Sacred Heart)

> "WE MUST SPEAK TO THEM WITH OUR HANDS BY GIVING. BEFORE WE TRY TO SPEAK TO THEM WITH OUR LIPS."



St. Peter Claver



Names will be published for 3 weeks. If a name has **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

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Sunday, September 7:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday, September 8:

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1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 9:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk

Wednesday, September 10:

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 11:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 12:

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 13:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 14:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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September 6-7, 23nd Sunday in Ordinary Time					
Mass Day/Time	Presider	Lector 1	Lector 2		
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Fr. Brian Chabala	Jennifer Boston	Linda Botson		
Sunday, 9:00 am	Fr. Anthony Tocco	Sandra Stacer	Peter Keating		
Sunday, 11:00 am	Fr. Joe Grimaldi	Nancy Piotrowski	Doug Rusch		
September 13-14, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
Mass Day/Time	Presider	Lector 1	Lector 2		
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Fr. Joe Grimaldi	Kristen Koltvedt	Pat Burkhardt		
Sunday, 9:00 am	Fr. Brian Chabala	Joe Veryser	Gerrie Iwaszkiewicz		
Sunday, 11:00 am	Fr. Juan Gonzalez	Michael Macauley	Tammy Bliss		

Liturgy Schedule

Sacred Heart Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Pastoral Associate/Administrator: Deacon Michael Stachx22 **Christian Service Coordinator:** Deacon David Fleming.....x10 **Faith Formation Director** (*Part-time*): Barb Yugovich.....x15

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child.

Marriages

Arrangements to be made with Deacon Michael. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding.

OCIA

For any adult interested in entering the OCIA process to become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office for information.

Eucharistic Chapel

Come and pray anytime.

New Member Registration

To register, please call the Parish Office at 248-852-4170 x10 or complete the form available at **esacredheart.org**. Click the "Join Us" button at the top of the home page.

Bulletin

Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m.

Bulletin Editor Email:

bulletin@esacredheart.org

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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.



Offertory

For accounting purposes, please enclose separate checks if donating to more than one fund.

Our Gift to God the Weekend of August 30-31: **Total Offertory: \$9886**

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If you have any question please call the office at 248-852-4170.



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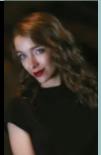
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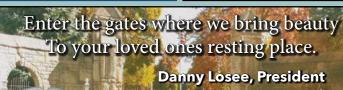
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