



SACRED HEART PARISH YOUTH DIVE INTO SCRIPTURE WITH NEW IGNATIUS CATHOLIC STUDY BIBLES.



A Note from Fr. Hoodenpyle

The comparison between the love of Christ for his Church and the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is an analogy and therefore not a perfect one to one comparison. Nevertheless, this analogy teaches us truths about both the Church and Holy Matrimony.

On the one hand, Jesus elevates Christian teaching on the 6th Commandment in the Sermon on the Mount when he condemns various forms of adultery and divorce (I highly recommend re-reading Matthew 5:27-32). Christian marriage must exhibit a degree of perfection in the love of the spouses, the same kind of perfection Christ exhibits for us when he lays down his life on the cross. This becomes a reality in Christian marriage when no degree of objectification is ever permitted. Within every act of marital intimacy, be it intellectual, emotional, or physical, all four ends of marriage (procreation, education of children, unity, good of the spouses) must be respected.

Likewise, Christ and his Church are one. He wills the increase in the number of the adopted sons and daughters of God through baptism. He supports the education of the Christian people by providing an infallible teaching authority. He unites himself to us in the sacraments, most especially the Eucharist, and he leads us to our ultimate good, eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our duty as members of the bride of Christ is to get to know both Christ and his bride. We must discover how to cooperate with Christ in the promotion of those four ends. We must engage with Christ daily in order to reach those four ends.

— In Christ, Fr. Hoodenpyle



Congregation Announcements!

Congratulations and many blessings to our Sacred Heart parishioners who recently received Holy Sacraments for the first time!

Baptism

Tessa Jane Flusche
Parents: Jared & Alyxx Flusche

Bo William Hughes
Parents: Paul & Shana Hughes

A Letter from the Carmelites to Sacred Heart Parish Community

Carmel of Jesus Crucified

Dear Members of the Sacred Heart Parish Community,
Praised be Jesus Christ"

We are happy to share with you all our recently completed brochure, which will help you to understand our life here better and how we spend our days.

St. Augustine tells us that the greatest action man can perform in this life is to give praise to God. St. Paul tells us that whatever we do, we must do all for the glory of God. As you can see from the daily schedule found in our brochure, a great amount of our day is spent in choir, before the Blessed Sacrament, singing the praises of God as we chant the Divine Liturgy. The rest of the day is filled with the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass, manual labor, meals, recreation, silence and solitude. We include all of you and your intentions in this "unceasing" prayer.

Our Holy Mother Foundress, St. Teresa of Avila, tells us that we are obliged to pray continually for the souls of our benefactors, and that the Lord desires us to show gratitude to those through whom He gives us what is needed, though it ultimately comes from Him.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the "Little Flower", understood well how the smallest sacrifices, acts of virtue, works done with love, and every prayer, have repercussions in the entire Mystical Body of Christ and can bring Light to those in darkness, strength to the weak, freedom to captives....

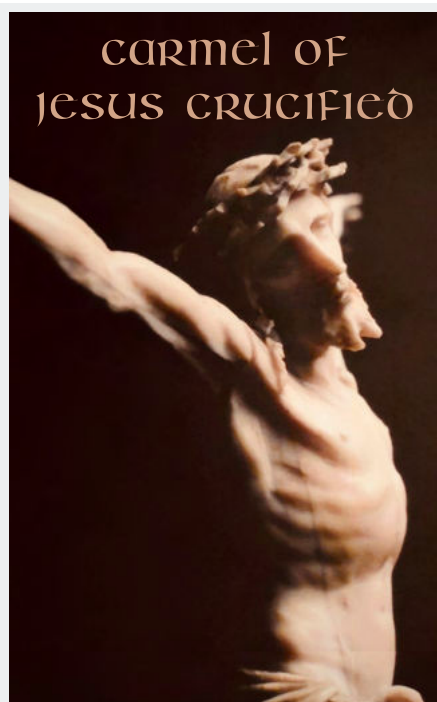
We are united with all of you in this work of prayer for the local Community and for the entire diocese, the Church and the world, and we are most grateful for the warm welcome we have received, and for all the spiritual and material help, seen and unseen, with which you have surrounded us.

We'll take this opportunity to send a special "God reward you" to the student body of Sacred Heart Parish for the collection they sent to us at the end of the 2026 School Year. May God reward all of you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

In this month of October, we will be celebrating the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, and the feast of St. Teresa of Avila, two great Carmelite Saints and both Doctors of the Church. With them and with the Holy Guardian Angels, we pray with you and for you and bring your intentions before the Lord.

Most gratefully, in Cordibus Jesu, Mariae et Josef,

The Carmelite Nuns



A Carmelite is a soul who has gazed on Christ Crucified, who has seen Him offering Himself to His Father as a victim for souls; and, entering into herself under this great vision of Christ's charity, she has understood the passion of His soul and desired to give herself as He did.

— Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

Foundation in Muenster

The Carmel of Jesus Crucified was founded December 8, 2025, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, at the invitation of Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth. Plans are currently underway for the permanent monastery to be built in the rolling hills of North Texas, just south of the Oklahoma border. The Carmelite nuns have come to Texas to pray and to do penance for the Church and for her clergy; for the faithful, that they might grow from strength to strength (Ps. 84:7); for the conversion of those who have strayed from God or have never known Him; and for the souls in purgatory, that they might soon enjoy the vision of God's face.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CARMELITE NUNS IN THEIR NEW BROCHURE!

FOUNDATION IN MÜNSTER

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Communications in the Lord Who hangs before you in the wood, because He was obedient even to the death of the Cross. If you wish to be in the spirit of the Crucified, you must embrace completely your own self and have no other aspiration than to be in the will of God. Jesus Crucified must be the object of your every thought, of your every desire, of your every prayer. The Cross is the way which leads from earth to heaven. Those who embrace it with faith, love, and hope are taken up, right into the heart of the Trinity.

— St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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What's happening at Sacred Heart Parish?

The Fall season invites us to pause, give thanks, and draw closer to God. We look forward to opportunities to pray, celebrate the Sacraments, and grow together in faith and fellowship. Confirmation classes begin this October—now is the time to register! We'll also celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, remembering those who have gone before us in faith, and gather for our annual Thanksgiving Picnic in November!



2026-27 Confirmation Schedule



Class Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Location: Community Center

Confirmation sponsors are encouraged to attend classes with candidates!

Confirmation candidates should register on the SH Parish Website!

- October 25, 2026
- November 8, 2026
- November 22, 2026
- December 6, 2026
- December 20, 2026
- January 3, 2027
- January 17, 2027
- January 31, 2027
- February 14, 2027
- February 28, 2027
- March 14, 2027
- April 4, 2027
- April 18, 2027
- Retreat - TBA
- Confirmation - TBA



ALL SAINTS DAY

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Saturday, October 31 - 5pm Vigil Mass

Come dressed as your favorite saint!

Arrive 15 minutes before Mass for lineup in front of the Church.

Little Saints will receive goodie bags after Mass!

All Saints Day (Sunday, November 1)

8am & 10:30am Masses (*Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

All Souls Day (Monday, November 2)

8am Mass | 6:30pm Evening Prayer at Sacred Heart Cemetery



Sacred Heart Parish Thanksgiving Picnic



Live Auction

Turkey Meal

Sweet Shop

Kid's Zone

Cake Walk

Silent Auction

Sunday, November 22nd

Starts at 11am at Heritage Park!

Adults - \$15 per plate

Kids (Ages 10 & Under) - \$5 per plate

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 19, 2026** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Sacred Heart Cemetery, Muenster, TX honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Muenster, TX

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/TXSDHC>



#RememberMe

VFW Post 6205 is in the 2nd year to collect donations and orders for ALL VETERANS to have a Christmas wreath laid at their gravesite at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Please consider a monetary donation so no Veteran is left out of this special remembrance. Wreaths are only \$17.00 each. Deadline to make a monetary donation is November 20th. Ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery will be held on December 19, 2026, at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend. Donations can be made in person at City Hall or the VFW Post. Please call Ammie Hennigan at 940-736-9290 if you have any questions.



Parish Youth in Faith Formation programs to receive new Ignatius Catholic Study Bibles!

Sacred Heart Parish will soon gift Ignatius Catholic Study Bibles to every high school student participating in Faith Formation classes. Copies will also be placed in each classroom to further support students in their continued learning and understanding of the Catholic faith. Donations are still welcome to help support this effort in providing our parish youth with this valuable educational resource. To contribute, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 940-759-2500.

Additionally, Fr. Hoodenpyle's Gospel of John Bible Study concludes with the final session on Tuesday, October 13, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Community Center. Participants have enjoyed exploring the Gospel of John with the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, deepening their understanding of Christ and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. All are encouraged to attend!

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Fr. Hoodenpyle's senior religion class at Sacred Heart Catholic School studies Scripture with the new Ignatius Catholic Study Bibles.



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For 136 years, our Catholic school has been blessed by the faithful support, generosity, and prayers of the Muenster community! Generations of families, parishioners, alumni, local businesses, and friends have helped sustain our mission of forming young people in faith, knowledge, character, and service.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to this extraordinary community and invite you to join us as we celebrate our school at **Homecoming, Friday, Oct. 9th**. Open house in the elementary and high school buildings is 5:00 - 5:45pm, with the game beginning at 6:00pm. Join the fun at halftime with the crowning of the queen, recognition of all honor graduates and the Alumni dancers from all the decades! A post-game social will be held in the Community Center for all SH Alumni and friends.

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