



A Note from Fr. Hoodenpyle

While Lent serves as a kind of spiritual bootcamp to prepare us for the celebration of Easter, it does not immediately precede the celebration of the Lord's resurrection. The season of the Sacred Paschal Triduum holds this place and venerates the events of the Passion of Our Lord which bring about our salvation.

In under seventy-two hours, the Church completes the entire liturgical season of the Triduum consisting of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. On the evening of Maundy Thursday, we celebrate the institution of the ministerial priesthood and the Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, the church is devoid of the Eucharistic presence of the Lord until the Adoration of the Cross at three o'clock in the afternoon within which communion is distributed, but Mass is not celebrated. Finally, the Church encourages us to continue our fasting until the Easter season begins at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night after sundown on Holy Saturday.

Participation in these liturgies offers fitting worship to almighty God. I invite and encourage you to surrender your hearts to God in the Church's worship this Easter season.

-Fr. Hoodenpyle

**"BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!
BY HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN
US A NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE
THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF
JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD."**

— I PETER 1:3



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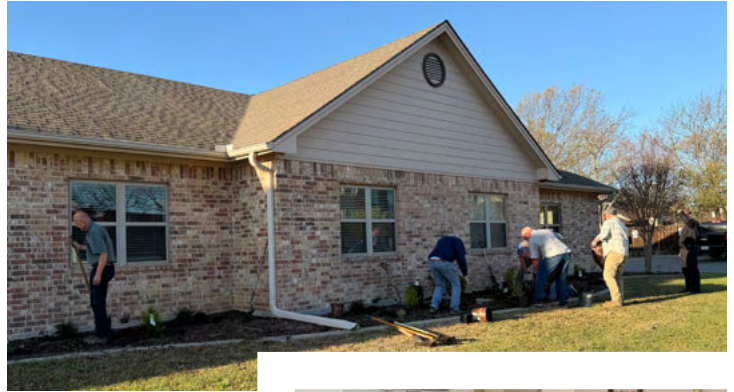
What's happening at Sacred Heart?

Sacred Heart Parish Endowed Fund Established



Father Hoodenpyle is pleased to announce the creation of the Sacred Heart Parish Endowed Fund. This unrestricted fund, held by the Advancement Foundation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, is specifically designed to last in perpetuity. With only a portion of the interest earned going into our Parish's general operating budget, the Fund will exist and grow indefinitely. The motivation behind the creation of this new endowment is simple, says Fr. Hoodenpyle, "I want to see stable funding for this Parish, in good economic times and in bad. In future years, and with guaranteed income over time, our faith life can be our focus, not the Parish budget."

The creation of the Fund was made possible by a parishioner who wished to remain unnamed but wanted to utilize appreciated assets for the betterment of Sacred Heart. If you or your family would like to share in this legacy with a gift to strengthen our Parish for generations to come, reach out to Lydia Springer, Director of Development for Sacred Heart Parish.



SH Men's Prayer & Work Group

On March 21st, our Men's Prayer & Work Group



met in the Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:30am, followed by Q&A in the rectory. Then, they went to the parish office for coffee and to help plant shrubs. All men 18+ are welcome every 3rd Saturday for prayer, fellowship, and service—no sign up needed. Come as you are, bring a friend, and grow in Catholic brotherhood through prayer and service.



Happy Easter from SH Parish! Easter Octave: April 5-12

Added Masses on Thur, Apr 9 @8am & Sat, Apr 11 @9am in observance of the Easter Octave.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Kaffee & Strudel: April 12

Fellowship, fresh coffee & breakfast items after 8am Mass to 10:15 am at the SH Cafeteria.



Divine Mercy Sunday: April 12

Divine Mercy service starts at 3pm at SH Church, with Confessions prior from 2pm - 2:45pm.



Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference: Register by April 7

SH parish teens are headed to Steubenville on June 19-21. Register online by April 7th!



May Crowning: May 4

Bring flowers & line up by 6pm at SHHS (6th St.) for procession, crowning, rosary & novena.



Safe Environment Renewal Training: May 5

SE Training from 6pm - 7:45pm at the SH Community Center. Sign up on parish website.



Corpus Christi Sunday with First Communion: June 7

Devotional Mass with Parish 2nd Graders First Holy Communion & Eucharistic Procession.



Clint Bezner

Volunteer Spotlight!

Sacred Heart Parish is proud to recognize **Clint Bezner** as our Volunteer Spotlight of the Month. A 2024 graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic School and valedictorian of his class, Clint is currently studying architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington. Despite his busy college schedule, he faithfully returns to Muenster on weekends to serve our Sacred Heart parish community.

Since 2023, Clint has generously shared his musical talents through our liturgies and prayer opportunities. During his senior year, he served as pianist for weekday school Masses. He now plays piano for Sacred Heart Holy Hours, rosaries, and retreats. He also serves as a backup organist and sings regularly at weekend Masses. Clint has taken on leadership and volunteer roles in our youth ministry retreats. In addition, he helps beautify our church by assisting with decorations for Christmas and Easter.

Clint reflects, "I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to use my God-given talents to serve the parish. I love creating beauty through music, art, and design—especially for our Lord. My life is driven by and made for the creation of beautiful things."

He encourages other young men and women to discover ways to serve the Church using their own unique gifts—especially in ways that bring them joy.

Thank you, Clint, for your faithful service to Sacred Heart Parish!



Congregation Announcements!

Congrats to our Sacred Heart parishioners who recently received Holy Sacraments for the first time!

Holy Matrimony

Austin Howell & Bailey Klement

Lenten MISSION ----->

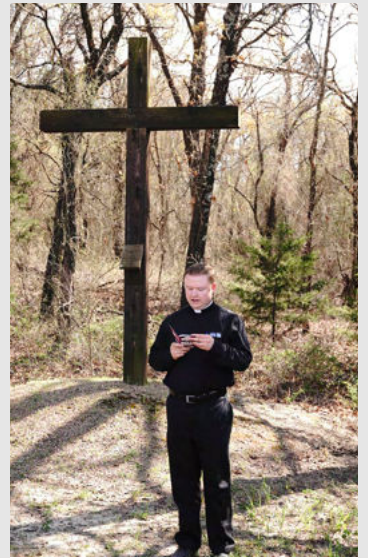
On March 2-4, Fr. Hoodenpyle hosted a Lenten MISSION on Prayer at Sacred Heart Church focused on teaching parishioners more about Devotional, Liturgical & Meditative Prayer.



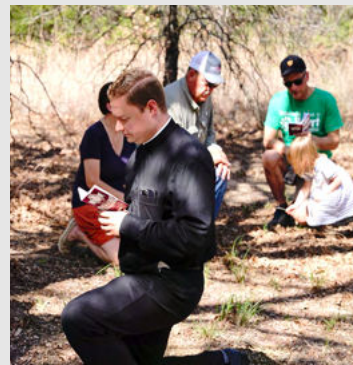
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**Stations
of the Cross**



On March 22nd, a group of parishioners gathered for Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Hoodenpyle and hosted by Joe and Sarah Ehlen at their ranch. Surrounded by the peaceful setting of the countryside, attendees walked with Christ through His Passion in a meaningful and reflective way. Thank you to the Ehlen family for their generous hospitality and for providing such a beautiful outdoor space for prayerful reflection.



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Candlelit Holy Hour

A beautiful candlelit Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations was held at SH Church on March 1st with music, scripture meditation, silent prayer, and confessions. Join us for a Holy Hour of Vocations every first Sunday of the month from 7pm - 8pm.

SH Annual Spring Break Mission Trip A group of youth and adults spent their Spring Break serving as missionary disciples, helping with disaster recovery in central Texas—bringing Christ's love to those in need!

