



Happy 2nd Anniversary
at Sacred Heart
Fr. Hoodenpyle

Thank you for two years of faithful service and leadership at Sacred Heart. Your dedication and vision have strengthened our parish and school community in so many ways, while inspiring a deeper love for our Catholic faith and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We are grateful for your ministry and pray for God's continued blessings!



A Note from Fr. Hoodenpyle

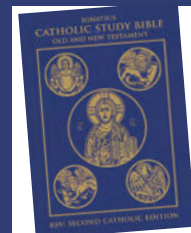
The world's notion of faith understands this virtue in the following way, "We just believe. Stop asking questions." There isn't a reason for it. We just hold something as true whether it is justifiable or not and whether there is evidence or not.

While this may serve as a convenient notion of faith for an unfaithful world which seeks to dismiss it, this is NOT the Christian understanding of faith.

Faith is a kind of knowledge based on divine revelation, and when God reveals what he wants us to know, he gives good reason to believe it. The great universities in Europe were created in the Middle Ages as schools attached to the cathedral churches of major cities specifically for the study of that knowledge. Their studies followed three disciplines, law, philosophy, and theology. The inscription inside the dome of our own Library of Congress consists of these three words, "Law, Philosophy, Religion." At the time the structure was built in 1897, these disciplines formed the basis of all academic pursuit even in the secular and Protestant world.

Our religion demands that we know what God has revealed for us to know; therefore, a habit of the study of that revelation is necessary for growth in the Christian Faith and for our relationship with God to flourish and be fruitful. I invite you to make use of some of the opportunities our parish provides for just this purpose. One such opportunity is a study of the Gospel of John which I will lead beginning this September 1st, more details to come.

In Christ, Fr. Hoodenpyle



**GOSPEL
OF
JOHN
BIBLE
STUDY**

Led by Fr. Hoodenpyle

Come learn how to use the

**Ignatius
Study Bible!**

**7
Weekly
Sessions**

**Every Tuesday Night
6:30 - 7:30pm**

**September 1
thru Oct 6**

**Sacred Heart
Community Center**



Sacred Heart Parish hosts Middle School Retreat

On Saturday, July 11, Sacred Heart Parish hosted a morning retreat where 40 middle school-aged children gathered for prayer, discussion, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass. Fort Worth Diocese seminarian, **Nick Goodman**, led the retreat. Children heard a talk about how to deepen their prayer life and experienced a panel discussion with Fr. Hoodenpyle and two of our youth, Joan and Duwayne Schilling, about how prayer remained central to their lives. Small group discussions were



led by high school student volunteers with support from many of our adult parishioners. Retreats like this cannot be successful without the help of many people. May God reward them all for their service to our children and dedication to deepening their faith.

Johnsons receive North Deanery Light of Christ Award



Lana & Charles Johnson

Congratulations to **Charles and Lana Johnson**, Sacred Heart Parish recipients of this year's Light of Christ Parish Stewardship award. This award is presented annually to lay individuals throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth who exemplify the light of Christ through lives of Christian Stewardship. Selected by Fr. Hoodenpyle, they were recently honored at an awards ceremony in Fort Worth. Fr. Hoodenpyle says Charles and Lana expend an enormous amount of energy and resources in support of ministry to the youth of our Parish. This couple has facilitated the high school youth ministry at Sacred Heart for several years and in the last year, Lana has volunteered to coordinate all religious education at the parish while we were seeking a new Director of Religious Education. Their genuine care for the Christian formation of young people extends beyond their own family to the numerous youth they have attracted to our Wednesday night faith formation. Charles and Lana are the Light of Christ at Sacred Heart Muenster."

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY MASS

Saturday, August 15 at 9am

**Note: Holy Day is not obligatory this year.*

MARK YOUR Calendars!

2026
SACRED HEART
FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- **Sept 2** Kickoff:
National Speaker
Jennifer Fulwiler
(Meet in Church)
- **Sept 9** First Day
in classrooms
- **Sept 23**
- **Oct 14**
- **Oct 28**
- **Nov 11**
- **Nov 18**
- **Dec 9**
- **Dec 16**
- **Jan 13**
- **Jan 27**
- **Feb 17**
- **Mar 10**
- **Mar 24**
- **April 14**
- **April 28**
- **May 12**
- **May 19**

Register on the
SH Parish Website!
More class details
coming soon!



The Great Journey with Jesus at Vacation Bible School

Earlier this summer, Sacred Heart Parish hosted our annual Vacation Bible School for youth in K - 5th grades. At VBS, children learned more about the Catholic Faith through fun-filled activities including Bible studies, music, crafts, games, and more.

This year's theme was "The Great Journey with Jesus." Throughout the week, children journeyed through the liturgical year, learning about a different season each day. Each class represented one of the five seasons: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

At the end of the week, VBS children put on a musical performance for parishioners to enjoy, followed by a hot dog luncheon hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make VBS a success! A special thank you to sisters Hayley Evans and Kylie Walterscheid for coordinating this year's VBS program at Sacred Heart.



YOU'RE INVITED

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SPEAKER, COMEDIAN AND AUTHOR COMING TO COOKE COUNTY!

SEPTEMBER
02
WEDNESDAY



From Atheism
to Catholicism

7PM
FREE EVENT
COME EARLY FOR
BEST SEATS

SACRED HEART CHURCH
■ MÜNSTER TX

JEN FULWILER

"NORTH TEXAS CATHOLICS ARE IN FOR A TREAT"



2026 FALL OCIA SCHEDULE

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith for those seeking to know Jesus and become part of the Catholic Church.

JULY 19:	Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, and God who is Love	
JULY 27:	The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity	
AUG 3:	Divine Revelation: (Scripture and Tradition)	
AUG 9:	The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, and Redemption	
AUG 16:	Who is Jesus: Good Man or Lord	
AUG 23:	Why do I need the Church	
AUG 30:	The Last Things: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory	
SEPT 6:	No Class - Labor Day Weekend	
SEPT 13:	4 Marks of the Church - One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic	
SEPT 20:	Mary (Tina) and the Saints (Steve)	
SEPT 27:	The Eucharist: Source and Summit	
OCT 4:	A Walkthrough of the Mass	
OCT 11:	The Sacraments - Baptism, Confirmation, Penance	
OCT 18:	The Sacraments - Anointing of Sick, Matrimony, Holy Orders	
OCT 25:	Church History from Pentecost until Today	
NOV 1:	All Saints Day Entry!	



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"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love."

— ROMANS 5:5 —



Join Sacred Heart Choir!

Sacred Heart's Parish Youth Choir enjoyed a fruitful 2025-2026 season. With 22 regular choristers ranging in age from 7 to 17 years old and 3 adult volunteers, the choir loft was often full! Our youth rehearsed weekly, not only preparing hymns for upcoming liturgies, but also learning how to read music notation, vocal technique, and breath control. As the

season progressed, they started learning how to sing in harmony.

The season ended with the choir offering a three-part *a cappella* motet, *O Sanctissima* by Kevin Allen. Teens with the confidence and ability to cantor were given opportunities to lead the psalm or antiphons. Children were encouraged to audition for solos for Christmas and Easter and coached to build skill and confidence.

Two of the choir members who take piano lessons with **Mat Burkepile** and **Courtney Kelley** expressed interest in playing the organ, so Sacred Heart Music Director and Organist **Lori Bowman** began giving them lessons on the organ. They were both able to accompany the choir at the final Mass of our season.

The Youth Choir is really the first way children can begin their life of service to the Church, and it is a ministry they can continue to serve in throughout their adult life. They learn how to serve humbly and prayerfully while working as a team to bring their fellow parishioners closer to God through music.

The 2026-2027 season begins with rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 2nd, from 3:40-4:40 p.m. in the choir loft**. Children as young as second grade are welcome to join. Teens are encouraged to attend Wednesday rehearsals, but due to busy schedules, they often simply join the choir before Mass for rehearsal.

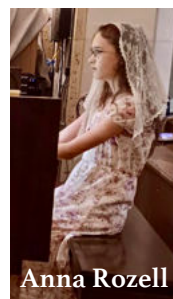
The Youth Choir serves at the **10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass once each month**. Please contact **Mary Del Olmo** at **603-377-0595** to sign up or if you have any questions.



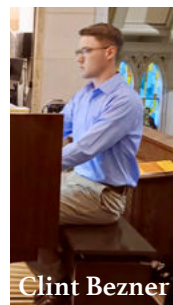
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Walterscheid
& Presley
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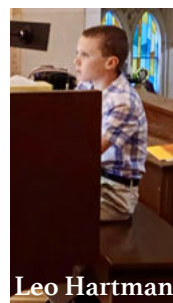
Duwayne
Schilling &
Clint Bezner



Anna Rozell



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Congregation Announcements!

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

Baptism

Brant James Case

Parents: Bryant & Brianna Case

Caden James Walterscheid

Parents: Toby & Whitney Walterscheid



Mass of the Holy Spirit
for all Students, Faculty & Staff
of Educational Institutions

Wednesday, August 12 • 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a Mass of the Holy Spirit as we pray for God's blessings upon all students, educators, and school staff as they begin a new academic year.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them in the year ahead!

