



**SACRED
HEART**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Good News!
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**FIRST
FRIDAY
ADORATION**

"ANY TIME SPENT BEFORE THE EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE, BE IT LONG OR SHORT, IS THE BEST-SPENT TIME OF OUR LIVES." — ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



A Note from Fr. Hoodenpyle

The Code of Canon Law, which governs the society of the Church on earth, describes the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in these terms, "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized" (CIC 1055).

Our Lord elevates marriage to the dignity of a sacrament because through marriage the love of God may be made known in the world and to the world. The Gospel of John recounts the Lord's attendance at the wedding feast at Cana and goes further to reveal that he is the Divine Bridegroom to the Church which is his bride.

For this reason, Catholics place special emphasis on getting marriage right. If lived well, it is a testimony to the Gospel itself, but if not, it serves as a denial of the Kingdom of God. We know that the enemies of God would like nothing more than to deprive marriage of this sacred purpose. Regardless of whether you are called to Holy Matrimony or to a celibate vocation, whether you are married or single, or if you have experienced the unfortunate wound of divorce, please join me in praying for the faithful living out of Holy Matrimony.

— *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

Levi Mac Bowen

Parents: Macaully & Haley Bowen

Dawson Matthew Hartman

Parents: Craig & Mattie Hartman

Damian Joseph Schilling

Parents: Charles & Jacqueline Schilling

Henry Joseph Weinzapfel

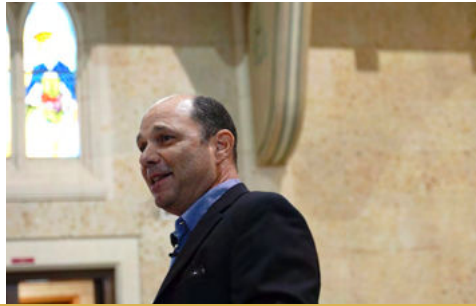
Parents: Michael & Lauren Weinzapfel

Sacred Heart Parish hosts Jen Fulwiler

It was a full house at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, September 2, as national Catholic speaker, comedian, and author Jen Fulwiler joined us for an evening of faith, laughter, and inspiration. Jennifer shared her powerful conversion story, "From Atheism to Catholicism," with the trademark humor, honesty, and deep faith for which she is known.

Director of Religious Education Steve Nasche reflected on the evening, saying, "In the secular culture we live in, one of the challenges we currently face is the rejection of God. It seems as though our Catholic faith is under attack on multiple fronts — spiritual, cultural, moral, etc. Jennifer's story is a journey from the belief in no god, to not only a belief in God, but a belief that God wants us to be Catholic. She shared her intellectual battle with this and gave the parishioners of Sacred Heart a look into the mental struggles someone may have that never knew God or was taught about God at all. Overall, I was pleased with the turnout as the church was almost packed full. The evening was enjoyed by all and I am looking forward to bringing more inspirational speakers to Muenster in the future.

If you want to see more National Catholic speakers come to Muenster, please consider making a donation to the speaker fund. You can also send me your recommendations for future speakers."



Faith Formation & High School Youth Group

FALL 2026 SCHEDULE

SEPT 2	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	Parents meet w/ Father
SEPT 9	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	Parents meet w/ Father
SEPT 23	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	Parents meet w/ Father
OCT 14	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	Parents meet w/ Father
OCT 28	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	<i>No parent meeting</i>
NOV 11	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	Parents meet w/ Father
NOV 18	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	<i>No parent meeting</i>
DEC 9	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	Parents meet w/ Father
DEC 16	K-8 Faith Formation	HS Youth Group	Parents meet w/ Father

Locations:

K-8 FAITH FORMATION:
SH Grade School

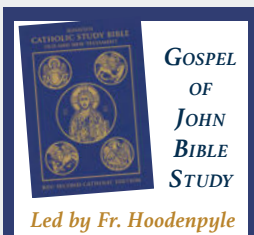
HS YOUTH GROUP:
SH Community Center

PARENT MEETINGS:
SH Grade School Basement

Questions? Contact SH Parish Office (940) 759-2500 or Steve Nasche: dre@shcmuenster.com

2026-27 Confirmation Schedule

- 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



Come learn how to use the

Ignatius Study Bible!

7
Weekly
Sessions

Every Tuesday Night
6:30 - 7:30pm

September 1
thru Oct 13

Sacred Heart
Community Center

Fr. Hoodenpyle invites all to Gospel of John Bible Study

Sacred Heart Parish recently welcomed over 100 parishioners for the first session of a new Bible Study on the Gospel of John, led by Fr. Hoodenpyle. The turnout was an encouraging start to the seven-session series, which meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Community Center, now through October 13.

The series introduces parishioners to the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible and offers guidance on how to use it to better understand and deepen their study of Sacred Scripture. During the first session, participants explored the unique perspective of John's Gospel, including parallels between the

opening of the Gospel and the days of Creation.

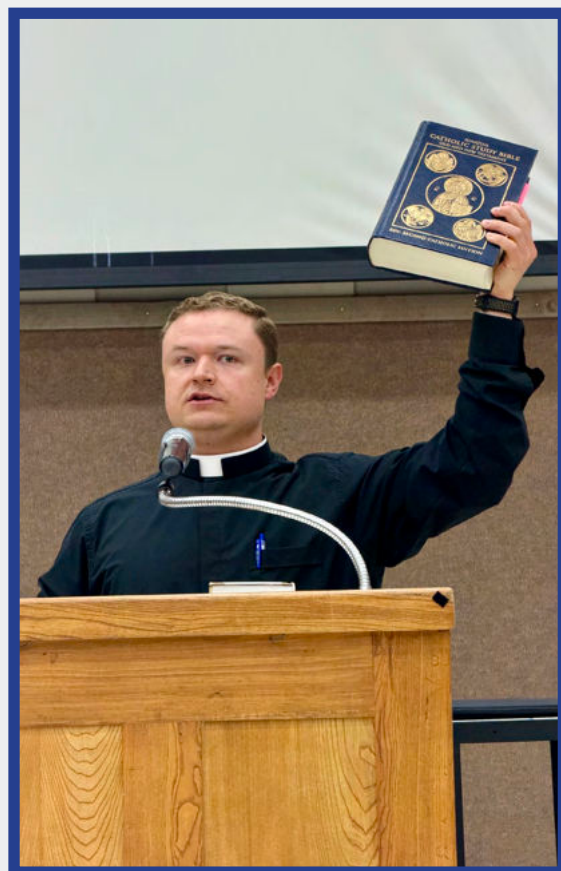
Fr. Hoodenpyle also introduced the senses of Scripture, explaining how looking at biblical passages through different senses can help us gain a deeper understanding of God's Word beyond the surface of the text.

As the series continues, participants will explore how John's Gospel echoes the Old Testament through its people, promises, themes, and imagery — revealing Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture and God's plan of salvation in Christ.

Missed the first session? It's not too late to join! All parishioners are welcome to attend the remaining sessions. Those interested in ordering their own Ignatius Study Bible may contact DRE Steve Nasche at the Parish Office.

Upcoming Bible Study Sessions

- Session 3 – Tuesday, Sept 15
- Session 4 – Tuesday, Sept 22
- Session 5 – Tuesday, Sept 29
- Session 6 – Tuesday, Oct 6
- Session 7 – Tuesday, Oct 13



2026 FALL OCIA SCHEDULE

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:	<i>No Class – Labor Day Weekend</i>
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 —



SH Young Adults join in Faith & Fellowship

The Sacred Heart Young Adults group got off to a great start this summer, averaging around 25 young adults at each event. Led by Julian Hesse and Luke Malone, the group meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7pm in the chapel, along with regular social gatherings. They seek to grow together in faith and camaraderie, challenging one another both personally and spiritually.

Thus far, the group has enjoyed a variety of social activities, including Faith & Tacos, as well as volleyball, spikeball, and pickleball at the park. A few other highlights included a Q&A session with Fr. Hoodenpyle, individual flights with a pilot from the Cupertino Aviation chapter, and working together to develop a personal, spiritual and human rule of life.

Looking ahead, the group will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, along with additional social and faith-filled activities throughout the year. Those interested in joining are encouraged to connect through the Young Adults Flocknote to stay up to date on upcoming events and information. Scan the QR code at right to join the group!

Luke Malone shared, "It's been great to see people enjoying each other's company while growing spiritually together. Our socials have been a lot of fun, and we'd love to see more people join us for future gatherings. We look forward to seeing you there!"



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Thank you for your support of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**! In case you did not know, **Sacred Heart Parish** absolutely benefits from the Appeal. For the current year, we have received grants supporting:

- Religious Education in our Parish
- Dyslexia & higher math teachers at Sacred Heart Catholic School
- The salary of our full-time School Security/Resource Officer

In addition, the Annual Diocesan Appeal also supports seminarian education, the Respect Life Ministry, Catholic Charities, Marriage and Family Life, Deacon Formation, and Capital Campaigns. We are all beneficiaries of the Appeal in one way or another. Over the next few weeks, you will hear more about Announcement Weekend and Commitment Weekend. Please consider what role you play in helping the least among us. No gift is too small.