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7.26.2026

Seventeenth Sunday

Parish Information

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM Holy Family
Sunday: 8:00 AM SH; 10:30 AM HF; 12 PM HF Spanish
Tues: 6:00 PM SH preceded by Adoration & Confessions
Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sacred Heart
First Saturday of each Month: 8:30 AM Holy Family

Confessions

30 minutes before Weekend and Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart
Or by appointment

Baptism: Call Deacon Ed Green 720-550-0356.

Marriage: Call six months prior to wedding date.

Status of Operating Fund

(July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (July 12)	\$2,307.69	\$240.38	\$1,538.46	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$2,240.00	\$162.00	\$1,255.00	\$30.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$67.69)	(\$78.38)	(\$283.46)	(\$37.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$4,615.38	Capitol	\$3,076.92	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$3,542.00	Funds	\$2,101.00	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$1,073.38)		(\$975.92)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$5,827.70		\$4,406.54	
Expenses for the year to date	\$5,785.26		\$4,020.47	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$42.44)		(\$386.07)	

Are You a Pearl of Value?

The pearl of value demands you sell everything of value in your life: cars, house, machinery, jewelry, cloths, shoes, land, investments and the rest, Jesus even tells us that we must give up our relationships too if we are going to purchase this most precious Pearl, Jesus Himself.

Whoever loves mother or father, spouse or children, friends and family more than me is not worthy of me! (Mt 10:37).

To sell everything, we risk everything and if we fail to obtain the Pearl of great value, we will have nothing left. To risk destitution is the price of the Pearl because we willingly leave everything to obtain the one thing: Jesus Christ.

This radical decision threatens every area of ease and comfort in our lives. This decision embraces every hardship realizing this Pearl is not an earthly possession or pleasure. It is the heavenly presence of God Himself within our souls and our reward is eternal life with God, Our Father.

Most Christians living in the developed world cringe when we hear this parable — give up everything in my life? Yet this parable reveals just how deep our faith ought to be.

What are you willing to give up for your faith reveals the depth of your faith!

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

**Pearl of Great Price
You Don't Purchase it;
God Does**

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

July 26, 2026

You are a Pearl of great Price.

*You are so valuable that the
One who created you would
give up everything He had
to find you.*

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. July 25 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Parish Family
Sun. July 26 Sacred Heart	8:00 AM: Dorothy Linnebur by M. Musgrave
Sun. July 26 Holy Family	10:30 AM: Anna Wharton by M. Wharton
Sun. July 26 Holy Family	12:00 PM: Enequina Sanchez by M. Lechuga
Mon. July 27	No Mass Here
Tue. July 28 Sacred Heart	6:00 PM: Savannah Kemp by C. Workman
Tue. July 28 Holy Family	7:00 PM: Jose Lechuga by M. LeChuga
Wed. July 29 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Vincent Loupe by C. Workman
Thu. July 30 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Bruce & Cindy Seely by T. Simpson
Fri. July 31 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Mary Workman by C. Workman
Sat. Aug 1 Holy Family	8:30 AM: Leo Ford Family by E. Green
Sat. Aug 1 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Connie Klausner by Parish



Jul 26 Bethlehem Handicrafts at all Masses

July 28 7:00 PM Healing Mass Holy Family Spanish

Aug 1 8:30 AM First Saturday Mass

Aug 16 CCD Registration begins

Aug 25 Catechist Training, 6-9 PM, Ft. Morgan

Aug 29 Holy Family Fiesta, Lochbuie

Pray for Them

Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhalfen, Mary Ockenfels, Bowman Family, Bill Eppe, Theresa Schindlecker, Roseann Erker, Leticia Paz, Rodney Rhoades, Easton Vigil Rick Gerkin, Geri Green, Dennis Buchholz



(Please let the parish office know if you or someone you know needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.)

The Wisdom of the Pearl

Scripture warns us about our human perceptions because we typically reduce God's vision to a human vision. This stunts our spiritual growth because Wisdom teaches us to judge not as man but as God does:

Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart (I Sam 16, 7).

Wisdom empowers us to think as God thinks rather than as humans and it is only through prayer, that we obtain wisdom (James 1:5).

King Solomon was given the ultimate choice. God told him to ask for anything; God would give it (I Kings 3:5). Out of all the things King Solomon could have asked for, he wanted an understanding heart, insight into life itself. He wanted a heart like God that transformed his mind to answer the most complex of all complexities. He prayed for Divine Wisdom and it was given!

I do as you requested I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you. In addition, I give you what you have not asked for, such riches and glory that among kings there is not your' like. And if you follow me by 'keeping my statutes and commandments, as your father David did, will give you a long life (I Kings 3:12 - 14).

The Parable of the Pearl reveals God's wisdom exposing the folly of the world, the flesh, and the devil. With Divine Wisdom, we receive the understanding, restoring our minds. With Wisdom, we, as did Solomon, must protect it for the Evil One who tempts us to use it for personal gain.

The Parable of the Pearl cannot be read without reading the Parable of the Dragnet. We must choose wisely to protect Divine Wisdom. We reject the evils of this world and protect the pearls in our lives.

To see our true treasures, seek wisdom, not folly. Our world, however, is foolish. Fools constantly offer advice proclaiming worldly truths, not heavenly centered ones. These earthly teachings lead to bad choices and those bad choices lead us into hell, now and later.

Many reject these simple parables because they twist them not knowing what is truly good, true, and beautiful. Worse, fools call evil good, and good evil. It perverts Divine Wisdom. They throw away their natural desires for unnatural vices: obscene indulgences, ruthless power struggles, and excessive possessions.

Unless we understand the puzzle of these parables, we will not understand the explanations Jesus gives. In clear, uncut words, He states evil exists and some souls embrace evil and become evil. Evil accuses, divides, and destroys the good, true and beautiful.

Wise ones, however, seek God's goodness, truth and beauty. Now the dilemma starts, What do I choose? Do I understand God's wisdom versus human wisdom? Am I a hypocrite who says I live for divine wisdom but my actions reveal a different reality?

These Parables temper our pride. They make us rethink our lives. They recall mistakes so we don't imitate King Solomon who had everything, only to lose everything rejecting Divine Wisdom and replacing it with human thinking. In contrast, the parables reveal Christ is the Pearl of Value and anything that does not draw us closer to Him, we discard. Everything that leads us to Christ, we cherish.

A Mass Has Everlasting Effect

A single Mass offered for oneself during life, may be worth more, than a thousand celebrated for the same intention, after death.

St Anselm
(1033-1109)
Doctor of the Church

A Mass offered for the living disposes the heart and mind to the will of God. Such grace impacts the person to conform their lives to the Father as did Jesus upon the cross.

A Mass gives strength and courage especially during suffering to accept the cross and embrace it without fear or complaint, but seeing the difficulty as a means to purify the soul of an attachment or obstacle from spiritual growth.

Living a life full of intentional prayer, while participating in the power of the Holy Sacrifice, pours out grace to lift the soul and behold God's will for your life.

Offering Masses serves as a powerful spiritual gift for healings, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, baptismal dates, personal feast days, thanksgiving, conversion, and special needs. No greater gift can be given especially to yourself, parents, or children on important feast days, anniversaries, and birthdays.

Masses increase graces so that the person prayed for has an increase in virtue, especially the virtue that strengthens them against their sins. The Holy Mass also brings comfort and consolation from the Holy Spirit to calm the anxieties and worries.

Besides Masses for the living, the Church encourages the faithful to have Masses said for the poor souls in purgatory. This too is an ancient tradition coming from the book of Maccabees in which the commander took up a collection for the soldiers who died in battle and sent it to the Temple for the purification of their souls.

So too we remember Jesus' comment that the soul will not be released until the last penny has been paid. Masses pay that penny.

If you care to have a Mass said for yourself or loved one, we have Mass cards in the back of Church. You can also write them on a sheet of paper with specific dates or just the names of those for whom you want a Mass said.

Please note that we have Masses scheduled months in advance so if you want a specific date please request it months in advance.

The parish asks for a donation of \$10.00 for a Mass, but all requests will be offered for you intentions.

The Mass Has Eternal Value

Take It Away

"THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL
FILLS THE HEARTS AND LIVES
OF ALL WHO ENCOUNTER
JESUS. THOSE WHO ACCEPT
HIS OFFER OF SALVATION
ARE SET FREE FROM SIN,
SORROW, INNER EMPTINESS
AND LONELINESS.
WITH CHRIST JOY IS
CONSTANTLY BORN ANEW."

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No.

Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; It isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own! But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said...Now you understand!

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