

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8.2.2026

Eighteenth 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, 2026 - June 30, 2027)	Sacred Heart		Holy Family	
Weekly Budgeted (July 26)	\$2,307.69	\$240.38	\$1,538.46	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$810.00	\$137.00	\$805.00	\$40.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$1,497.69)	(\$103.38)	(\$733.46)	(\$27.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$9,230.76	Capitol	\$6,153.84	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$5,137.00	Funds	\$3,912.00	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$4,093.76)		(\$2,241.84)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$11,655.40		\$8,813.08	
Expenses for the year to date	\$6,680.23		\$4,910.43	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$4,975.17)		(\$3,902.65)	

Love is a Gift

Does my beloved love me more for who I am in God or does my beloved enjoy me for the pleasures and joys I bring?

Love seeks the best of the other; I am a gift to the other. The fruit of this love watches another grow, blossom, and mature into an image of sheer beauty, goodness, and truthfulness.

Love, then, aims not at feelings, emotions, and passions, though these are part of love, secondarily, but true love aims at the virtues which build up integrity, dignity, and holiness.

Yes, love has a subjective side which usually bursts forth at the beginning of a relationship, but the objective aspects of love: goodness, truthfulness, virtue, character, and commitment, cultivate a communion of deep lasting love.

The Law of Love embraces life not as something to control, but as a gift of self to the other, freely and faithfully.

My life is not my own; it was bought by divine love.

Life is a gift and as a gift it ought to be given away to another.

The ecstasies of love then come from self-donation in which I, the lover, bestow myself to another freely, fully, and forever, so that the other is completed and perfected.

What a responsibility love is!

**All you who are thirsty,
 come to the water!
 You who have no money,
 come, receive grain and eat.**

**HUNGRY
 FOR HIS
 PRESENCE**

**What will separate us from
 the love of Christ?
 No, in all these things we
 conquer overwhelmingly**

August 2, 2026

GOD RELEASES MORE OF
HIS POWER AND PRESENCE
ACCORDING TO THE
MEASURE OF OUR
HUNGER FOR HIM.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. Aug 1 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Connie Klausner by Parish
Sun. Aug 2 Sacred Heart	8:00 AM: Rod Simpson Family by Tom Simpson
Sun. Aug 2 Holy Family	10:30 AM: Amy Vieth by Parish
Sun. Aug 2 Holy Family	12:00 PM: Parish Family
Mon. Aug 3	No Mass Here
Tue. Aug 4 Sacred Heart	6:00 PM: Jeanne, Sarah & Catherine Buchholz
Wed. Aug 5 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Gordon & Helen Ford by Ed Green
Thu. Aug 6 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Candy Christen by Christina Workman
Fri. Aug 7 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Christina Workman by Parish
Sat. Aug 8 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Katharina Washburn by Bruce Klausner

† indicates Memorial Mass



Aug 4 Healing Mass 6 PM, Sacred Heart

Aug 8/9 2nd Collection for Retired & Infirm Priests

Aug 16 CCD Registration begins

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

Aug 29 Holy Family Fiesta, 11-7 PM, Brighton

Sept 13 CCD Begins at both churches

Sept 17 Youth Group begins, 7-8 PM, Holy Family Hall



Pray for Them

Janet Klausner, Don Bratrsovsky, Jason Klausner, Bailey Navarro, Fr. John Shedlock, Barb Marty, Robert McMillion, Sally Bratrsovsky, Fr. Peter Dinh, Jeanette Neuhaufen, Mary Ockenfels, Bowman Family, Bill Eppele, Theresa Schindedecker, 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.)

Suffering Separation from Christ

Suffering does not separates us from Christ, sin does. When we suffer due to sin, Jesus calls us to transcend, overcoming the downward pull of pain. Suffering our sin, God pulls us towards Himself. This is the great mystery of suffering our sins. It is redemptive not destructive.

Suffering is human reality. We perceive suffering and see it as an injustice, a crime. When we see others suffer unjustly or even justly, we cringe.

We, as exemplified by Jesus, learn to embrace our sufferings so that we do not become perpetrators of the injustices that make our sufferings worse. Embracing our pain, sufferings heal. This is the great mystery of suffering as John Paul II tells us:

Suffering seems to belong to man's transcendence; it is one of those points in which man is in a certain sense "destined" to go beyond himself, and he is called to this in a mysterious way (SD#2).

Christians walk the path of suffering. Seeking transcendence, we expect suffering and at certain times of our lives, intense sufferings. These intense sufferings call us closer to Christ, for He comes as the Divine Physician Who seeks to heal us of the real cause of suffering, our sins.

Jesus preaches that He will not quench the smoldering wick nor break the bruised reed, but takes what is smoldering and broken and seeks to revive and restore our lives.

Yet as John Paul states, "Within each form of suffering endured by man, and at the same time at the basis of the whole world of suffering, there inevitably arises the question: why?" (SD # 9).

The Psalms have a hidden answer. In suffering sin, we cry out from the depths, praying,

"Help us, God our savior, on account of the glory of your name. Deliver us, pardon our sins for your name's sake" (Ps 79:9).

The suffering servant's cries for healing penetrate the depths of heaven. God answers. It is not answered with a temporal and earthly remedy which cries for instant relief. God's remedy is transcendent. It strikes at the roots of suffering — evil.

Jesus on the cross dies destroying the cause of evil through Divine Love. He invites us to unite ourselves to Him when suffering so we too can be conquerors of sin. We imitate Him and become suffering servants who face suffering and separation by uniting ourselves to Christ intensely knowing

"In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us" (Rom 8:37).

When we lay down our lives as did Jesus, we suffer sometimes intensely. This act of love gives meaning to our suffering. We imitate Jesus, as He suffers with us to heal, as St. John Paul states:

"Precisely through this all-surpassing love, he "gives" us his Son, that he may strike at the very roots of human evil and thus draw close in a salvific way to the whole world of suffering in which man shares (SD # 15).

Sin Turns into Grace

*Start being brave
about everything.
Drive out darkness
and spread light.
Don't look at
your weaknesses.
Realise instead,
that in
Christ crucified,
you can
do everything.*

St Catherine of Siena
(1347-1380)
Doctor of the Church



Jesus, Who became the victim of all the injustices of the world, did not react to his persecutors. What He did was to absorb all the sins of the whole world and took them to Himself to quench the desire for evil and sin by offering forgiveness.

In his letter, Salvifici Doloris, John Paul states: "Christ goes towards his Passion and death with full awareness of the mission that he has to fulfill precisely in this way. Precisely by means of this suffering he must bring it about "that man should not perish, but have eternal life"(SD # 16).

**We hunger for bread, We hunger for friends,
We hunger for love, We hunger for God.**

To satisfy our hunger, however, we give our bread away. We make time for friends. We pour out our love for others. Then we will understand, God's love for us. He gave so we could have and have Him abundantly.

Christ uses something so earthly, bread, to explain something so amazing. Bread feeds our bodies every day. Yet, Jesus wants to feed our soul, not just with bread, which comes from Him, but to feed our souls with his real Presence in our lives.

Jesus is not just one kind of food among many. He is the One Bread from which all else comes. He is the Bread of Life. He offers this bread without cost but we have to be willing to receive it by coming to Mass.

Jesus satisfies us. We don't need to look to the world for satisfaction. Nothing else but Jesus can truly satisfy our hearts. Only Jesus can. When we come to Him, trust in Him and walk with Him. Our souls are being fed and our lives are changed.



Hunger for Love?

The ultimate criterion of life is not to be found in human ingenuity, activity, organization, or success.

It is found in union with Jesus Christ, above all in your

Eucharistic Worship.

The real test of the Christian vitality of the church, parish, diocese and nation is found in the answer to this question:

WHAT PLACE DOES THE HOLY EUCHARIST HAVE IN YOUR LIVES?

St. John Paul

Sharing of food creates deep friendships and each of us longs for intimate and interesting friends to share not just meals, but our lives. We were made for friendship, as we were made to eat and drink.

Friends, as Aristotle tells us, are another self. Our closest friends reveal another self and as two friends grow and live together, especially husband and wife, they mirror each other because they honor each other with the gift of love.

They hunger to give not take.

Jesus invites us to his heavenly banquet. Not just a banquet of bread and fish, but a wedding banquet of fine wine, choice cuts, and, most important, faithful friendship.

Jesus invites us, knocking at the door of our heart, asking to enter and encounter us not merely as a friend, but as our Confidant. He is someone we trust because He understands our past, forgives our mistakes, accepts us as we are, but demands a better future!

Encountering Christ is the reason we celebrate the Liturgy. It is a meal, but it is more than a meal. Yes, it is a celebration, but it is more than a celebration. It is an act of sacrificial love.

This love invites us into a Communion Personarum. He invites us to dwell in his heart so we may experience the depth of Divine Love. Here, we, centered within the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, open ourselves to receive their love because we are the focus of their love.

His invitation to his Eucharistic banquet, through which He shares Himself completely and perfectly, is his proposal. Our response to his proposal reveals everything about who I am: **Friend or Foe!**

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