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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Deacon Ed Green (SH)
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8.30.2026

Twenty-second 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 (Aug 23)	\$2,307.69	\$240.38	\$1,538.46	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$896.00	\$167.00	\$1,112.00	\$33.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	(\$1,411.69)	(\$73.38)	(\$426.46)	(\$34.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$18,461.52	Capitol	\$12,307.68	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$12,171.00	Funds	\$10,029.75	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$6,290.52)		(\$2,277.93)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$23,310.80		\$17,626.16	
Expenses for the year to date	\$17,747.60		\$15,204.84	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$5,563.20)		(\$2,421.32)	

Conformity

Being a conformist is human nature. We look, act, and think alike as we socialize with one another. That is why one group will oppose the very same thing another group is promoting. They're different. They do not conform. Conformity to Christ is unique for we transform ourselves to Christ which many oppose, even hate and despise as evil because it is a supernatural — not natural conformity.

Conformity to Christ is the Christian goal and to conform to Christ, we have to put on the mind of Christ (I Cor 2: 14—16).

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand because they are spiritually—not naturally—discerned. The spiritual person judges all things through the mind of Christ which is different.

“Who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Learning to have the mind of Christ seeks his way which is counter-cultural. As John Paul II tells us, we are to be a sign of contradiction. We do not conform to this world, but to the coming world, that world of the original design restored in Christ. Here we have conformity with the Trinity.

**I urge you by the mercies of God,
 to offer your bodies as a living
 sacrifice, holy and pleasing to
 God, your spiritual worship.**

**Perfection consists in
 doing the will of God,
 not in understanding
 his designs.**

**Be transformed by the renewal
 of your mind, that you may
 discern what is the will of God,
 what is good, pleasing, perfect.**

August 30, 2026

LET US REMEMBER THAT LOVE
LIVES THROUGH SACRIFICE AND IS
NOURISHED BY GIVING. WITHOUT
sacrifice, THERE IS NO love.

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. Aug 29 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Parish Family
Sun. Aug 30 Sacred Heart	8:00 AM: Al & Barb Marty Family by Ed Green
Sun. Aug 30 Holy Family	10:30 AM: Shelby Harvey by C. Workman
Sun. Aug 30 Holy Family	12 PM: J.Reyes†, E.Rivas†, E.Zambrano†, M.Ruvalcaba†
Mon. Aug 31 Sacred Heart	11:00 AM: Roseann Erker Funeral Mass
Tue. Sep 1 Sacred Heart	6:00 PM: Justin Thompson by C. Workman
Wed. Sep 2 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Emily Farmer by C. Workman
Thu. Sep 3 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Matthew Thompson by C. Workman
Fri. Sep 4 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Cody Gillispie by Ed Green
Sat. Sep 5 Holy Family	8:30 AM: Liz Busse by Ed Green
Sat. Sep 5 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Lacey Klauser by Parish

† indicates Memorial Mass



Aug 31 Roseann Erker Funeral 11AM Mass

Sep 2 Homeschool Co-op meeting, 6:30 PM, H. Family

Sep 3-11 Fr. Tom out of town

Sep 5 First Saturday Devotions, 8:30 Mass, H. Family

Sep 13 CCD Classes begin at both churches, 9 AM

Sep 14 Homeschool Co-op gathering, 9-12 PM, HF

Sep 14 Catechesis 8-9 PM, Holy Family Hall

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

Sep 22 OCIA begins, 7 PM, Sacred Heart

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 Eppe, Theresa Schindedecker, Leticia Paz, Easton Vigil, Rick Gerkin, Geri Green, Dennis Buchholz, Dale Boehner

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

The Law of Love: Sacrifice

Unhappy marriages abound. Dysfunctional families thrive. Individuals become idols unto themselves, worshipping their plans and viewpoints. The ethical and moral attitudes revere the self. Drama arises promoting the self, duping our hearts of true love.

Sociologists and psychologists delve for answers. Philosophers and scientist explore the complexities of human understanding and knowledge. Yet, who can understand the human heart? Who can explain the mysteries of creation? Who can explain love and the sacrifices one offers when loving? Only Christ can. He teaches us the essence and purpose of true love: sacrifice.

Job, the Christ figure of the Old Testament, cried out to God for an explanation! Why is there suffering, disease, divorce, and death? Why am I suffering the total loss of everything from my wife, my children, my friends, my human dignity, and even my friendship with God? Why O Lord, have you duped me? Where is your love?

God finally answers Job after he is chastised and belittled by everyone in his family, even his wife telling Job to Curse God and die! But God says,

Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know!" (Job 38: 3-5). Why is there suffering, pain, and death in life? Because Divine Love changes the bad into good.

Love suffers for the good. It embraces the pains and problems of life sacrificing to achieve goodness. Love, as St. Paul tells us, sacrifices the self for the sole purpose to live the Law of Love which seeks God's goodness not ours. "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1). We love God by loving others, despite their faults. In his letter, St. Paul describes this sacrificial love,

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends" (I Cor 13:4-8).

Love commands us. It is written upon our hearts to love even the imperfections of others. They perfect our love.

Created in the image and likeness of God, we were created in love, for love. We seek, search, and pursue love until we perfect it by loving the imperfections of others.

In our hunt for love, many chase false loves, which empty our soul and spirit of true love. False loves abound, beginning with eros (romantic) love. It titillates our passions, but never satisfies our deepest hunger. This love, translated erotic, seduces us to think that love is a pleasure, an arousal, and sadly a conquest. This love needs self-control.

Love as I have loved you!

Love is stronger than hatred. If we accept the whole Christ in faithful self-giving, by choosing and walking in the way of the imitation of Christ, then He will lead us through his Passion and Cross to the glory of the Resurrection. (Edith Stein)
St. Teresa Benedicta della Croce

Others find love in friendship. Deep intimate, platonic friendships bring fulfillment, but they too are incomplete. There is something wanting, something more. We want more than friendship love. We want communion.

Storge Love, or love of parents for their children and children for their parents creates exclusive bonds. This love resembles Trinitarian Love. The husband loves his bride, and the bride loves her husband and the two become one, a union of self-donation. The husband donates himself and the wife receives only to give back. In this exchange, a covenantal bond exists. This bond is so real a child is born, another person to love, as the Holy Spirit.

This familial love is critical. It secures and solidifies a child's identity. The child sees the love between the mother and father who share friendship and romantic love of unequal intensity. Children recognize these loves, creating for them a stable family that protects and provides for their needs.

This family bond typifies the Father's Love for us. Yet, it too falls short of satisfying our heart, for our desire for love is infinite not finite.

Agape love is infinite. It lays down one's life for another, even if the other does not respect or acknowledge the sacrifice. Agape or sacrificial love freely, faithfully, and totally gives to the other, not counting the cost. It perfects our desire for love which in turn completes the one who loves.

Yet, this love has an added dimension. "It is a love which forgives" (Deus Caritas Est, #10). The greatest act of sacrificial love forgives the other, even when they are undeserving of forgiveness.

Jesus forewarns his Apostles of his impending crucifixion. His death however is not meaningless, but crucial. Without his death, there is no expression of sacrificial love, an infinite love that forgives always. With it, we experience the perfection of our love through his. He forgives us for every sin we ever committed. In turn, He perfects our love, harmonizing the four loves into a powerful bond that completes our heart's desire for true love. Divine Love perfecting our love empowers us to love as He did. We forgive as He did.

Empowered, we obey his command, breaking us free from the ego-drama of love, transforming it into the theo-drama:

"Loving as I have loved you" (John 13:34).

Catholic Education, The Great Adventure

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What are the reasons to send you children to Religious Education, creating a want to go? A healthy religious education program creates a student:

- Who knows who he is: a child of the Father
- Respects and honors elders
- Has self-discipline
- Lives the Law of Love.

To help children live a Catholic life, our education program promotes the following:

1. Catholic education is very active in teaching a child that God is their Father, giving them meaning and purpose.
2. A Catholic education gives students the opportunity and skills to learn, read and meditate on the holy scriptures, understanding the mysteries God wants to reveal to us.
3. Catholic education engages students to be responsible in their thoughts, words, and decisions, realizing they have real moral consequences.
4. Catholic education bonds the child with Christ and his Church, giving strength and grace to overcome the difficulties in life. Those who do not bond lack the courage to prudently navigate.
5. Catholic education values God's word which states, "You are your brother's keeper". Hence, Catholic students are taught to see the needs of others, and respond positively in any way they can, for what we do to the least of our brethren we do unto Christ.
6. Catholic education emphasizes self-discipline. Catholic students learn virtues to help them overcome their vices (weaknesses). Becoming virtuous they have inner strength to do what is right even though difficult because discipline dignifies their lives seeking always what is best, not easy.
7. Catholic education teaches goal-setting to reach their full potential. Made for greatness, children learn to serve God and others not just with our strength, but God's strength that comes from grace in living and practicing our faith. To receive this grace, children need daily prayer, receive the sacraments worthily, know and keep the commandments, and fulfill their daily duties and priorities (they're students; learn to think!).

Parents have a serious responsibility to ensure their children understand the covenant in which their children have been baptized. Our CCD Program assists you in your responsibility. To help you we require that:

1. Students come weekly to class.
2. Attend Sunday mass (never is there a good reason to miss Mass.)
3. Assist them learning their prayers and teachings.

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