

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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10.4.2026

Twenty-seventh 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 (Sep 20)	\$2,307.69	\$240.38	\$1,538.46	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$2,722.00	\$42.00	\$1,364.00	\$5.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$414.31	(\$198.38)	(\$174.46)	(\$62.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$27,692.28	Capitol	\$18,461.52	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$20,346.00	Funds	\$15,948.95	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$7,346.28)		(\$2,512.57)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$34,966.20		\$26,439.24	
Expenses for the year to date	\$32,162.22		\$27,537.97	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$2,803.98)		\$1,098.73	

The Vineyard Is the Church

Cultivation creates a culture which produces a harvest. If we cultivate a virtuous life, one that is organized, responsible, and focused, we produce a life filled with determination, resolution, and concentration. However, if we cultivate a life that is vicious, we harvest a lifestyle that is disorganized, irresponsible, and unfocused.

Pruning is important. Daily we prune, creating a personal culture that cuts off the dead, damaged, and draining cravings, so we produce a healthy harvest.

The scriptures use imagery of cultivation to reveal who the people of Israel are. They are the Family of God, the first nation, the chosen ones, not because they are the only ones, but that they are to cultivate the other nations to honor, worship, and glorify God.

Being first means being responsible!

Yet, the cycle of sin enters Israel; and instead of cultivating life, they create a culture of death through their rebellion. We the Church today, are the chosen ones, and we cultivate a culture that praises and adores God through submission. As in the Old so in the New Testament, God prunes us through humility to cultivate faith his ways — not our ways!

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,

Persevering in prayer for the one new man is related to the peace of Christ, to the word of Christ, and to living in union with Christ — Col. 3:15-17.

If there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

October 4, 2026

The elimination Diet:

Remove anger, regret, worry, resentment, guilt, and blame. And replace with trust, truth, honor, justice, purity, lovely, gracious and excellence!

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. Oct 3 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Parish Family
Sun. Oct 4 Sacred Heart	8:00 AM: Godchildren of Ed & Teresa Green
Sun. Oct 4 Holy Family	10:30 AM: Lutkenhaus Family by Mary Jo Wharton
Sun. Oct 4 Holy Family	12:00 PM: Estela Alonzo by Parish
Mon. Oct 5: No Mass Here	
Tue. Oct 6 Sacred Heart	6:00 PM: Cassie Rosling by Parish
Wed. Oct 7 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Robbie Kemp by Christina Workman
Thu. Oct 8 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Aaron & Mary Ockenfels by Ed Green
Fri. Oct 9 Sacred Heart	7:30 AM: Chelsea Kemp by Christina Workman
Sat. Oct 10 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Anton Hrachak† by Jim Brak

† indicates Memorial Mass



October-November Stuffed Animal Donation Drive

Oct 4 Ministry Fair after 8 AM and 12 PM Masses

Oct 5 Homeschool Co-op Mass & gathering 9 AM, HF

Oct 6 Healing Mass 6 PM, Sacred Heart

Oct 8 Bible Study Letter of James 6:45 PM, Sacred H

Oct 9-12 Fr. Tom gone, Food for the Poor priest visit

Oct 17/18 Ministry Fair after 5PM & 10:30AM Masses

Oct 18 Welcome Breakfast after 10:30 Mass, Holy F.

Oct 19-23 Fr. Tom gone (No Daily Mass)

Oct 25 Marriage Enrichment 3:30 PM, Sacred Heart

****Profit from the FIESTA = \$12,092.70****

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 Epple, Theresa Schindedecker, Leticia Paz, Easton Vigil, Rick Gerkin, Geri Green, Dennis Buchholz, Dale Boehner, Jim Lynch



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

Greed

Greed is the source of all evil. It craves to possess, control and dominate. It leads to envy, the destruction of another for the sheer enjoyment of seeing his downfall. Another side of greed is to be possessed, to be owned by another. This is a sickness popular today. Greed then entices us to possess and be possessed. These cravings, undefended, destroy our dignity and allow powers, pleasures, or possessions to rule. Worse, when greed rules, we believe that I am self-possessed. I own myself and can have anything I want. The Parable of the Vineyard describes this perfectly.

To combat greed, St. Paul reshapes our thinking, telling us not to think of ourselves, but think on these:

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is excellence, if anything is worthy of praise, think about these things" (Phil 4: 7-8).

Pureness, graciousness, excellence, and loveliness ought to possess us. They identify us with Christ, our Redeemer. He is the One Who redeemed and ransomed us from being self-absorbed, turned inward, which in reality imitates demonic psychology.

Lucifer seduces us with his enlightened intellect trying to alter our thinking. He entices us with honors, powers, pleasures and possession so we become self-absorbed, seeking self-aggrandizement rather than selfless giving. This seduction divorces us from reality thinking there is nothing wrong with cheating, stealing, murdering, while destroying others to satisfy our selfishness. Ultimately, greed divorces us from what is true and just. No longer do we want what God desires: He wants to possess and give us a complete share in his kingdom, freeing us from all sin. In contrast, we want what pleases our greed.

When greed inverts and controls us, we turn to earthly means, allowing our passions and emotions to rule us. Emotional instability is the heart of evil. We, self-absorbed, become possessed by our emotional self-righteousness, as did the tenants in the Parable of the Vineyard. Unhinged, they declare:

"This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance" (Mt 21:38).

The Vineyard is a powerful scriptural image that Isaiah uses first, and Jesus re-iterates the imagery to reveal that the Lord possesses us. "We are his people, the sheep of his flock" (Ps 100:3). He invites us to live and work in his vineyard which we will inherit if we faithfully serve. We do not need to steal or destroy it to have it; merely work it and we will be given all its fruits.

Christ invites us into his Church, promising us a fruitful life, not merely in this life but in eternal life.

Greed deceives us thinking what another has cannot be ours, but in the Kingdom of God, all benefit from each other. There is no need to dominate, control, or be controlled to have what the kingdom provides. God freely gifts us everything He has, if we faithfully serve.

"I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion because it is a war against the child. A direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

— MOTHER TERESA

Victims of this throwaway culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings: the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, and the handicapped. They are 'thrown away', expelled from society that protects efficiency at all costs.

These individuals are persons. They have purpose and demand to be treated with dignity always. Never should they be seen as an inconvenience or worse as disposable. They are God's children not outcasts.

Jesus came and went to the poor, needy, handicapped and outcasts. He welcomed children, blessing them. This is Christianity, being just to all because all have dignity in God's eyes.

Despite The Gospel of Life, St John Paul explains, "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life' ... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

St. John Paul chose to be unconditionally pro-life so must we if we are to be faithful Catholics.

There is never an excuse for an abortion, just as there is never a good reason to murder someone.

We need to pray daily for an end of abortion and other atrocities against life. We also vote pro-life. It is sinful to vote otherwise.

As we celebrate Pro-Life Sunday, we celebrate Christ, Who was born and in his birth, He dignified each conception and life. In exchange, we live faithful to the Gospel of Life which honors all life from birth to natural death.

"ABILITY
is what you're capable of doing.
MOTIVATION
determines what you do.
ATTITUDE
determines how well you do it."
- Lou Holtz

Attitude is Everything!

The drama of life destroys all peace. It creates anxiety. Yet, how do we deal with anxiety?

St. Paul tells the Philippians,

"Have no anxiety at all, in everything, by prayer and petition, thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 5:5—6).

Anxiety comes from our lack of courage. It fears the unknown, thinking some disaster will overwhelm us. Fear, however, faces the known. It is not an unknown threat as anxiety faces. Without courage, we become desolate, living without divine understanding that God handles our lives, if we trust in Him.

If we are anxious about many things, we ought to examine our character and focus on God's will, adjusting our wills to his. Anxiety comes when we impose our will on God's.

If we are living a stressed, angry, bitter life, we will have a negative, emotional, and offensive attitude, filled with drama. Yet, if our character is honorable, pure, gracious, excellent, and filled with wonder, praise and awe, our attitude will be positive, pro-active, and productive.

Christianity is a religion of attitude. We all have God-given talents, but many lack the motivation and inspiration to use these talents, overcoming the challenges and struggles that we face, learning how to use our talents well.

A positive attitude demands a virtuous character. If we cultivate a Christian character we will have a Christ-like attitude! We will become joyful in all things, including our struggles!

Ministry Fair

After 8 AM Mass & Spanish Mass

This Weekend!

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