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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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10.11.2026

Twenty-eighth 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 27)	\$2,307.69	\$240.38	\$1,538.46	\$67.30
Actual Collection	\$3,368.00	\$542.00	\$2,181.00	\$42.00
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$1,060.31	\$301.62	\$642.54	(\$25.30)
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$29,999.97	Capitol	\$19,999.98	Capitol
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$23,714.00	Funds	\$18,129.95	Funds
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$6,285.97)		(\$1,870.03)	
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$37,880.05		\$28,642.51	
Expenses for the year to date	\$32,837.09		\$28,151.48	
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	(\$5,042.96)		(\$491.03)	

Our Hope Is in Christ

Freedom from sin, obviously, is not present in this life for we all know we have the potential to sin at any time; even small infractions can create major divisions. Hope however, Hope is the desire for things not present and those things difficult to obtain; the most difficult is to overcome our sins.

We all know that eternal life, a hope everyone has, is impossible to achieve without grace yet absolutely desired. Christ then is our hope. He offers us freedom from all sin and the promise of eternal life. Listen to St. Paul, (Titus 3:6 –7):

“When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

We hope against hopelessness knowing Christ our Bridegroom invites us into the Wedding Banquet in which we become the featured guests. This is the restoration of the sacred worship: that despite our sinfulness, Christ clothes us with his grace, if only we accept the wedding invitation.

**May the Father of our
 Lord Jesus Christ
 enlighten the eyes of our
 hearts,**

Hope speaks to us of a thirst,
 an aspiration, longing for a life
 of fulfillment, a desire to
 achieve great things for God.

**so that we may know
 what is the hope
 that belongs to our call.**

Sin is a failure to Grow.

~Gregory of Nyssa

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat. Oct 10 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Anton Hrachak† by Jim Bmak
Sun. Oct 11 Sacred Heart	8:00 AM: Pat & Monica Craig by Ed Green
Sun. Oct 11 Holy Family	10:30 AM: Patricia Cusack†
Sun. Oct 11 Holy Family	12:00 PM: Parish Family
Mon. Oct 12: No Mass Here	
Tue. Oct 13: No Mass Here	Patrick Green
Wed. Oct 14 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Greg Rezac†
Thu. Oct 15 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Bowman Family by Leah Bowman
Fri. Oct 16 Sacred Heart	8:30 AM: Kelli Huwa by Parish
Sat. Oct 17 Holy Family	5:00 PM: Patricia Cusack†

† indicates Memorial Mass



October-November Stuffed Animal Donation Drive

Oct 9-13 Fr. Tom gone

Oct 15 Youth Group 7 PM, Holy Family Hall

Oct 17 Ministry Fair after 5PM with chili/cinam. rolls

Oct 18 Ministry Fair after 10:30AM with breakfast

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

Oct 27 Spanish Healing Mass 7 PM, Holy Family

Oct 28 Altar Server Training 6:30 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 Neuhalphen, Mary Ockenfels, Bowman Family, Bill Epple, Theresa Schindeldecker, Leticia Paz, Easton Vigil, Rick Gerkin, Geri Green, Dennis Buchholz, Dale Boehner, Tim Lynch



New! Scan the QR code now and make your prayer request via Flocknote!

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

Dreams of the Heavenly Banquet

Divine dreams cannot come from humanity. God's Spirit clothes us with grace, filling us with life, making all things new in Christ. Yet, this newness comes at a cost. The garment of salvation is not cheap. It has its price, admitting our false dreams.

Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but have seen for you oracles false and misleading (La 2:14).

As the listeners heard the preaching of Peter, they cried out, "What shall we do?" (Act 2:37) Knowing this message was new, different, transcendent, Peter proclaims, (Acts 2:38)

Repent, be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Repentance makes our divine dreams come true. As Jesus preached; "Repent the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand" (Matt 4:17) so does Peter, but do we repent? Do we clothe ourselves with that white wedding garment that makes us new?

In the Parable of the Marriage Feast, Jesus invites everyone. The doors of salvation are thrown open wide, welcoming everyone in. Yet, as servants are sent to gather the guests, one man enters. He is not properly clothed. Asked, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" (Matt 22:12) He is mute.

The toil and labor spent by so many seeking to fulfill earthly dreams only empties them. They live a life filled with fantasies. They hoped for an earthly life, filled with excitement and entertainment. They sought fanciful styles and foolish follies. Yet, at the end of their lives, they are burnt out. They became smoldering wicks and broken reeds. They became deaf and dumb, dull to the movements of the Spirit. They could not repent nor be refreshed. Yet, when we admit exhaustion and turn to the Lord, repenting, He fills us with his Spirit. In his Spirit, we find strength. This strength, a supernatural power, empowers us to advance against the foe.

Centuries ago, St. Gregory the Great, correcting his priests preached to them bold resistance against the foe, irrepentance. Repentance, he states,

"Involves a bold resistance to the powers of this world in defense of the flock. To stand fast in battle on the day of the Lord means to oppose the wicked enemy out of love for what is right"

(St. Gregory).

Repentance is not easy. It admits mistakes. It embraces our failures. It creates guilt and sadly, shame. But our emotions do not define us. They are not our character. They are signs often warning us. The life you are leading is not the way of the Lord. It is a false fantasy that ends in remorse, regret, and regrettably death. But if interpreted properly, our emotions, especially those powerful ones that reproach us, are the stepping-stones to repentance. They are the dream makers that change the direction of our lives. No longer do we live in a fantasy world, but we live in the Kingdom of Heaven, where all our dreams come true.

People Follow Courageous Character: Not Ideas!

The love of gain, which is a large, incalculably large, element in every soul, when once applied to the desire for God, will bless the man who has it.

Gregory of Nyssa
(ON VIRGINITY - CHAPTER 18)

Evil thrives when leaders are brash and create conflict, allowing corruption, to exploit others for their own agenda. The brashness of our leaders allows and encourages the violence and terrorism we endure today. Why? They seek their own solution and not the resolution that resolves evil:

a courageous, moral character.

Courage faces difficulties nobly. It is connected to bravery and valor. But this notion of courage lacks the essential element that changes courage from merely being brash to becoming integrated: that word is moral.

Moral courage is more than mere strength confronting a difficulty. It is a divine attribute. Divine courage does what is right in God's eyes, no matter what the cost. It does the will of the Father, as Jesus did. It is a cardinal, hinge virtue. Everything depends upon it.

Moral courage defends what is good, true, and beautiful. It upholds the dignity of each person. It defends what is just. Moral courage confronts evil, for evil dehumanizes. Moral courage puts on the mind of Christ, the white wedding garment, so we imitate Jesus in all behaviors.

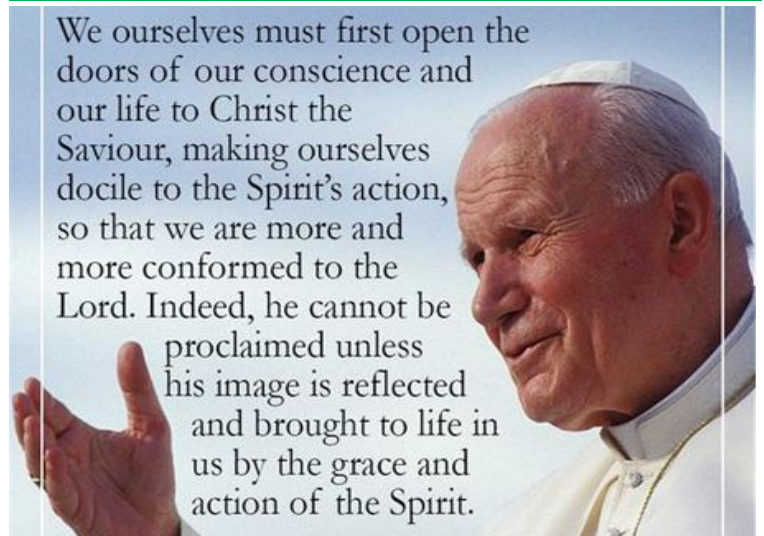
Courage creates integrity, and integrity improves others while improving ourselves. Those who have integrity have a moral character for they do what humanizes. It seeks divine righteousness and justice, correcting the immorality in life.

The underlying cause determines if the act is virtuous or foolish. Many martyrs exist but not all bear witness to a just cause. Some defend a cause that is unjust: terrorism. This courage is self-serving and dehumanizing. Others defend a cause that is just and moral. This courage is selfless. We recognize these as Christian martyrs. They uphold the divine truth of the cause. It sanctifies us.

Bold leaders, those who defend the truth of who we are as human beings, are needed. They are self-less putting others first, not needing recognition. Courageous leaders stand up and stand out. These leaders are not found, they are made. They make tough decisions according to God's design. These leaders ought to be you and me, defending all that is good.

Food for the Poor

We ourselves must first open the doors of our conscience and our life to Christ the Saviour, making ourselves docile to the Spirit's action, so that we are more and more conformed to the Lord. Indeed, he cannot be proclaimed unless his image is reflected and brought to life in us by the grace and action of the Spirit.



"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season, we will reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal 6:9).

Doing good to others responds to the goodness God has done for us. He saved us from sin and opened the doors to divine life through the grace poured out upon the world at Pentecost. In response we give generously as our Father has given generously to us. Yet, we give not for personal gain but to help others in need.

Food for the Poor, founded in 1982, feeds, builds, and supports families and ministries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

These countries struggle with poverty, never having the means and the education to truly prosper. Food for the Poor brings housing, food, shelter, education, and other services to help families grow and prosper.

As we have so much in comparison, our gift to their ministry strengthens not only our faith, knowing our generosity will not be outdone, but gives hope to families and ministries that rely on our generosity.

Today as we all struggle, especially financially, giving from our means as did the poor widow who gave her last two coins, Jesus praises her and her faith. When we give from our means, Jesus praises us too, knowing that the sacrifice we offer, makes room in our heart for love to grow.

Today Fr. Chris Steinle comes to celebrate Masses promoting Food for the Poor. Pray for their ministry and discern God's inspiration to see if you are able to give from your year to their heart.

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