

# ~ Sacred Heart Church ~

Masses:  
Wednesdays - 8:30 a.m.  
Sundays - 8:00 a.m.

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October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Mass Schedule</u>		<u>Mass Intentions</u>		<u>Collections – 9/24/2023</u>
Sun.	- Oct. 1	8:00 a.m.	Eileen Biros - Dave & Pam Brockman	Sunday.....\$ 1,044.00
Wed.	- Oct. 4	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls - Loisanne O'Connell	Food Truck..... 832.00
Sun.	- Oct. 8	8:00 a.m.	Don Bartman - +Norma Slattery	“Your Offering is most appreciated!”
<u>Sunday Mass:</u>		<u>October Stewardship</u>		
<u>Lector:</u> Kathy Vint		<u>Servers:</u> Max & Jack Veselak		<u>Eucharistic Minister:</u> Lee Miller

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- Please remember in your prayers all the deceased of our parish and communities, all of our nursing home residents and those living alone, all those that are battling illness, along with their families and care givers, all of the brave and selfless men and women serving in the armed forces, their families and all of the innocent souls affected by war. Please also pray for all that are in need, materially and spiritually, those that have suffered and died at the hands of others, those that have been affected by recent natural disasters, all first responders, and all of our dear friends and neighbors that have asked for our prayerful support; Kathryn Vint, Henry Fink, Sherry Lewis, Sarah Windham, John Ribordy, Blane Passini, Jenny Kilmer, Amy Walters, Ed Neikirk, Phyllis Neikirk, Pat Sanders, Nerina Walker & Jennifer Jensen.
  - Please turn off all electronic devices before Mass begins. Thank you.
  - Welcome back, Fr. Stan!!! We hope you had a wonderful time visiting with family and friends in Poland!!!
  - Wed. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence: Eucharistic Adoration 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Pet Blessing 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (in the Prayer Garden). Pet Blessing here at Sacred Heart – Wed. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
  - **Please don't forget...**Our Sacred Heart CCD program is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting NEW items for children and adults living in low-income households. Items that are in most need at this time are: Children's underwear (2T and larger) & Pull-ups (2T - 5). A collection bin will be available in the back of the church for your donations. Donations will be accepted until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - It's time for the Veteran's Day Card project. We have the whole month to get enough cards to send to the homes in LaSalle, Manteno, and hopefully for the Veterans in the nursing homes in Morris and Dwight. Then we'll turn around and start with Christmas cards for everyone. Sorry, it's a tight turn around. I'm hoping you will take a moment to either bring in a signed card or sign one that you'll find in the pews. There is a marked white container to put them in out in the hallway. If you have any extra ones for us to sign, (we can always use Christmas cards, too) please put them in the big donation container on the floor that's also in the hallway. Thanks to those of you who have already been doing that. It really helps. I have some construction paper cards for the little kids if they want to take them home to color, decorate, and bring them back. They will be next to the white container. The Veterans love all the cards, but they especially love the home-made ones from the younger kids. We started this project five years ago for Valentines Day. A group of us (CCD kids, their teacher, and my grandson) delivered the cards and handmade decorations in person. Then came Covid and we haven't been able to do it since. It was a shame because the kids and the Veterans had such a good time that day. We heard how much those kids touched their lives and also how much the kids learned from the Veterans. We received a thank you card from a niece of one of the Veterans about a month after we were there and she wanted to let us know that her uncle called her right after our visit. He was so excited and happy that he had met the kids and had such a nice visit. Said it was the best day of his life. Sadly, he passed away the very next day. It was so heartbreaking, but it was also good to know that we made him so happy. She wanted us to know how much she appreciated what we did. That story has stayed with me ever since and that's why I hope we can keep this tradition going. You never know what you mean to a perfect stranger. The home was finally open with no restrictions this summer, but it's pretty much day to day with Covid. Someday, it would be great to take another group of kids (and adults) over for a visit, so if anyone is interested, please let me know. We can deliver the cards and donations in person for Veteran's Day if it's still open for visits. Otherwise, we can plan for another time, rules permitting. My husband, our grandson, and I have been dropping the cards and your donations off at the door for so long - we're ready to visit again. I'll need all of the cards and donations in by 11/5 so we can deliver that week. This is one small way to honor our Veterans and thank them for their service. It's the very least we can do for those who have done so much. As usual, thanks for all of your help. It's truly appreciated. Donna Gabehart
  - The Rectory/Parish Office is open. You may, however, want to call ahead (815-237-2230) to make sure the office is open the day of, or during the hours you would like to stop by, just to save yourself an unproductive trip. **FYI:** Closed Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - We would like to welcome all new individuals, couples and families to Sacred Heart!!! If you'd like to become a member of our parish, a registration form can be found on our website; [swkrcatholics.org](http://swkrcatholics.org), or can be made available upon request! If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact our parish secretary, Lin, at 815-237-2230. Thank you!
  - Word of Life - “Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts.” – USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities – Respect Life Reflection: “Radical Solidarity” ([respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection](http://respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)).
  - Stewardship – Oct. 1, 2023 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (Compliments of the Diocese of Dodge City, KS) - “The first son in today’s Gospel said he would do his father’s bidding but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?”