



# Sacred Heart Church

A Roman Catholic Community

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## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

August 3, 2025

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm(Spanish)  
Monday - Friday: 12:00pm in the church  
Saturday: 9:00am in the church,  
5:00pm in church (Anticipated Mass of Sunday)  
Holy Days & Holidays: As announced in Bulletin

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm  
Daily: Upon request following the 12:00pm Mass

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should contact the parish office to schedule an interview and register for the required baptismal preparation session.

**Preparation:** in the church at 7:00pm

**Sacrament:** in the church at 3:00pm  
Aug. 10, Sep. 7, Oct. 19, Nov. 9, Dec. 7

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Common Policy for Marriage in all Catholic parishes of New Jersey requires couples to begin preparation at least one year prior to the planned wedding date. It is advisable to contact the parish office before any other arrangements are made.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Anointing of the Sick is available for all seriously ill members of our parish family. Please call the parish office.

## R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please call the parish office.

## PARISH REGISTRATION / OFFICE HOURS

We invite all new members of our parish family to register at the Parish Office during regular office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays and Sundays Closed.

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If we're ever looking for some "words of wisdom" on life, the Book of Ecclesiastes is a very good place to start. Right off the bat, we are reminded that nothing can survive death - no success, reputation, gain or profit will last beyond a person's lifetime. To believe otherwise is "vanity of vanities." In case we've ever been intoxicated and distracted by a reliance on what we have achieved on our own, today's excerpt can quickly sober us up. Life is not fair. Far from it. It is imperfect, limited and sometimes oppressive. Ecclesiastes shakes the comfortable-ness out of our dreamy, rose-colored illusions and brings us back to reality.

Jesus often uses this same kind of intrigue. He uses parables to help us understand that we will only find true and lasting happiness when we divest ourselves of earthly treasures and invest in the kingdom of God.

Investing on any level is always a risk. One has to give up something in the hope of obtaining something even more valuable. However, we need to look closely at the kind of investment Jesus asks of us. Even before that, we have to fully understand what "the treasure" really is. We need to recognize the enduring value of the love of God and neighbor. If we can come to understand this, then - and only then - will we be willing to put aside the vanity of treasures that keeps us from becoming "rich in what matters to God."

Jesus lived his life always as one of service to others. He always put the welfare of the people around him above all else. He cured the sick, gave sight to the blind, hope to the hopeless. And he ministered to all people, saints and sinners alike. He felt comfortable with everyone he met and even forgave his enemies. He never turned his back on anyone.

Every invitation of Jesus "to follow" always contains a built in "challenge to action." Being a disciple means more than just being comfortable within the group. It means more than just praying for the good of one another. It requires actually working for the good of one another.

The man in the parable is called a fool not because he is stupid, but because he does not appreciate the true purpose of his wealth. There is nothing wrong with wealth. There is nothing wrong with eating and drinking and being merry. This is why we were created - to live a full and joyful life. But in God's perspective, if you have more than you need, the challenge is not how to store it, but how to share it. In a world where so many struggle to survive, we must be willing to share from our abundance. In the mind of Jesus, that is what matters most.

Where have we stored our treasure? Where have we committed our hearts during our journey through life? Have we sought riches and power and prestige among the very elite of our community? Or have we cast our lot with the poor, the homeless, the downtrodden and forgotten? What exactly do we do with our treasure?

Faith. Academics. Service.

# Catholic Schools

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you have a child or grandchild starting or changing school in September? Why not consider Sacred Heart School? We offer a safe and nurturing environment for children Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. Along with their ABCs your child will build character and learn compassion and values. New families considering enrolling in our school can call the school at 201-939-4277 for more details.

### ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH FAMILY?



Our Religious Education program is always in need of teachers, aides, substitute teachers, hall monitors, and office helpers. Are you willing to help our children learn more about the love that Jesus Christ has for them in the 2025-2026 school year? No

special religious education training is required, just the desire to help our children learn more about the love Jesus Christ has for them. Call Ryan Tobiason at 201-935-3094 for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL MEGA 50/50

September 18, 2025 at Back to School Night

**ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL SOLD**

**\$50 a ticket for a chance to win up \$5,000**

Final prize will be 50% of tickets sold

Checks payable to Sacred Heart HSA and mail to Michelle Hering, 166 Central Lane, Secaucus, NJ

07094. Playing by credit card visit

<https://bit.ly/SHS2025MEGA>

Questions-Email Michelle at [firedup151@gmail.com](mailto:firedup151@gmail.com) or call 201-615-2374

### YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE

You are invited to join the Lyndhurst Blood Drive on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the Lyndhurst Community Center, 255 Riverside Ave. from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment.



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. October to the Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realized or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on Aug. 22 as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions.

Then in 1969, St. Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Friday before; the celebrations are next to each other). It means the Immaculate Heart of Mary feast falls on the third Saturday after Pentecost.

For the record, August still has three Marian feasts —the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on Aug. 5; the Assumption on Aug. 15; the Queenship of Mary on Aug. 22.

This might seem all rather recent, but well before August came to be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary she was celebrated as such for centuries. Let's take a quick peek at a few highlights.

"The real roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by St. Luke," points out Father Johanm Roten, a Mariologist at the University of Dayton. He refers to Luke 2:19 "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart," and Luke 2:51 "His mother (Mary) meanwhile kept all these things in memory, meaning in her heart."

He also explained, "The most beautiful biblical text about Mary's heart is the Magnificat because it reveals to us the wondrous riches of Mary's humble and regal heart. Her heart sings the praises of God, but it is not a solitary song, my song about the history of my soul, but the Magnificat is the song of the history of salvation for all God's people."

Then in the 17th century, St. John Eudes broadcast the devotion and promoted a feast in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Soon several dioceses in France did so. Devotion continued and surged in 1830 with the Miraculous Medal. Among the images Our Lady told St. Catherine Labouré to place on the medal was one of her Immaculate Heart placed next to the Sacred Heart. Our Lady continued to bring devotion to her Immaculate Heart to the forefront, next at Fatima. There, and also later to Sr. Lucia, she made several specific mentions to her Immaculate Heart.

Now that we've looked at a bit of the history of the devotion and reasons isn't this month of August a good time we begin, or increase, our honor and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

**SICK:** Baby Ryan Joseph Lomuscio, Sal Russo, Charles Klimowsky, Nancy Namoviez, Giovanna Muscara, Al & Joan Viscuso, Lea Pappas, Anita Barcia, Denise Swanteck, Maureen F. Coughlin, John Smith, Julius Single, Dave Tzrepla, Frank Buco, Sr., Christopher N. Coughlin, Vladimir Pudoff, Isabella Lugo, Tess, Francesco Giacchi, Mario Alongi, Sr., John Scivetti, Ken Stone, Timothy Yushak, Jaxson Rivera, Marilyn Loughran, Luca Ataide, Donald Tetreault, Norma Altreche, Linda Vasquez, Joelle Montillo, Vincent Russo, Nenita A. Jacildone, Anthony Scorre, Fely Czeslowski, Ely Ongoco, Perpetua Aspile, Anne Montillo, Margot O'Hara, Andrea Globis, Laura MacDonald, Ava Romano, Fr. Anthony Di Stefano, Ruben Arevalo Jacildone, Helen Dowling, Dr. Leticia Luna, Jeanette Knowlton, Michele Gilmore, Milena Giacchi, Freddy Berrios, Maryann Sheridan, Naham, Rudy Rivas, Tania, Jaime Diaz, Romile Diaz, Jamie Brown, Julius Single, Jr., Tina Gentile, John Llewellyn, Patricia Anne Coughlin, Cathy Horoieski, Josephine Burns, Arnulfo Orozco, Assunta Santangelo, Clementine Vocaturo

**DECEASED:** Felipe Agustin Breton

## Food Pantry Update

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated: Cereal, Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pasta (including Spaghetti), Potatoes (small packages or canned), Vegetables, Coffee (regular and instant), Peanut Butter, and Jelly, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans. *Note that great vegetable and fruit prices can be found at Lidl's and Aldi's.* Food items can be left near the shrine of the Sacred Heart in the back of the church. Thanks to all for the donations which help keep our food pantry stocked! **We would not be able to help our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity without you!**

*As a reminder, we are unable to package out-of-date food products for distribution to our families.*



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

## ONLINE GIVING AT SACRED HEART

Online Giving at Sacred Heart has never been easier and is just a couple of clicks away.

1. You can give to the parish through the Zelle online payment system offered through most major banks. When you create the Zelle payee for the parish, please use the parish email address:

sacredheartchurch@comcast.net.

**Please be careful when you type in the email address because once you "Zelle" the money from your account it can not be corrected.**

2. You can visit [www.sacredheartlynd.org](http://www.sacredheartlynd.org), our parish website and click the Online Giving Options link. If you want to make a direct donation to the parish with your debit or credit card, you can click the direct donation link.



**AUGUST 3, 2025**



**Eighteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Alice Aquino

### SUNDAY - Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Rachel A. Kearns

10:30 am Stephen Finch

12:00pm Claudia Arici Delli Santi

1:30 pm Jose & Aureliana Hijos

### MONDAY - St. John Vianney, Priest

12:00pm Paul N. Haggerty

### TUESDAY - Weekday/The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

12:00pm Mary Ellen Mango

### WEDNESDAY - The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00pm Meister & Vivas Families

### THURSDAY - Weekday/St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs/St. Cajetan, Priest

12:00pm Amalia de Vivas

### FRIDAY - St. Dominic, Priest

12:00pm Sal Russo, Sr.

### SATURDAY - Weekday/St. Tereasa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr/Blessed Virgins Mary

9:00am Madelaine Gizzo & Family

### Anticipated Sunday Mass

5:00pm Julian & Lorenza Duran

### SUNDAY - Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am People Of Sacred Heart

9:00am Julian & Lorenza Duran

10:30 am Arthur Giammetta

12:00pm Marie De Serio

1:30 pm Yasmeri & Jonathan

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday - \$4,582  
Add'l Retired Priest - \$107

Reminder: We need \$7,900 in the Sunday Collection to cover our bud-



**Knights of  
Columbus**

**JOIN US!**

**WHAT IT MEANS  
TO BE A KNIGHT**

*We are Catholic men who  
**LEAD, SERVE  
PROTECT AND DEFEND***

*We share a desire to be better  
**HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS  
NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS**  
And to put charity and community first*

**Knights of Columbus  
Lyndhurst Council #2396**

*Link Below For More Info*  
**[Linktr.ee/council2396](https://linktr.ee/council2396)**

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*Supporting*

**Sacred Heart Church  
Mount Carmel Church  
Saint Michael Church**



**Teaching Positions  
Available**

Sacred Heart School is seeking upper elementary and middle school educators to join their dedicated and faith-based learning community! For more information on available teaching positions, please call the school's main office at 201-939-4277.

Resumes may be sent to [rnaviello@sacredheartlynd.org](mailto:rnaviello@sacredheartlynd.org)

## **CATHOLICISM SERIES JOIN US**

Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda... from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed. Journey deep into the Faith as you watch each episode.

We will be viewing episodes from this series and discussing them on **Wednesday: Aug. 13th, and Aug. 27th at 7:00 PM** in the parish center.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

***LYNDHURST***

***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS***

***BEEFSTEAK DINNER!***

***TRICKY TRAY!***

***SPECIAL 50/50!***

***OLMC PARISH HALL***

***SAT. OCTOBER 11, 2025***

***MORE INFO TO COME!***

