



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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HALLOWEEN, IS IT A GOOD THING TO CELEBRATE?

What if I told you that Halloween isn't just about costumes and candy but has roots that go far deeper into a dark spiritual history every year. Every year at the end of October we see the world prepare for Halloween. A celebration shrouded in mystery, but one that many treat as innocent fun. People dress as ghosts, demons, and witches. Children run door to door asking for candy and many think it's just harmless fun.

But, when we peel back the layers we discover that Halloween isn't as innocent as it seems. Its roots go back to ancient pagan rituals and a world view that stands in opposition to the truth of God.

The origins of Halloween go all the way back to the Celtic festival of Samhain pronounced Sow-Win. A time when ancient pagans believed the boundary between the living and the dead was at its weakest during Samhain, spirits were thought to roam the earth and people performed rituals to ward off or appease these wandering entities. They would wear costumes to disguise themselves from evil spirits, light bonfires and make offerings in a bid to control these dark forces.

Over time as Christianity spread, these pagan customs remained deeply rooted in culture and were eventually adapted into what we know today as Halloween.

You might think what harm could there be in dressing up and celebrating, but remember we're not just talking about history here, the spiritual world is as real today as it was then and let's be honest, Halloween is still filled with imagery and symbols of death, darkness, and evil.

The Bible says in Ephesians Chapter 5 verse 11, "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them".

Halloween at its core celebrates themes that are diametrically opposed to the life and light of Christ. Many might argue these things are just for fun or that it's just a cultural event. But the Bible warns us that Satan often masquerades as an angel of light.

Second Corinthians Chapter 11 verse 14 what appears harmless is often a door to something far more dangerous. Scripture calls us to be a holy people set apart from the world, Second Peter 2 verse 9.

So the question isn't can we make Halloween Christian but rather why would we want to take part in something that stands so clearly against what God calls us to be. As believers our lives should reflect the light and truth of the Gospel and not be wrapped up in a celebration that glorifies death, fear, and even the demonic.

Let me challenge you with this. Instead of blending into a culture that celebrates darkness. Let's stand out as lights in the world. Let's show our children and neighbors that our hope is not in this world or its rituals but in Christ who conquered death. Because when we truly understand the heart of Halloween, the question isn't why shouldn't we celebrate it but rather why would we even want to.

Source: Bible Nuggets on Face Book, "The dark spiritual history of Halloween unveiled"

Adult Religious Formation Commission: Kevin Simmons



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join the 2025 Public Square Rosary Rally. America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering a societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the Public Square Rosary Rally. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place in front of the **Pawnee County Courthouse, 715 Broadway Street on Saturday, October 11 at 12:00 noon.** There is a sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule. Please add your name if you plan to attend. (Please bring a lawn chair)

OUTDOOR MASS & PARISH BBQ
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH • 10:30 AM

You're warmly invited to join us for a special **Outdoor Sunday Mass** followed by a **BBQ Luncheon** on October 5th. **Location:** Outdoor in front of the Parish Center (parking lot and side lawn). Chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own for comfort. **BBQ Luncheon to follow:** Hosted in the Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs.

We kindly ask for contributions as follows:

* **Last Names A-L:** Please bring a **side dish**

* **Last Names M-Z:** Please bring a **dessert**



GAME MORNING

Tuesday, October 14th ~ 9:30 to 11:30 am
Parish Education Center

Come enjoy the entertainment, laughs and fellowship.
Refreshments will be provided!



"Lunch with Friends" will be
Tuesday, October 21st at 12:00 Noon in the
Parish Center. All are invited to come enjoy
lunch and visit.

**Menu: Casseroles and Cake! Roast Beef, Tater Tot,
Macaroni & Cheese, Green Bean Casseroles**

Please call Pam at 620-285-2035, by October 17th if you plan
to attend so that enough food is prepared. We look forward to
seeing you for lunch!



"PILGRIMS OF HOPE"
PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL

In recognition of Bishop Brungardt's
designation of the Cathedral of Our Lady
of Guadalupe as a Jubilee 2025 site, we
invite parishioners to join us on a
"Pilgrimage of Hope" to the Cathedral.

We will leave Sacred Heart at 8:45 am on **Saturday,
October 25th** and travel to the Cathedral where we will have
Adoration in the Sacred Heart Dailey Chapel followed by
confessions and a tour of the Cathedral. Lunch will follow in
Dodge City before we head home. A sign-up sheet is in the
Church vestibule, please add your name if you would like to
join the pilgrimage. This also allows us to let the Cathedral
know how many will be in attendance.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saturday, November 1st

7:00 am Mass at St. Bernard, Belpre

10:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart



OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

- Oct. 1 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 1 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 2 ~ Holy Hour, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Oct. 2 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Oct. 5 ~ Outdoor Mass @ 10:30 AM followed by BBQ / October Birthday & Anniversary Blessings in the Parish Center
- Oct. 6 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 7 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 7 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 8 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 8 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 10 ~ Pawnee County Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Oct. 11 ~ Rosary Rally, 12:00 Noon
- Oct. 13 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 14 ~ Game Morning, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Oct. 14 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Oct. 15 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 15 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 18 ~ "The Chosen", Season 5 with Pot-Luck, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 19 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- Oct. 19 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 8:45 AM
- Oct. 20 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 20 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 21 ~ Lunch with Friends, 12:00 Noon
- Oct. 21 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 22 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 22 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 22 ~ St. Bernard, Belpre "Turkey Supper"
- Oct. 25 ~ Pilgrimage to Dodge City, 8:45 AM
- Oct. 27 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 28 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Oct. 29 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 29 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM



OCTOBER PSR SCHEDULE

- Oct. 1 – Regular Classes
- Oct. 3 – CGS Session
- Oct. 8 – Regular Classes / Zak's Cheese Sales Begin
- Oct. 10 – CGS Session
- Oct. 15 – Regular Classes / Confirmation Class with Parents
- Oct. 17 – CGS Session
- Oct. 22 – Regular Classes / Turn in Zak's Cheese Orders
- Oct. 24 – CGS Session
- Oct. 29 – Regular Classes
- Oct. 31 – No CGS Session

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| (01) Jordy Dooley | (16) Brad Collins |
| Victoria Medina | Jerry Goeckel |
| (02) Bernadine Hammeke | (17) Jim Damm |
| Lucille Spain | Mary Shelton |
| (03) LeAnne Hammeke | (18) Mason Hagerman |
| Kathy Kazmaier | Kathy Stucker |
| (04) Billie Dooley | (20) Max Henderson |
| Sally Dreiling | (21) Ben Kelty |
| Allyson Sullivan | Erick Ramirez |
| (06) Dan Ryan | (22) Jon Houser |
| (07) Karla Schartz | Kim Liston |
| (08) John Whitten | Karisa Stude |
| (11) David O'Gwin | (23) Julie Martel |
| Chuck Orth | (26) Norman Dreiling |
| Craig Schartz | Zoe Fitzsimmons |
| (12) Connie Mauney | Carie Perez |
| (13) Sophia Smith | (27) Judy Damm |
| (14) Lisa Burdett | Gordon Schartz |
| Jackie Ehrlich | Barbara Straub |
| (15) Felicia Davis | (28) Cordell Hammeke |
| Harleigh Ehrlich | (30) Joan Slagle |
| Roger Myers | Kip Smith |



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- (02) Sam and Allyson Sullivan
 (03) Denis and Lee Gilcris
 Luke and Bethany Steinlage
 (05) Gordon and Malia Schartz
 (07) Oliver and Sonya Whetstone
 (09) David and Rita O'Gwin
 (10) Brian and Mary Ann Haynes
 (12) Haydan and Jane Prescott
 (18) Norman and Sally Dreiling
 (24) Kevin and Leann Simmons
 Nathan and Karisa Stude
 (27) Richard and Laurie Josefiak
 (28) Steve and Jackie Ehrlich
 (29) Gary and Betty Hulsey
 (30) Tom and Sheryl Giessel
 (31) Ralph and Lynn Streit



CONGRATULATIONS!

Gary & Betty Hulsey ~ Married 71 years
 Denis & Lee Gilcris ~ Married 56 years
 Gordon & Malia Schartz ~ Married 51 years

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

	AUGUST	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	12,994.50	28,694.35
Special Donations	1,085.00	5,565.00
Endowment		28,632.76
Interest	14.74	28.45
Farm		
PSR	16,120.00	16,120.00
Fundraisers	344.03	344.03
Miscellaneous	<u>1,264.12</u>	<u>2,543.24</u>
TOTAL	\$31,822.39	\$81,927.83
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,571.36	3,705.09
Salaries	12,558.69	30,058.03
Insurance	3,686.00	7,372.00
Utilities	2,802.51	4,108.70
Maintenance	1,039.24	2,073.15
Improvement		
Office	461.10	1,396.65
PSR	13,639.33	13,639.33
Farm		
Miscellaneous	<u>1,272.20</u>	<u>2,072.65</u>
TOTAL	\$37,030.43	\$64,425.60
YTD:		\$17,502.23

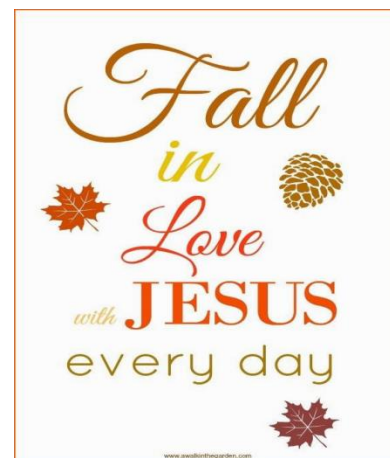
Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons		Sherry Lemuz
Richard Wolf		Karla Graham
Rita O'Gwin		Leon Sanders
Bert Schartz		Ryan Shelton
Marie Welden		Clayton Kelty
Brenda Martin		Sue Haymaker
Fr. Charles Mazouch		Trenton Welsch
Stan Durler		Kevin Simmons
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku		Lee Durler
Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord		Denis Gilcris
Pam Theis		Michele Collins
Darlene Orth		Tammy Orth
Darla Perez		

All of our men and women serving in the
 United States Military, our homebound parishioners
 and those in care homes.

"THE CHOSEN"

On Saturday, October 18th following the 5:00 PM Mass the Sacred Heart Adult Religious Formation Team Commission is sponsoring the showing of "The Chosen" Season 5 in the Parish Center along with a pot-luck dinner. All are invited to attend.



OCTOBER 2025 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 4 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Steve Ehrlich (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / Eli Ramsey

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Larry & Janet Skelton

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Saturday, Oct. 11 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major) / Tonya Sanders (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Paul & Susan Aistrup

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, Oct. 18 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Kathy Kazmaier

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Eli Ramsey / Ryan Ramsey

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Jim & Judy Damm

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Steve Ehrlich

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, Oct. 25 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Regis Lopata

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich / William Hammeke

Ushers – Richard Wolf / Kraig Froetschner

Gifts – Kraig & Amy Froetschner

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

OCTOBER 2025 ~ MINISTRIES ~ Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, Oct. 5 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major) / Kathy Couchman (minor)

Servers – Gabe Mull / Maddy Mull / Zoe Fitzsimmons

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – David & Kathy Hammeke

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Collection Counters: Kayla Lang / Craig Schartz

Sanctuary Cleaning – Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku

Sunday, Oct. 12 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Amy Simmons / John Kelty

Eucharistic Ministers

Cathy Grover (major) / Kathy Hammeke (minor)

Servers – Brooke / Anna / Ben Simmons

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – Jason Hammeke Family

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Collection Counters: Kristy Hagerman / David O’Gwin

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, Oct. 19 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Mary Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

Kristy Hagerman (major) / Amy Simmons (minor)

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – Jason Hammeke / Nolan Dreiling

Gifts – Tony & Linda Lemuz

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Emily Dreiling

Collection Counters: Kathy Couchman / Debbie Steinert

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, Oct. 26– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman

Eucharistic Ministers

Sr. Rebecca Otter (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Slade / Darby Sundahl / Emerson Sullivan

Ushers – Shane Sundahl / Clayton Kelty

Gifts – Mary Mitchell / Usher

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Collection Counters: Jenny Ramsey / Jack Molleker

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke