



Around the Parish

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



2023

How could a successful businessman leave it all behind to serve God?



In a recent episode of "The Catholic Gentleman" with John Heinen and Sam Guzman, former agnostic turned passionate missionary Father Ken Geraci shares his journey from chasing worldly ambitions to embracing God's call.

Growing up, he "never wanted to be Catholic and I never wanted to be a priest." From a nominally Catholic family, he turned to agnosticism and was driven by worldly desires.

His aspirations were grounded in the belief that success and money were the only paths to happiness. "I thought money would make me happy," he said.

His first turning point was an encounter with a colleague who challenged his authenticity.

"Ken, professionally I have no problem with you, but personally, I do," he was told. This critique, combined with a profound experience at Mass, stirred something deep within him.

"My first conversion was a call to authenticity

and integrity," Father Ken shares.

You might think this led him to become a better businessman, but for Father Ken, it meant so much more. An unlikely moment later led to a staggering realization: **"I was on a date when I realized I was supposed to be a priest," he says.**

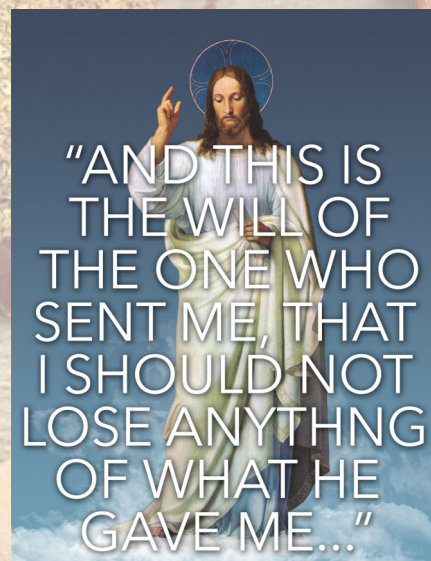
While actively discerning his call to the priesthood, Father Ken learned the importance of being vigilant in spiritual warfare and living in God's presence.

"We cannot be ignorant to the fact that we are living in battle constantly," Heinen agrees.

Drawing from Saint Faustina's diary, Father Ken emphasizes the power of Divine Mercy, especially in times of spiritual uncertainty, and stresses the need for mercy in today's unforgiving world.

"Our Lord told Faustina that you will prepare the world for My Second Coming," Father Ken says.

Father Ken's road to finding his true vocation was filled with unlikely turning points, spiritual battles, and revelations that show how important Divine Mercy is in our lives!



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November 2023 LECTOR SCHEDULE

Oct. 31/1 5:15 PM 7:00 AM 12:10 PM 7:00 PM	<i>All Saints</i> Dean Reber Kathy Nevel Mary Ann Kase Sandie Wrable	Nov. 11/12 5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mary Ann Kelly Beth Tharp Denise Mogel Bill Wellock
Nov. 4/5 5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mike Gallagher JoAnn Schmura Lou Sutherland Margaret Hueske	Nov. 18/19 5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ann Reber Joe Tharp John Gleason John Sylvester
Nov. 25/26 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>			
	5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Steve Bell Vince Moffitt Lori Anewalt Karen Ann Cameron	

O Holy spirit of God;
Take me as Your disciple.
Guide me, illuminate me,
Sanctify me.

2023 CONFIRMANDI SACRED HEART PARISH

Francisco **Francis** Anewalt
Aiden **Luke** Arboleda
Adrien **Michael** Bongbong
Benjamin **Michael** Buckman
Avery **Rose** Butler
Nicholas **Luigi** Christie
Gabriel **Dominic** Conrad
Ryan **Francis** Delp
Brady **Michael** Eisenhower

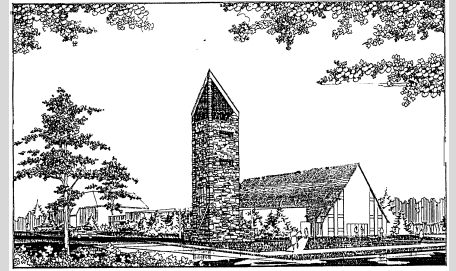
Brady **Joseph** Focht
Cleo **Gianna** Hoffert
Payton **Lucia** Kowalski
Ethan **John** Nye
Adriana **Rose** Quizhpi
Jordan **Cecilia** Smith
Luke **Patrick** Suski
Brian **Francis** Swisher
Jayden **Nicholas** Wright

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Nadia **Elizabeth** Bugay
Angelina **Joan** Brunner
Anthony **Patrick** Calleja

Trinity **Mary** Calleja
Isabella **Mary** Cruz
Aniella **Melangel** Magrino
Brayden **Francis** Wittich

UPCOMING EVENTS



Confirmation

Sacred Heart & Holy Rosary

@ Sacred Heart Church

November 7th @ 4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Pantry Food Drive

Saint Vincent de Paul

@ Sacred Heart Church

Masses November 11th & 12th

Pie Sale

Knights of Columbus

@ Sacred Heart Church

Order By November 18th

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING

**Mr. and Mrs. Grant and
Katie Byrne**

October 7th, 2023

**Mr. and Mrs. Christopher
and Jennifer Thomas**

October 27th, 2023





Children's Christmas Nativity

Saturday, December 23rd
(Following 5:00 p.m. Mass)

Children's Christmas Choir

Sunday, December 24th
(before Christmas Eve Mass)

Call Kirsten @ 610-372-4010 x201
or email Activity@shrcparish.org

for any questions and to sign your child or grand-child up for one, or both!

We would also love helpers and baked goods donations!

Practices will be announced.



WELCOME

TO THE PARISH

Steven Gubernot and
Denice Szekely and
Family

Cristian Avalos and
Katherine Williams and
Family

Ashley Montalvo and
Family

SACRED HEART
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

As you may have noticed, our church bells have not been ringing as of late.

In order to get our beautiful bells up and ringing again it is going to cost \$20,860.

Please consider giving an extra donation for our church bells to ring once again!!!

Put "Bell" in the Memo

\$20,860
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000



Congratulations
to our 2023 Sacred Heart School Spelling Bee Winners! They will be going on to represent

SHS at the CYO Berks County Bee at St. Catharine's of Siena on Monday, October 16th.

The winners are:

Grade 6:

Danielle Brillantes - 1st Place
Hope Varish - 2nd Place
Charlotte Bell - 3rd Place

Grade 7:

Anthony Hauser - 1st Place
Caleb Abreu - 2nd Place
Owen Velazquez - 3rd Place

Grade 8:

Aiden Arboleda - 1st Place
Junilynn Rodriguez - 2nd Place
Jonalyn Gil - 3rd Place

The overall winner of the SHS Spelling Bee is **Anthony Hauser**. We look forward to cheering you on at the County event next week.

God Bless!



COATS FOR KIDS INITIATIVE - A SUCCESS!

A tremendous **Thank You** to our Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary parishioners who helped us achieve our goal for this wonderful cause. Between both churches, we took in an additional \$1,081.00 in donations to add to our annually budgeted amount and yielded a total of \$1681.00. With the generosity of Boscov's Department Store, **we obtained 19 infant and small toddler coats for Life-Line of Berks County, and 64 Youth and Teen coats for Catholic Charities**, plus a few additional fleeces were also donated. So, thank you again for helping us reach our new goal for this year!

HOLIDAY PIE SALE IS HERE!

The Monsignor Bornemann Knights are having their Annual Holiday Pie Sale starting the weekend of November 4/5. Orders and payments can be made before or after each Mass or mailed/delivered to the address on the order form. The pies offered will be the same as in the past: Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Coconut Custard, Pecan and Pumpkin.

Pies are \$10 each. Pies can be picked up in the IHM Room on Tuesday November 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Order forms will be in the Narthex and in future bulletins. Orders will be taken in the Narthex after Masses at both churches on the weekends of Nov 4/5, 11/12, and 18/19. Thank you for your past participation.

Recitation of the Rosary is now on the weekly schedule, and we hope you can join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the church and before Mass on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome.

Important 2023 K of C dates for your calendar:

November 2 - Officer's Meeting - IHM Room 7:00 p.m.

November 4 & 5 - Holiday Pie Sale - Narthex after all Masses at both churches

November 11 & 12 - Flowers on altars at both churches for Veteran's Day with a scroll with names of current Active-Duty personnel

November 11 - **VETERANS DAY**

November 11 & 12 - Holiday Pie Sale - Narthex after all Masses at both churches

November 16 - Membership Meeting - IHM Room 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

November 18 & 19 - Holiday Pie Sale - Narthex after all Masses both churches

November 21 - *Holiday Pie Pickup* - IHM Room 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

November 23 - **THANKSGIVING**

November 30 - December's Officer Meeting - IHM Room 7:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Bornemann Council membership is open to all practicing Catholic male adults, aged 18 and over, who wish to serve their parish and community. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. To join, contact John Sylvester at 610-451-6980, or go to bornknights.org and fill out the Contact Form located on our website OR sign up directly using the online KofC link.



Monsignor Bornemann Council #16066
Sacred Heart Church & Holy Rosary Church



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PIE SALE

Pies cost \$10 each

These 8-inch pies are available in 6 delicious flavors just in time for the Holidays!

● Apple ● Blueberry ● Cherry ● Coconut Custard ● Pecan ● Pumpkin

PICK UP: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

2:00pm TO 6pm in the IHM Room, Sacred Heart School

Note: pies are prepared the day before pickup by Lil's Bakery, (Wyomissing Farmers Market)
Please complete the order form below and return it with payment in an envelope marked "KofC PIE SALE" in the collection basket, give it to a Knight after Mass, or drop it in the Rectory Office door mail slot with your payment by November 18th.

Keep top portion on your refrigerator as a pick-up date reminder!

Tear here and return bottom portion - cash or check accepted.

Return this form with payment in an envelope marked "KofC PIE SALE" to the collection basket, give it to a Knight after Mass, or drop it in the Rectory Office door mail slot by November 18.

Please make checks payable to: K of C #16066

FLAVOR	QUANTITY	COST \$10.00EA
APPLE		
BLUEBERRY		
CHERRY		
COCONUT CUSTARD		
PECAN		
PUMPKIN		
TOTALS		\$

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTS

SACRED HEART CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT			
JULY 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023			
	3 Months 9/30/2023	3 Months 9/30/2022	
CHURCH INCOME:			
Offerory Collections Income	151,833	154,577	
Donations, Requests, Memorials Income	16,831	29,243	
Program Income	6,430	7,859	
Other Income	716	1,451	
TOTAL CHURCH OPERATING INCOME	\$ 175,810	\$ 193,130	
CHURCH EXPENSES:			
Administration Expenses	57,930	65,261	
Religious Education Expenses	28,167	28,605	
Diocesan Assessment Expenses	28,968	27,445	
Church, Rectory, Parish Center Expenses	66,486	64,223	
TOTAL CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 181,551	\$ 185,534	
SUBTOTAL OF OPERATIONS	\$ (5,741)	\$ 7,596	
Capital Expenses & Improvements	(10,143)	(21,021)	
Endowment Donations	6,456	3,466	
Church Subsidy to cover School Expenses	(80,500) **	(84,250) *	
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$ (89,928)	\$ (94,209)	

* \$22,500 - portion received from Endowment distributions in 2022-23

** \$30,000 - portion received from Endowment distributions in 2023-24

*** Home & School account includes Monte Carlo Gala income & expenses held in Sept. 2023

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT			
JULY 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023			
	3 Months 9/30/2023	3 Months 9/30/2022	
SCHOOL INCOME:			
Tuition & Fees Income	194,467	170,531	
Fundraising Income	10,507	13,594	
Gifts & Bequests	-	15,324	
Extended Care	426	201	
Other Income	159	47	
TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 205,559	\$ 199,697	
SCHOOL EXPENSES:			
Administration Expenses	46,438	52,411	
Instruction Expenses	164,064	165,326	
Building Operation & Maintenance	45,399	36,757	
Insurance Exp/Diocesan Assessment	11,533	10,039	
Other Expenses	-	-	
TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 267,434	\$ 264,533	
SUBTOTAL OF OPERATIONS	\$ (61,875)	\$ (64,836)	
Capital Expenses & Improvements	(2,047)	(15,380)	
Church Subsidy to School Income	80,500 **	84,250 *	
Home & School	46,343 ***	(3,654)	
NET INCOME/LOSS After Subsidy	\$ 62,921	\$ 380	

DID YOU KNOW?

A contribution from an IRA can go directly to a church to save money on taxes.

To avoid paying taxes on the donation, the donor must follow the IRS rules for Qualified Charitable Distributions.

With a QCD, these distributions become tax-free as long as they are paid directly from an IRA to the church.

Since the amount is going directly to the church, the amount withdrawn from the IRA is not taxable to the donor.