



# Around the Parish

JUNE NEWSLETTER

# 2024

## FATHER'S DAY THROUGH THE LENS OF ST. JOSEPH



In June of last year, we looked at Pope Francis' apostolic letter of December 2020. As another Father's Day draws near it seems appropriate to reflect again on this enlightened document.

St. Joseph is often seen as a saint for fathers and father figures alike. A spiritual and virtuous counselor to emulate and seek guidance from as we map our role as fathers. Pope Francis penned the apostolic letter titled *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart") in preparation for the year honoring St. Joseph, 2021.

In his letter he explains the fatherhood of St. Joseph through seven lenses: a beloved father; a tender and loving father; an obedient father; an accepting father; a creatively courageous father; a working father, and a "father in the shadows." Let's take a closer look at each of these.

**Beloved Father:** Joseph is the earthly father of Jesus, but he, like Mary, knows that this child is born unto this earth to be the redeemer of humanity and that his true Father lives and reigns in the kingdom of heaven. As such, he uses his legal, earthly authority as a father to protect and provide for Je-

sus in safety and love so that he may grow into his fullness as the Messiah.

**Tender and Loving Father:** We can rightly say that Joseph modeled fatherhood for Jesus. Knowing what God's plan for Jesus was and being his earthly father, Joseph's gift of tender love and ministrations helped him grow strong in mind and body. As a result, when it came time for Christ to take up his ministry he did so with the unconditional love of his family and an inherent understanding of his role in God's plan.

**An Obedient Father:** We often think that it is a child's responsibility to be obedient to his father. But Joseph shows us that even fathers are answering to a higher calling. When Mary is pregnant, Joseph has a dream that tells him the Child of God will be born through Mary. At that moment and forevermore, Joseph puts the welfare of Mary and Jesus above all else. Listening to God's commands he is obedient not only to the Word of God but also to his paternal responsibility of putting his family's best interests before his own.

**An Accepting Father:** Here, perhaps, is the most difficult lens through which Joseph models fatherhood for us. Can we accept our children and their lives even when we do not understand why it is so? Pope Francis tells us, "In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations, and disappointments." We see in Joseph the acceptance of God's plan, even though quite conceivably he didn't understand it, and most certainly was contrary to the societal norms of the day.

**A Creatively Courageous Father:** In *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis says that "in the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it." Joseph, as the father of Jesus,

husband of Mary and protector of the Holy Family, is faced with difficulties time and again. However, trusting in the divine providence of God's plan, he creatively turns troubles into opportunities. If we feel like our difficulties outnumber our blessings at times, we need to remember that God trusts us to be creative, courageous, and find solutions to our problems.

**A Working Father:** St. Joseph has long been associated with the ethic of work. He earned an honorable living as a carpenter and provided for his family; likewise, he taught Jesus the value, joy, and dignity that can be found in providing for one's family from the fruits of his labor. How then, Pope Francis asks, "can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?" We, as followers of Christ, must find ways to make certain that everybody has the opportunity to work.

**A Father in the Shadows:** The role of a responsible and loving father or father figure, as we have seen in St. Joseph, is not an easy one. A father must embody many truths and live them actively. He must teach, model and communicate the virtues of fatherhood so that the child can grow to the fullness of their potential. And then finally, he must be able to let go of all the previous truths. He must be a father in the shadows, who allows the child to have the freedom to walk "the paths of life unaccompanied."

By Sarah Hanley  
Via: [catholicphilly.com](http://catholicphilly.com)

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

## Feast of the Sacred Heart and its Rich History

*The solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year by the Catholic Church, honoring Jesus' divine love for humanity. However, the feast wasn't always on the calendar and took many centuries before it was established and spread throughout the world.*

### 1. JESUS REQUESTED THE FEAST IN 1675

**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque** received **private revelations** from Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke to her on **June 16, 1675**, and asked her specifically to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart.

2. THE FEAST IS HELD THE FRIDAY AFTER CORPUS CHRISTI  
Jesus specifically asked St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that **"the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honor My Heart."**

### 3. THE FIRST SACRED HEART FEAST WAS ORIGINALLY IN OCTOBER

According to the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, "The very first time that there was a liturgical feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was on **October 20, 1672**. St. John Eudes, the founder of our Congregation, **composed the Mass himself and asked that it be celebrated in all 13 houses** (seminaries) of the CJM."

### 4. POLAND WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO INSTITUTE THE FEAST

The first country to institute a liturgical feast in honor of the Sacred Heart was, of all places, **Poland**. This is confirmed by Pope Pius XII in his encyclical, *Haurietis aquas*.

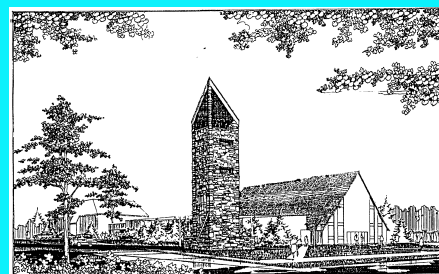
*"The Sacred Congregation of Rites – by a decree of the 25th of January 1765, which was approved by Our predecessor, Clement XIII, on the 6th of February of the same year – granted the **liturgical celebration of the feast to the Polish Bishops** and to what was called the Archconfraternity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Rome. The Apostolic See acted in this way so that the devotion then existing and flourishing might be extended, since its purpose was 'by this symbol to renew the memory of that divine love' by which Our Savior was moved to offer Himself as a victim atoning for the sins of men."*

### 5. THE FEAST BECAME UNIVERSAL IN 1856

In a decree from the Sacred Congregation of Rites on **August 23, 1856**, Pope Pius IX established the feast for the universal Church. It was a direct response to the request of French bishops, who wanted the feast to be celebrated in all parts of the world.

Via: <https://aleteia.org/> By: Philip Kosloski

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### 8th Grade Graduation

#### Kindergarten Ceremony

Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart Church

June 5th, 2024

### Sacred Heart Summer Camp

Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart School—PREK

June 24th - Aug. 2nd, 2024

### Scuba Vacation Bible School

Religious Ed.

Sacred Heart School—IHM

June 17th-21st @ 9:00-12:00 Noon

### Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing

Knights of Columbus

Galen Hall Golf Club

August 23rd @ 1:00 p.m.



## June 2024 LECTOR SCHEDULE

June 1/2 *The Most Holy  
Body & Blood of Christ*

5:00 PM Lou Sutherland  
7:30 AM Vince Moffitt  
9:30 AM Mary Ann Kase  
11:15 AM Karen Ann Cameron

June 8/9 *10th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM Mary Ann Kelly  
7:30 AM Mike Gallagher  
9:30 AM John Gleason  
11:15 AM Beth Tharp

June 15/16 *11th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM Ann Reber  
7:30 AM Joe Tharp  
9:30 AM John Gleason  
11:15 AM Beth Tharp

June 22/23

5:00 PM  
7:30 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:15 AM

June 29/30

5:00 PM  
7:30 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:15 AM

*12th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time*

Sandie Wrable  
Joe Tharp  
Lori Anewalt  
John Sylvester

*13th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time*

Dean Reber  
JoAnn Schmura  
Karen Piraino  
Margaret Hueske

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**



**Congratulations on  
your Wedding:**

*Adrian Rodriguez*

*and*

*Kate Parisi*

**Married**

**May 11th, 2024**

**SACRED HEART EARLY EDUCATION CENTER**

**Preschool  
Ages 3-5**

**SUMMER CAMP**

Sacred Heart School  
701 Franklin Street  
West Reading, Pa. 19611  
Ages 3-5 years  
9:00-12:00pm M-F  
(closed July 4)

Nonrefundable Registration fee:  
\$50 Non SHS families  
\$25 SH families  
Weekly Cost: \$150  
June 30-July 5 (4 days) \$120

WEEKS	THEMES
• June 24-28:	Mermaids & Pirates
• June 30-5 (Closed July 4):	Stars & Stripes
• July 8-12:	Dino Dig
• July 15-19:	Artful Camper
• July 22-26:	Carnival Calypso
• July 29-Aug. 2:	At the Beach

For more information or to register:  
<https://sacredheartreading.com/prek>  
610-373-3316

**Limited Space!!!**

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*This is just the  
Beginning*



**Congratulations to our  
8th Grade Graduates!**

Calista Abreu  
Layden Acevedo Cordero  
Francisco Anewalt  
Aiden Arboleda  
Dominik Garcia-Lopez  
Jonalyn Gil  
Landon Hartranft  
Sebastian Hummel  
Jojo Jarvis  
Coy Koller  
Adriana Quizhpi  
Junilynn Rodriguez  
Sylviajane Solis  
Luke Suski  
Brian Swisher  
Jayden Wright

# Helping Children Follow Jesus

At Scuba VBS, children don't just hear about God's love; they see it, touch it, sing it, taste it, and put it into action through God Sightings. As they travel from station to station, they go deeper into their understanding of God and God's Son, Jesus. Most important, children learn that because Jesus loves us, he came to die for our sins and make a way for us to live with God forever.

You'll notice that there's no set time for children to make a faith commitment. We feel that Vacation Bible School helps children build relationships—with other children, with adults, and with Jesus. And since each child is at a different point in his or her relationship with Jesus, programming a time for commitment may be confusing to some children. However, if it's part of your church tradition to include a time for children to make a faith decision.

If you sense that a child might like to know more about what it means to follow Jesus, give this simple explanation:

God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Jesus died and took the punishment for all the wrong things we do. But Jesus is stronger than death, and he came back to life! Jesus wants to be our friend forever. When we ask him to, he'll take away the wrong things we've done and fill our lives with his love. Jesus will always be with us and will help us make the right choices. When we believe in Jesus and ask him to forgive us, someday we'll live with him forever in heaven.

You may want to lead the child in a simple prayer inviting Jesus to be part of his or her life. You may also want to share one or more of the following Scripture passages with the child. Encourage the child to read the verses with you from his or her own Bible.



- John 3:16
- Romans 5:8-11
- Romans 6:23
- Ephesians 2:4-8

**SCAN QR  
CODE TO  
SIGN UP**

If you feel uncomfortable about talking to the child, refer him or her to your church's pastor or another leader who will help the child understand what it means to believe in Jesus. Be sure to share the news of the child's spiritual development with his or her parent(s)



A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who attended, helped, baked, or donated to our annual Spaghetti Dinner Social! ***It was a big success!*** Proceeds from events like this one help us to continue Our Mission in serving our parishes, priests, seminarians, and community. Again, *thank you* for your participation.

Our next event will be the **Swing and A Prayer Golf Outing on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Galen Hall Golf Club, 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Now in our 7<sup>th</sup> year, proceeds from this event benefit Sacred Heart School. Please look to the bulletin for more news on how to sign up or become a sponsor.

**Recitation of the Rosary** is now on the weekly schedule, and we hope you can join us on Sunday mornings at 10:40 a.m. in the church after the 9:30 Mass, and Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Adoration in the Chapel. All are welcome to participate!

Important 2024 K of C dates for your calendar:

JUNE 6 - **Officer's Meeting** – IHM Room 7:00 p.m.

JUNE 20 - **Membership Meeting** – IHM Room 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Rosary at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024 – SWING AND A PRAYER GOLF OUTING \*NEW VENUE\* Galen Hall Golf Club** – more info coming soon!

*The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Bornemann Council membership is open to all practicing Catholic male adults, aged eighteen 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](http://bornknights.org) and fill out the Contact Form located on our website OR sign up directly using the online KofC link.*



**WELCOME**

**TO THE PARISH**

Vanessa Martinez and  
Children (Sonny, Serenity)



**OUR CONDOLENCES  
TO:**

The Carr and Blaum  
Family and Friends on  
the passing of:

**Sean Carr**

**5-10-2024**

# PARISH FINANCIAL REPORTS

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

### FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2024

	9 Months 3/31/2024	9 Months 3/31/2023
<b>CHURCH INCOME:</b>		
Offertory Collections Income	552,035	518,771
Donations, Bequests, Memorials Income	170,558	177,538
Program Income	19,085	23,962
Other Income	3,981	7,675
<b>TOTAL CHURCH OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 745,659</b>	<b>\$ 727,946</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES:</b>		
Administration Expenses	185,806	186,971
Religious Education Expenses	92,523	89,587
Diocesan Assessment Expenses	128,579	123,118
Church, Rectory, Parish Center Expenses	140,466	146,239
Other Expenses	9,400	9,000
<b>TOTAL CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 556,774</b>	<b>\$ 554,915</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL OF OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 188,885</b>	<b>\$ 173,031</b>
Capital Expenses & Improvements	(29,373)	(36,861)
Endowment Donations	24,426	559,592
Church Subsidy to cover School Expenses	(261,000) **	(208,500) *
Employee Retention Credit	225,000	-
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 147,938</b>	<b>\$ 487,262</b>

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

### FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2024

	9 Months 3/31/2024	9 Months 3/31/2023
<b>SCHOOL INCOME:</b>		
Tuition & Fees Income	526,010	540,775
Fundraising Income	77,009	113,252
Gifts & Bequests	-	16,674
Other Income	2,478	897
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 605,497</b>	<b>\$ 671,598</b>
<b>SCHOOL EXPENSES:</b>		
Administration Expenses	152,510	146,569
Instruction Expenses	561,985	558,600
Building Operation & Maintenance	113,919	106,510
Insurance Exp/Diocesan Assessment	38,439	34,033
Other Expenses	1,372	7,168
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 868,225</b>	<b>\$ 852,880</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL OF OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ (262,728)</b>	<b>\$ (181,282)</b>
Capital Expenses & Improvements	(49,907)	(17,590)
Church Subsidy to School Income	261,000 **	208,500 *
Home & School - Net	70,406 ***	(436)
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS After Subsidy</b>	<b>\$ 18,771</b>	<b>\$ 9,192</b>

\* \$67,500 - portion received from Endowment distributions in 2022-23

\*\* \$90,000 - portion received from Endowment distributions in 2023-24

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

*Thank you*