

2019 Guidebook & Directory

Sacred Heart Parish Community



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Sacred Heart Catholic Community

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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-2pm

Liturgy & Worship

Eucharistic Liturgies: 4pm Saturdays
7:30am, 9am & 11am Sundays
Misa en Español: St. Joseph Church,
1pm Sundays.
8:10am Tuesdays, and Fridays, 6:30pm
Wednesday; *9am Thursdays (Sacred
Heart Campus Mass) *Sept-May
*There is no daily Masses at Sacred Heart on
Monday*

Holy Days Consult the bulletin and/or our website
for exact days and times.

Adoration and Benediction: A special invitation to spend quiet time
with the Lord is extended during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Weekly
Benediction and Holy Hour is held on Sunday evenings and includes
scripture, song, private prayer and reflection

Glorify: A praise and worship night where guests are welcomed to
experience God through music, prayer, scripture and Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament. Dates and times can be found in the bulletin or
online at our website.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Tuesday after Mass,
Wednesdays at 5:30pm, Saturdays at 3pm, anytime by appointment.

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Parish is a Catholic Community dedicated to giving praise to God through communal worship, Christian formation and service to others. In support of this mission, we are committed to

- fostering prayer
- providing holistic education and formation
- providing support and enrichment for all parishioners
- identifying and responding to others in need
- reaching out to the inactive and the unchurched with Christ's message of love and salvation
- sharing with other faith communities
- being good stewards in the furtherance of these goals.

Parish Vision

We, the body of Sacred Heart, united in faith, strive to worship, play and work together for the building of Christ's kingdom of justice, peace and love in our community.

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An invitation to join our parish family...

If you are a baptized Catholic or interested in becoming Catholic, and are living in the Fremont area, you are invited to become a registered member of Sacred Heart Church. You may register anytime by contacting the parish office by phone or simply by stopping in during our business hours. Parishioners are encouraged to update the office as soon as their address, phone number or other information changes, or when one of their children reaches the age of 25, gets married, or begins their own family. At that time, he/she should create an individual parish registration. Our parish mailing list and this guide book are generated from this data. It is important to us to keep this up to date.

Liturgical Ministries of Our Parish

As a member of Sacred Heart Parish you are invited to live out and get connected with your faith by participating in any of the following ministries. Contact the parish office for training dates & times or additional information.

Altar Servers: Elementary, junior high and high school students and adults who arrive 15 minutes before the start of the liturgy to assist at the weekday, and weekend Eucharistic liturgies, as well as at other liturgical celebrations. Training for this ministry begins in grade 3.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The priest, students age 16 and older, and adults who assist in bringing the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembly. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are expected to dress in a modest manner and perform their ministry reverently. They attend a preparation class, and are scheduled 1-2 times per month, arriving 15 minutes before the start of the liturgy.

Gift Bearers: Men, women or families that present the gifts of bread and wine to the celebrant at the Eucharistic liturgy.

Greeters/Ushers: *'The first face of our Liturgies'*. These men and women offer hospitality and welcome to the assembly by providing for the physical needs of the assembly such as finding seats, gathering the offering with warmth and gratitude, and offering other assistance as needed.

Lectors: Lay persons (High School Students and Adults) trained to proclaim the Word of God at the Eucharistic liturgies and/or special services throughout the year. Lectors are scheduled 1-2 times per month, arriving 15 minutes before the start of the liturgy to prepare for this ministry.

Sacristans: Adults who assist the priest in setting up for the liturgy. Sacristans arrive 30 minutes before Mass to ensure proper preparation.

Music Ministries

We are proud to provide a variety of ministry groups to enhance our Liturgies here at Sacred Heart. Weekly practices and specialized materials are provided by our Director of Music and Liturgy, which help to encourage prayer and participation.

Cantors: Encourage and support assembly singing through proclaiming the Psalm, singing the Gospel Acclamation verse, and other sung responses at all Masses.

Funeral Choir: Supports the bereaved family at a funeral by singing the hymns the family selected to celebrate the life of the deceased loved one.

Liturgical Ensemble: Provides contemporary music that assists the parish in praising God through song at the Sunday 11:00am Mass and at other liturgical celebrations.

Parish Choir: Enhances the liturgy and encourages congregational singing by leading songs and responses at the Sunday 9:00am Mass and at other liturgies through the year.

Youth Choir: Open to students in grades 3-12, this group provides musical leadership through the talents of our youth at Masses once every 2-3 weeks.

Chime Choir: Open to anyone grade 5 to adult that is willing to learn to play and commit to weekly practices. Choir performs at Masses on a rotating basis.

Organist/Instrumentalist: Enhance and support sung participation as well as provide music for reflection during liturgies and prayer services.

Sacraments and Preparation

Baptism: The first of the seven Sacraments in which the stain of original sin is wiped away and we become new members of the Catholic Church. If you are a Catholic parent living within the boundaries of Sacred Heart, you are welcome to baptize your baby here. If you live in another city, or for family or other reasons would like to baptize here it is possible with approval. Please discuss your particular situation with our Deacon or Priest.

At Sacred Heart, all first-time parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation session before scheduling their baptism. Sessions are scheduled by calling the parish office and are facilitated by the parish Priest or Deacon. Preparation highlights the Sacrament itself, the role of parents as first teachers of the faith for their children, Godparent requirements and selection. Parents are invited to call the parish office for dates and times and to register for these sessions.

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First Holy Communion: One of the three Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church and celebrated after Easter, Catholic children in second grade prepared either at BHCS Sacred Heart Campus or our Parish School of Religion (PSR) come to the Eucharistic table for the first time. Older children baptized in the Catholic faith but not having at least 1 year of Sacramental preparation can receive the necessary preparation through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children program and receive the Eucharist when they are ready. RCIC is a comprehensive program of instruction that can “catch up” your child’s religious instruction when years were missed. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) would be the equivalent program for an adult who was baptized Catholic but did not complete their Sacraments.

Confirmation: This sacrament completes the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. Confirmation means accepting responsibility for your faith and destiny. The focus is on the Holy Spirit and its gifts. Preparation for this sacrament at Sacred Heart is a 2-year process for students in grades 7 & 8. During this process, candidates, parents and sponsors will all develop a more mature understanding of the mission of Christ that has been entrusted to us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Celebrated at Sacred Heart on Tuesdays after morning Mass, Wednesdays at 5:30pm, Saturdays at 3pm, or anytime by appointment. Our confessional is located in the body of the worship area on the left as you enter from the narthex. During Advent and Lent, the Fremont area parishes will collaborate to host a communal penance service with special dates and times. As part of their preparation for First Holy Communion, children in second grade receive age-appropriate catechesis for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents are also provided a deeper understanding of the theology, history and contemporary practice of the sacrament so that they may support their children by word and example. A special night is then set aside for second grade families to experience this sacrament together.

Anointing of the Sick: A sacrament of healing and spiritual strength celebrated by the priest upon request. Anyone who is seriously ill, preparing for surgery, of advanced age, or who suffers chronic serious illness may receive this sacrament. Contact the parish office 419-332-7339 to inquire about receiving this sacrament as needed.

Marriage: This Sacrament is a covenant that closely imitates the love of Christ for the Catholic Church. Those interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at Sacred Heart must participate in 4-6 preparatory sessions with the parish Priest or Deacon and attend an Engaged Couples Conference. If this is a second marriage for either or both parties, an annulment may be necessary. Please contact the parish Priest or Deacon at the parish office 419-332-7339 for more information.



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Annulment: This is a legal procedure for declaring a marriage null and void. A person seeks an annulment 1) to put closure on a former relationship, 2) to receive an internal spiritual reconciliation, or 3) to remarry within the Catholic Church. It is a confidential matter and treated as such. All information gathered is only disclosed to tribunal personnel. Please contact the parish Priest or Deacon at the parish office 419-332-7339 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA) is a program designed for those who would like to know more about the Roman Catholic Faith. It is also for those who would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Whether you have never been baptized or were baptized into another faith, this program includes several steps that will lead you to initiation into our Catholic community. RCIA is not only for non-Catholics. Catholics looking to enrich their own faith while sharing it with others inquiring about the faith are encouraged to participate. For additional information on the RCIA program contact the parish office.

Catholic Education

Good Shepherd Program: A program specifically designed for small children ages 3-6 that encourages a conscious and intimate relationship with God. Weekly presentations in a specially designed “atrium” include scripture, music and age-appropriate hands-on materials that allow children to work as long or as often as they like. Annual registration is required. Additional information can be provided by contacting the PSR Coordinator at our parish.

Parish School of Religion: (PSR) A program specifically designed for parishioners Kindergarten through Grade 8 attending public school or being home schooled. This program aids parents in building Catholic values and strong faith foundations within their children. Students meet weekly from September through May on our Sacred Heart Campus. They attend Mass and participate in weekly classroom activities, and annual service projects. Specialized sacramental preparation programs and retreats are developed for students preparing for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation. Open to all Catholic families. Annual registration is required. Please contact the PSR Coordinator here at Sacred Heart for more information. (419-332-7339)

Bishop Hoffman Catholic School System: A Catholic school system made up of families from all three Fremont Catholic Parishes. A collaborative effort, its three campuses aim to integrate our Catholic faith and tradition with a solid academic program to ensure the well-rounded education of all our students preschool through grade 12.



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The Sacred Heart Elementary Campus currently houses children Preschool through Grade 6; Saint Joseph Central Catholic Campus (SJCC) grades 7-12.

Ongoing Formation

Altar Rosary Society: An organization open to all Catholic women of the parish. The group provides support for the spiritual lives of its members by encouraging devotion to Mary and the Blessed Sacrament. Fundraisers finance items for liturgical worship and religious education. Ladies also provide assistance for various parish events. Meetings are typically held on the first Monday of each month. Donna Baker is the current president.

Bereavement Support: Designed for those who are grieving and in need of emotional and spiritual support after experiencing the loss of a loved one. This ministry is open to anyone dealing with grief, regardless of the relationship of the person who has died and the length of time since the loss initially occurred. MaryAnne Mayle, LISW leads this ministry. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Engaged Couples Conference: An experience-centered learning process for couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church. During the conference, engaged couples put into perspective and communicate with each other their individual and shared priorities, values and goals. Married team members share their experiences and the challenges of married life. In dialogue with each other as well as other engaged couples and married couples, the engaged couple internalizes certain values of Christian marriage. The Engaged Couples Conferences held at Sacred Heart is an all-day Saturday session held in the spring. Contact the parish office for exact date and time.

Lay Ministry Program is a diocesan formation program open to women and men who feel called to become more fully active adult Catholics in their parish communities. This holistic formation process incorporates prayer, reflection, teaching and group work under the guidance of well-trained catechists. Each of the 3 levels is a complete course of study supplemented by first-hand ministry observations and experiences. Sessions are located throughout the diocese and are held monthly for 7 months on Friday evening and Saturday; this program can also be taken as a Summer Institute and online year-long experience. Go to www.toledodiocese.org for more information.



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Adult Faith Enrichment: This group meets on Tuesday mornings in the meeting room. A variety of Catholic materials are used to study scripture, guide discussions and enhance spiritual growth. All adults are invited and welcome to attend. There is no need to register and there are no fees to pay. Come whenever and as often as you are able. This is a great opportunity to deepen your knowledge of your Catholic faith.

Small Faith-Sharing Communities provide a setting in which to prayerfully open ourselves to the grace of God and gather with others to share faith. Groups of 8-12 people meet in people's homes and are led by a facilitator. During the group gatherings, the participants read and reflect on the Scriptures, pray together, share each other's lives and faith, and respond in action. Small communities may meet for 4-6 weeks during Advent and Lent. Contact the parish office to be connected with one of these existing groups or if you are interested in materials to begin your own.

Social Concerns/Parish Outreach

Bereavement Team ministers to parishioners who are suffering a loss through the death of a loved one. The team ministers through cards, phone calls and visits and also provides resource information to the bereaved in the parish bulletin and local newspaper.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the

Homebound: Volunteers who visit sick or disabled parishioners to pray with them, and bring them communion. Please contact the parish office (419-332-7339) to request a visit.

Funeral Luncheon Team provides a luncheon for the family and friends of the deceased after the funeral. Volunteer opportunities exist in purchasing, cooking, baking and serving. Contact the Parish office for more information.

The Giving Tree: Sacred Heart's form of participation in the Sandusky County Community Christmas project, which provides help for those who request it through United Way First Call for Help (419-334-2720). On the First Sunday of Advent, the Giving Tree is displayed in the narthex of the church. Parishioners are invited to take a tag from the tree, purchase gifts for the persons identified on the tag, and to return them for distribution. Barb Reineck (419-334-3388) serves as the chairperson for this annual collection.

Heartbeat: A confidential crisis pregnancy agency that offers education, counseling and infant care items to area families. They can be reached at 419-334-9079 or in person at 1243 Napoleon Street, Fremont.

Hispanic Ministry: An outreach of the Fremont Catholic churches to the Hispanic community. It includes the 1pm. Spanish Mass at St. Joseph Church each Sunday and summer sacramental preparation for the children of seasonal farm workers. Please call 419-334-2638 for more information.



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Knights of Columbus: A fraternal insurance & social organization open to all Catholic men 18 years and older in good standing with the Church. The K of C provides funds and manpower for charitable and community action programs, youth, the disadvantaged and area parishes. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the K of C Hall, 226 N. Park Avenue, Fremont. Richard Holland (419-307-8887) is our parish contact person.

Nursing Home Visiting Team provides a personal connection between the parish and the residents of Pristine Senior Living and Post-Acute Care Center and Bethesda Care Center. Residents of Pristine gather each Sunday at 10:30am to watch the pre-recorded Mass for Shut-Ins and receive the Eucharist from parish volunteers. Residents at Bethesda are taken communion each Friday. A Mass is held on the second Thursday of each month at Bethesda Care Center for Catholic residents. Contact the parish office to be put in contact with our visiting team coordinators.

Prayer Line: A network of parishioners who pray regularly for the special needs of the community upon request. Anyone may request intercessory prayer for oneself, a family member, or a friend by contacting a Prayer Line coordinator. Confidentiality is respected. Coordinators are Ann Hoffman (419-332-3656) and Rose Foes (419-332-8778).

St. Vincent de Paul Society: An international Catholic organization of lay persons that seeks, in a spirit of justice and charity and by person-to-person involvement, to help those who are suffering and in need of assistance. Furniture inquiries 419-552-4391; General inquiries 419-378-0895.

Share & Care is a United Way agency located at 129 Bidwell Street that distributes Salvation Army assistance in our area. Open to the public, Share and Care accepts donations of used clothing and household items. The center also provides emergency prescription, rent, food and utility assistance and new blankets and shoes to those with demonstrated need. Area churches share the responsibility for sorting and displaying clothing and small articles at Share & Care, which is open 10am-3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on the First Saturday of each month. In April and October, Sacred Heart parishioners team up to work on Tuesdays at the Center. Contact the parish office if you are interested in sharing your talents within this ministry.

Welcoming Team contacts newly registered families or individuals to welcome them into our parish community. This ministry thrives on volunteers to assist with making calls and sending cards. Contact the parish office if you would be willing to help out.

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Fremont Ministry Association: An ecumenical organization of clergy from area churches. It sponsors a Lenten series of evening prayer and preaching and supports the Fremont Clergy Emergency Fund. The organization also networks information about area agencies in need of help.

Stewardship/Sharing Time and Talents

Building and Grounds Committee oversees the development and preservation of our exterior buildings and landscaping. They both serve as hands-on volunteers and they discuss all proposals for improvement and upkeep. Contact the Parish Operations Manager to serve on the committee, volunteer for projects or submit proposals/ideas.

Catholic Education Development Fund (CEDF) An endowment fund that supports Catholic elementary and high schools in Sandusky County. For more information contact Angie Halbeisen (419-332-5124).

Church Cleaning takes place weekly by a group of volunteers on a rotating schedule. Crews made up of 5-6 people are assigned to clean 4 or 5 weeks each year. The cleaning consists of vacuuming, dusting and general clean-up, and takes about 1 1/2 hours. Day and evening shifts are available. Jan Hazen (419-355-9062) prepares the schedule.

Church Linens are picked up from the work sacristy drawers, washed and ironed, and returned to the sacristy by volunteers on a monthly schedule. Jan Hazen (419-355-9062) coordinates this ministry.

Sacred Heart Endowment Fund was created to perpetuate, partially support and uphold the educational ministry of Sacred Heart. Funds given for this purpose are invested under the supervision of a board of trustees.

Annual Events and Happenings

Annual Lighting of the Memory Tree: On the First Sunday of Advent we gather for a special tree lighting ceremony to remember those whose memory remains in our hearts. This outdoor ceremony is followed by a warm reception in the Narthex. All are welcome.

Get Connected Weekends: These weekends are an opportunity to build community and provide in depth information about parish ministries, organizations and events. This event is also an opportunity for new families to register. Watch the bulletin for exact dates and times.

Holiday Bazaar is held each year in early November. Area vendors display arts and crafts for sale, and parishioners prepare a hot lunch for shoppers to enjoy. Mary Mayle (419-463-0700), Jean Spader (419-639-3358), Rita Engeman (419-332-1073) and Andrea Carter (419-680-2716) are among the current chairpersons.

Lenten Fish Fry: Typically held the first Friday of Lent volunteers come together to prepare and serve a delicious Lenten meal for all to share. Watch the bulletin or website for exact date and specific event details.

Mother-Daughter Banquet: Annual event held on the Monday evening after Mother's Day, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society. Women of the parish and their guests gather together for a delicious potluck style dinner and fellowship. A short program and door prizes help to round out this evening of fellowship and fun.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: Organized/Hosted by the FACT group, this annual parish event promotes fellowship and serves as a fundraiser for the Fremont Area Catholic Teens group.

Parish Summer Festival: Held each July as a social and fundraising event. The 3 day event promotes fellowship in addition to rides, raffles, food, live music and games. Contact the parish office for current General Chairperson information.

Spaghetti Dinner: An annual social and fundraising event, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society, held in February in which our parish hall is transformed into a fine Italian eatery for the evening.

Parish Communications

Weekly Bulletin provides up to date news of events within the parish, school and surrounding area. The bulletin is available at the doors of the church each weekend, and on our webpage. Fridays at noon is the deadline for news items and or announcements to be submitted for the following Sunday.

Parish Webpage & Facebook Page created to keep our computer generation connected with the happenings of the parish. Both pages include ministry updates, contact information for parish staff and ministry leaders as well as calendar of events. www.sacredheart-fremont.org or "like" us on facebook- Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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Advisory Councils

Pastoral Council: An advisory council elected by their peers, assists the pastor in long-range planning for the parish through study and consultation. They are the principal recommending body of the parish. Meetings are held monthly. See the bulletin for the list of current members.

Finance Advisory Council: An advisory council that works with the pastor and operations manager in regards to stewardship, development and financial concerns of the parish. The council assists with the parish budget, reviews the total parish financial picture and provides updates to the parish on the sacrificial giving program. Members are appointed for a three-year term. See the bulletin for the list of current members.

History of Sacred Heart Parish

Unique among the Catholic communities in Fremont, Sacred Heart Parish established in 1956, is the youngest and the only Catholic Church on the east side of the city.

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| 1956-1968 | Fr. Leo A. Lehmkuhl served as “Father Sacred Heart,” Built Church, school, rectory & convent |
| 1968-1972 | Fr. Bertrand Shenk succeeded as second pastor. Build & dedicated parish hall. |
| 1972-1980 | Fr. Benedict Ringholz appointed third pastor. A collaborative pastoral staff was formed. |
| 1980-1991 | Fr. Earl Loeffler served as fourth pastor of the parish. A preschool program for children ages 3-5 was established as well as an extended day program for working parents. |
| 1991-1995 | Fr. Michael Ricker was appointed fifth pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. In 1993, the S.H.A.R.E. (Sacred Heart Alternative Readiness and Extended Day) Center moved into the renovated former convent building. |
| 1995-2006 | Fr. Mark Herzog became Sacred Heart’s sixth pastor. A new worship space was built and renovations were made to existing buildings.
Our new church was dedicated in June of 2000. Soon after, Fr. John Brennen celebrated his first Mass as a priest here in his home parish. Fr. John Brennen died in February of 2010 at the age of 44. |
| 2006-2009 | Fr. William Pifher was appointed as Sacred Heart’s seventh pastor. The Sacred Heart Youth Choir was created. |

- 2009-2015 Fr. Kenneth Lill was selected as our eighth pastor. During his tenure the Bishop Hoffman Catholic School System was formed. The Memorial Prayer Garden was enhanced and dedicated. In February 2015, Fr. Ken suffered a stroke and was placed on medical leave. In April 2015, Fr. John Blaser, was appointed as Parochial Administrator.
- 2015-Present November 2015 Fr. Krzysztof Kardzis (Fr. Chris) was appointed as ninth pastor of Sacred Heart Church.