

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Established in 1874 ~ Celebrating 151 Years

**January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Bryan Kuhr, Pastor  
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Rev. Mr. John Shoemaker, Deacon Emeritus  
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Susan Craig, Organist

## Sacraments

### Sacrament of Baptism

For information concerning baptism, call the Parish priest.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements with the church should be made at least six months in advance by calling the Parish priest.

## Sunday Bulletin

Deadline for items for the bulletin is 12:00 Noon on Wednesday.

## Parish Membership

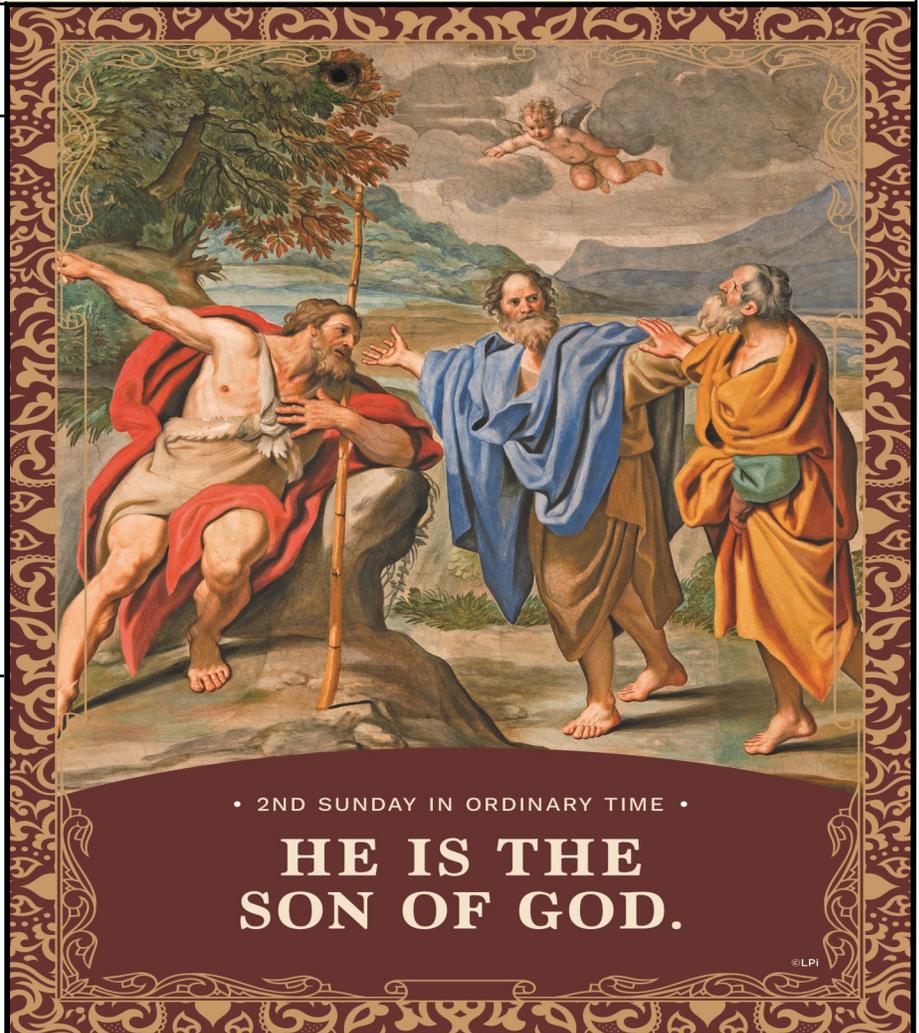
We welcome new families to our parish.

## Parish Registration

Parish registration forms can be picked up at the back of the church, at the church office or printed from our web page.

## Information Change

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call or stop by the parish office, or notify us by e-mail so we can update our records.



• 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**HE IS THE  
SON OF GOD.**

## Schedule of Masses

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12:10 p.m. Rosary at 11:15, a.m.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

College Student Mass 11:00 a.m.  
(suspended until the Fall) 4:00 p.m.

### Adoration

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon  
Every Friday 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

### Confession

(Held in Confessional only when daily Mass is celebrated))

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:15 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. and by appointment

## Masses for the Week



### Masses for the Week of January 18, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Edard Molingowski, S.I.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Kolby Barbosa, S.I.
	11:00 a.m.	Gary Hatcher, S.I.
	4:00 p.m.	Pro Populo
Monday	12:10 p.m.	Frank & Ann Leo, R.I.P.
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	For Priests and Deacons
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Sarah Marie Odom, S.I.
Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Special Intention

### Readings for the week

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2- 3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

### Weekly Offering

Offertory	\$ 14,559.82
Helping Hands	\$ 3,000.00
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 474.00

### Online Giving



Online giving is fast and VERY secure. Scan the QR code to start your online giving. You can set up recurring donations or one time gifts.

### Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of the parent of Katrina & Dale Eich.

If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, you can do so by signing up at the back of the church. You can either order the flowers yourself, or you can make a monetary donation of \$50 to cover the cost and we will make the arrangements for you.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "**Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God**" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

## Second Collection Schedule

<b>January 25</b>	<b>March 22</b>
Campus Catholics	Campus Catholics
<b>February 1</b>	<b>March 29</b>
Helping Hands	Holy Land
<b>February 8</b>	<b>April 5</b>
Black & Indian Mission	Archdiocese Seminarians
<b>March 1</b>	<b>April 12</b>
Helping Hands	Helping Hands
<b>March 8</b>	<b>April 26</b>
Catholic Relief Services	Catholic Home Mission
<b>March 8</b>	
Catholic Relief Services	

# Ministry Schedule

## LECTORS

**January 10**  
5:00 p.m. Cecile Trinidad

**January 11**  
8:30 a.m. Kenneth Barbosa  
11:00 a.m. Melissa Miller

**January 17**  
5:00 p.m. Michael Pangia

**January 18**  
8:30 a.m. Judith Malachowski  
11:00 a.m. Eddie Zipperer

**January 24**  
5:00 p.m. Chris Eckert

**January 25**  
8:30 a.m. Diane Sargent  
11:00 a.m. Cliff Scott

**January 31**  
5:00 p.m. Dennis McCann

**February 1**  
8:30 a.m. Kathy Boylan  
11:00 a.m. Dick McCoy

## MONEY COUNTERS

**January 12** Al Matysiak  
Jody Hatcher

**January 19** JoAnn McClure  
Ross Martinez

**January 26** Diane Sargent  
Sharon Thatcher

## HELPING HANDS

**January 13** Jody Klaassens  
Katrina Eich

**January 20** Kathy Stickline  
Mary Lacksen

**January 27** Ellen Markwalter  
Teresa Blevins

## USHERS

**January 10**  
5:00 p.m. Dennis McCann  
Al Matysiak

**January 11**  
8:30 a.m. Chris Fennell  
Ed Kuderna

11:00 a.m. Jerry Huellemier  
Mary Becker

**January 17**  
5:00 p.m. JJ McClure  
Mark Bell

**January 18**  
8:30 a.m. Kenneth Barbosa  
Wendy Barbosa

11:00 a.m. Dick McCoy  
Stephen Buckner

**January 24**  
5:00 p.m. John Geist  
Mario DeLaosa

**January 25**  
8:30 a.m. Chris Lowery  
Shannon Lowery

11:00 a.m. Tim Harper  
Patrick Donovan

**January 31**  
5:00 p.m. Ross Martinez  
Bob Duesing

**February 1**  
8:30 a.m. Clem Stickline  
Dan Smith

11:00 a.m. Joe Kump  
Kirk Sencindiver

**Ultreya**  
January 18  
February 15  
March 15  
April 12  
May 17

## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Jan. 6** PaMike McCabe  
**Jan. 13** Joe & Pat Sansotta  
**Jan. 20** Ester Ibanez  
**Jan. 27** Sandra Worsham &  
Celia Craig

If you need a substitute, please call Mike McCabe at 478-363-1693

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

**January 6** JoAnn McClure  
Cindy Cowart  
Deolinda Carreira

**January 13** Diane Bradshaw  
Elizabeth McManmon  
Christine Ridley

**January 20** Michelle Vasquez  
Katrina Eich  
Mary Short

**January 27** Harold Champagne  
Angela Hudson  
Diane Sargent

## Men's Bible Study

This Man is You  
MONDAY Evenings  
6:30 p.m.  
AQUINAS HALL

## Mysteries of the Rosary

Sunday Mornings  
Flannery O'Connor Hall  
After the 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Coffee & Donuts served

## Bereavement Group

January 14  
After the 12:10 Mass

## Altar Linens

January

Lynn Sheeler

## Flower Coordinator

Stacey Keaton

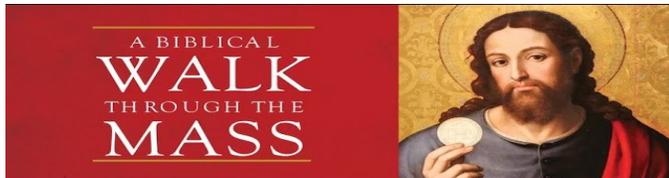
## Campus Catholics Sunday Supper

It's time to crank those ovens and cooktops because Sunday Supper is here. This ministry provides Sunday Dinner after the 4:00 Sunday Campus Catholic mass for the students. We feed their bellies and Jesus feeds their souls! There are many ways to serve in this ministry besides cooking. Provisions and helping hands are always welcome. If you feel called to serve our youth please reach out to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or [slebendiger@gmail.com](mailto:slebendiger@gmail.com). This is a weekly ministry, but not a weekly commitment. You can serve as often as you are available. God Bless you all!

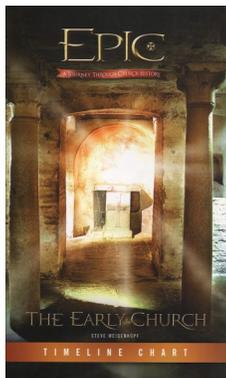
### Catholic Trivia:

Born before Christ, whose work as the "Father of Western Logic" heavily influenced Catholic philosophy?

### Woman's Bible Study



Next Women's bible studies begin on Tuesday, January 20. The morning group will meet at 10:00 am and will be studying "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" written by Edward Sri. You will need the study set which can be found on Ascension Press website.



The evening group will begin at 6:00 pm and will be studying "Epic: The Early Church" written by Steve Weidenkopf. This is available on Ascension Press website and Amazon.

Both studies will run 10 weeks. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or [slebendiger@gmail.com](mailto:slebendiger@gmail.com).

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Do you know of a lady in the parish that has given of her time and talent to serve our wonderful parish and/or community? Why not nominate her for Sacred Heart's Woman of the Year?

All Honorees will be recognized during Mass at the Annual Recognition Day at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 7, 2026, St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 7171 Glenridge Drive, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Bishop Bernard (Ned) Shlesinger III, will be the principal celebrant at this Mass.

Nomination forms can be found at the back of the church. You can return the completed form to the office, or put it in the black mailbox by the office door. Nominations need to be returned no later than February 4th.



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group that prays for our pastor in front of the Blessed Sacrament one hour per day, seven days per week.

Please join us in praying for our pastor, priests who have served us in the past, our favorite podcast priests and our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

"Behind every priest is a demon fighting for his downfall. If we have a tongue to criticize them..., we need to have double to pray for them." Saint Theresa of Avila

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr Bryan.

Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help him to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

### Prayer for the Holy Father:

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Leo XIV, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

### Happy Birthday

Cathy Helms      Jay Ridley      Vicki Luque  
Mateo Perez Altamirano      Jessie Folk

### Happy Anniversary

William and Faye West

**Girl's Night Out**  
**January 21st @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**China Wok Buffet**



## Upcoming Events

### Candlemas—Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The Candlemas mass will be celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm and is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, marking when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Jerusalem Temple 40 days after His birth, fulfilling Jewish law and presenting Him as the "Light of the World". It's known for the blessing and distribution of candles, symbolizing Christ, and traditionally concludes the Christmas season.

#### Key Aspects

#### Biblical Event:

It commemorates Luke 2:22-40, where the Holy Family meets Simeon and Anna, who recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah, a light for all nations.

#### Name Origin:

The name "Candlemas" comes from the blessing of candles for use in homes and churches throughout the year.

#### Symbolism:

The blessed candles represent Jesus as the Light dispelling darkness, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies, and foreshadowing His sacrifice.

#### Liturgical Significance:

It serves as the traditional end of the Christmas cycle, marking the transition to Lent, as it completes the events of Jesus' nativity.

#### Observances:

Includes a candlelight procession and Mass where parishioners bring candles to be blessed, connecting the New Covenant (Jesus) with ancient Jewish traditions.

Why to burn blessed candles in your home: The burning of a blessed candle invokes God's presence and protection, creating a sacred atmosphere that repels evil and fosters spiritual growth.

In addition to protection, burning blessed candles can also bring spiritual healing and the bestowal of divine graces. By prayerfully lighting a blessed candle, the faithful open themselves to receive the gifts of repentance, conversion, and physical or emotional healing if it is God's will.

Father will be blessing parishioner's candles in Flannery Hall after the 7pm mass. The CCW will be serving hot chocolate and desserts after the blessing. Any candles can be brought in for the Candlemas blessing, however if parishioner's are looking for quality beeswax or stearin candles, reasonable online offers can be found at the St. Jude Shop, Faith Gift Shop had tapers for \$4.15-4.50, EWTN had a larger 6 inch high 1 ½ inch diameter pillar for \$17, and Etsy had some very nice religious small businesses with beautiful options.

### Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



The Knights will be holding their annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning February 20th. Watch the bulletin for further details.



### 2026 Macon March for Life—Friday, January 23, 2026

Join Bishop Parks, the Diocese of Savannah, and the Kolbe Center for the 2026 Macon March for Life.

#### Schedule:

9:30 a.m.—Rosary at the Kolbe Center—833 Walnut St.

11:00 a.m.—Mass with Bishop Parks at St. Joseph Church  
830 Poplar St.

12:00 p.m.—Respect Life Rally outside of St. Joseph and march  
To the Kolbe Center

12:45 p.m.—Lunch at St. Joseph's Social Hall (**Registration required for lunch—Adults \$5, 18 and under is free.**)

**Questions:** Patrick Tunnell—[ptunnell@diosav.org](mailto:ptunnell@diosav.org)—(912)201-4068; The Kolbe Center (478) 257-4425

**Register at:** [diosav.org/march-for-life](http://diosav.org/march-for-life)

### Behold the Lamb

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

Be honest. When the priest or deacon read this line from the Gospel today, did your brain finish it with: “Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb”? (Mine did. And then I almost blurted out: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.” Because it’s Sunday morning, and I’m tired.)

We hear the words of John the Baptist every Sunday in the *Agnus Dei*. If you have been Catholic since childhood, the words of this rite are probably ingrained in your memory, like a groove worn across a wooden floor by the scratching of an often-used chair. That’s the beautiful thing about our liturgy: it gets inside of you, and it doesn’t leave. I’ve never met a

Catholic, however long-fallen-away, who did not recall the responses of the Mass.

When the priest says or chants the *Agnus Dei*, he is showing us the Host — the most ordinary-looking thing you ever did see. Nothing interesting about it whatsoever. Nothing that would make a person give it a second glance.

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. There is nothing that would make a person give Jesus a second glance, if that person expected redemption to come in a loud, aggressive show of power.

And this is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Consider what the world could look like, if an instinct to love and reverence those people were as deeply ingrained in us as the beautiful words so easily on our lips: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.”

## Patience is the quiet virtue that transforms love

St. Paul places patience at the very front of his definition of love for a reason. Patience steadies our relationships, protects our peace, and keeps perfectionism from taking over. It teaches us to respond rather than react. Two saints show what this looks like in real life.

**What patience looks like.** St. Thérèse of Lisieux built her “little way” on small, hidden acts of patience. One sister’s clacking Rosary beads irritated her every day, yet Thérèse chose not to dwell on it. Instead, she offered the



annoyance to God and kept her peace. She took the same approach with her own faults: she worked to improve, but without harshness or self-disgust.

**What patience is not.** St. Francis de Sales warned against confusing patience with passivity. When facing trials, he said, we should act with wisdom and trust. His example is simple: when you’re ill, follow the doctor’s guidance, take your medicine, and do your part—“but complain as little as possible.” Patience isn’t silence; it’s steady faith in action.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### Instructions on Receiving Communion

##### Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

##### Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church’s Code of Canon Law. Here we read, “One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ...” (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase “within a Eucha-

ristic celebration in which that person participates” is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration — we can’t simply show up “in time” for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

## Chard Wray Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned Beans (like kidney beans)
- Canned Chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned milk
- Canned Spam
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Canned tomatoes
- Cereal
- Cornmeal
- Dried Beans
- Grits
- Instant Potatoes

- Jelly
  - Jiffy Cornbread Mix
  - Juice
  - Macaroni & Cheese
  - Oatmeal
  - Pasta - different varieties
  - Pasta sauce
  - Peanut Butter
  - Powdered Milk
  - Rice
  - Saltine Crackers
  - Soup—all varieties,
- If you can help with any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated.

### Items for Blessing Bags

- Napkins
- Plastic spoons
- Gallon Size Zipper Bags
- Nature Valley Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups (no sugar)
- Peanut butter crackers
- Applesauce (unsweet)
- Fruit Juice Boxes ((unsweet)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Fruit & Nut Trail Mix
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies—Mini squares

- Quaker on-the-go Snack mix
- Baked Chips Snack mix
- Quaker Rice Crisps (small Package)
- Variety pack of nuts
- Packs of Raisins
- Crunchy Rollers (snacks)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Oats & Honey

These items can be found at Wal-Mart and Kroger

### Hygiene Items for Prison Ministry

- Antibacterial bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Powder based deodorant (solid, roll-on, gel, NO aerosol sprays)
- Conditioner
- Body Wash

- Lotion
  - Toothpaste
  - Baby powder/foot powder
  - Shampoo
  - Hair combs, etc.
- NO razors or metal items please**

### Answer:

Aristotle

### Do You Know?

**Everyone** in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

**In Milledgeville:**

**CORE Healthcare for Women**  
451 S. Wayne St.  
[coreofcga.com](http://coreofcga.com)

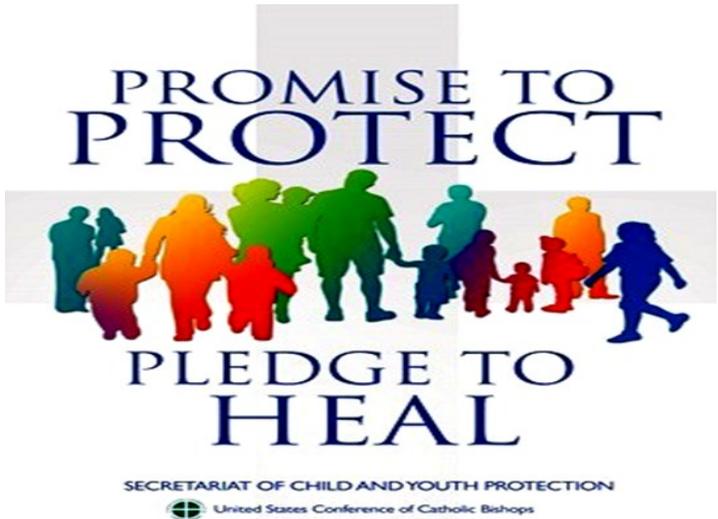
**(478) 216-5176**

### Prayer requests:

The homebound; nursing home and veteran home residents, the chronically ill; the mentally ill; all military personnel; all law enforcement and first responders; all prisoners; Charles Weasel, Suzanne Bryant, Suzanne James, Sally Pratt, Rowlyn Rae Hill, Archer Downs, Jose' Texidor, Brandon McManmon, Suzanne Irons, Deborah Cain, Tom Martinez, Joe Baden, Rob Leveille, Mary McMillan, Jerry Osteen, Linda Bullington, Barbara Middlebrooks, Julie Baker, Christopher Baden, Carmen Sans Graciaa, Lynn Kirby, Didi Lazo, Kimber Hudson, Liam Irwin, James D. Thomas, Harry Wheeler, Andrea Heber, Sherry Lynn, Malcolm Garity, Rob Shoemaker, Mark Morris, William "Pug" Puglisi, Cindy Walton, Barry Ford, Theresa Niner, Dr. Spencer Maddox, Earl Williams, Vicky Phillips, Marie Sanders, Gary Hatcher, Barbara Bernichon, Gail Petite, Robyn Beard, Jason Riner.

### Please pray for the deceased:

All deceased members of Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Michael McWhorter, and the victims of the Ukrainian War and the deceased of Israel.



**We are Here to Listen and Take Action**  
**Archdiocesan 24 Hour Abuse Reporting Hotline**  
**1-888-437-0764**

### Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

