

Many will Benefit!

Sacred Heart Parish has many ministries to serve the members of our parish and the community. Thanks to the support of the parishioners, we are able to continue these ministries and also take care of our regular operating expenses. However, by the end of the month there is seldom money left to fund our major maintenance and improvement expenses. If you would like to make a bequest, annuity, charitable trust or other planned gift, you may contact the parish office or visit our website.

Sacred Heart School has on-going scholarships to assist those in financial need so they may continue to receive a quality Catholic education. You may consider a gift to the school as a Guardian Angel.

As you see, the needs are indeed great and your gift, no matter what size or form is deeply appreciated by all.

Online giving contributions can be made by credit card. Sign up for online giving at www.sacredheartchurchrockport.org.

Do you have us on your
Christmas Checklist?

Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise you and thank you for your great power and tender, faithful love. Everything we are and everything we have are your gifts, and after having created us you have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, and in His spirit may we be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our material and spiritual gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen



Sacred Heart Church

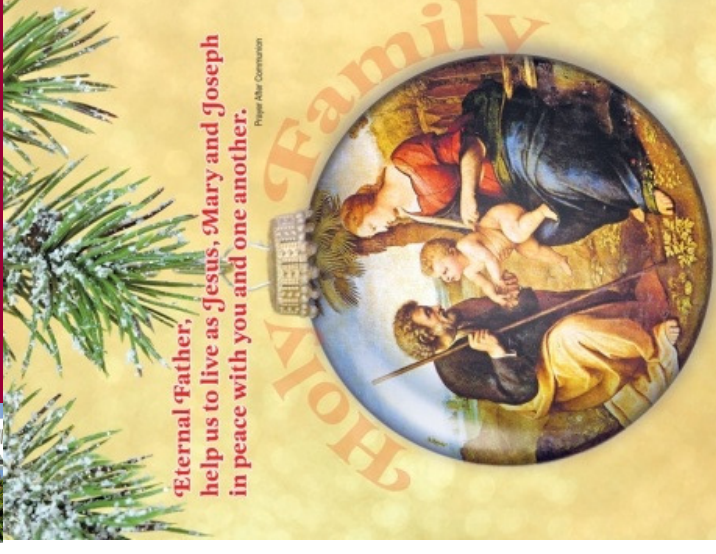
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The Art of Giving

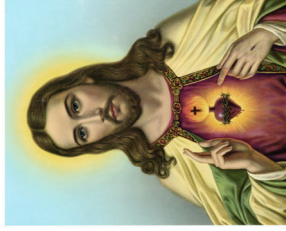


“Our Faith Community is called by God to share in the saving mission of Jesus to bring the Good News to all through Worship, Proclamation, Teaching, Witness and Example.”

Mission Statement

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Spirit of the Season Giving



Christmas and the year's end, to most Christian and Catholics will call to mind the very special gift that God gave us, the birth of His Son, Jesus

Christ. In celebration of His birth, the three kings or wise men brought gifts to the newborn King. Today we eagerly anticipate Christmas gifting as an expression of love for each other.

God has lovingly given **all** of us gifts throughout the year and throughout our lifetime! We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and the year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings . . .

...*A Catholic Gift of Faith.*

An Investment in Your Parish

As the Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Parish continue to grow and expand, the numbers of religious are declining. Many dedicated lay people are now filling the roles that were previously filled by the religious. They must be compensated with a just and living wage. Your Christmas and year end gift is an investment in those quality programs such as service to the parishes, schools, dioceses, and our many ministries.

You Have a Choice!

Did you know that “charitable giving” in one of only a few tax provisions that was **not** greatly impacted by recent federal tax legislation? Your charitable income tax deductions are one of the few tax planning opportunities completely within **your control!** The amount, timing and form are totally up to you.

Bequests

A bequest is a provision in a donor's will leaving a specific amount, percentage or remainder of assets to Sacred Heart Parish. Bequests can either be for a specific ministry, parish or institution or used as necessary by the parish.

Depreciated Securities ?

You can sell stock that has declined in a down market and claim that loss on your tax return. Then, donate the cash from the sale of the stock and, of course, **claim a charitable deduction on your tax return for the amount of the gift.** A professional stock broker can help you with this type of gift.

Trusts

Trusts, usually funded with real estate, stocks, securities or cash, provide lifetime income to the donor and a substantial future gift to the parish to support a cause selected by the donor or a priority cause of the parish..

Business Gifts

Businesses can make gifts and receive tax deductions too. Gifts of inventory, equipment, materials and service as well as cash are warmly received.

Property

Both real estate and personal property qualify as charitable gifts that would benefit your parish through Christmas and year end giving. Consider real estate such as residences, farmland, and buildings as well as antiques, artwork/coin collections or other collectables.

Life Insurance

Cash Value in current or paid up life insurance policies can benefit our parish. Of course, naming Sacred Heart Parish as a beneficiary of life insurance proceeds can be a wonderful means of making a future major gift to “*give the gift . . .*” You may even designate policy dividends as gifts.

Matching Gifts

If you are an employee or a participating retiree of a company or corporation with a “*matching gifts program,*” your gift may be matched if the gift is made to Sacred Heart School. Check with your employer.