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## **SACRED HEART PARISH: VISION CASTING 2023 and BEYOND**

Blessed day to you, Sacred Heart Parish.

In 2018, Bishop Johnston and his Visioning Team of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph crafted a vision plan for the immediate future of the diocese at large. The Vision is **“One Family: Restored in Christ – Equipped for Mission.”**

The Vision, with the Priorities, Goals, and resources for implementation may be seen on the following page.

<https://kcsjcatholic.org/our-vision/>

In working with the Parish Staff, Facilities Committee, Finance Council, and Parish Council, we at Sacred Heart Parish are looking to build upon our Bishop’s Vision and implement it at our parish level. Our hope is that through humility and docility to the invitation and leadership of the Holy Spirit, this vision will provide a road map for our community’s immediate future: something that we can work on together, and that can persist even in the face of new changes and challenges.

I am convinced that there is an invitation to our community of Sacred Heart Parish in the Nativity accounts found in the gospels of Luke and Matthew.

In the town of Bethlehem, whose name means “House of Bread”, the Bread of Life is born. St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother are humbly and lovingly gathered around our newborn Lord as the Holy Family. Angels, through vision and the star, reach out to others to lead them to the Holy Family. The angels approach the shepherds, natives of the region, and lead the Magi, distant travelers from the East. Both groups carry their own hurts and brokenness. The shepherds are lowly and disparaged by others. The Magi are lacking in faith, in search of a King. Both come to encounter the Lord in the presence of the Holy Family. Both groups give the fullness of their gifts to the Lord out of worship and love. Both groups find themselves healed and overjoyed by the encounter. Both groups leave the encounter changed, traveling a new way in life, and joyfully sharing with others what they’ve received from Christ.

This is Our Lord’s call to us.

He wants us to come encounter Him as a family at Sacred Heart Parish. He wants us, both those native to Warrensburg and those from far off lands, to bring our wounds and brokenness to Him. He wants us to give Him the gifts of our hearts as He gives His to ours. In this beautiful encounter, He wants to heal us, change our lives, and lead us to healing in Christ. From this new life He calls us to go out on mission to help others give their hearts to Him as well.

And so we present to you our Vision for Sacred Heart Parish.

**“One Family in Christ:  
Healed by His Heart – Joyfully Sharing His Heart”**

### **Healing Our Family in the Sacred Heart of Christ**

- Goal: Provide opportunities at the parish to encounter our Lord in Adoration and Confession

- Goal: Establish an active Welcome Committee: equipped to provide lists of directory, ministries,

calendar events, and goals; build a welcome station at front of Church to facilitate this

- Goal: To God through Beauty – work to further beautify our prayer space and celebration of the Mass to glorify God and further draw us to Him and His Sacred Heart

### **Enabled to Give Christ our Gifts and to Use Them Prudently**

- Goal: Prudent Management of Gifts - itemized budgets for all departments and ministries, with regular oversight; updated policies on accounts, credit cards; communication and transparency on accounts, monthly income, budget, etc.

- Goal: Promotion and Enablement of Stewardship – Promote knowledge and invitation of ministries and opportunities, to enable better participation to use our time, treasure, and talents for love of God and neighbor

- Goal: Community events to serve as an avenue of fraternity, healing, fundraising, and mission

### **Being Sent on New Way to Proclaim the Gospel to Others**

- Goal: Equip members of all ages to be active and formed disciples, able and joyfully willing to share the Gospel in day-to-day life and wherever they go

- Goal: Integrate Mission and Outreach as an essential part of our community and individual faith – build opportunities to support individual efforts to be sent on mission for Christ; build communal efforts of Outreach and Mission centered ministry, such as care for hungry and homeless, homebound, prison, and pro-life ministry

May the Holy Spirit and the Heavenly Host continue to guide us into deeper knowledge and love of Our Lord, and in union with His Sacred Heart, help send us out to be His love to the world.

Thank you and God bless,

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

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