



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright,
Pastor



Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church
144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00 PM, SUNDAY 11:15 AM

WEEKEND MASS
SUNDAY 9:00 AM

**29TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
October 22, 2023



PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm
Cemetery Business Hours: By Appointment
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
Phone: 570-662-3568 Fax: 570-662-2113
Email: hlychild@ptd.net

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

United with the Pope, we the members of Holy Child Parish seek to be a welcoming church, which fosters spiritual development and expresses charity by living in word and deed the life of Christ. Under the leadership of the bishop, our goals are to implement effective ministries through word, worship, and the sacraments, to enhance the spiritual growth of our parish family, and to encourage, through works of love and faith, the unity of the Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Child:

3:00 pm Saturday
10:45 am Sunday
5:15 pm Thursday
8:00 am Friday

Saint Mary's:

8:30 am Sunday
11:30 am Monday & Tuesday



SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor and to schedule the ceremony.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on:

Saturdays: 2:15-3:00 pm Holy Child Church
First Fridays: 9:00-10:00 am Holy Child Church
First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00 am Saint Mary's Church
By appointment: please contact the Parish Office.

Matrimony: Couples should contact their Pastor at least six months before the planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing and Holy Communion are available to the infirm and homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Child Parish! New parishioners are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office. Registration is a requirement for admission to our religious education programs and for reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

PARISH CONTACTS

Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568
Secretary: Cara Clementi 570-662-3568
Cemeteries Manager: Cleo Warren 570-662-3568
Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck 570-540-1332
catholic.dre.holychild@gmail.com
Good Neighbors: Tom Wierbowski 570-404-3028
Good Samaritans: Parish Office 570-662-3568
Health Ministry: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
Knights of Columbus, MU Council:
Scott DiMarco, Grand Knight, srdimarco@hotmail.com
Knights of Columbus, Blossburg Council:
Jim Weiskopff 570-662-7133
Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034
Medical Equipment Loaning: Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
"Spare a Prayer" Prayer Chain:
Maryjane Seifried Dotty Welsh
570-549-7550 570-662-2057
seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com dhjrw@ptd.net
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Parish Office 662-3568
St. Mary's Hall: 570-638-2783; Holy Child Hall: 570-662-9996

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday, October 21 VIGIL: 29TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

Sunday, October 22 29TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Alfred & Betty Jean Stachowski (by Bernadine)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Monday, October 23 Saint John of Capistrano, OFM, Priest
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Marion Knowles (by Holy Child Bingo)

Tuesday, October 24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
No Mass

Wednesday, October 25 Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, October 26 Weekday
No Mass

Friday, October 27 Weekday
No Mass

Saturday, October 28 Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
VIGIL, 30TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † William, Mary, & Andrew Beaderman (by Nancy & Joann)

Sunday, October 29 30TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Annie Irwin (by Sam Irwin & Children)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS—2:15 PM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH

FIRST FRIDAYS—9:00 AM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH

FIRST SATURDAYS—10:00 AM—SAINT MARY'S CHURCH



The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.
Sanctuary Light Intentions, Week of October 22–28:

Saint Mary's: † Harold & Pauline Morley (by the Family)
Holy Child: † William, Mary, & Andrew Beaderman (by Nancy & Joann)

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED OCT 9–15, 2023

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelopes | \$3,547.00 |
| Loose | 377.00 |
| All Saints | 21.00 |
| Bequests | 100.00 |
| Care and Education of Priests | 40.00 |
| Church Dues | 35.00 |
| Fuel | 90.00 |
| Religious Education | 5.00 |
| Votive Candles | 23.00 |
| Total: | \$4,238.00 |

Thank you for your continued support!



Pray the Rosary Every Day

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY... We pray, always, for deceased parishioners, family, friends, and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. For those serving our country: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families in our time of need. For those who need special prayers:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| * Charles Chamberlain | * Christopher Mortensen |
| * Richard Faber | * Richard Niemczyk |
| * Bernice Frederick | * Ethel Sandstrom |
| * Catherine Gallagher | * Lori Sherant |
| * Tom MacBlane | * Kenneth Simpson |
| * Tony Lupkowski | * Yolanda Tacka |
| * Jane Mahonski | |

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.



To request prayer for someone due to sudden illness, upcoming surgery, hospital stay, or those experiencing a hardship, please contact the Parish Office. To respect our parishioners' privacy, please ask and specify if their names are to be put in the bulletin, added to the prayer chain, or both.

"SPARE A PRAYER" PRAYER CHAIN

Contact: Maryjane Seifried at seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com or 549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at dhjrw@ptd.net or 662-2057.

Our Lord is always listening.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know cannot get to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.



Would you or someone you know enjoy a friendly visit, a partner to play cards or games with, someone to read to them, or simply keep company? As an outreach of Marian Ministries, Mary Hohman has offered to visit local residents and nursing homes, to spend time with people who may feel alone. Contact Mary at (717) 203-9090.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| Sun 10/22 | Is 45:1, 4-6 | Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10 Mt 22:15-21 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b |
| Mon 10/23 | Rom 4:20-25 | Lk 1:69-75 | Lk 12:13-21 |
| Tue 10/24 | Rom 5:12,15b,17-19, 20b-21 | Lk 12:35-38 | Ps 40:7-10,17 |
| Wed 10/25 | Rom 6:12-18 | Ps 124:1-8 | Lk 12:39-48 |
| Thu 10/26 | Rom 6:19-23 | Ps 1:1-4,6 | Lk 12:49-53 |
| Fri 10/27 | Rom 7:18-25a | Ps 119:66,68,76-77,93-94 Lk 12:54-59 | |
| Sat 10/28 | Eph 2:19-22 | Ps 19:2-5 | Lk 6:12-16 |
| Sun 10/29 | Ex 22:20-26 | Ps 18:2-4,47,51 Mt 22:34-40 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Oct 22: Bible Study: *Jesus & the End Times*
 Oct 24-27 No Daily Masses
 Nov 1: Parish Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 2: Pastoral Council starting w/ 6pm Mass, Holy Child
 Nov 5: Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 10: Veterans Pot Luck Dinner, starting with 6:00 pm Mass at Holy Child Church
 Nov 14: Ladies Guild, 7:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 16: Knights of Columbus, 6:00 pm, Holy Child
 Nov 25: Remembrance Tea for Ann Monaghan, Holy Child
 Dec 3: Family Advent Wreath-Making, 10am, Holy Child
 Dec 3: Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Dec 6: Health Ministry, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall
 Dec 12: Ladies Guild, 7:00 pm, Holy Child Hall

ATTENTION: SNOW BIRDS



Any Parishioners planning to be away for the Winter months... please contact the Parish Office at 570-662-3568.



LADIES GUILD — KITCHEN HELP WANTED

Ladies Guild is seeking strong volunteers to help in the kitchen during Funeral Luncheons (following Funeral Masses). Volunteers will need to lift heavy trays and pans of food. Please contact Patty Hutcheson at 570-662-2034. Thank you!

DIABETIC AND USING INSULIN? NEED COVID TESTS?

Health Ministry has free testing supplies for diabetics. Call Dotty 662-2057. Free COVID tests can be requested online at: <http://special.usps.com/testkits>.

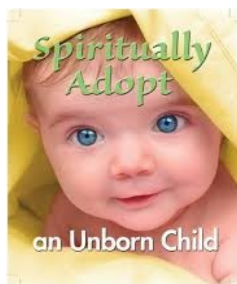
HOMELESS SHELTER CONSTRUCTION— NEED VOLUNTEERS

Tioga County Homeless Initiative is seeking any individual or group to assist at any time in construction of the new homeless shelter. They have a workday set up for Saturday October 21st from 8am until 4pm. They need assistance with installing insulation, hanging dry wall, painting, wood working, flooring, interior design, and organization. If you are interested, please call Matt Neclerio at 808-551-8845.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION—MONTH TWO

Developing Baby... now called a "fetus" (Latin for "little one"). She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips, and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks, all body systems are present. This little one can now suck her thumb and is about two inches long. Thank you for praying for this precious little baby!



"For thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." -Psalm 139:13-14

HOLY CHILD PARISH FUNDRAISER



BY HOLY CHILD PARISH COUNCIL



SCENTED CANDLE SALE

...just in time for Thanksgiving!

Every candle you purchase... for you or someone else... will support our Parish (half of all proceeds)!

Candles are \$15.00 each.

Available in a variety of scents!

(see the "LA-TEE-DA" Order Form included in this bulletin)

Please return completed Order Forms to the Parish Office by Sunday, November 5th.

Purchased candles will be available for pick-up before Thanksgiving (day, time, and location to be determined).

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

MANSFIELD SHOE BANK—DONATIONS REQUESTED

THE MANSFIELD SHOE BANK (First United Methodist Church of Mansfield, 67 E. Wellsboro St) requests donations of shoes, and there is a particular need for Winter wear, such as **Hats, Gloves, Mittens, and Scarves for children in 3rd grade or younger.** Financial donations gratefully accepted.



SEEDS OF HOPE

"SEEDS" requests: **shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, soups, mac & cheese, twin sheets, and blankets (collection boxes are in both churches).** SEEDS is a ministry of area churches in partnership with Tioga County Department of Human Services (TCDHS), providing basic needs to maintain and reunify families in crisis. For families in need, SEEDS can provide diapers, clothing, hygiene, food, and transportation for necessary appointments. Beds and bedding for children is also a priority. Thank you!



CHRISTLIFE™

DISCOVERING CHRIST

SEARCHING FOR MORE?

QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING:

What is my purpose? How can I begin a better life?

What gives ultimate meaning & purpose to life?

Why does Jesus matter?

Join us in the Parish Center at St. Peter's in Wellsboro **Wednesdays from October 4th—November 15th** from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm for **Discovering Christ**—a 7-week series with a life-changing retreat on Saturday Nov 4th. Come for a free delicious dinner, great conversation, an engaging talk, and the chance to share your thoughts and opinions about Jesus, Christianity, and the meaning of life. To learn more or to register, contact Norb @ 570-724-9095 / norb.josten@gmail.com

Visit www.annualappeal.org to make your gift and view the Diocesan Annual Appeal videos, which highlight the wonderful work your gifts support. Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!





SAMARITAN HOUSE NEEDS YOU!

Since 1998, Samaritan House of Wellsboro has offered residence to persons receiving hospice care in the last stages of their lives. Our volunteers provide comfort and care to guests and their families in cooperation with UPMC Hospice.

The time and talents of many enable the ministry of Samaritan House. Volunteers are our greatest resource. The opportunity to share another's precious last days of living is a privilege and a blessing.

We are in need of volunteers. Please consider this worthy opportunity. Go to www.samaritanhouseofwellsboro.org for more information. THANK YOU!!



CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES | A MATTER OF "INTENTION"

An *intention* is a spiritual desire we ask God to consider. It can be anything one would normally pray for; a friend's conversion, lives of unborn children, souls of departed loved ones, or even peace in our times. Rather than a simple prayer directly to God, or even a prayer that asks for intercession by Saints or Angels, an intention combined with a specific offering is considered very powerful. Just as we say a collection of prayers during a Rosary to encompass one prayer, the Mass is one prayer made up of many smaller prayers. This affords us several opportunities to focus on different intentions.

When we speak of *participating* in the Mass, many envision kneeling or standing at the right times, singing along with the choir, or reciting the prayers. All of this is true, but we as laity also participate in the "One Flesh" of Christ by offering ourselves as sacrifice alongside Jesus Christ. The sacrifice of Mass is not a reenactment, but a perpetuation of the one sacrifice. During the "Offertory", the priest says "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice *and yours* may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father" (emphasis added). We as part of the universal priesthood are able to mentally place our intention with the host to be blessed and prayed over by the priest.

After these *preparations* the actual sacrifice occurs in the Eucharistic prayer in concert with the consecration. At the consecration, Christ is present as the *whole body* of Christ; this has a powerful double meaning as we are all members of His body. We truly offer ourselves and all who are in a state of Grace along with His True Presence. Christ takes all of our personal offerings unto himself and to the Father; He shares in our cross as we share in His. We share our love with Him as He shares His love for us and with us; a very powerful opportunity to offer an intention *in communion* with our Lord.

Offering your Holy Communion to God as your intention is another traditional and appropriate way to lay that desire at the feet of our Lord, as you receive the Host or as you kneel in prayerful contemplation back at your pew. While it might seem macabre to offer our sufferings—illness, mental anguish, or even our death—to God, it is a way to carry our intentions to Him, as we are reminded by Martyrs who carried a cause with them in their death.

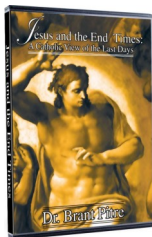


Personal devotions are another opportunity to offer our intentions. Our Holy Mother Mary is a powerful intercessor; offering a special intention to accompany the recitation of a Rosary is a very good way to show the depth of the importance of your intention. Fasting and feast days can also be offered in focused contemplation towards a specific intention.

Spend time in reflection and discernment for your intentions, based on your calling and devotions. Some suggestions to start with... Pray for those discerning vocations to Religious life, such as the priesthood, or joining an order of nuns, friars, or monks. Pray for the reconciliation of the orthodox churches back to Rome. Pray for the unborn. One of my common intentions is for the soldiers in purgatory, especially if my offering can elevate one of them to their reward in Heaven. We should all make an effort to offer each Mass we attend for a special intention to further God's plan for all souls.

Your Brother in Christ, ~Z. Buck (Catechist)

**BIBLE STUDY: JESUS & THE END TIMES;
A CATHOLIC VIEW OF THE LAST DAYS**



Have you ever wondered what the Bible teaches about the End of Time? Many Catholics have heard of “the Rapture”, the “Antichrist”, and the Second Coming, but are unsure exactly what to believe. The Catholic Church has very explicit teachings about these topics. What is the meaning of Jesus’ prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the “end times” now? Why did Jesus prophecy the destruction of the Temple, and how does it relate to the End of the World? Why is the Protestant belief in a secret “Rapture” a dangerous belief? What does the Bible teach about the coming of the Antichrist? What will the Final Judgment be like, and how will we be judged? These and many more questions will be answered in this eight-part series—surely Dr. Pitre’s most fascinating Bible study yet! Join us October 22nd after the 11:15am Mass.

ANNUAL PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH, JERSEY SHORE, PA

Wednesday, October 25, 2023. 11:30 am—7:00 pm. St. Luke Catholic Church, 118 Kendall Avenue, Jersey Shore, PA 17740. Pork, sauerkraut, knockwurst, mashed potatoes, dumplings, applesauce, bread, dessert, coffee, & tea. Takeouts available from 11:30 am—7:00 pm. Ticket prices: \$12.00 for Adults, \$6.00 Children 5-12, Children 4 & under free.

**ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG WOMEN:
CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH GROUP MEETINGS**

The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite all High School young women (grades 9-12) to their Nazareth Group meetings from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm on the following Saturdays:

2023: November 4th

2024: January 20th, April 20th, June 1st

Encounter deep prayer, enriching talks & discussions, faith-based friends, nature walks, and more! Two locations available: Mother of God Convent (Tunkhannock; Sister Angela 570-836-2737) and Mother of the Eucharist Convent (Williamsport; Sister Clare 570-745-3334). Please RSVP with the Sisters before each meeting.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

POPE JOHN PAUL II



Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla’s journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

**SLAVES & KINGS: THE STORY OF
ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET (ENGLISH AUDIO)**



Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, confessor to the Queen of Spain—the story of one of Spain’s most popular preachers and founder of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**LIBERATING A CONTINENT:
JOHN PAUL II AND THE FALL OF COMMUNISM**



Powerful documentary capturing how spiritual power can triumph over violence & oppression. Get a new glimpse of history—John Paul II’s intricate role in the collapse of communism..

*Our parish has a FORMED subscription!
To set up your free account, visit signup.formed.org and use zip code 16933 to search for and select our parish.*

DIOCESAN GRANT RECEIVED FOR THE WORD AMONG US

A generous grant of \$890 was received from the Diocese of Scranton through the Discipleship Office. This will be used to purchase copies of The Word Among Us, a daily devotional for reading, meditation, and understanding scripture. Free copies are available in both churches for parishioners.

Leave a Mark 2023

**A GATHERING OF YOUNG ADULTS
(18-40) WITH BISHOP BAMBERA**

11/05/23

**5:00 PM Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter**

Social to follow: Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 WYoming Ave. Scranton, PA. 18503

**FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC,
CORN HOLE, AND MORE!**

For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452

**“PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY TO OBTAIN PEACE FOR THE
WORLD.” -OUR LADY OF FATIMA**



There are free rosary beads available in the vestibule of Holy Child Church. FORMED has a wealth of information on the Rosary. Check out the 30 minute video, “How and Why to Pray the Rosary.”

A SCOOP BACK IN TIME



10 W Wellsboro St

Open Daily

11 am - 9 pm

40+ flavors



Bloss Pharmacy
and Gifts

Monday through Friday
9 am to 5:30 pm

Closed
Saturday & Sunday

2 Riverside Plaza
Blossburg, PA 16912
570-638-2820

Free Next Day Delivery to
Blossburg, Mansfield, Wellsboro and Surrounding Areas



KEN MITCHELL

Mitchell's Carquest

Auto Parts

688 South Main Street

Mansfield, PA 16933

Business (570) 662-2534



Jacquelyn A. Buckheit, Supervisor
637 South Main Street

Mansfield, Pennsylvania 16933

Phone (570) 662-8888 ~ Fax (570) 662-1146
buckheitfcandcrematory.com

Patty Hutcheson's Beauty Salon

111 N. Academy Street

Mansfield, PA 16933

Ph. 570-662-2034



KEN LEONE, AGENT STATE FARM INSURANCE AUTO - HOME - LIFE - BUSINESS

CALL

WELLSBORO (570) 724-3364

OR

WESTFIELD (814) 367-5351



Bearly Enough Flowers

5 North Main Street
Mansfield, PA 16933

570-463-4377

www.bearlyenoughflowers.com

Fresh & Silk Flowers

Reilly & Boyce INVESTMENT GROUP of Wells Fargo Advisors

Jill M. Boyce

Senior Vice President - Investment Officer
100 W. Water St., 1st Floor, Elmira NY 14901

607-442-5044, toll-free 800-343-8735

Fax 607-732-3991,

jill.boyce@wellsfargoadvisors.com

fa.wellsfargoadvisors.com/reilly-and-boyce

Investment products and services are offered through Wells Fargo Advisors, a trad name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC, a registered broker-dealer and non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company



Florist

Stop in to see

Nancy Furlong & Michele Sargent

15 N. Main Street, Mansfield, PA 16933

570-662-ROSE (7673)



1803 ROUTE 287, MORRIS, PA 16938
(570) 404-6159



Papa the Butcher

Meat-Deli-Seafood

Monday - Saturday

9:00 am - 6:30 pm

Closed on Sunday

Lunch 11-1 pm - Dinners 4 pm-Sold Out

95 West Wellsboro, Street, Mansfield, PA

570-662-7885

THE CATHOLIC CURRENT

Bringing Christ to the World
and the World to Christ.

Producer & Host

Fr. Robert McTeigue, S.J.

Regular Air Time

Monday-Friday, 5 pm

<https://thestationofthecross.com/programs/the-catholic-current/>

NORTHERN TIER BEVERAGE, INC BEER DISTRIBUTOR

Domestics, Imports, Crafts, Ciders,
Malts, Non-Alcoholic Beer
Kegs, Cases, 12-packs, 6-packs, singles
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

570-662-2523 RESPONSIBLY SERVING
SINCE 1990 133 N. Main St., Mansfield, Pa

Book Recommendation from Father Bryan...

A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward

By Ralph Martin

Reminder for Funerals...

Eulogies are permitted during:

- ♦Funeral home vigil services
- ♦Graveside committal services
- ♦Luncheons after Funeral Masses

Eulogies are not permitted during
Funeral Masses (CCC1688). Thank you.



The Blessed
Sacrament is
reserved in the
Tabernacle.

Please help to maintain a prayerful

SILENCE AND REVERENCE



The local food
pantries need
our donations of
non-perishable
items.

Collection bins are in both churches.

Thank you for your support!



May the Sacred Heart of
Jesus be praised, adored, and
glorified throughout the whole
world, now and forever. Amen.