

# Sacred Heart



**Catholic Church**

**Parish Information Booklet**



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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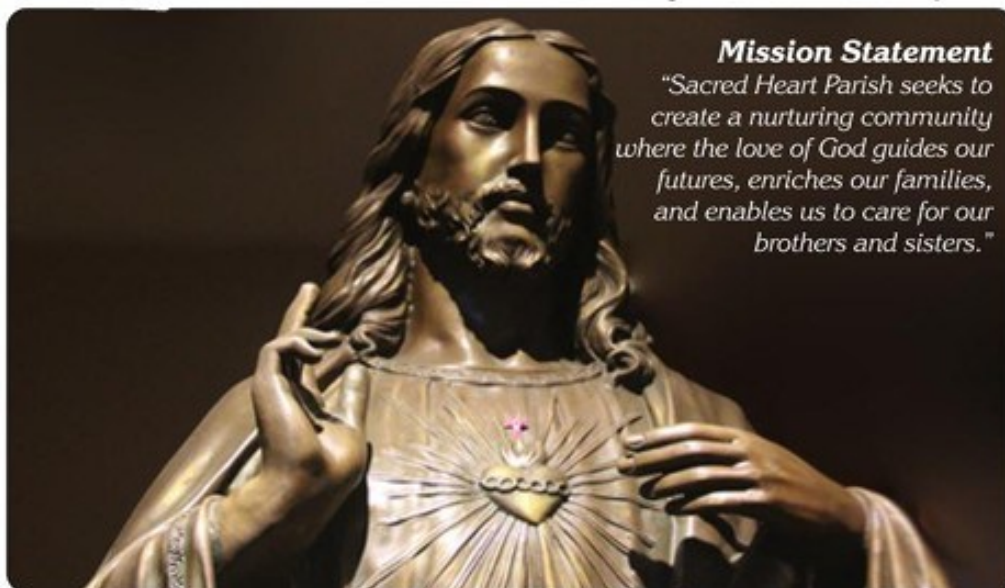
**Make a Difference  
Share your Time, Talent & Treasure.**

*(Please check the bulletin for meeting schedules or contact the church office.)*

## **“AT A GLANCE”**

# **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**

5269 DOSHER CUT OFF S.E. • SOUTHPORT, NC 28461



### **Mission Statement**

*“Sacred Heart Parish seeks to create a nurturing community where the love of God guides our futures, enriches our families, and enables us to care for our brothers and sisters.”*

**Rev. Thanh N. Nguyen, Pastor**  
**Rev. Mr. Ken Motylinski, Deacon**

*Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am - Noon*  
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**Pat Ciemnicki, Parish Administrator**  
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**Tommy Watson, Maintenance**  
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**Nancy Lepri, Bulletin Editor**

**MASSES:**  
**Saturday • 5:00 pm Vigil**  
**Sunday • 8:30 am & 11:00 am**

**Weekdays:**  
**Tuesday - Thursday • 9:00 am**  
**Friday • Noon**  
**Holy Days • 10:00 am & 6:00 pm**

**Adoration - Wednesdays**  
**9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Communion Service - Monday at 9:00 am**

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Contact the Church Office for preparation.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday • 4:00-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**

Anyone planning a wedding must contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

If you are scheduled to enter the hospital see the Pastor before admission to receive this sacrament

### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT:**

Sunday: Pre-school through High School  
O.C.I.A. Inquiries, contact the Church Office

### **VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS:**

Welcome to all new families/individuals.

Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be registered for at least three months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the commons of the church.

*Our weekly bulletin contains a wealth of information about events and meetings in our parish, and is also available on our website... <https://sacredheartsouthport.org>*

## PARISH COUNCIL & SHARING OUR GIFTS

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is a consultative body whose policies and decisions require the authority of the pastor to become effective. Its function is established under the guidelines of the Diocese of Raleigh. The Council works with the pastor to develop parish priorities and directions. They help to coordinate and encourage participation by all parish members.

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### SHARING OUR GIFTS

The offertory collection is the primary giving opportunity that sustains the life of our parish. It ensures day-to-day operations and the continuation of liturgical, educational, ministerial, and outreach programs. Parishioners are asked to give back to God in gratitude for the many gifts God has given them through a fitting contribution on a regular basis.

#### TITHING OPTIONS:

**Offertory Envelopes** – mailed bi-monthly to registered parishioners. Please contact the office to receive or discontinue envelopes, or to change your status, name or address.

**Online Giving** - works for many as an easy and efficient way to give. Sign up or access your account at <https://osvhub.com/sacredheartssouthport/funds>. Contact the church office for help. If needed, we are able to reset passwords, pause, or cancel your donation. Or contact the OVS help desk at 800-348-2886.

**Automatic Bank Drafting** - can be set up through your financial institution.

**Tax Statements** - available each year by the end of January. A notice will be posted in the bulletin, with a form to request your statement.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The BAA supports more than 30 ministries helping the 96 parishes and missions across the Diocese of Raleigh to serve those in need.

More information is available under the “Sharing Our Gifts” tab at...

<https://sacredheartssouthport.org/>

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**We sincerely appreciate your support!**

## COMMUNICATIONS

### STAYING INFORMED

**BULLETINS** - our weekly bulletin is circulated every weekend at Mass and is also available through our church website and our MyParish app. The bulletin is full of information pertinent to our church. Requests to post articles should be sent to shcbulletin@earthlink.net - please see bulletin for deadlines, etc.

*We encourage our parishioners to check the goods and services offered on the back of their bulletins - these ads defray printing costs.*

**MYPARISH APP** - an electronic system for smart phones that connects parish members. It will keep you updated on events, schedule changes, etc. You will have prayers, readings, etc. in your pocket.

Join the parish app and be connected 24/7...

*Download the free app by texting "App" to 55321*

**WEBSITE** - the hub of any and all information about our church. Parishioners and guests can look here for just about anything they need - from our location and phone number to our daily and weekend Mass times. The website also has links to the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass live-stream, and to our bulletins.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held in the chapel each Wednesday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. You are asked to commit for an hour (sign up forms are available in the chapel foyer.) Please be sure to sign in and out. Or drop by for a visit whenever time allows during regular church hours.

**ALTAR SERVERS** - cross bearer, candle bearers and assistants - responsible for service to the celebrant. This ministry is open to children who have made their First Communion and adults of all ages. Training is provided.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - assist in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist at Mass. Must check in with the Mass Coordinator at least 15 minutes prior to Mass. Training is provided.

**EUCCHARIST FOR THE SICK** - bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of the parish. Communion may be requested by calling the church office.

**LECTORS** - the function of this ministry is to make announcements and assist with the readings during liturgies. This demands audible, clear, thoughtful delivery of the assigned readings. Training is provided and practice is essential.

**MASS COORDINATORS** - check that the Tabernacle is unlocked, the celebrant's host is at the altar, and all scheduled ministers are present (appoint substitutes if necessary.) Also select gift bearers. Should arrive at least 30 minutes early to take care of responsibilities. Training is provided.

**MASS PREP ASSISTANTS** - help the sacristan prepare and maintain the worship environment by cleaning altar linens, vestments, ceremonial vessels, and the sacristy. Also help with decorating for ordinary time and special occasions. Training is provided.

**MUSIC/CHOIR** - everyone is welcome to inquire about participating. We have music at all weekend and Holy Day Masses. The Choir alternates between masses and members rehearse weekly. Music is also provided for special services.

**USHERS** - warmly welcome all who join us, offer aid to any who need assistance, coordinate the offertory and communion, and lead one of the Eucharistic Ministers to any individuals who need to receive at her/his seat. Training is provided.

*(Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer to help.)*

## BEREAVEMENT COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN

### FUNERALS

Please contact the church office to make arrangements after the loss of a loved one.

### BEREAVEMENT

This ministry provides support to the bereaved of our parish. Members will plan and host receptions for the bereaved family and friends following Funeral Masses. The heart of our ministry consists of one-on-one visits with a trained minister to support our bereaved after a loss. In addition we also offer weekly grief support group meetings for our bereaved.

### COLUMBARIUM

**HISTORY** - 'Columbarium' is derived from the Latin word 'Columba' (dove), the symbol of the Holy Spirit and the Christian symbol of peace. Since 1963, Catholics have been allowed to choose cremation over burial as a means of laying a loved one to rest. Under Church guidelines, when someone has been cremated, their ashes must be kept intact, the same as one would treat a body. They should remain in a proper vessel that is interred in a proper place, such as a cemetery or church.

**ELIGIBILITY** - the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Columbarium and Garden are primarily for the deceased members of Sacred Heart Parish and their immediate family.

**SERVICES** - arrangements for the interment of cremated remains must be made through the pastor. The rites of interment will be in keeping with the Roman Catholic Forms of Worship. The Columbarium and Garden is a place of prayer and meditation.

**PURPOSE** - The Sacred Heart Columbarium and Memorial Garden is designed to provide a place on the church property for the permanent preservation of the cremated remains of church members and their immediate family. It provides a focal point to help fill our desire to be remembered and to remember our deceased loved ones. This is a place for those who love Sacred Heart Catholic Church and have a sense of closeness to it, which they would like to preserve even after death. It is hallowed ground, sacred to the memory of those who have departed from our midst.

**MANAGEMENT** - a Columbarium Committee will manage the Columbarium and Garden. This committee, with the approval of the pastor, shall be responsible for all areas of the Columbarium administration and perpetual care.



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**Please contact the office for more information.**

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**Baptism** - Jesus was baptized and taught his Apostles to do likewise. Through Baptism we become members of the Body of Christ as we are incorporated into the Church. Please contact the church office for preparation.

**Bible Study** - God speaks to us through the Bible. The Bible Study group utilizes Catholic Church approved materials in order to deepen our understanding of God and enhance our own spirituality.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** - all are welcome to join the Divine Mercy devotions after the noon Mass on First Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and First Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. A special devotion is also held at 3:00 p.m. on Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Faith Sharing for Men** - this group is open to discuss all things Catholic. Members share the experience of being Catholic and their views on the issues facing the church. This group also presents a Lenten program and participates in the Stations of the Cross.

**Faith Study Group** - members work together to achieve a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith, thus establishing a closer relationship to Our Lord by studying his holy word and teachings using Father Mike Schmidt's Catechism in a Year.

**Legion of Mary** - a world-wide organization of the lay apostolate, in which Catholic men and women sanctify themselves through prayer and spiritual work in union with Mary, the Mother of God. Call the church office for contact information.

**OCIA Faith Formation** - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - for those wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith or about becoming Catholic.

**OCIC Faith Formation** - Order of Christian Initiation of Children. The Sacred Heart "Youth Crusade" is based on relational ministry. Programs include:

"Good Shepherd" - Pre-K through first  
"Blessed" by Dynamic Catholic - second  
"Better Bible Teachers" - 3rd through 5th  
"The Edge" - middle school and  
"Life Teen" - high school.

The Sacred Heart Youth Crusade also offers sacramental preparation for first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation. Our yearly vacation bible school is a catholic program called "CatChat."

**Teams of Our Lady** - offers couples a unique way to grow in love and intimacy through this worldwide Catholic lay movement founded in 1937 by Father Henri Caffarel in France. Couples meet once a month in one another's homes with a spiritual moderator, sharing a light meal and a chapter in a book they have chosen to discuss. Date varies to correspond with the couples' schedules.

*(Please check the bulletin for schedules or contact the church office.)*



## PARISH COMMUNITY

**AGAPE MEAL MINISTRY** - members offer meals to parish families in times of hardship due to illness, injury, surgery or any situation where they might find themselves in need of help. We focus on healing and recovery.

**ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS** - an organization of active Catholics of Irish descent. Membership symbolizes a commitment to friendship, unity and Christian charity.

**CANCER SUPPORT** - Faith-based group for those with cancer and their caregivers. The hope is to be able to openly discuss daily mental, emotional, and physical challenges.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - a fraternal organization of practicing Catholic men 18 years or older. Members are committed to our faith, country, and serving our community.

**LADIES GUILD** - open to all registered women in the parish. They participate in social, ecumenical, and occasional fund-raising activities to support our parish community. See the Ladies Guild page for details.

**PARKINSON'S SUPPORT** - for those with Parkinson's and their caregiver. We hope to share our journeys while learning from each other and outside resources.

**POINSETTIAS** - help distribute holiday poinsettias to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing facilities, and to members to commemorate the loss of a spouse or child during the year.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - we are all called to offer prayers for the sick and those in need. The prayer list is published in the weekly church bulletin.

*Send prayer requests via email to [shcbulletin@earthlink.net](mailto:shcbulletin@earthlink.net) or contact the church office.*

**RECEPTIONISTS** - volunteers serve at the reception desk to welcome visitors, answer the phone, deliver messages, provide help where needed. Training is provided and substitutes are always needed. Please call the office for more information.

**WELCOME COMMITTEE** - members reach out to new parishioners and help sponsor periodic receptions for new parishioners.

(Please check the bulletin for meeting schedules or contact the church office.)



## *Knights of Columbus*

*Sacred Heart Council No. 12537*

*Father Robert T. Lawson Assembly*



Founded in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic men's organization open to all practicing Catholic men over the age eighteen. The Knights are based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and are in solidarity with the Catholic Church, the Holy Father, the bishops, priests and religious.

In August 1999, our Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council No. 12537 was established with 63 charter members. As of March 2025, membership has grown to 252 Catholic men committed to our Church, Community, Families, our Youth and service to our fellow man.

Within our parish, Knights serve as ushers, lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers. We also serve in many other ministries; Finance Committee, Parish Council and other faith-based ministries within the Parish. Knights started weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program, the Men's Lenten Retreat, and the Right to Life Rosary. In addition to assisting the pastor, the good works performed by Council members include helping with church activities, such as decorating the church for Holiday celebration and maintenance as well as offering support to parishioners in need. A parish of this size has many opportunities to help.

The Knights volunteer countless hours to raise funds for Brunswick County charities. Projects include the Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Family Dinners and Operation LAMB (Least Amongst My Brothers), aka the "tootsie roll" drive. Organizations supported include; Special Olympics, Seminarians, Exceptional Children, Interfaith Food Pantry, Matthews Ministry, Providence Home, New Hope Clinic, Hope Harbor Home, Habitat for Humanity, Computers for Kids, Samara's Village, Communities In Schools, Waves4Kids, and Brunswick Christian Recovery Center. They also provide scholarships for graduating South Brunswick High School seniors and offer assistance to residents of Coastal Villas.

The Fourth Degree Knights have established the Father Robert T. Lawson Assembly dedicated to the principle of Patriotism. They bring steak-cookouts to the Wounded Warrior Barracks at Fort Bragg (Army) and Camp Lejeune (Marines) and to our local Coast Guard detachment on Oak Island. They visit the NC Veterans Nursing Home providing food, entertainment and fellowship for these forgotten vets. The Assembly also provides a color guard at the Southport 4th of July Celebration, the Oak Island Christmas Parade and at church services as requested.

Our Council offers many social and family activities such as our quarterly Italian Dinners, St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Oktoberfest Dinner, Wives' Night Out, children's Christmas Party and our annual Knight's Christmas Dinner Dance.

As part of the largest organization of Catholic men in the world, we play a leading role in service to our Pope, our priests, our parish family and our community. We are always looking for new Catholic Gentlemen to join our ranks, bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to our mission. Our work ahead is great and the more hands we have the more we can do to advance our Catholic beliefs.

Please consider becoming a member of this active organization; church staff can provide contact information to help you find your place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

God Bless,

## LADIES GUILD



**MISSION** - the mission of the Sacred Heart Ladies Guild is to promote fellowship among the women of the parish and enhance their spiritual growth by prayer and activities that facilitate charitable works through financial and non-financial assistance to our community organizations.

### ACTIVITIES

The activities and the outreach projects of the Ladies Guild are as diverse as the interests and talents of our membership.

Currently the Guild sponsors and/or supports the following:

- Craft Group
- Dresser Project
- Fall Bazaar
- Trivia Night
- Flea Market
- Food Pantry Collections
- Holiday Bake Sales
- Nursing Home Outreach
- Secret Sister Program
- Scholarship Awards
- Women's Spiritual Retreat

### MEETINGS

The Guild meets in the Parish Social Hall at 9:30 am, usually on the first Monday of every month, September through June. We begin with social half-hour with coffee and refreshments followed by a guest speaker.

Afterwards an update on the club's business, projects, and activities is given by the officers and committee chairs.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Ladies Guild invites all interested women to join us as we strive to grow in faith and friendship. Feel free to attend a meeting if you are interested in becoming a member.

### PURPOSE

- To foster a feeling of fellowship and faith for the women of the parish.
- To support and aid Sacred Heart Parish women in their spiritual journey through prayer, charitable work and camaraderie.
- To assist in the hospitality of the parish and extend the hand of friendship.
- To offer financial assistance and resources through fundraising and charitable works for the needs of local charitable organizations.

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** - our purpose is to provide education on Catholic social teaching and, based on those teachings, to organize and support activities to address long-term problems in our community.

**RESPECT LIFE** - our mission is to actively evangelize every person in the parish about Respect Life issues and to reach out to various parish organizations and groups to raise awareness, thus ultimately to make Respect Life issues visible and real to the parish and to facilitate an environment to foster Respect Life action in the community.

**HUMAN NEEDS** - our monthly "Blue Envelope" Collection, is for Human Needs. Funds are distributed to various organization in the community

**INTERCHURCH FELLOWSHIP** - promote contact, collaboration, unity, and understanding among local churches. This includes the Interchurch Fellowship Fall Walk to support the Food Pantry and Human Needs, and Lenten lunches that are held throughout various area churches. *(Also see next page.)*

**FOOD PANTRY** - we support the Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship Food Pantry which was established for one essential purpose: to provide food for the hungry in our community.

**WARM** - mission of WARM is to repair, rebuild, and make homes accessible; and to inspire service, generosity, and hope. WARM mobilizes volunteers to complete urgent safety and health related home repairs for low-

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

A rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness in the midst of the challenges of modern society. There are seven basic themes:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person  
Family, Community & Participation  
Rights & Responsibilities  
Option for the Poor & Vulnerable  
Dignity of Work / Rights of Workers  
Solidarity  
Care for God's Creation

*(Please check the bulletin for meeting schedules or contact the church office.)*

# Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship



*But Seek First HIS KINGDOM & HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS  
And all these things will be given to you as well. (Mathew 6:33)*

**JOIN IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD COMMUNITY BY SERVING OTHERS.  
YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MINISTRY.**

## **DONATIONS**

- Cash donations provide for financial assistance for emergency help with utilities and housing and food pantry needs.
- Food donations can be given also.
- Donations are tax deductible and may be sent to Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship, PO Box 711, Oak Island, NC 28465.

## **PURPOSE**

The Fellowship of churches, representing various denominations, offers a united witness to Jesus Christ and works to be obedient to the Gospel. The fellowship builds bridges among denominations and peoples to meet short term, emergency human needs of food and shelter of those in our community in need. It also participates in and supports those community projects that best foster the admonition of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, when He said, "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me."

## **HUMAN NEEDS**

Assist with rent, utilities, disaster relief, and other needs for individuals and families.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Open Tuesday and Saturday 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursday 4:30-7:30 p.m. Located at 249 W. Boiling Springs Rd. Boiling Spring Lakes, NC  
Available for those in need in 28461 & 28465 zip codes and immediate surrounding area.

## **MEETINGS**

The third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at various churches.

## **CHURCHES**

Working together our witness and outreach have unlimited potential for service to our community in the name of Jesus Christ. With additional persons seeking to offer their talents, time and abilities, we can broaden our care and our services to the people in our area. All churches are invited to join this organization who support its purpose and programs.

*Website: <http://soiicf.org>*



*He took the five loaves and two fishes, lifted His face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke and gave it to the people... Luke 9:16*



## A Guide to the Church's History and Statues & Stained Glass

### A Brief History of Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The first Sacred Heart Church was built in 1941 on Caswell Avenue in Southport with extra funding from the Diocese of Cleveland under the direction of pastor Frank Howard. There were less than ten families and very few visitors. By 1985, there were over 200 families and up to 600 weekly visitors during the summer. The need for a larger facility was evident and the new Sacred Heart Church on Doshier Cut-Off Road was dedicated in March 1991 with 300 families in the parish.

Unexpected growth prompted pastor Father Douglas Lawson to expand. A beautiful new sanctuary was built, designed by The East Group, with Bradley-Barnes as the General Contractor. The existing sanctuary became a much needed social hall and office space was also added, along with a Columbarium and Memorial Garden. The Church is 15,250 square feet with a total capacity of 1,000. It was dedicated by Bishop F. Joseph Grossman in November 2003.

The parish has grown to over 1,500 families under the guidance of pastors, Fr. Trent Watts. Fr. Vic Gournas and Fr. Thanh Nguyen.

### Statues in the Sanctuary

(Hand-carved in Italy from lindenwood)

- Front left - **Mary, the Virgin Mother of Jesus**
- Front right - **St. Joseph**, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was a carpenter who, despite his humble means, was a descendant of David, the greatest king of Israel.
- Left side front - **St. Isaac Jogues**, one of the heroic Jesuit missionaries canonized as the Martyrs of North America in 1930. From 1636 he worked successfully with the Hurons in Quebec. In 1642 he was imprisoned and tortured for a year by the Iroquois, then captured by the Mohawks & beheaded in 1646. (Source: The Wisdom of the Saints—Biographical Notes)
- Left side back - **St. Kateri Tekakwitha** was born in 1656 of an Algonquin mother and a Mohawk chief in the Mohawk village of Canaouaga (now Auriesville) in upstate New York. At age 19, she converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular and some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, a settlement of Christian Indians in Canada. While there, Kateri taught prayers to children and worked with the elderly and sick. She was known for her great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Cross of Christ. She died of smallpox on April 17, 1680, at age 24. She became the first Native American Saint in the United States on October 21, 2012. (Source: <http://www.katerishrine.com/kateri.html>)
- Right side front - **St. Francis of Assisi**, the most universally known and beloved of all saints, Francis was born to a wealthy silk merchant. He spent his youth in pursuit of pleasure and glory in war and had an idealized, chivalric image. He was captured in battle, imprisoned and suffered a serious illness which changed his temperament. He had compelling visions of Christ and began to devote his life to serving the sick and poor. After a break from his father, Francis turned to a life of absolute poverty and simplicity, wandering through the world calling all to the practice of charity and penance. In 1224 he received the stigmata, the five wounds of the crucified Christ.
- Right side rear - **Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Lord and Savior**

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### **Statues in the Day Chapel**

*(From the original Church located in downtown Southport.)*

**The Blessed Mother**

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**The Stations of the Cross**

### **Altar, Baptism Fountain and Holy Water Font**

*(Made of empress green marble quarried in Italy.)*

### **Stained Glass in the Sanctuary**

*(Designed by Father Methodius Telnack, O.C.S.O.)*

#### **Over the Altar**

The rose window is Jesus, the Divine Mercy, from Sister Faustina's vision.

The three right windows represent the seed, which becomes the wheat, which becomes the bread, which is the Body of Christ.

The three left windows represent the water, which becomes the grape, which produces the wine, which is the Blood of Christ.

#### **In the Clerestory**

*(Windows in the upper portion of the walls to supply natural light.)*

The front four windows on either side of the clerestory are based the hymn "Mary the Dawn" written by Paul Cross in 1949.

*Right side (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>)*

**Mary the Dawn**

**Christ the Perfect Day**

**Mary the Gate**

**Christ the Heavenly Way**

*Left side (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>)*

**Mary the Rose-Tree**

**Christ the Rose blood-red**

**Mary the Beacon**

**Christ the Haven's Rest**

The back five windows on either side are based on invocations in the "Litany of the Sacred Heart, promises of the Sacred Heart.

*Right side (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>)*

**Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge**

**Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills**

**Heart of Jesus, formed by the Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother**

**Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts**

**Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of divinity**

*Left side (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>)*

**Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance**

**Heart of Jesus, our life and reconciliation**

**Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love**

**Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High**

**Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness**

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### Stained Glass throughout the Church

#### **Transepts**

*The areas set crosswise to the nave in a cruciform (cross-shaped) church.*

#### **Right Transept / Day Chapel**

*(from left to right)*

Sacred Heart	Nativity
Jesus with Children	Loaves and Fishes
Wedding Feast at Cana	Good Samaritan

Lamb of God *(in vestibule)*

#### **Left Transept**

*(from left to right)*

Last Supper	Jesus Praying in the Garden
Crucifixion	Resurrection
Mary, Mother of Sorrows	Sacred Heart <i>(visible from outside)</i>

#### **Gathering Area**

Jesus teaching in the Temple *(entry, right)*  
 Jesus with the Children *(entry, left)*  
 Easter Lilies *(either side of Columbarium door)*

### **Statue of the Madonna Della Strada (Our Lady of the Way)**

*(in the courtyard at the rear of the Church, from Italy by Ferruzzi)*

### **Whoever Welcomes One Such Child in My Name Welcomes Me**

**Mary Mother of God, Protect the Unborn**

*Dedicated in Loving Memory of the Unborn*

*Sacred Heart of Southport Knights of Columbus Council #12537*

### **Columbarium & Memorial Garden**

The Columbarium and Garden are reached through the door on the left side of the Gathering area. A statue of an Angel watches over its vaults, with about 600 niches, each able to hold two urns.

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Dedicated to the generous Parishioners of Sacred Heart who made this possible, and particularly to the Building Committee, their chairperson, Bob Kleid, and Father J. Douglas Lawson.

*Front page artwork by Juliet White*

[\(Pictures & more information is on our website under "About Us" / "History"\)](#)

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FLOOR PLAN

