

# WELCOME JESUS

St. Patrick School and Church will be learning about and celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our 2019-2020 school years! Mark your calendars for these events on the **First Friday** of each month:



- ✚ **St. Patrick School Chapel in the Froning Ct. at 8:40 a.m. ~ Eucharist Exposition, Adoration and Benediction ~ Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- ✚ **St. Patrick Church ~ Eucharistic Exposition at 12 noon, Adoration, Benediction at 5:15 p.m. with Confessions at 4:30 p.m. and First Friday Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

The Lord, in His mercy and love, seeks to liberate each one of us from chains that bind us in our day-to-day lives, and indeed it is only the Lord who can truly liberate us from whatever keeps us down in this life. Welcoming Jesus into your home and our school as King, Savior, and Friend, through the enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a conscious decision to place Jesus at the center of your lives at school and at home. This devotion is unique because it has been spoken about in papal letters and is centered on the love of Jesus Christ.

## What is an Enthronement to the Sacred Heart?

The **Sacred Heart Enthronement** is a Christian ceremony where Christ is officially invited to enter as a King, Savior and friend to your home, school, business or organization. When we honor the heart of Christ we seek to live out an authentic relationship with Christ and provide Him with a new way to bless us with graces. **The Sacred Heart Enthronement** was a direct request from Christ as revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the Promises to those who venerate the Sacred Heart.

## The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and Infinite Ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

We are called to not only hang a picture in our house but also learn how to honor our Lord through loving Him and welcoming Him into our daily life. This promise was one of twelve powerful incentives for those who take time to live out a true faith in Christ. This devotion is a way to be transformed by Christ's love and allow Him to transform you and your life.

### **Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

## THE MEANING OF THE SACRED HEART

**FLAMES** • Jesus' burning love for us is brighter than the sun.

**CROSS** • It was a part of His heart from the beginning and shows Jesus' desire to die for us in order to bring us to His father.

**CROWN OF THORNS** • Our sins hurt His heart even more than they hurt His head.

**PIERCED HEART** • His whole body, including His blood and water, flows out to us to wash us clean and nourish us.



### **THE BLESSED MOTHER AND ST. JOHN •**

The devotion began with Jesus' mother and St. John the Evangelist. Both heard the heartbeat of Jesus and were at the foot of the cross where the heart, full of unfathomable love, was pierced with a sword. His heart cleanses us from our sins and baptizes us into a new life of love.

### **ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT •**

In the 1200s, St. Gertrude received visions in which she placed her head on Jesus' chest. She spoke about the divine beauty and power of Jesus' heart that yearns to love us.

### **ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE •**

The practice of the devotion to the Sacred Heart came from a series of visions to St. Margaret Mary from 1673 to 1675. During these visions, Christ asked that this devotion spread, and He gave to those who expose and honor the Sacred Heart image.

### **FR. MATEO CRAWLEY-BOEVEY •**

In the early 1900s, Fr. Mateo spread the practice of placing Jesus on the throne of authority in homes.

"Do not let the past disturb you, just **leave everything in the Sacred Heart** and begin again with joy."

— St. Teresa of Calcutta



**"Sanctify the family, and  
you will **sanctify society.**"**

*— Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey*