

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Halstead, Kansas

Alcohol Policy

INTRODUCTION

The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2290 states: *“The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, or medicine. Those incur grave guilt who, by drunkenness or a love of speed, endanger their own and others’ safety on the road, at sea, or in the air.”*

Intemperate drinking often affects our decisions of right and wrong. As Catholics, we must practice virtue so as to be a good example to others, especially our youth, and to avoid scandal. Most importantly, we care about the soul of each person because all are created in the image and likeness of God. As temples of the Holy Spirit, our bodies belong to God and we must use our body to glorify God.

The soul of each person is priceless and we, as a body of believers, care about the salvation of every soul. We want everyone to have the greatest opportunity possible of enjoying Heaven. The pleasures of the world are fleeting, but the pleasure of Heaven is forever. Those who are responsible for events held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Halstead take upon themselves the obligation to care for those who attend, most especially their souls.

In order to protect attendees from behavior which can be threatening, the risk of persons driving under the influence of alcohol, and to avoid litigation, underage drinking, and serving alcohol to intoxicated persons, this Policy was developed to ensure all events at Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be moral, safe and legal.

THE POLICY

1. Legal Age. Alcohol shall never be served to, served by, nor consumed by an individual who is under the age of 21. If there is doubt as to whether someone is 21, they must provide legitimate proof of their date of birth.

It is suggested that disposable bracelets (that are destroyed if removed), or some other reliable identification, be provided to individuals over 21 years of age to clearly identify those who are old enough to drink. A “bracelet booth (or table)” should be set up to check identification of any individual wishing to consume alcohol to ensure legal age. Security and other event workers have the responsibility of patrolling and monitoring the parish property to ensure that individuals consuming alcohol are wearing the necessary bracelet.

2. Alcohol as a Prize. Alcohol will not be given away as a prize at any parish event.

3. Security Guards. For all events on parish property where alcohol will be served, one security guard is required if attendance is expected to be up to 100 individuals. One additional security guard is required for each additional 100 people in attendance. The Pastor may waive the requirement of a security guard at his discretion. The security guard is to be positioned at the entrance of the event location to ensure that no alcoholic beverages are brought into, or taken out of, the event.

4. “BYOB” Events. BYOB, where participants bring their own alcohol to an event on parish property, is not permitted.

5. Alcohol Consumption in Buildings Only. Alcoholic drinks are not permitted to be taken outside of the parish buildings.

6. Bartenders; Serving of Alcohol. Only licensed bartenders or similarly qualified/trained individuals are allowed to distribute alcohol at events on parish property where attendance is expected to be 100 people or more. When such an event where alcohol is to be served is scheduled, the Parish Secretary will locate the bartender(s) and the cost will be paid by the Facility User hosting the event. For events with an expected attendance of under 100 people, only responsible adults who agree NOT to drink while serving, may serve alcohol. If under 100 people are expected to attend an event on parish property, the Facility User is encouraged to use only licensed bartenders or similarly qualified/trained individuals to distribute alcohol at events on parish property-- so as to guarantee only those of age are served alcohol, prevent intoxicated persons from obtaining alcohol and assure those distributing alcohol will not drink alcohol. Organizations and/or individuals who have not followed this policy such as consuming alcohol while distributing it, etc...-- shall be prohibited from distributing alcohol on parish property.

Hard liquor (everything except beer, champagne, wine) shall not be consumed or distributed on parish property. Drinks are to be carefully measured: 12 ounces of beer maximum; and no more than 4-5 ounces of wine per serving.

Only one alcoholic drink may be served at one time to an individual.

Alcohol may not be sold on parish property

Except when used by a bartender, glass bottles holding alcohol may not be brought onto parish property.

Serving of alcohol must be discontinued 1 ½ hour before an event concludes. During this 1 ½ hour time period, coffee and food must be made available and those present encouraged to partake of them.

7. Food; Non-Alcoholic Drinks. Food and non-alcoholic beverages must be served for the duration of any event where alcohol is served. All individuals should be carefully observed throughout the event to make sure they are eating and not just drinking.

8. Intoxicated Individuals. Intoxicated individuals shall NEVER be served alcohol. Slurred speech, staggering, stumbling behavior, or poor motor skills are clear indicators of alcohol intoxication.

The Facility User must develop a plan, prior to the event, to provide transportation for intoxicated person(s). The plan should include the necessary security needed to assist the bartender who refuses service to an intoxicated individual.

9. Indemnity; Insurance. The Facility Usage Indemnity Agreement is required for non-parish sponsored events, including, without limitation, groups such as the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Lions Club, family reunions, wedding anniversaries, wedding receptions, anniversary parties, sports teams and sports classes, county or city organizations, or fund raising, and meetings by non-parish organizations, etc. This agreement requires the Facility User to provide the parish with a certificate of insurance (from the Facility User's Home Owner's Policy) documenting liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This

certificate must name Sacred Heart Parish, Halstead Kansas and the Catholic Diocese of Wichita as “additional insured” and not just “certificate holder”.

If the Facility User can't provide a Certificate of Insurance naming Sacred Heart Parish, Halstead Kansas and the Catholic Diocese of Wichita as an additional insured, then Special Events Coverage must be purchased through Catholic Mutual Group which is to be obtained only through Sacred Heart Parish. This Special Events Coverage can be obtained by calling the Parish Office. This is a service that would eliminate the procuring of a Certificate of Insurance from the Facility User's insurance provider. Proof of Special Events Coverage with a Certificate of Insurance must be given to the parish secretary prior to all events where alcohol is served, except parish sponsored events.

All security guards and bartenders are to receive a copy of this Policy prior to the event.

I hereby state that I, _____ am the Facility

User for the event of _____,

that will occur on the day of _____ of the month of _____ of the year _____.

I have read and clearly understand and agree to all the above-stated regulations of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Alcohol Policy regarding alcohol usage on parish property and promise to insure that all rules are followed during the planned event.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____