

September 3, 2017

To keep us all informed of the great things happening at Sacred Heart Parish, we provide a monthly bulletin insert with details regarding church and school news, updates on current projects and events, recaps of meetings, and much more. These "great things" will also be posted to www.sheff.org.

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PARISH SCHOOL RELIGION CLASSES UNDERWAY

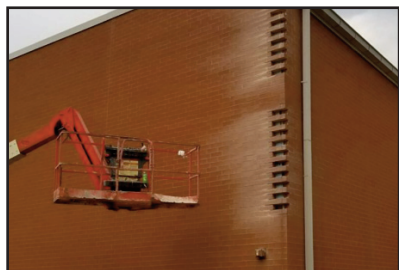
Sacred Heart and St. Anthony's Parish School Religion (PSR) program, is now underway with over 100 students enrolled. The PSR students meet at St. Anthony High School once per week for classroom instruction, reconciliation and Mass, and for sacramental preparation. Fr. Chris Brey and Fr. Michal Rosa, along with our Deacons and other lay ministers will visit the classrooms frequently to expand on spiritual topics, answer questions, and assist the PSR teachers with lessons.



We are especially grateful to our PSR coordinator, Mr. Tom Purcell, along with the many PSR teachers and other volunteers who give of their time and talents to ensure the success of this religious education program. Please pray for a blessed school year for these students, that they will continue to stay strong in their Catholic faith and grow closer to Christ.

If you haven't yet registered for PSR, but have children attending grades 1-8 in the public school, you still have time. Please contact Tom Purcell at 821.7077 or the parish office at 347.7177.

TUCKPOINTING AND SEALING OF BRICKS NEARLY COMPLETE



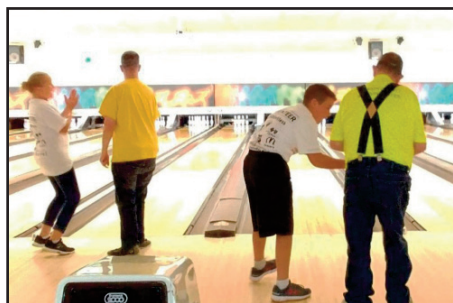
You might have noticed some activity around the church and school buildings recently as we are near completion of our brick tuckpointing and sealing project. We're sorry for any inconvenience as you entered the buildings, but the mortar joints were damaged due to harsh weather conditions, particularly, excessive amounts of water. Tuckpointing is a repair process for the bricks, and it provides numerous benefits.

We were blessed to have made it 20+ years without requiring such work (most brick buildings require it after 10 years); however, due to the bricks being porous and having continued water seepage, the bricks were starting to crumble in numerous areas. Thus, the Building & Grounds Committee as well as the Finance Council recommended that we tuckpoint and seal the bricks now to prevent further damage to the bricks, and to eliminate any additional water seeping into the buildings. Additionally, the caulking around the copper facia on the church was removed, and the facia was upgraded to prolong the life of the building.

THANK YOU for your support as we address the needs of the parish while being good stewards of your gifts!



SPECIAL OLYMPIC BOWLING TOURNEY "THANK YOU" ~ SHS STUDENTS LEND ASSISTANCE



The Special Olympic Bowling Tournament was held on Aug. 26, at Pagel's Silver Dollar Lanes. A big thank you goes out to all the Brother Knights, family, and friends who volunteered. These volunteers assisted, encouraged and supported the athletes, kept score, and served lunch. Students from area schools turned out in great numbers to help with the bowling festivities.

We are very proud of our SHS students who gave of their time and talent during the annual event. Gavin and Paige Sherrod are shown in the photo as they did a fabulous job of encouraging and assisting the bowlers.

HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION WILL BE THIS WEEKEND ~ SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

The Diocese of Springfield has announced an emergency collection THIS WEEKEND to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Funds collected will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. If you prefer to donate online, please visit www.cc.dio.org, to assist with the fund. Prayers are also needed for all those impacted. Thank you for your generosity!

20TH ANNUAL HARVEST MASS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Sacred Heart Parish's annual outdoor Harvest Mass will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 4:00pm. Please join us for the Harvest Mass, which marks the anniversary of our 1997 move to the current Sacred Heart School building. We hold the Mass each year in thanksgiving for God's bountiful harvest of blessings upon our parish. **Stay tuned for further details about this special 20th anniversary celebration of our Harvest Mass!**

SACRED HEART PARISH TO CELEBRATE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

We're planning a year-long anniversary celebration in honor of 125 years of faith and family at Sacred Heart Parish!

Sacred Heart Parish was established in January of 1892, and the cornerstone of the original church (located on Fayette Ave.) was laid in June of that same year. The dedication of the original Sacred Heart Church took place on October 25, 1892. The Rev. Patrick R. Ducey was the pastor, and he served here until 1900.

Sacred Heart School also started in 1892, with a total of 42 students meeting in a one-room building in the back of the rectory.

What a long way we have come since our founding parishioners – nine lay Catholics – received permission from then Bishop James Ryan to organize a parish for the “English-speaking” Catholics of Effingham!

As we look forward to celebrating our 125th anniversary, we hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to join us for a wide variety of anniversary events! More information is coming soon, so please watch the bulletin for additional details.



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| October 29, 2017: | Anniversary Kick-Off Mass, celebrated by Bishop Paprocki, 10:30am. Effingham Halloween Parade featuring Sacred Heart Parish float, 2:00pm. PTA Soup Supper, 4:00-7:00pm. |
| November 2, 2017: | Mass of Remembrance for all deceased, 6:30pm. |
| November 12, 2017: | Ladies Tea, 2:00pm. |
| January 28, 2018: | Catholic Schools Week Kick Off; Volunteer Appreciation Party, 12:30pm. |
| February 11, 2018: | SHS Alumni Mass, 8:30am, followed by breakfast and fellowship in the Parish Center. Tours of SHS will be given to visitors. |
| March 17, 2018: | St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance, 5:00pm. |
| April 8, 2018: | PTA Spring Breakfast, 7:00am-Noon. |
| May 19, 2018: | Mass, 4:00pm, followed by 'Family Night' including free dinner and games for the whole family. |
| June 8, 2018: | Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day Mass, 6:30pm, with ice cream social following Mass. |
| June 23/24, 2018: | 48th annual Sacred Heart Parish Picnic. |
| August 25, 2018: | Mass, 4:00pm, to celebrate all married couples in the Parish. Wine Tasting to follow at the Austin Mansion from 5:00-7:00pm. |
| September 22, 2018: | Harvest Mass, 4:00pm, to close the anniversary celebration. |