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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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PSR STUDENTS COLLABORATE ON TEN COMMANDMENT PROJECT

The Sacred Heart and St Anthony PSR program is in full swing this semester! We have 131 students in grades 1-8, and all are taught by a dedicated group of experienced volunteer teachers. Recently, several PSR teachers joined efforts in a collaborative class event. The brainchild of assistant third grade teacher Dixie Hartke (along with teacher Pat Bristow and assistant Krissy Pickowitz) and seventh grade teacher Brian Schuette, the project was a great success! The seventh graders worked hard to memorize and understand the Ten Commandments, and then shared their knowledge with the third grade class via a fun, interactive skit of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God. Each student shared a commandment with their third grade "buddy." Pairs of buddies then marched across the room with their "tablets" until all ten were taught and learned. The third graders enjoyed the interaction with the older kids and paid close attention to the student-led teaching. The seventh graders reviewed what they had learned and got to experience the thrill of passing on their knowledge to others. It was a great experience for all students and teachers involved!



TECHNOLOGY RAFFLE 'EARLY BIRD WINNER'

Congratulations to Lucy Hewing who was our second Early Bird Winner in our annual Technology Raffle! Lucy purchased her ticket from Bryar, a 4th grader at SHS, and he received a giant candy bar as a reward. You can still purchase a \$25 Technology Raffle ticket to benefit Sacred Heart School's technology and enrichment programs and have a chance to win up to \$5,000 CASH! Tickets are available at the parish or school office and after the weekend Masses. The grand prize of up to \$5,000 will be given away at the Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 12. As an added bonus – the Sacred Heart School student selling the grand prize ticket will win an iPad Mini!



SHS STUDENTS FOCUS ON VIRTUES OF 'CONSIDERATION' IN DECEMBER



During this school year, the students of Sacred Heart School are focusing on virtues and how to incorporate them into their everyday lives. Consideration is the virtue for December. The students are trying to be more aware of others' feelings, and thinking about how their words and actions affect others. Fr. Michal reminds us to think about what will result from our choices before we act upon them. Remember, consideration is one of the most meaningful ways to show love!

"BACK TO THE MANGER" CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, AT 6:30PM

Sacred Heart School will present its annual Christmas program at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 12. Performed by students in kindergarten through grade 8, "Back to the Manger" will be held in the school gymnasium, and will feature acting, singing, and dancing. This musical presents a blast-from-the-past array of carols as well as a life-changing message: *During the annual Christmas Caroling Outreach at Midway Community Church, Jackson and his friends discover a time machine in the basement. After accidentally hitting a lever, they embark on an adventure throughout the twentieth century and learn how helping others changes lives. Seeing the caroling outreach effects over the decades, once-skeptical Jackson comes to know Christ better and discovers the true value of God's gift and why we celebrate His birth.*

We invite the whole parish to experience our annual presentation. We love sharing the students' talents with all of you. In addition to the evening performance on Dec. 12, the public is invited to our dress rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:00pm. Both performances are open to the public.

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WE INVITE ALL SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILIES TO SING WITH US!

We invite families to join the Family Choir to sing at the 8:30am Mass once a month. Please contact Judy Bergfeld at 821.6324 for rehearsal times as we want to accommodate schedules. This opportunity is open to **all parish and school families** that would like to sing together as a group and lead the congregation. We encourage you and your children to become involved in church ministries!



In addition, all Sacred Heart School students in grades 4-8 are invited to sing in the children's choir at our 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass! They will practice during school hours. Sign up sheets were sent home last week.

NEW CARDS AND OPPORTUNITIES ADDED TO OUR SCRIP CARD PROGRAM

We welcome new local businesses to our SCRIP Card program:

**McMahon Meats (\$25 - 5% rebate); Fast Stop General Store (\$25 - 2% rebate);
Speedway Gas (\$25 - 4% rebate); Chili's (\$25 - 11% rebate), and Panera Bread Co. (\$25 - 8% rebate).**

SCRIP Cards are a great way for you to Christmas shop AND raise money for Sacred Heart School! Local business owners – please consider SCRIP Cards if you will be buying gift cards for your employees and/or colleagues!

SCRIP cards will be sold after all weekend Masses in December and in the church office on Wednesdays from 9:00am–4:30pm and Fridays from 9:00am-1:00pm, and at the Baseball Card Connection in downtown Effingham.



COMING SOON --- We're adding the option to purchase SCRIP cards online using auto withdrawal from your checking account. AND, parents and grandparents of SHS students can earn credit toward their child's 2019-2020 tuition with each SCRIP Card purchased in 2018. Watch the bulletin and your email for additional information.

CHOOSE TO TITHE WEEKLY OR MONTHLY USING OUR EASY AUTOMATIC BANK DEBIT PROGRAM

Did you know that Sacred Heart Parish offers an easy and convenient, hassle-free program that enables you to tithe to the church or support other programs (i.e, Annual Fund) at the parish? You can choose any amount to be debited from your checking or savings account either weekly or monthly! Simply complete the form below and return it (along with a voided check) to the parish office. We'll begin your contribution on the date you specify. Questions? Call Christy or Mark at 347.7177 to further discuss.

_____ I wish to provide regular financial support to the many programs and ministries that benefit SACRED HEART members and the surrounding community. I hereby enroll in the Automatic Bank Debit Program and authorize SACRED HEART to debit my bank account as follows:

For regular Church support OR other support (please print below):

I wish to contribute \$ _____ via automatic charges to my bank account each: ___ MONTH (My bank account will be charged on the first business day of each month for the amount indicated.)

_____ WEEK (My bank account will be charged on the first business day of each week for the amount indicated.)

Bank Name: _____ Checking ___ Savings

Bank Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

(Please include a voided check with this form, and return to the parish office.)

Member Information (Please print)

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date you wish to begin your auto contribution: _____

Signature: _____

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