

Padre's Point of View . . .

After the great Amen, we pray the prayer that Christ gave us. This prayer is different in the Gospels of St. Luke and St. Matthew. Luke has five petitions and Matthew has seven. You can find the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and in Matthew 6:9-13. *Which do we pray at church? Is it the short one or the longer one?* Look it up or wait until next week and find the answer here.

Parish Advent Reconciliation will be Sunday, December 18, at 3:00pm, in St. Anthony Church. Also, there is reconciliation at Sacred Heart prior to all weekday Masses.

12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality group meets on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. On Dec. 20, the topic will be "Celebrate Your Faith". *The degree to which we develop an absolute personal assurance of the divine presence within us.*

Bible Study on Wednesdays at Sacred Heart and Thursdays at St. Anthony are cancelled during the holidays. We will resume on Jan. 11 at Sacred Heart and Jan. 12 at St. Anthony.

F.A.C.E. letters are in the back of church. If you sponsor a child, please pick up your letter.

For those who participate in ministries, we need your help at the Christmas Masses and 4:00pm on New Year's Eve. Ministry sign up sheets are in the back of church, and we ask you to sign up for the Mass(es) that you'll be attending.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Eve Masses, December 24:
4:00pm, 7:30pm (Incense free)

Christmas Day Masses, December 25:
Midnight, 9:30am, and Misa en Español at 5:00pm

St. Anthony Church

Christmas Eve, December 24:
4:30pm, 7:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25:
Midnight, 8:00am & 10:00am (Incense free)

St. Mary, Shumway Church

Christmas Eve, December 24: 5:30pm
Christmas Day, December 25: Midnight (Latin Mass), 8:30am

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, Dec. 31, (New Year's Eve): 4:00pm
Sunday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm,
and 7:00pm Spanish Mass

St. Anthony Church

Saturday, Dec. 31, (New Year's Eve): 4:30pm
Sunday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am

St. Mary, Shumway Church

Saturday, Dec. 31, (New Year's Eve): 5:30pm
Sunday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): 8:30am

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish

Newly baptized

Lucille Catherine Keller
Maria Evelyn Bussman
Adele Josephine Niebrugge
Dominick Scott Wielgos
Andrew Scott McGuire
Gavin John Robert Ingram
James Edward Albert
Phoenix Sky Ingram
Oliver Harrison Shaw
Dalton Mark Koester
Layla Marie Koester
Thomas Edward Niemerg
Jerzey Marie Ingram
Kingston Blaze Ingram
Ava Claire Roedl
Brooklyn Diann Majors
Alyssa Ann Cooper
Kate Elizabeth Hayes
Leo Nicholas Eldred
Henry James Viverito
Jensen Michael Levi Haynie

Rest in Peace

*We extend our sympathy to the
family & friends of **Helen Szakaci***



Wedding Banns

(II) Tyler Sheehan & Brittany Roderick

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, December 19

7:15am: Bill Dasenbrock, Jr.

Tuesday, December 20

7:15am: Jackie Vonderheide

Wednesday, December 21

7:15am: Mary Jane Hille

8:30am: Helen Lustig

Thursday, December 22

7:15am: Pat Gress

Friday, December 23

7:15am: Bernard Donsbach

2:00pm Lakeland Nursing Home Communion Service

Saturday, December 24

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): For Our Parishioners

7:30pm (Fr. Zachary Edgar): For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 25

Midnight (Fr. Michal Rosa): For Our Parishioners

9:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): For Our Parishioners

5:00pm (Fr. Paul Habing): For Our Parishioners

Sacred Heart Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:15am
Wednesday: 8:30am (school year)

St. Anthony Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:15am, and 11:00am

St. Anthony Weekday Mass Times

Monday-Friday: 6:30am & 8:30am
On the first Saturday of the month: 6:30am

St. Anthony High School Mass

Thursdays: 7:00am in the High School Chapel
(Subject to change ~ check with SAHS)

St. Mary's, Shumway Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5:30pm; Sunday: 8:30am

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Dec. 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Sg 2:8-14; Zep 3:14-18a;
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday, Dec. 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday, Dec. 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday, Dec. 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday, Dec. 25:

(Vigil) Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25; 1:18-25;

(Night) Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14;

(Dawn) Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

(Day) Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18;
1:1-5, 9-14

Young Hearts Potluck will be Tuesday, December 20, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Bring your favorite side dish and join us for the food & fellowship.

PRE-CANA Workshop

St. Francis Church, Teutopolis

Sunday, January 29, 2017 ~ Call 217.857.6404

St. Mary Church, Ste. Marie

Saturday, March 18, 2017 ~ Call 618.455.3155
Additional Pre-Canas are listed on the diocesan website at www.dio.org.

Theology on Tap is a social young adult group that is open to young adults between the ages of 21-40. We discuss faith-based topics and how our faith intertwines with our everyday lives and current events! We meet every third Thursday, at 7:00pm, at Village Wine and Gifts located at 109 S. Banker St., Effingham, IL 62401. Contact Katalyn Miller at kmiller@stanthony.com for more information.

Parish Calendar Events

Tuesday, December 20

12:00pm: Young Hearts Potluck @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Wednesday, December 21

6:00pm: Parish Choir @ Sacred Heart Church

6:30pm: PSR Class @ St. Anthony High School

Thursday, December 22

12:00pm: Moms-N-More Luncheon @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Sunday, December 25

11:30am: Community Christmas Dinner sponsored by Effingham Ministerial Assn @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Baptism Class will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Call Darlene at 347.7177 to register.

The Effingham Area Youth Group will be visiting the area nursing homes/assisted living homes caroling and to deliver gifts this Sunday. If you are a high school age youth, please join us. We will depart from Sacred Heart Church at 6:30pm and return at 8:30pm. If interested in joining us, contact Katalyn Miller at kmiller@stanthony.com. A permission form is required to attend. The EACYG will be on break from Dec. 25 until Jan. 8.

Join us on a bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. St. Anthony High School along with other area youth have a bus reserved, so please consider being a part of this annual trip. The cost for the trip is approx. \$150. They are also having a "sponsor a seat" opportunity for parishioners who want to support the March but are unable to attend the trip. If interested in riding the bus or sponsoring a seat, please contact Katalyn Miller at kmiller@stanthony.com.

A brief itinerary listed below.

January 26: 4:00pm -- Board a Bales Bus at SAHS parking lot

January 27: 6:30am -- Arrive in D.C. for the youth rally

January 28: Return to Effingham

~ Prayer List ~

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, in the hospital, nursing homes, recovering from surgery and those who are in need:
Amanda McKinney, Kimberly Poe, Barb Sims, Frank Kemo, Jason McFarland, Bryce Beccue, Beth Upton, Lillian Nolan, Catherine Began, Lydia Hemrich, Rosie Myers, Caroline Hoene, Barbara Jansen, Brandon Wurl, Mary Ellen Eversman, Debbie Myers, Carolyn Poe, Emily McCabe, Harold Poe, Gertrude Alldredge, Eric Hartke, Katie Kroeger, Dolores Kingery, Cathy Swingler, Nikki (Dust) Szymonik, Mike Ritchie, Jack Richardson, Travis Miller, Tom Pruemer, Greg Schaefer, Mary Edwards, Craig Lindvahl, Cathy Hayes, Fred Amacher, Kevin Ordner, Elizabeth Weidner, Wm. "Bill" Dasenbrock, Jesse Ketteman, Dorothy Levitt, Jill Quandt, Lois Emmerich, Gloria Ellis, Sandy McDevitt, Esther & Lou Feldhake, Bill McDevitt, Daniel Hoefft, Brian Wirth, Richard Herzing, Rita Marie Hunnicut, Mike Tegeler, Ron Caron, Cheryl Woodard, Chris Debolt, Bob Bushur, David Ordner, Rodney Raber, Carolyn Westendorf, Steve Schniederjan, Jerry Ludwig, Shawn Bourland, Dan Feldhake, Rex Easton, Carol Utz, Bill Meyers, Betty Brown, Eva Applegate, Sam Stitz, Philip Wendt, Angeline Teets

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women

December 6 Christmas Party and Meeting

Sacred Heart School music instructor, Stephanie Kilzer, and her students Isabella Harkins, Ronan Bailey, Jacob Boyajian, Matthew Herzing, and Joshua Jenson provided music while 41 ladies and Fr. Michal enjoyed a wonderful meal. Committee reports, rummage sale results, and thank you cards were read.

New Business:

- ♦ CCW will donate to a child in the diocese as a Secret Santa.
- ♦ Donation will be sent to Anne Marie Brummer, FOCUS.
- ♦ Volunteers are needed to make banners for Christmas church decorations. Please contact Vicki Walker.
- ♦ Baker's Upholstery donated quilt blocks to be used on future projects.

Entertainment was provided by Jamie Stang, of Stang Arts, an art studio located in downtown Effingham. She gave a presentation about her business and painted a beautiful picture, which was placed as an auction item. Silent auction winners were announced. All monies will be donated to families in need from our parish. 50/50 was won by Pat Bristow and door prizes were awarded.

A special thank you to the December committee of Diane Ludwig, Carolyn Flach, Kathleen Koester, Shirley Hoffman, Lucy Hewing, Judy Colburn, Carol Toney, and Caroline Gibson. There is no meeting in January. The next meeting is Feb. 7, for a noon luncheon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

A retreat weekend "Living in Love" is designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of *Being in Love*. The next weekend will be held Jan. 7-8 (*begins on Saturday morning at 9:00am and concludes on Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm*) at the Villa Maria Catholic Conference and Retreat Center, 1903 E. Lake Shore Dr., Springfield, IL. The cost is \$150 per couple and includes all retreat materials, meals, and overnight accommodations. Scholarships are available. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. To RSVP, email cteveda@dio.org or call 217.321.1139.

Marriage Encounter weekend is Feb. 3-5, 2017. To register or for more information, call 314.649.7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

Mark your calendars for free programs . . .

Engaging Faith in Place: Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 6:30pm, at Effingham Centenary Church

Smart Energy Workshop: Thursday, Jan. 26, at 10:00am, at Effingham Public Library

Smart Women, Smart Energy Program: Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:00pm, at Effingham Public Library
Call 217.343.4899 for more information.

Scrip Cards will be sold after all Masses this weekend and in the parish office Monday through Thursday, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, or at Baseball Card Connection. Scrip cards make a perfect gift for babysitters, paper carriers, teachers, and that "hard to buy person" in your life. We keep a wide variety of cards IN STOCK of local businesses, along with many retail stores, gas stations, and restaurants.

Please consider giving the gift that everyone loves ~ scrip cards. SCRIP Card Gift Certificates can also be purchased in increments of \$25, \$50, and \$100. If you're not sure which card to choose, this will allow them to pick their own card. Also, thousands of national retailer and restaurant cards are available for special order, so check out our website at www.sheff.org to see a full listing.

Christmas Wish List

Typically the teachers compile a wish list at this time of year. However, we are already asking so much of our families right now, that instead of a wish list we are simply providing a reminder of all the various opportunities to help SHS. This Christmas season if you want to give to Sacred Heart, please consider one of the following: donation to the Technology Fund, Annual School Fund Drive, and/or if applicable, finish paying your "Raise the Roof" campaign pledge. Of course you can always make a donation to Sacred Heart School, and of course we'll put it to good use...there's just no specific Wish List this year. THANK YOU for your ongoing support!

Family Life Center ornaments are available on the Christmas tree displayed in the baptistery area. We ask for a minimum donation of \$5. Donations can be placed in the envelopes by the tree and dropped in the collection. If you prefer to donate a "baby item" such as sleepers, diapers, lotions, socks, layettes, etc. for the Family Life Center's new mother program, please place items under the tree.

Effingham Ministerial Association is sponsoring the annual Christmas Day Dinner at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, on December 25, at 11:30am. To volunteer your time to help, call 347.5569. If you can help financially, please make checks payable to the Effingham Ministerial Association and send it to the treasurer, Roger Marshall, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 306, Effingham, IL 62401.

This is a free dinner and open to all.

If you would like to come to the dinner or volunteer, please call the Senior Citizen Center at 347.5569 to make your reservations by Dec. 22. Please let them know if you will need a ride.

School News . . .

Congratulations to Laura Tays, the winner of the Technology Raffle, who received a cash prize of \$2,650. She purchased her ticket from Isaac Tays, her grandson, who is a first grade student at SHS. Isaac received an iPad Mini for selling the winning ticket. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in support of our technology program. Approximately \$9,500 was raised through the raffle, and will be used to purchase new and maintain current technology for Sacred Heart School students.



May God continue to bless you for your generosity!

8th grade boys basketball and cheerleading recognition night will be during the last home basketball game on Thursday, Jan. 12. Also, we are going to hold a 'pack the gym' night on Jan. 5.

Thank you to everyone for donating Coke Rewards bottle caps and box labels and also to everyone who is entering them on the Coke website. Sacred Heart School recently received a check for \$210.83 for this past quarter. Also, after the codes are entered, the caps are given to a recycler to create park benches. *A great way to "go green".*

Mark your calendar . . .

Parent Retreat for 2nd and 8th Grade Parents

Sunday, February 26, from noon to 4:00pm

8th grade students will also have a retreat on that date at the same time.

Confirmation: Sunday, April 23, at 1:00pm

First Communion: Sunday, April 30, at noon

The next Moms-N-More Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22, from noon-1:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Lunch is provided, and all moms from Sacred Heart Church and School are invited to attend (children welcome!). We'll share a devotion and fellowship. Please RSVP for lunch to Christy at 347.7177.

School Calendar

Monday, December 19

SAFE Body Safety presentation for grades K-5

Tuesday, December 20

SAFE Body Safety presentation for PreK & grades 6-8

Thursday, December 22

End of second quarter

12:00pm: Moms-N-More @ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Friday, December 23

No School ~ Christmas Break

Keeping in touch over the holidays:

Rev. Brian Alford

c/o Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 62703

Rev. Al Allen, c/o St. Cecilia Parish

155 North Main Street, Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Rev. Dan Bergbower, c/o St. Mary's Church

1802 Madison Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Rev. Sunder Ery, c/o St. Michael Church

P.O. Box 68, Sigel, IL 62462

Rev. Jeff Goeckner, c/o St. Boniface Church

P.O. Box 423, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Rev. Paul Habing, c/o St. Elizabeth Parish

P.O. Box 457, Marine, IL 62061

Rev. Ronald Hilt, c/o St. Mary's Church

528 N. Main, P.O. Box 577, Paris, IL 61944

Very Rev. David Hoefler

1615 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702

Rev. Carl Schmidt

509 N. Main St., Effingham, IL 62401

Rev. Marty Smith

c/o Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 62703

Rev. Robert Spriggs

2222 East 200 North Rd, Shumway, IL 62461

Msgr. Kenneth Steffen, c/o Ss Peter & Paul Parish

717 State Street, Alton, IL 62002

Rev. Ralph Zetzl, c/o St. Anthony Hospital

503 N. Maple St., Effingham, IL 62401

Seminarians in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Addresses for several of our local seminarians . . .

Deacon Rafal Pyrchla

Sacred Heart Church

405 S. Henrietta, Effingham, IL 62401

Robert Johnson, Deacon Wayne Stock

Mundelein Seminary

1000 East Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060

Chris Trummer, Troy Niemerg

Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary

2500 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222

Dominic Vahling, Michael Meinhart,

Michael Trummer

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

5200 Glennon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119

Deacon Michael Friedel

c/o Diocese of Springfield, Vocations Office

1615 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62702

ALERTNOW will send out weather-related messages on any answering machine or voicemail to school parents. It will only call the first number you provided, unless it is a crisis situation. If your phone number changes, please notify the school office.

Community Events . . .

St. Michael Sigel New Year's Eve Cash Bash will be on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Four Parish Center/Gym. Tickets are \$100 per couple which includes dinner, drinks, and a chance to win a \$2,000 grand prize! You must be 21 years old to attend. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm, followed by gambling and dancing. Purchase tickets at St. Michael School or Sigel Community Bank.

St. Michael's Church/School is hosting a Trivia and Live Auction on Saturday, January 14, at the Four Parish Center in Sigel. The doors open at 6:00pm and trivia will start at 6:30pm with items being auctioned throughout the night. Please go to the Sigel St. Michael's Trivia Night and Live Auction Facebook page to see items. There will also be 50/50 drawings along with heads and tails games throughout the night. Food and drink will be available for purchase. All participants must be 21 years old to attend. The cost per team is \$160.00 and can have up to eight team members. To register your team, call Betty Zumbahlen at 821.7653. Proceeds of the night will help cover the cost of the church/school Sesquicentennial coming in the fall of 2017.

The HSHS St. Anthony's Foundation is hosting a "Glow-Inga" on Saturday, January 14, at the Keller Convention Center. Pre-sale tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are limited, so please contact 217.994.3158 or glow-inga2017@hshs.org to get your tickets now.

Effingham K of C News . . .

Adult Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 18, with doors opening at 12:00pm. The social hour will be from 12:00pm to 1:00pm with the meal being served at 1:00pm. Live music starts at 2:00pm and will play until at least 4:00pm. There will also be 50/50 and door prize drawings throughout the afternoon. We will again have the "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters on display.

A youth activities raffle fundraiser is in progress. Proceeds will be given to various youth programs such as the Coats for Kids, contest awards, Columbian Squires Circle and Boy/Cub Scouts. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with only 1000 printed. First prize will be the winner's choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$500. Second prize will be the winner's choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$250 – or the prize can be a credit to the firearm of your choice. A valid FOID card is required to claim a firearm. The drawing is on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2:00pm, at the Egyptian Collectors Trade Show. *The winner does not need to be present.* Call Greg Koester at 217.821.7731 to buy tickets or if you want tickets to sell.

Fourth Degree Assembly 214 announces that Don Niebrugge has been appointed as District Marshal and as a result, had to resign as the Assembly's Commander. Jerry Steppe has been appointed by Faithful Navigator, Greg Koester, to replace Don as the Assembly's new Commander.

St. Anthony High School Class of 1967 will host their 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, August 12, which coincides with the St. Anthony Church picnic. The evening begins with a 4:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church and will continue at the Effingham K of C. For more information or if you would like to update the committee with your current address, phone number, or e-mail address, please contact:

Shirley Richardson, phone 821.9871

E-mail: shirleyr@consolidated.net

Carol Seiler, phone 342.4230 or 343.2889

E-mail: caseiler@consolidated.net

Peg Mihlbachler, phone 844.2172

E-mail: pegmihl7@gmail.com

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Paying attention to dreams. When we get to be of a certain age, we do not always sleep through the night. We are awakened by dreams, by concerns not yet resolved, or by other needs. (I am less annoyed by this now. I want to be like Joseph in today's story of the pending birth of Jesus.) Joseph has a problem. He wants to be righteous. He does not want to shame another. He sleeps on it. He dreams. And God speaks.



- *What might God be telling me in the quiet of the night?*
- *How will my prayer, my concern be answered?*
- *What will I choose to do?*

De Colores Fall Weekends
Men's Weekend ~ March 23-26

Lay leader ~ Eric Koester, phone 217.273.4071

E-mail: ericfkoester@gmail.com

Spiritual Director will be Fr. Ron Hilt

Women's Weekend ~ March 30 - April 2

Lay leader ~ Shiela Greuel, phone 217.725.6081

E-mail: smgreuel@gmail.com

Spiritual Director will be Fr. John Titus

Say yes to a three-day beautiful experience at Camp Walter Scott where you share in inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends. For more information, please call Mary Sur at 342.2003.

March for Life 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage in Washington, DC will be held Jan. 25-29. The trip includes the March for Life demonstration parade, visits to our members of Congress, free time to explore downtown Washington, DC, and a visit to Gettysburg National Military Park. Details are on the diocesan website at www.dio.org/youthministry/mfl or contact Kyle Holtgrave, Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry Director, at 217.698.8500, ext. 154.

The Financial Corner 2016-2017			
Income	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Total Budget
	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jun 30
Offering	\$226,371.00	\$224,145.00	\$534,725.00
Loose	\$33,240.99	\$33,354.00	\$79,570.00
Holy Days	\$1,416.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Other	\$61,496.75	\$50,750.00	\$112,500.00
Tuition & Fees	\$323,154.93	\$309,520.00	\$501,340.00
Fundraisers	\$43,639.38	\$66,250.00	\$270,000.00
Parish Org.	\$51,304.05	\$62,800.00	\$157,000.00
Total	\$740,623.10	\$746,819.00	\$1,673,135.00
Expenses	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Total Budget
	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Oct 31	Jul 1 - Jun 30
Salaries & Benefits	\$479,823.53	\$496,604.72	\$1,228,263.38
Utilities	\$31,634.37	\$27,125.00	\$65,080.00
Insurance (P & L)	\$26,214.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$26,534.80	\$18,650.00	\$44,800.00
Supplies	\$53,564.91	\$39,200.00	\$80,000.00
Parish Org.	\$34,304.19	\$52,460.00	\$131,150.00
Other	\$56,914.09	\$50,625.00	\$122,300.00
Fundraisers	\$24,750.40	\$25,000.00	\$45,000.00
Total	\$733,740.29	\$735,664.72	\$1,742,593.38
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$6,882.81	\$11,154.28	(\$69,458.38)

Sunday Collection Income		11-Dec-16	Budgeted
Offering (192 Env.)		\$7,398.00	\$10,255.00
Loose		\$2,063.20	\$1,526.00
Holy Days		\$999.00	\$0.00
Total		\$10,460.20	\$11,781.00
Diocesan-Other Collections	Received & Not Yet Sent	Collected & Paid Out	YTD Total Collected
Catholic Times	\$384.50	\$4,013.50	\$4,398.00
Peter's Pence	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$42.00
Mission CO-OP	\$0.00	\$1,600.71	\$1,600.71
Flood Victims	\$0.00	\$2,597.92	\$2,597.92
Retired Religious	\$505.00	\$5.00	\$510.00
Children's Home	\$197.00	\$5.00	\$202.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00	\$418.00	\$518.00
World Mission	\$0.00	\$694.00	\$694.00
Retired Dio Priest	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Justice & Hope	\$45.00	\$336.00	\$381.00
Cemetery Fund	\$110.00	\$2,126.00	\$2,236.00
FACE program	\$3,580.00	\$3,625.00	\$7,205.00
Mission Trip	\$11,519.25	\$0.00	\$11,519.25
Bolivia Mission	\$86.00	\$3,211.00	\$3,297.00
Totals	\$16,526.75	\$18,694.13	\$35,220.88

The programs, services, & ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Sacred Heart Parish ACSA goal for 2016-17 is \$48,944.

To date, \$22,910 has been collected.

We invite you to start directing your weekly tithing to the Diocese. Simply make your check payable to ACSA (*with Sacred Heart Church in the memo line*), ACSA on the envelope, and drop it in the collection. Any questions, call Mark Volk at 347.7177.

Sacred Heart Parish office is closed on Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26. Also, the parish office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 30, and Monday, Jan. 2.

In case of a last rites emergency, please call 217.703.1042 to reach a priest.

Sponsor of the Week



(217) 540-5555

End of year giving: It's that time of year when many people are looking for a good opportunity to donate to their church, school, or favorite charity and then itemize those donations on their taxes. Tax-deductible donations to Sacred Heart Parish can be made through Dec. 31, 2016, to be included on 2016 contributions.

Because of a law made permanent last December, seniors age 70 1/2 and older may donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA's directly to Sacred Heart Church or School. The contribution counts toward your required minimum distribution and isn't included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This could qualify you for tax breaks tied to your AGI and reduce or eliminate taxes on your Social Security benefits. Although you can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA, even smaller donations will lower your AGI. This is a useful tax break for seniors who no longer have enough deductions to itemize. It's a "win-win" situation for both parties! Please speak to your financial advisor or contact Christy or Mark at 217.347.7177 for more information.

Boy Scouts Troop 3 (chartered by Effingham Elk's Lodge) Fundraiser at Culver's in Effingham, will be on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. A "percent of sales" will be donated to the troop.