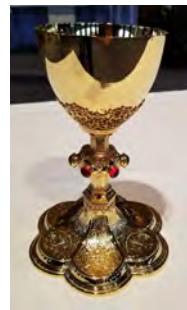


A note from Fr. Michal, our pastor . . .

R.C.I.A. Inquiry has begun. Each week, there will be a discussion on a specific topic and the presenter will answer any questions you may have. Please invite your spouse, family member, friend, or co-worker to consider becoming a Catholic. *Sometimes, all it takes is an invitation.* Please ask them to call the parish office for additional information or questions. We will send their name and information to our coordinator, John Valenti.

Thank you to the weekday Mass group for the donation of this chalice. This gesture of kindness holds a special place in my heart as it was made in Poland and gifted to me to use here at Sacred Heart. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Fr. Michal



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday, August 15, is a holy day of obligation.

Sacred Heart Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 15, at 7:15am and 7:00pm.

St. Anthony Masses are Monday, August 14, at 5:30pm; Tuesday, August 15, at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 12:10pm.

St. Mary's, Shumway Mass is Tuesday, August 15, at 7:00pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "RCIA" Inquiry has begun; however, you can still join us on Thursday, August 17, from 7:00pm to 8:15pm, at St. Anthony High School, Room 109, on the second floor. The sessions are for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and the possibility of joining Sacred Heart Parish. Please contact John Valenti, D.R.E. for Adults, at 217.343.5208 for more information.

Aug. 17: Inquiry - Celebrating the Christian Mystery / Sacraments

Aug. 24: Inquiry - Life in Christ / Commandments and the Beatitudes

Aug. 31: Inquiry - Sacred Scripture & Sacred Tradition

Sept. 7: Inquiry - Christian Prayer



▶ **Children's Catechumenate, ages 7-13 (grades 2-8) meet at 6:00pm in the same location.**

We are looking for a volunteer Catechist to work with the Children's Catechumenates, ages 7-13, in the RCIA classes on Thursdays, from 6:00-8:00pm. Please contact John Valenti, RCIA coordinator, at 343.5208 for more information or to volunteer.

Diocesan Synod News:

Throughout the history of the Church, the people of God have held synods, a formal gathering of prayer, dialogue, reflection, and discernment whose purpose is to live the mission of Jesus with greater fervor and effectiveness. Some synods are universal, such as the one held in Rome in 2015 to discuss marriage and family, while others are diocesan, held to discuss local concerns. Coming from the ancient Greek, the word "synod" means "walking together." We see in

this etymology the vision of the whole Church gathered as one and moving forward to grasp Christ and His saving Gospel.

Currently, the Diocese of Springfield is hosting a synod to consider how we can make a communal commitment as a diocesan community of clergy and laity regarding discipleship and stewardship as a way of life. Closely related to this will be for us to look at how we can foster community-wide support of Catholic education so that more students will be able to attend Catholic schools.

A few Sacred Heart Parish staff and/or members are meeting regularly to assist the Diocese with the synod. They, along with all those who are involved with the synod, have invited us to pray that we all discern the needs of our local church and better follow Christ as intentional disciples. This prayer can be found in the booklet in the pews, and will also be recited together following each Mass.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the synod and this exciting time in our church.

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule

Monday, August 14

7:15am: Jill Lewis

Tuesday, August 15 (Assumption of Mary)

7:15am: Ambrose "Shorty" Doedtman

7:00pm: Jack Ellis

Wednesday, August 16

7:15am: Ron & Kelly Brown

Thursday, August 17

7:15am: Marion Palmer

Friday, August 18

7:15am: Charles & Totty Meyers

Saturday, August 19

4:00pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): Marie Pike

Sunday, August 20

8:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Jim & Carol Hakman on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

10:30am (Fr. Michal Rosa): Tom Althoff

5:30pm (Fr. Michal Rosa): For Our Parishioners

7:00pm Spanish Mass (Fr. Paul Habing): For our students

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. Mary's, Shumway Weekend Mass Times

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

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Aug. 14: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, Aug. 15: 1 Cor 15-54b-57;

Lk 11:27-28; Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, Aug. 17: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, Aug. 18: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, Aug. 19: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday, Aug. 20: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15,

29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Young Hearts Potluck will be Tuesday, August 15, at noon, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Meat is furnished, so bring your favorite side dish and join us.

Protecting God's Children Workshop . . .

St. Anthony Parish, Effingham

Thursday, August 24 @ 6:00pm

Call 347.7129 to register.

St. Isidore Parish, Bishop

Tuesday, September 5 @ 6:30pm

Call 925.5788 to register.

St. Francis Parish, Teutopolis

Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 6:30pm

Call 857.6404 to register.

Natural Family Planning Classes

St. Isidore Parish, Bishop Creek

August 19, 10:00-11:30am

St. Francis Church, Teutopolis

September 23, 2:30-4:00pm

St. Anthony Church, Effingham

October 21, 1:30-3:00pm

To register or for more info, call Kate Pruemmer at 821.1840 or email kpruemmer@gmail.com.

The next Baptism Class will be Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6:00pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Please call Darlene at 347.7177 to register.

Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women is needing a vice-president for this upcoming year. Joyce Quandt has accepted the position of president, so if you can help, please call her at 347.7220. The first meeting for the 2017-18 year will be Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited.

The next Effingham CCW Deanery meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, at Sacred Heart. There will be an 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings in the parish center. All ladies in the deanery are welcome. The door prize that evening is a \$50.00 bill. Hope to see many of you there.

Rita Devore, Effingham Deanery President

Springfield in Illinois Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host the 89th Annual SDCCW Convention on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9:00am to 4:30pm, at Christ the King Church Parish Center, 1930 Barberry Dr, Springfield, IL. Contact Brenda Ketteman at 994.2551 if you are interested in attending.

The Sacred Heart/St. Anthony PSR program will begin on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30pm, at St. Anthony High School. Tom Purcell, coordinator, is working on the schedule and is in need of teachers for grades 3 and 5. Please call him at 821.7077 for more information or to volunteer. The registration form will be available online and at the parish office.

Monthly Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at St. Mary in Shumway on Monday August 21. Praying the scriptural rosary will begin at 6:00pm. Fr. Ron Lorilla will be celebrant and homilist for the 6:30pm Mass. The business meeting will follow. *Please join us in prayer for an end to abortion.*

~ 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, Lillian Nolan, Catherine Began, Lydia Hemrich, Rosie Myers, Caroline Hoene, Barbara Jansen, Brandon Wurl, Mary Ellen Eversman, Debbie Myers, Emily McCabe, Harold Poe, Gertrude Alldredge, Eric Hartke, Katie Kroeger, Cathy Swingler, Nikki (Dust) Szymonik, Mike Ritchie, Jack Richardson, Travis Miller, Tom Pruemmer, Greg Schaefer, Mary Edwards, Craig Lindvahl, Cathy Hayes, Fred Amacher, Kevin Ordner, Elizabeth Weidner, Wm. "Bill" Dasenbrock, Dorothy Levitt, Jill Quandt, Lois Emmerich, Gloria Ellis, Sandy McDevitt, Esther & Lou Feldhake, Brian Wirth, Ron Caron, Cheryl Woodard, Carolyn Westendorf, Steve Schniederjan, Shawn Bourland, Rex Easton, Bill Myers, Eva Applegate, Sam Stitz, Philip Wendt, Penny Myers, Alice Watson, Julie Hoffman, Rosanna Schallert, David Geltz, Lisa Crosson, Donna Rentfrow, Rita Tucker, Marcia Rexroat, Elliot Minor, Angie Borrelli, Harper Rose Ellis, Sr. Jeanette Willenborg, Kristen Angel, Don Musser, Judy French, Madonna Bushur, Nate Hille, Fr. Dan Bergbower, Carol Perkins, Fidelity Mette

Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I THANK YOU for all the many cards, emails, phone calls, and visits during my recovery time this past month. While I will continue to heal, I want you to know YOUR prayers and words of support have meant so much to me during this recovery and given me much strength to move forward with a smile and great gratitude. Please continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I begin limited ministry again on the road to recovery.

May God Bless Each of You,

Fr. Dan Bergbower, Priest on the mend!

Personal Planning Seminar will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 7:00pm, at the Effingham Event center. The guest speaker will be from Oldfield, Myers, Apke, and Payne Law Group, LTD. Snacks and drinks provided. *Do you worry about your retirement plan security, outliving your income, or pension/401k maximization, then this seminar is for you.* Hosted by Knights of Columbus representatives Dan Sheehan, Tyler Sheehan, and Luke Niemeyer. Any questions, call Tyler Sheehan at 821.2484 or email Tyler.Sheehan@kofc.org.

Healing the Grieving Heart, an adult grief support program, will begin their next session on Monday, August 21, at 6:00pm, at St. Anthony's Hospital Education Center. These sessions will be held for five consecutive Mondays with the last session held on Sept. 25. Preregistration is required. To register, call 347.1529 or visit www.stanthonyshospital.org.

The Cross at the Crossroads will host a summer concert on Sunday, August 27, at 6:00pm, under the arms of the cross. The musical guest is "On Eagles Wings", a local quartet who will sing Christian and gospel favorites. Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets and come enjoy a beautiful evening praising Jesus. For additional information, check out their facebook page "The Cross in Effingham."



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Needing to be quiet. We hear today of the need to "get away" – Elijah, pursued by Jezebel, is running for his very life; Jesus, dismissing the crowd, goes off to pray. Both do this alone. Both hear God speak in a tiny sound, in a single small whisper. The point may be this: nothing we see and nothing we hear is too insignificant to make present the glory of God. God is always there to save me, save us.

- ♦ *When will I, each day this week, make time to be still?*
 - ♦ *When will I listen for God's single small whisper?*
- Elijah is told: "The Lord will be passing by."
- ♦ *How can I look for God everywhere?*

Picnic Chairpersons Recap/Thank You meeting will be held on Sunday, August 27, at 11:30am, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. We invite all stand chairs to attend the 10:30am Mass to be recognized for all their time and planning they did to host our annual picnic. Fr. Michal would like to bestow them with a special blessing after Mass. All stand chairs and their families are then invited for pizza, salad, dessert, and drink.



The "Heaven at Seven" women's prayer group meets every Tuesday morning in the small room at the St. Anthony Parish Center.

The group meets at 7:00am and concludes about 8:15am in time to attend the 8:30am Mass at St. Anthony Church. The meeting consists of formal and intercessory prayer time followed by a study of part of a book or DVD or maybe something a member has found to share. Come spend some time with us and grow in grace and friendship. For more information, contact Lyn Pankonen at 347.0575.

Catholicism 101, a "Catholic Boot Camp", a refresher course on the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church, will be held at St. Anthony Parish Center, at 7:00pm. On Aug. 22, the topic is "Mary" and will be presented by Tom Purcell. *Why does the Catholic Church pay so much attention to Mary, the four Marian doctrines, and the Catholic devotion to Mary?* No cost, but please register at the St. Anthony Parish office or call 347.7129. Everyone welcome.

A memorial service will be held by the Springfield Pro-Life Action Committee in Springfield in conjunction with the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Sept. 9, from 10:00am to 11:00am, in front of Planned Parenthood, 601 Bruns Lane. Free parking is available across the street. Lawn chairs are welcome, and bottled water will be provided. If you plan to participate, please call Terri at 217.685.3413 or Kathy at 217.691.4230. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter of love.

Novena for Our Nation, praying the 54 Day Rosary Novena for our freedom & faith in America from Tuesday, Aug. 15 through Saturday, Oct. 7. It concludes on Oct. 17 with the National Rosary Rally in Washington DC. The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness. We continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws; especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, elderly and weak in our society, and the attacks on marriage and family values. To sign up for daily reflections or for more info, visit NovenaForOurNation.com.

School News . . .

The first day of school for the 2017-18 school year is Thursday, Aug. 17, with dismissal at 2:00pm. Also, Friday, Aug. 18 dismissal is at 2:00pm. The first full day of school will be on Monday, Aug. 21.



We are excited to begin our 125th year of Catholic-Christian education. We welcome back nearly 240 students and families to Sacred Heart School. With an increase in enrollment, we will have two sections of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2.

On Thursday, August 17, parents are invited to a **Boo-Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast** in the Sacred Heart Church lower level. Whether there are tears of sorrow as your child is officially entering school or tears of joy that your family will be back to a schedule, this is the perfect opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy the fellowship.

At the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 20, we will have a **“Back to School” Mass**. SHS staff and students will participate on all the ministries to officially kick off our school year.

Non-Discriminatory Policy: Sacred Heart School of the Diocese of Springfield admits students of any race, color, sex, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Help Wanted: Sacred Heart School is hiring part-time help in our Clubhouse after-school program, with a flexible schedule two to five days per week between the hours of 2:40pm and 5:40pm. If interested, please contact Mrs. Vicki Wenthe at 342.4060 or email v.wenthe@sheff.org.

The Cycle 6 online courses through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), a program of the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton, begins Sept. 3 and concludes on Oct. 7. Registration continues through Aug. 30, 2017. Classes are offered at half price. These adult faith formation courses support the Church’s catechetical ministry and are for all Catholics. This means that you can deepen your faith at a time and place convenient for you via the internet. Courses may be taken for undergraduate credit (for an additional fee) and all courses qualify for credit in our diocesan Catechist Formation Process. For more information, visit the University of Dayton website at: vlcff.udayton.edu or contact the Office for Catechesis at 217.698.8500.

School Calendar

Monday, August 14

4:00pm: Softball at Mulberry Grove
4:30-6:30pm: Kn/Gr. 1 Supply Drop-off
6:30-8:00pm: Kindergarten Welcome Back Party
@ Effingham Event Center Pavilion

Tuesday, August 15

4:00pm: Baseball @ Neoga
4:30pm: Softball vs. Shelbyville @ St. Anthony ballfield
5:30-6:30pm: PreK3 Supply Drop-off @ SHS
6:30-7:30pm: PreK4 Supply Drop-off @ SHS

Wednesday, August 16

Teacher Institute @ Sacred Heart School

Thursday, August 17

First Day of School ~ dismissal at 2:00pm
7:30am-8:30am: Boo-Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast
@ Sacred Heart Church Lower Level
4:30pm: Softball @ Mattoon

Friday, August 18

Second Day of School ~ dismissal at 2:00pm
4:00pm: Softball @ Crestwood
4:00pm: Baseball vs. Stew-Stras/Windsor @ home

Saturday, August 19

11:00am: Softball vs. Mayo Middle School
@ St. Anthony ballfield

Sunday, August 20

10:30am: Back to School Mass @ Sacred Heart Church



Calling all Sacred Heart School alumni! As we look forward to celebrating the 125th anniversary of the parish, we are searching for updated information on SHS alumni. If you are a graduate of Sacred Heart School, please email alumni@sheff.org and provide your name (maiden & married name if applicable), graduation year, current mailing address, phone number, and email address. If you have information regarding other SHS alumni, please provide that information as we plan to contact and invite all SHS alumni to upcoming 125th anniversary events. *Thank you for your help!*

St. Anthony High School Orientation Dates

St. Anthony High School student registration for the 2017-2018 school year is Tuesday, August 15. All freshmen, sophomore, and junior students (and seniors who have not already had photos taken by JaFa) should have yearbook photos taken on Tuesday, August 15, in the high school MPR (multi-purpose room) at these times:

Seniors: 8:30am-9:30am

Juniors: 9:30am-10:30am

Sophomores: 10:30am-11:30am

Freshmen: 12:00-1:00pm (photos/fingerprint)

1:00pm-2:30pm (orientation meeting)

For more information, call 342.6969.

Mark your calendar for the St. Anthony Parish Picnic on August 12 & 13, on St. Anthony High School grounds, for food, fun, and fellowship. The picnic will be Saturday from 5:00pm to midnight and Sunday hours are noon to midnight. There will be food, raffles, country store, and games for every age. The big raffle includes choice of five different vehicles or \$17,500 cash. Over 50 prizes to be given away. There is also a junior raffle with 32 prizes awarded including an iPad, Sony PlayStation 4, cash, bikes, scooters, and much more. Sunday chicken or roasted pork dinner is from 11:00am to 6:00pm in the air-conditioned St. Anthony High School Multi-purpose Room. Music will be provided by *Local Honey* on Saturday, from 7:30pm to 11:30pm, and *Naked Sissys* on Sunday, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship.

St. Louis School's, Nokomis, 100th Anniversary Color Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, August 26. On-site registration begins at 7:30am, 5K run starts at 8:30am, 5K walk starts at 8:45am. Registration fee is \$30 on race day. For more information, call the school at 217.563.7445 or visit the St. Louis School Facebook page.

2017 Superhero Race, presented by HSHS St. Anthony's Hospital, will be held at the Richard E. Workman Sports & Wellness complex, on Saturday, Sept. 9. Race day registration will be from 6:30-8:00am, Kids Fun Run will have a 8:00am start, and the 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run will have a 8:15am start. All proceeds benefit the HSHS St. Anthony's Foundation to benefit the hospital's diabetes program. For more information, go to Superhero-Race@hshs.org. There is a discount for early registration, so register online at getmeregistered.com/StAnthonySuperheroRace.

St. Mary's Parish, Paris, BBQ Cook Off and Family Fall Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 9, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, at the Knights of Columbus, 614 N. Main, Paris. BBQ tasting, dinner, games, live music, and fun for the whole family. Tickets are \$10 adults (10 & over), \$5 kids, 2 & under free.

Special Olympics Bowling Tournament will be held at Pagel's Silver Dollar Lanes on Saturday, August 26. Thirty-two volunteers are needed to assist with the participants, and service hours can be earned. Volunteer online at <http://cerv.is/m?0117x2108>, or call Greg Koester at 821.7731.

Elks Free Children's Orthopedic Clinic, by Dr. Timothy Gray, at Bonutti Clinic, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17, beginning at 8:00am. Call 800.272.0074 between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to register. By appointment only!

Save the date . . . August 19, at 7:00pm, for Fatima 2017: 100 Years Later, international speaker, Dr. Peter Howards, will unpack the historical and spiritual significance of Mary's visitations and messages at Fatima. Dr. Howard will be speaking at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1713 Stamper Ln., Godfrey, IL. There is no charge for this event, but a free-will offering will be taken. Everyone welcome.

Boy Scouts Troop 3, chartered by Effingham Elk's Lodge, will host a fundraiser at Culver's in Effingham, on Thursday, August 31, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Mark your calendar to enjoy a nice meal and help out the Boy Scouts. *Culver's will donate a "percent of sales" to the troop.*

Attorneys from the Immigration Project are available to answer immigration questions. Consultations are available on Sept. 15 and Nov. 2, in Springfield. Call Immigration Project on Mondays or Wednesdays, 10:00am to 4:00pm, at 309.829.8703 to make an appointment for all consultations.

Effingham County FISH Organization is hosting Family FISH Appreciation Day on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Evergreen Park (Red Pavilion), between 11:30am and 3:00pm. *Free to the Community!* Food, Bounce House, Music, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Popcorn, Giveaways, and More.

St. Anthony High School's 20th Annual Corvette Raffle is in progress. The grand prize drawing will be held at Funfest 2017 on Sept. 14-17. To order online, or for a entry form, please visit: corvette.stanthony.com.

Sigel St. Michael is hosting a three-day celebration for their Sesquicentennial on Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1, 2017. Opening Mass will be held on Friday, Sept. 29, at 5:30pm, followed by alumni basketball games at 7:00pm in the gym. Saturday, Sept. 30, enjoy a full day of festivities including wiffle ball, quilt show, children's games, and music by the Feudin Hillbillies on the church grounds and parish center. On Sunday, Oct. 1, there will be a 10:00am outdoor Mass followed by a parish family meal. At 1:00pm, come enjoy Larry DeLawder as Barney Fife followed by a parish comedy hour.

Join us on a once-in-a-lifetime Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land, from Nov 27-Dec 8, 2017. The trip includes visits to Nazareth, Capernaum, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more! The trip is under the spiritual direction of Fr. Christopher House. To download the brochure and registration form, visit <http://www.dio.org/missions/mission-trips.html>, or for more information, please contact Vicki Compton at 217.698.8500 or send an email to vcompton@dio.org.

Financial Corner Note:

In order to provide our parishioners with non-repetitive, up-to-date financial information, the Finance Council voted in July to publish parish financials only once per month (usually on the first or second weekend of the month). Please watch this space for future financial information. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mark Volk at 217.347.7177.

Sunday Collection Income	6-Aug-17	Budgeted
Offering (214 Env.)	\$12,021.00	\$10,570.00
Loose	\$1,597.00	\$1,610.00
Holy Days	\$20.00	\$0.00
Total	\$13,638.00	\$12,180.00



As we prepare for the restoration of Sacred Heart Church, it's important for all of us to understand the "whys" behind the many details in the church. Traditionally, there are statues, kneelers, bells, and more. So why do we have them? What do they mean? In planning this "Did you know" column for the bulletin to help explain

the many "whys" of the church, we discovered an article written by Michal S. Rose, and we will be sharing parts of his article here in the bulletin each week. It was originally published by Envoy Communications, Inc., Steubenville, OH, Issue #3, 2001.

Throughout the Christian centuries, we have called our churches *Domus Dei* (the House of God) and *Porta Coeli* (the Gate of Heaven) — a dwelling where we go to find God. For that reason, we understand the church building is a sacred place. And in fact, the Church's Code of Canon Law defines the church building as "sacred building destined for divine worship."

Nearly every detail of a traditional Catholic church building has a precise and rich significance, pointing to important aspects of Catholic faith and practice. We need a firm understanding of the reasons behind the traditional design. So let's take a tour of a typical church built according to the pattern that has endured for centuries.

Christ Is Present and Active: To begin, let's hear what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says about the church building: "Visible churches are not simply gathering places but signify and make visible the Church living in this place, the dwelling of God with men reconciled and united in Christ . . . In this 'house of God' the truth and the harmony of the signs that make it up should show Christ to be present and active in this place."

The primary point here is that the house of God ought to serve to show Christ and His Church present and active in both town and country. And this is exactly what church designers have been doing for centuries, using a specific architectural "language," based on eternal principles, to build the temple of God (another term for the church building). This "language" is what transforms bricks and mortar, wood and nails, stone and buttress, into a church, a sacred place worthy of God's eternal presence.

To be continued next week....

Catholic Times has a remaining balance of \$2,723.50. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church with Catholic Times in the memo line and mark it "Catholic Times" on the outside of the envelope. If you have any questions, please call Mark Volk at 347.7177.

Wheels To Prosper Car Giveaway, sponsored by Probst Auto Body, Webster Tire & Auto Service, and CW Motorsports, will be giving away three cars to families in need. Cars will be given to someone or a family struggling financially but still doing great things within the community or with a local church. If you know someone who may not have reliable transportation, please nominate them.

Letters of nomination can be sent to this e-mail: EffinghamCountyWheelstoProsper@gmail.com or by mail to Wheels to Prosper, 101 Norb Avenue, Dieterich, IL 62424 by August 15. For more information, call Mark at 925.5331, Phil at 857.6807, or Cody at 342.2967. The cars will be given away on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, on the Save-A-Lot parking lot. Lunch provided and donated by Todd Martin and Martin's IGA.

Fresh flowers will be displayed by the tabernacle in memory/honor of a family or special occasion. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Vicki Walker at 821.6179. Thank you to Paula Tegeler for her donation of flowers this week in memory/honor of the Deibel family.

Sacred Heart Parishioner updates . . . Please keep in touch by letting us know of any changes in your address, e-mail, and phone numbers. Please send changes to shchurch@sheff.org or call Darlene at 347.7177.

Sponsor of the Week

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